

# Session 9.

## Impact Assessment 201

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### Objective

Gain a working familiarity with a set of key concepts in impact assessment beyond the introductory level.

### Format

0:10 Part A: Orientation  
0:15 Part B: Cumulative Impacts  
0:15 Part C: Indirect Impacts  
0:15 Part D: Ecosystem Services  
0:15 Part E: Social Impacts  
0:15 Part F: GCC & Impact Assessment

### Instructions

In this session, we are introduced, via a series of 15 minute mini-briefings, to key concepts and analytical approaches in impact assessment beyond the introductory level.

These key concepts—cumulative impacts, indirect impacts, ecosystem services, social impacts, and Global Climate Change (GCC) and impact assessments—have important application in impact assessment generally, as defined both by professional good impact assessment practice and EIA laws and regulation, including those of the US Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) that govern USAID implementation of 22 CFR 216. They are frequently particularly critical in the assessment of more complex and/or larger scale activities. They are often inadequately addressed in EIA processes generally, including in USAID IEEs and EAs.

The 15 minute mini-briefing for each concept or analytical approach will provide a focused and fast-paced overview, conveying the essential principles of the concept and how it is considered and incorporated into the impact assessment process.