

Session 9.

Best Practice EMMP Development, Application, Monitoring and Evaluation

Small Group Exercise

Summary

In this session, participants will form four small groups and review EMMPs from on-going or past USAID/Ghana projects. Groups will receive printed copies of the EMMP that they will review.

Participants will be asked to identify the STRENGTHS AND WEAKNESSES of the EMMP design, and will have the opportunity to ask workshop facilitators questions relating to environmental mitigation, monitoring, evaluation and reporting.

After 20 minutes of group discussion, during which participants will be able to pose questions to their group facilitator, each group will present their conclusions about the strengths and weaknesses of the EMMP in plenary.

Participants may consider the following questions during their group discussion:

1. Does the EMMP do a good job of describing what potential impacts may result from distinct project activities?
2. Are the costs of implementing the mitigation measures and monitoring visits described in the EMMP? This is not a USAID requirement, but rather best practice.
3. Are the mitigation measures described in sufficient detail so that it is clear ***what exactly*** must be incorporated into activity design and implementation?
4. Are the indicators designed in such a manner that they will be able to determine whether the mitigation measure was *effective*?
5. Does the EMMP consider how activities may generate impacts that are socio-economic, cultural or gender-based? EMMPs should provide coverage to more than just physical environmental impacts.

Objectives

Improve participant familiarity with the EMMP as a project management tool. Through this exercise participants will be given the time needed to grasp the technical content of a sample EMMP and ask facilitators questions regarding EMMP design.

Reference documents

The USAID Global Environmental Management Support (GEMS) website contains a page on **Mitigation, Monitoring and Reporting** with several resources under the *Life of Project Compliance & ESDM* tab. These include:

- EMMP Template,
- EMMP Factsheet, and the
- Sector Environmental Guidelines.