

**INITIAL ENVIRONMENTAL EXAMINATION (IEE)  
REQUEST FOR CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION (RCE)**

**PROJECT/ACTIVITY DATA:**

**Country/region:**

**Activity Name:**

**Begin Date:**

**End Date:**

**Life of Project Amount:**

**IEE Prepared by:**

**Date:**

**IEE Amendment/Supplemental (Y/N)** \_\_\_\_\_

If "yes", tacking number & date of original IEE \_\_\_\_\_

**ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION RECOMMENDED:** (Place X where applicable)

Categorical Exclusion:	[ X ]	Deferral:	[ ]
Positive Determination:	[ ]	Negative Determination:	[ ]
With conditions:	[ ]	Exemption:	[ ]

**Purpose and Scope**

*What does the RCE cover; is it an amendment (supplemental), and if so, why (additional funding, expansion of geographic scope, extension of time)?*

**Suggested language:**

The purpose of this document, in accordance with Title 22, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 216 (22CFR216), is to provide a preliminary review of the reasonably foreseeable effects on the environment, as well as recommended Threshold Decisions, for the activities detailed below. This document provides a brief statement of the factual basis for a Threshold Decision as to whether an Environmental Assessment or an Environmental Impact Statement is required for the activities managed under the scope of this document.

The activities under review are recommended for Categorical Exclusion.

**Background and Description of Activities**

*Describe why the activity is desired and appropriate, with some relevant context.*

*Outline the key activities proposed for funding with enough detail to make clear linkages to the justification for Categorical Exclusion. Description of activities can be copied or edited from the procurement document or similar, paraphrasing and shortening as much as needed.*

**Recommended Threshold Decisions**

- **Justification for Categorical Exclusion Request**

*Justify the categorical exclusion with citation to the appropriate language from Reg. 216, especially 22 CFR 216.2(c)...*

**Suggested language:**

The activities described justify Categorical Exclusions, pursuant to 22 CFR §216.2(c)(1) and (2), for which an Initial Environmental Examination, or an Environmental Assessment are not required because the actions do not have an effect on the natural or physical environment.

Specifically, as currently planned, activities fall into the following classes of action:

- (a) education, technical assistance and training (216.2(c)(2)(i));
- (b) analyses, studies, and workshops (216.2(c)(2)(iii));
- (c) document and information transfer (216.2(c)(2)(v)); and
- (d) activities that will develop the capability of recipient countries to engage in development planning (216.2(c)(2)(xiv)).

As currently planned, no interventions will directly affect the environment.

**Revisions and Limitations**

**Suggested language:**

If during implementation, project activities are considered outside of those described in this document, an amendment shall be submitted. Pursuant to 22CFR216.3(a)(9), if new activities are added and/or information becomes available which indicates that activities to be funded by the Program might be “major” and the Program’s effect “significant,” this determination will be reviewed and revised by USAID or the Implementing Partner, in collaboration with the Contracting Officer’s Representative of the project, and submitted to the Mission Environmental Officer and Bureau Environmental Officer for approval and, if appropriate, an environmental assessment will be prepared.