

USAID Namibia conducted a country wide Environmental Threats and Opportunities Assessment (ETOA) in April 2003. Information from the ETOA was then used to develop the Environmental Annex of USAID/Namibia Country Strategic Plan (CSP) 2004 – 2010 (see attached). The ETOA addressed the requirements of sec. 118 (e) and 119 (d) of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961, as amended (FAA) and ADS 201.3.8.2 regarding tropical forestry and biodiversity analysis for this CSP. Given that the Strategic Objectives and timeframe outlined in this Strategy Statement correspond with those in the 2004-2010 CSP, the existing Environmental Analysis remains valid, applicable and in force.

In addition to the Environmental Analysis, the Mission conducted Initial Environmental Examinations for all of its Strategic Objectives. Regulation 216 mandates an environmental impact assessment process for all USAID activities, beginning with an Initial Environmental Examination (IEE). The Mission prepared separate IEEs for all SOs and obtained Bureau Environmental Officer approval for all activities. These IEEs are reviewed and updated annually to ensure full compliance with the Agency's formal environmental requirements, mandated by the Foreign Assistance Act (Sections 117, 118, and 119) and Regulation 216.

During the preparation of USAID/Namibia's Strategy Statement the Mission Environmental Officer thoroughly evaluated and assessed any changes that have occurred to the Environmental Annex of USAID/Namibia Country Strategic Plan (CSP) 2004 – 2010 and to the SO IEEs since their initial development two years ago. Changes can be summarized as follows:

- In Fiscal Year (FY) 04 Namibia received funding as one of 15 focus countries under the President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (Emergency Plan). Additionally, USAID/Namibia was also selected to support new tuberculosis (TB) activities that strengthen the National TB Control Program and expand community based Directly Observed Treatment Short Course (DOTS) initiatives. The IEE for HIV/AIDS activities implemented under the HIV/AIDS Strategic Objective (SO), SO 8, was prepared prior to the expansion of HIV/AIDS activities under the Emergency Plan and the start of TB programs under SO8. An amendment is currently in process that will update the threshold decisions made for SO8: *"Reduce the Spread and Impact of HIV/AIDS in Namibia"* IEE and to ensure that the activities implemented under the Emergency Plan and as part of TB activities are environmentally sound.
- As a result of budget cuts the Mission delayed the implementation of SO10: *"Increased Economic Benefits from Trade and Investment"* (a follow on of the SO1 program). As a result, the IEE in the Bureau Environmental Office (BEO) file for SO10 has not been applied. Activities have continued under SO1 and the IEE for SO1: *"Economic Empowerment of Historically Disadvantaged Namibians through Accelerated Private Sector Growth"* is still valid.

As part of the recommendations of the SO1 IEE, the Mission has conducted a training course on "Cleaner Production" for organizations that support Small-and-Medium enterprise projects in Namibia. The objective was to minimize adverse impacts upon the environment, with some positive economic spin-offs of cleaner production, and on increasing profitability through use of cleaner production procedures. The training provided SMEs with information on how to reduce undesirable occupational, environmental and public health side effects within their enterprises.

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- As of October 1, 2004, a new Regional Environmental Advisor for the Southern African region, based at the Regional Center for Southern Africa (RCSA) in Botswana was appointed and took over 8 countries (including Namibia) from the Senior Regional Environmental Advisor, based in the Regional Economic Development & Services Office/Eastern and Southern Africa (REDSO/ESA), Nairobi, Kenya that initially covered 22 countries.
- The Global Environment Facility (GEF) funds a transboundary diagnostic analysis that is a major driving force in sustainable development in the Okavango Basin. With support from GEF, United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) and GTZ, Namibia has established a National Biodiversity Task Force.

Table 1 provides a summary matrix for environmental compliance and is updated annually.

Table 1: USAID/Namibia Environmental Compliance Tracking

USAID/Namibia ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW STATUS & PLANS

ASSISTANCE ACTIVITIES	Status FY 05 and previous	FY 06 Planned Actions	COMMENTS
SO1 Economic Empowerment of Historically Disadvantaged Namibians through Accelerated Private Sector Growth 673-001			
SO-level/SOAG IEE for all activities (27Namib1.iee)	IEE amended in FY 00 Namibia SO 1 HDNs	No Reg 216 action planned.	In November 2003, a new training course: "Improving Namibian BSO Services and SME Performance through Cleaner Production." was held in Windhoek that assisted small and medium enterprises (SMEs). This is part of (32 Namibia2 SO1 IEE) recommendations.
SO-level/SOAG IEE for all activities (30NamibiaSO1HDNsRev.iee)	FY 00 IEE amended in to add Cat Ex for Economic Empowerment activities		
32 Namibia2 SO1 Empowerment of HDNs (amend) (AID/W	FY 02 IEE amended to add negative determinations with conditions for SMECEP and GTN.		
SO2 Improved Delivery of Quality Primary Education to Namibian Learners in Grades 1-4 in the Most Disadvantaged Schools 673-002			
SO-level/SOAG IEE for all activities updated (28namib3.iee)	FY 98 IEE: updated to include Phase II activities of Basic Education Support.	No Reg 216 action planned.	SO Team in consultation with MEO will monitor the Cat Exclusion status of the IEE and make modifications as needed.
SO3 Increased Benefits Received by Historically Disadvantaged Namibians from Sustainable Local Management of Natural Resources 673-003			
SO-level/SOAG IEE for all activities updated FY 98 (28Namib2.iee); activities have multiple determination	Negative Determination with conditions approved for all activities involving environmental and wildlife enhancement activities, creation and development of income generation enterprises. ESF/RF process in place for Conservancy and other grants.	No Reg 216 action planned.	ESF/RF form introduced to the Namibia Nature Foundation (NNF) CA and will be used for all Subgrants. The ESF/RF will be done in consultation with SO team and MEO.
Activity level IEE for habitat restoration for the Namibian Cheetah: Phase 1 – Ecological research and experimental harvesting and refining (2001-2003)	FY 01 IEE (31 Namibia 2 SO 3 CCF): updated to extend Negative Determination for Phase I of operations under a special congressional appropriation to Cheetah Conservation Fund. A deferral was recommended for Phase 2 operations pending an EA.		

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	FY 02 EA (32 Namibia CCF EA final Action form (AID/W)): EA was done for CCF Phase 2 operations.		
SO4 Increased Accountability of Parliament to all Namibian Citizens 673-004			
SO-level/SOAG IEE for all activities updated (28namib1.iee)	Continued Categorical Exclusion recommended for all activities. No new activities identified.	No Reg 216 action planned.	The Categorical Exclusion status will be monitored and updated as needed.
SO5 Increased Service Utilization and Improved Behaviors related to STDs and HIV/AIDS in Target Communities in Namibia 673-005			
SO-level IEE for all activities approved on December 16, 2000 (30 Namibia SPO1.iee)	SO activities approved and Categorical Exclusion recommended. No new environmental actions identified. Continue to monitor IEE for compliance.	No Reg 216 action planned.	The Categorical Exclusion status will be monitored and updated as needed.
SO6 Increased Capacity of the Education System to Give Learners the Foundations for Health and Livelihoods 673-006			
SO-level IEE for all activities approved on June 3, 2004 (34NamibiaX_SO6_Education.doc)	SO activities approved and Categorical Exclusion recommended. No new environmental actions identified. Continue to monitor IEE for compliance.	No Reg 216 action planned.	SO Team in consultation with MEO will monitor the status of the IEE and make modifications as needed.
SO7 Improved Rural Livelihoods through Sustainable Integrated Natural Resource Management 673-007			
SO-level IEE for all activities approved on June 3, 2004 (34Namibia2_SO7_Rural Livelihoods.doc)	SO activities approved and Negative Determination with conditions approved for HIV/AIDS Component, SME, nature-based tourism components, including establishment for small-scale lodges, campgrounds and, as well as the establishment of joint venture lodges, as well as NRM, agriculture components.	No Reg 216 action planned.	SO Team in consultation with MEO will monitor the status of the IEE and make modifications as needed.
SO8 Reduced Spread and Impact of HIV/AIDS in Namibia 673-008			

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<p>SO-level IEE for all activities approved on July 9, 2004 (34Namibia_SO8_HIV-AIDS.doc)</p>	<p>SO activities approved and Negative Determination with conditions approved for HIV/AIDS testing services, HIV/AIDS commodities and testing equipment for HAART, and as well as for parts of HIV/AIDS commodities and test kits.</p>	<p>An amendment to the SO8 IEE is planned to include TB and Emergency Plan activities.</p>	<p>The amendment is currently in circulation in the Health Office and the Mission.</p>
<p>SO9 Strengthened Interaction between Civil Society and Selected Government Institutions 673-009</p>			
<p>SO-level IEE for all activities approved on February 2, 2004 (34Namibia_SpO1_Civil_Society.doc)</p>	<p>SO activities approved and Categorical Exclusion recommended.</p>	<p>No Reg 216 action planned.</p>	<p>SO Team in consultation with MEO will monitor the Cat Exclusion status of the IEE and make modifications as needed.</p>
<p>SO10 Increased Economic Benefits from Trade and Investment 673-010</p>			
<p>SO-level IEE for all activities approved on June 2, 2004 (34Namibia2_SpO2_TradeandInvestment.doc)</p>	<p>SO activities approved and Negative Determination with conditions approved for support for a matchmaking service, such as is being done at NCCI under SO1, TA and training to firms with identified deals to help them finalize those deals.</p>	<p>This IEE needs to be cancelled if the SO is not implemented.</p>	<p>The REO will inform the BEO if the activity is not implemented.</p>