

SESSION 2A

EXERCISE: ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT— IDENTIFYING IMPACTS OF CONCERN OR SIGNIFICANCE

SESSION SUMMARY.

The purpose of this exercise is for participants to expand on and practice skills in environmental impact assessment (EIA) as explained and discussed in the preceding session. This will be done in the context of a project scenario designed to reflect actual USAID programming.

Participants will break out into small groups and read through the project briefing. When each person is familiar with the project and baseline, the group will work together to identify sub-activities associated with the project activities. Each activity and sub-activity may impact many different resources: use the right column of the worksheet to list the potential impacts that may result from project activities.

To complete this exercise, participants will need to draw on their understanding of USAID programming, as well as their own experience implementing development projects. Once the groups have filled in their worksheets, the instructor will begin a group discussion on activities and the associated environmental impacts identified by participants.