



ACP-EU Development Minerals Programme Implemented in partnership with UNDP

RETURN TO WORK (RTW) PLAN

PROGRESS REPORT

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I. RETURN-TO-WORK PLANS

Return to Work projects are a valuable mechanism for workshop participants' personal and professional development. As part of your sponsorship, you were required to develop a return-to-work plan on a project you would undertake on your return, applying the knowledge and skills gained from workshop to influence change.

This follow-up on the progress of implementation of the return-to-work plan will be used to determine the most successful projects; and subsequently offer a number of selected participants the opportunity to attend future training events.

II. REPORTING STRUCTURE FOR RETURN-TO-WORK PLANS

To facilitate ease of reporting on the progress of your return to work project, the structure below outlines the key project elements that need to be covered. **Please submit the progress update on the Return to Work Project (RWP)** using the structure provided below.

GENERAL INFORMATION
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Brief description of the project: One of the tasks of the Office of Environment and Social Assessment (ESA Office) within the National Institute for Environment and Development in Suriname (NIMOS) is to design an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) system of procedures and guidelines to carry out project-specific EIAs and more general environmental impact analyzes; supervising the entire EIA process. One of the guidelines to be revised are the Environmental Assessment Guidelines for Mining. The purpose of these guidelines is to provide a clear and comprehensive guide on the environmental assessment decision making by NIMOS concerning mining projects in accordance with the Environmental Act (draft) and the EIA Regulations (draft). These guidelines will be revised through a participatory process whereby relevant stakeholders will be invited to review the guidelines. The revised guidelines will also be reviewed by the stakeholders before finalization of the guidelines.

What were the expected outcomes and what outcomes did you achieve?

Expected outcome: Improvement of environmental assessment process due to revision of EA Guidelines for Mining

Achieved outcome: Improvement of the Manual for EIA processes in Suriname (generic)

What were the expected outputs and what outputs did you achieve?

Expected output: The revised EA Guidelines for mining document

Outputs achieved:

- Call for review of the EA guidelines for mining were placed on the website;
- Announcement for evaluation were emailed to relevant national stakeholders;
- Comments from the stakeholders were compiled;
- No workshop was required with the stakeholders on received comments.

Please describe the key partnerships and collaborations that you established in your country as well as any joint collaboration with other countries

Renewed collaborations with national stakeholders/consultants who are using our EA guidelines.

What indicators of success have you achieved since the start of implementation? (Describe the indicators of success in relation to the expected outputs and outcomes)

A call for review of the EA guidelines for Mining (Vol. II), Forestry (Vol. III), Social Impact Assessment (Vol. IV) and Power Generation and Transmission Projects (Vol. V) were placed on the website. The closing date for comments were until August 2016. Also a call for review of the Manual for EIA processes in Suriname were placed and the closing date for comments for the Manual were until May 2016.

The following criteria were used for the evaluation:

- What are the recent developments in the area of environmental impact analysis;
- Is there discrepancies regarding the regulations of relevant sectors, conventions, etc.;
- Is the use of the guidelines clear to those who apply it?

Little comment was received on the EA guidelines for Mining and most of the comments received were related to the EA Guidelines: Generic.

Although the evaluation of the Manual for EIA processes in Suriname was not mentioned in the RWP, this Manual has been reviewed and updated.

What strategic opportunities have you acted upon that have contributed to the continued success of your project? (include linkages to sub-regional and regional agendas)

What opportunities opened up for you personally as a result of your RWP?

The handling of future mining projects with regards to the EIA process especially on the environmental impacts and mitigation measures involved.

Please explain any problems encountered during implementation of your project, highlighting any deviations from the project plans (Describe the solutions sought for the problems and corrective actions undertaken for the deviations)

Problems encountered during implementation of the project:

- Little to no comment received on the EA guidelines for Mining;
- Most of the comments were regarding the EA guidelines: Generic;
- After the evaluation period, it was decided within the ESA Office that the next step was to evaluate the Generic EA guidelines because of the comments received. And then update the sector specific EA guidelines. The evaluation is planned for 2017.

What specific actions have you undertaken to ensure sustainability of your project?

Reminder emails were sent to the stakeholders using the EA guidelines regarding the evaluation of the EA guidelines.

Please describe any future actions in the table below

ACTION PLAN							
Period	Month 1	Month 2	Month 3	Month 4	Month 5	Month 6	Month 7
Activities							
Activity 1:		Incorporate comments of stakeholders into the EA guidelines: Generic					
Activity 2:				Information session with consultants			
Activity 3:						Revise EA guidelines: Generic	

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1. Please attach any evidence of commendation/award/certificate received as a result of implementing your return-to-work plan

III. SUBMISSION DATE OF THE PROGRESS UPDATE OF THE RETURN-TO-WORK PLAN

The progress update of the Return to Work plan is due **by Monday 20th March 2017** and should be sent to: development.minerals@undp.org.

