



LAC-IEE-04-22

ENVIRONMENTAL THRESHOLD DECISION

Activity Location : Guatemala

Activity Title : SO4 “Increased Rural Household Income and Food Security”

Activity Number : 520-0425.10

Funding Source : DA (FY03)

Funding : \$45,000

Life of Project : May – September 2004

IEE Prepared by : Zoila Aurora Letona, USAID/G-CAP TEA

Recommended Threshold Decision : Negative Determination

Bureau Threshold Decision : Concur with Recommendation

Comments:

A **Negative Determination** is issued for this activities because they simply involve renovating an existing building. No new construction is involved and the size of the program is also very small and even a new construction for this amount would normally not have a significant impact on the environment.

If, during the life of this SO, any additional activities are planned which are not listed in the IEE, a separate environmental evaluation will be conducted prior to implementation.

Date _____
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INITIAL ENVIRONMENTAL EXAMINATION

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Recommended Threshold Decision : Negative Determination

Date prepared : May 6, 2004

Comments:

This IEE amends LAC-IEE-03-10 (Increased Rural Household Income and Food Security) to include this activity that is in response to a request from the Ministry of Economy of Guatemala to support the remodeling process of the Guatemala National Competitiveness Program (PRONACOM) and Invest in Guatemala, a public-private partnership under the Vice President of the Republic of Guatemala.

RECOMMENDATION FOR THRESHOLD DECISION:

Pursuant to Section 216.2(a) of A.I.D. environmental procedures, environmental analysis/evaluation is required for new activities or for new components added during revision or amendments that were not previously subject to environment review. The attached package is presented in order to amend the Activity Title and Number, for activities carried out under SO4 “Increased Rural Household Income and Food Security” Activity Number: 520-0425.10. These activities qualify for a negative determination due to neutral effects on the environment.

Concurrence:

Glenn Anders
Mission Director, USAID/G-CAP

Date:

OVERVIEW AND PROJECT DESCRIPTION

This IEE covers the activities that will be undertaken to fulfill USAID/G-CAP's objectives that support USAID/G SO4 "Increased Rural Household Income and Food Security."

This activity is in response to an official, verbal request presented to the USAID/G-CAP Mission Director during a meeting held with the Guatemalan Commissioner for Investment and Competitiveness, Mr. Miguel Fernández, to support the remodeling of the components "PRONACOM and Invest in Guatemala". These components are under the direct management of the Vice President of the Republic of Guatemala.

DESCRIPTION OF ACTIVITIES:

The following are illustrative activities to be carried out:

- Installation of partitions
- Installation of floor, carpets, curtains, doors, windows
- Installation of systems for air-conditioner, electrical service, telephones, internet, etc.
- Improvements to the ceiling
- Painting of all involved areas

For all of these activities, the assistance itself does not have negative environmental impacts, and USAID does not have direct control of implementation.

A Negative Determination is recommended for the activity to remodel the PRONACOM & Invest in Guatemala's headquarters. This recommendation is based on the fact there will be negligible effects on the environment because it involves remodeling of accommodations and equipment in an existing building in an already developed site. The renovations will be on the 4th floor of the existing building of "Aseguradora General" (Insurance Co.), located at 10 Calle 3-17, Zona 10, Guatemala. This floor was formerly occupied by the Insurance Company which is now supporting PRONACOM by providing it with this office space; therefore, all previous construction work was independent of this activity. This remodeling activity is necessary to properly accommodate PRONACOM and Invest in Guatemala's new offices.

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