

## Safeguards Compliance Memorandum

### Project Information

<b>Project Name</b>	Building National Capacities of Nepal to meet requirements of the Enhanced Transparency Framework of the Paris Agreement
<b>GEF Focal Area</b>	
<b>Safeguards Categorization</b>	C

### Project Description

The project objective is to strengthen capacities to meet the requirements of the Enhanced Transparency Framework (ETF) and track national progress against priority actions identified in Nepal's Nationally Determined Contributions (NDC). This objective will be achieved by the following components:

**Component 1:** Strengthening national institutions for climate transparency-related activities in line with national priorities and provisions of Paris Agreement's ETF

**Component 2:** Enhancing technical capacity to assess, monitor and report the emissions and removals of GHG

**Component 3:** Strengthening national capacity to monitor and report on means of implementation and progress of NDCs

**Component 4:** Monitoring and Evaluation and Knowledge management

### Project Location and Salient Physical Characteristics Relevant for the Safeguards Analysis

The proposed program has been categorized as category "C" since it is a technical assistance activity and there are no environmental or social impacts envisaged under the project.

<b>Safeguards Standard</b>	<b>Triggered</b>	<b>Explanation</b>
Natural Habitats	No	
Indigenous People	No	
Restriction of Access and Resettlement	No	
Community Health, Safety and Security	No	
Pest Management	No	
Cultural Resources	No	

## Summary of Key Safeguards Issues

<p><b>Describe any safeguard issues and impacts associated with the proposed project. Identify and describe any potential large scale, significant and/or irreversible impacts:</b> There are no potential indirect and/or long-term impacts anticipated.</p>
<p><b>Describe measures taken by the Project Team to address safeguard policy issues. Provide an assessment of borrower capacity to plan and implement the measures described:</b> The only safeguard requirement in this project is the need for a Stakeholder Engagement Plan, which the project team has provided. As stakeholder engagement is a main component of project success, it is integrated fully into the project design and the team has the strong capacity to implement effective stakeholder engagement.</p>
<p><b>Identify the key stakeholders and describe the mechanisms for consultation and disclosure on safeguard policies, with an emphasis on potentially affected people:</b> Key stakeholders include sectoral ministries: Under Secretary of Ministry of Finance for funds mobilized internally and internationally; National Planning Commission; Ministry Energy, Water Resources and Irrigation for data on energy; Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock Development for data on agriculture; Ministry of Industry, Supply and Commerce for data on energy use and industrial production processes; Ministry of Home Affairs; Ministry of Physical Infrastructure and Transport for data on transport sector; Ministry of Federal Affairs and General Administration for coordination and reporting from local governments on waste and other climate actions; Ministry of Urban Development; Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Civil Aviation; Central Bureau of Statistics, and line agencies. There are no potentially affected people in this project.</p>

## Monitoring and Compliance

<p>Have satisfactory calendar, budget and clear institutional responsibilities been prepared for the implementation of measures related to safeguard policies? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> NA <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>
<p>Have costs related to safeguard policy measures been included in the project cost? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> NA <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>
<p>Does the Monitoring and Evaluation system of the project include the monitoring of safeguard impacts and measures related to safeguard policies? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> NA <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>
<p>Have satisfactory implementation arrangements been agreed with the borrower and the same been adequately reflected in the project legal documents? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> NA <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>
<p>Have relevant safeguard policies documents been sent to WWF-US? Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> NA <input type="checkbox"/></p>
<p>Have relevant documents been disclosed in-country in a public place in a form and language that are understandable and accessible to project-affected groups and local NGOs? Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> NA <input type="checkbox"/></p>

### Disclosure Requirements

Stakeholder Engagement Plan	
Date received by WWF-US	October 16, 2022
Date Disclosed on WWF-US website	October 16, 2022
<i>In Country Disclosure</i>	
Date Disclosed on the Ministry of Forests and Environment website	October 16, 2022 The SEP can be found <a href="#">here</a> on the Ministry of Forests and Environment website.
Date Disclosed in project areas	N/A

### Approvals

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