

# Session 9.

## Introduction to EMMPs

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### Objective

- a. Brief the EMMP concept.
- b. Establish that EMMPs are critical to effective and systematic implementation of IEE/EA conditions.
- c. Explain the mechanisms by which USAID is requiring IPs to develop and implement EMMPs.

### Format

Presentation with mini case study

### Summary

**The concept.** Environmental Mitigation and Monitoring Plans (EMMPs) are a framework for specifying and organizing mitigation and monitoring, and assuring that it responds systematically to IEE/EA conditions.

In their most basic form, EMMPs are a simple table that sets out:

- ALL the mitigation measures being implemented in response to IEE/EA conditions
- The monitoring that will determine whether the mitigation is sufficient and effective.
- Who is responsible for both mitigation & monitoring..

EMMPs may also include **budgeting** information for mitigation and monitoring and a **monitoring log section where** monitoring results can be recorded. We illustrate the EMMP concept at the end of the session with an extended example.

**AFR IEEs requiring EMMPs.** USAID's environmental procedures require that environmental mitigation required by IEEs and EAs is implemented and monitored, but do not require EMMPs *per se*. However, all new AFR IEEs do require that EMMPs be developed and implemented. This requirement can be operationalized either as technical direction from the C/AOTR or as a provision of new contracts and agreements.

(Title II Cooperating Sponsors are required to develop EMMPs by the Agency's MYAP guidance.)

EMMPs are being required because a key lesson learned from 40 years of EIA experience world-wide is that it is almost impossible to systematically carry out the mitigation measures that result from the EIA process unless an EMMP exists, and is incorporated into a project's workplan and budget.

**EMMP requirements written into agreements and contracts.** For new awards and significant modifications to existing awards, USAID Missions and Bureaus are increasingly requiring EMMPs in the language of award instruments. This is part of a broader trend within USAID to use "best practice" environmental compliance language in solicitations and awards.

This language goes beyond the minimum requirement established by the ADS that mitigation measures be incorporated into "implementation instruments." It requires that: (1) a complete EMMP be developed; (2) workplans and budgets integrate the EMMP; and (3) project reporting tracks EMMP implementation.

The source of this “best practice language” is the *Environmental Compliance: Language for Use in Solicitations and Awards* (ECL) tool. This tool is a non-mandatory part of the ADS, and combines step-by-step guidance and “boilerplate” language. The BEOs and REAs strongly encourage its use.

**EMMP submission and approval.** EMMPs should be approved by the C/AOTR; sometimes there is additional review by the MEO or REA. C/AOTRs should require that they are submitted together with the project’s workplan or PMP.

[Title II Partners sometimes submit them as part of the IEE, itself a part of the MYAP package.]

## **Key Resources**

Simple EMMP Template (included in Sourcebook)

EMMP Template with Monitoring Log and Budget (included in Sourcebook)

EMMP Factsheet (included in Sourcebook—see Annexes)

Environmental Compliance: Language for Use in Solicitation and Awards (ADS 204 Help Document) (included in Sourcebook)