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Concept Environmental and Social Review Summary
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BASIC INFORMATION

A. Basic Project Data

Country	Region	Project ID	Parent Project ID (if any)
World	OTHER	P177600	
Project Name	Strengthening of CSOs and Youth Organizations to improve health and nutrition gains for women, children and adolescents Project		
Practice Area (Lead)	Financing Instrument	Estimated Appraisal Date	Estimated Board Date
Health, Nutrition & Population	Investment Project Financing		3/9/2022
Borrower(s)	Implementing Agency(ies)		
PAI	PAI		

Proposed Development Objective

Support the GFF's efforts to improve and enhance health and nutrition gains for women, children and adolescents through the implementation and operationalization of its Civil Society and Youth engagement strategy in target GFF countries.

Financing (in USD Million)	Amount
Total Project Cost	5.00

B. Is the project being prepared in a Situation of Urgent Need of Assistance or Capacity Constraints, as per Bank IPF Policy, para. 12?

No

C. Summary Description of Proposed Project [including overview of Country, Sectoral & Institutional Contexts and Relationship to CPF]

The Project aims to support the GFF's efforts to improve and enhance health and nutrition gains for women, children and adolescents through the implementation and operationalization of its Civil Society and Youth engagement strategy in target GFF countries.

D. Environmental and Social Overview



D.1. Detailed project location(s) and salient physical characteristics relevant to the E&S assessment [geographic, environmental, social]

The TA project is global in nature. It will include all GFF eligible and participating countries. Current partner GFF countries include Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Burkina Faso, Cambodia, Cameroon, Central African Republic, Côte d'Ivoire, Chad, Democratic Republic of Congo, Ethiopia, Ghana, Guatemala, Guinea, Haiti, Indonesia, Kenya, Liberia, Madagascar, Malawi, Mali, Mauritania, Mozambique, Myanmar, Niger, Nigeria, Pakistan, Rwanda, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Somalia, Tajikistan, Tanzania, Uganda, Vietnam, Zambia, and Zimbabwe.

The project is focusing on supporting the GFF's efforts to improve and enhance health and nutrition gains for women, children, and adolescents through the implementation and operationalization of its Civil Society and Youth engagement strategy in target GFF countries. Project activities include stakeholder mapping, organization capacity assessment, stakeholder engagement planning and strategizing, particularly between CSOs and different levels of governments, mentoring of beneficiary organizations, and institutional development framework for participating CSOs, tools and methodology development, collection, analysis, documentation, and dissemination of good practices, knowledge resources, lessons learned and success stories, mapping, and analysis of evidence to inform advocacy and accountability, developing of a roster of regional trainers and resource persons, support in south-south learning exchange among CSOs, coordination, and networking among CSOs, monitoring and evaluation of grant activities. These activities will be carried out through workshops, hosting of learning/training events, technical advisory support and face to face engagement. These activities would have no physical print on the ground and carry little environmental and social impacts. However, given the extensive engagement of CSOs, public institutions, grant beneficiaries, as well as grant implementing agencies and possible partner organizations, there could labor-related risks, such as SEA, SH and discrimination, particularly in possible face to face interactions.

D. 2. Borrower's Institutional Capacity

PAI is the grant recipient and project implementing agency. PAI is a CSO, based in Washington DC USA, championing the global health agenda for the past five decades. years. PA has been advocating with the US government and global institutions for increased and sustained international policy and investment commitments for universal access to health services and support. PAI has been engaging with the GFF at the global level, and with health and nutrition-focused CSOs in GFF countries and potential GFF countries since 2015 and it has a long history of promoting meaningful CSO and youth engagement combined with a country-partner-driven approach.

PAI is a founding member of the Civil Society Coordinating Group for the GFF (CSCG). Its staff and PAI-affiliated consultants have been active members of the CSCG Steering Committee since its founding, and each year, PAI has helped organize and facilitate the annual meeting of the CSCG and GFF CSO country focal points. PAI's active engagement on the GFF Investors Group on behalf of civil society helped to establish the ground-breaking Civil Society and Youth Engagement Framework 2021-2025.

PAI has a robust internal infrastructure that will be responsible for the overall management of this investment. The program will be led by a mix of PAI staff and contract-based consultants, each bringing their own unique knowledge and expertise to the program. Team members will include a Director of Civil Engagement, a Global Technical Lead, a Senior Project Manager, and two administrative support staff, as well as consultants who will lead regional pods focused on the Francophone, Anglophone, Asia, and LAC regions. In addition to this team of experts and administrative support people, PAI's Vice President of Human Resources, Inclusion & Operations will be responsible for ensuring compliance with all relevant Human Resources (HR) procedures. PAI's relevant HR policies include: Code



of Ethics and Business Conduct; Safety and Security Plan, Workplace Violence Policy, and Conflict of Interest. The Vice President of HR, Inclusion & Operations will also ensure that the appropriate training takes place for new staff and that the process for the grievance mechanism is shared widely with the PAI staff and relevant partner CSOs.

II. SCREENING OF POTENTIAL ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL (ES) RISKS AND IMPACTS

A. Environmental and Social Risk Classification (ESRC)

Low

Environmental Risk Rating

Low

The environmental risk from the grant activities is expected to be low. The project will not support any activity related to the construction or redevelopment of infrastructure or purchase of any electronic equipment or any activity that can generate medical wastes. The project will not have any physical footprint. No environmental risk or potential impacts are expected on the biophysical environment, human health and safety, and/or valued environmental components from the project activities. The project activities are limited to tools and methodology development, collection, analysis, documentation, and dissemination of good practices, knowledge resources, lessons learned, and success stories in the health sector, to improve the health and nutrition outcomes of women, children, and adolescents. The project will enhance the capacity of the CSOs and youth organizations to contribute independently.

Social Risk Rating

Low

The overall project social risk is rated as low. The project activities as described above are not expected to incur adverse social impacts given the range and nature of activities anticipated under the grant. There could be risks associated with labor for carrying out project activities, potential sexual harassment, and discrimination among the project delivery team and beneficiary participants in potential face-to-face project activities. However, these risks are considered low. They are largely confined to an office environment and will be reduced with the current COVID-19 context, as training interactions are anticipated to remain largely virtual at least for the early phase of the grant implementation. The key stakeholders involved here include staff of the implementing agency and its partner organizations, possible consultant experts, as well as the beneficiary participants of participating CSOs and public institutions. The stakeholder risk is expected to be low.

B. Environment and Social Standards (ESSs) that Apply to the Activities Being Considered

B.1. General Assessment

ESS1 Assessment and Management of Environmental and Social Risks and Impacts

Overview of the relevance of the Standard for the Project:

The standard is relevant. The project is focusing on supporting the GFF's efforts to improve and enhance health and nutrition gains for women, children, and adolescents through the implementation and operationalization of its Civil Society and Youth engagement strategy in targeted GFF countries. Project activities include stakeholder mapping, organization capacity assessment, stakeholder engagement planning and strategizing, particularly between CSOs and different levels of governments, mentoring of beneficiary organizations, an institutional development framework for participating CSOs, tools and methodology development, collection, analysis, documentation, and dissemination of good practices, knowledge resources, lessons learned and success stories, mapping, and analysis of evidence to



inform advocacy and accountability, developing of a roster of regional trainers and resource persons, support in south-south learning exchange among CSOs, coordination, and networking among CSOs, monitoring and evaluation of grant activities. These activities will be carried out through workshops, organization of learning/training events, technical advisory support, and face-to-face engagement. There are no civil works or equipment procurement involved. These activities are not expected to have adverse environmental and social impacts. The efforts will, in the longer term, contribute to sustainable and inclusive development.

The project will not have any physical footprint. The project will not support any activity related to the construction or redevelopment of infrastructure or purchase of any electronic equipment or any activity that can generate medical wastes. The project will disseminate knowledge of good practices which has the opportunity to include the knowledge and awareness building of medical waste management and good hygiene practices.

To maximize its development benefits, the project will ensure broad information dissemination to raise awareness on the engagement of the project activities to facilitate broad participation in the project activities. This is particularly so with CSOs who work with and endeavor to promote the development agenda for the marginalized groups, such as women, indigenous groups, people with disabilities, and other under-represented groups. Primary beneficiaries, some of whom also represent collectives of secondary beneficiaries, undergo periodic assessments to understand and address their most urgent needs. Given the challenging socio-demographic contexts of many of these countries--insecurity, elections, floods, and epidemics—the Project will adapt the format and content of its support to ensure beneficiaries meet their objectives.

The project will be implemented by staff members of PAI and potential partner institutions, as well as contracted short-term consultants/experts where deemed necessary. There may be potential risks for labor-related issues among the project staff, such as workplace sexual harassment and discrimination. However, these risks are considered low. They are largely confined to an office environment and will be reduced with the current COVID-19 context, as training interactions are anticipated to remain largely virtual.

Since no significant environmental social impacts and risks are expected from the grant activities, the recipient is not expected to conduct further analyses than the one carried out in this ESRS or prepare any free-standing instruments to manage the environmental and social impacts and risks. An appraisal stage ESRS is also not required. The ESCP will reflect all necessary actions and measures to address any project-related environmental and social risks, particularly related to ESS1, ESS2, ESS4, and ESS10.

Areas where “Use of Borrower Framework” is being considered:

Use of Borrower Framework is not being considered.

ESS10 Stakeholder Engagement and Information Disclosure

This standard is relevant. The primary beneficiaries of the project are civil society and youth organizations engaging with governments in GFF countries and working in related sectors such as education, child marriage, women’s rights, social protection, water, and sanitation. The secondary beneficiaries are children, adolescents, women, marginalized groups, disabled people, people living with and affected by HIV, who are primarily living in GFF intervention areas in its 36 eligible countries. The project will also engage at the regional and global level with other peer organizations

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and CSOs to contribute to south-south collaboration and learning, and improve CSO coordination, alignment and advocacy to contribute to GFF governance processes and policies. PAI, the grant recipient and executing agency, and its potential partner organizations from the GFF countries are among the key stakeholders of the project.

The project will continue the past efforts of PAI in stakeholder engagement to improve the assistance program and delivery. PAI will customize the design of the project assistance delivery, including format and content, under the current pandemic situation as well as the challenging socio-demographic contexts of many of the participating countries, such as insecurity challenges in the FCV context, to ensure full and meaningful stakeholder participation and achievement of the project objective. Engagement tools could include beneficiary assessment, specific area situation analysis, feedback surveys from participants, and internal engagement with the delivery team, such as after-action reviews with workshop instructors and facilitators. The project will ensure broad information dissemination to raise awareness on the project activities to facilitate broad participation. This is particularly so with CSOs who work with and promote the development agenda of marginalized groups, such as women, indigenous groups, the disabled, other disadvantaged and under-represented groups. The project will be implemented by staff members of PAI and partner institutions and they will facilitate further engagement with stakeholders in the broader CSO communities at the country, regional and global level to strengthen social accountability mechanisms to ensure better SRMNCAH+N service delivery.

In addition to the existing grievance redress mechanism in place at PAI, PAI will establish the following specific GRM mechanisms, to be aligned with ESS10 requirements, to address any grievances under the project.

- One member of the project management team will be assigned the responsibility to manage grievance resolution under the project, in a manner consistent with the ESS10 of the ESF.
- All grievances will be registered and the project will keep a grievance log for their record.
- The grievance mechanism will include different ways in which users can submit their grievances, including submissions in person, by phone, text message, mail, e-mail or via a website
- All grievances will be deliberated and addressed in a transparent and timely fashion. The complainant will be informed timely of the resolution response.
- Maintain an updated list of service providers that can be used to refer potential victims of sexual harassment.
- The project will maintain the identities of sexual harassment victims/complainants as confidential.
- If the complainant is not satisfied with the resolutions under the project, he or she can continue, at their own liberty, to appeal their cases under legal channels and means available under the laws of the USA and beneficiary countries.
- Handling of grievances will be done in a culturally appropriate manner and be discreet, objective, sensitive, and responsive to the needs and concerns of the project-affected parties. The mechanism will also allow for anonymous complaints to be raised and addressed. The grievance mechanism will also include a separate process for handling sensitive complaints, such as those involving SEA/SH.

The above-planned actions will be reflected in the ESCP and a summary of the GRM will also be uploaded and disclosed at the PAI's website. Given the nature and scale of the risks and impacts of the project, the elements of a SEP will be included in the ESCP and the preparation of a stand-alone SEP is not necessary.



B.2. Specific Risks and Impacts

A brief description of the potential environmental and social risks and impacts relevant to the Project.

ESS2 Labor and Working Conditions

The standard is relevant. The TA activities supported under the project will be provided through the existing staff of PAI and its potential partner organizations. A dedicated team will be mobilized within PAI to develop and deliver the project activities. This team will consist of existing PAI staff and there's a possibility that short-term consultant experts may be engaged. The size and composition of the team specifically working on this project is to be determined later. However, due to the size of the grant and the nature of the project, this team is expected to be small. There could be labor risks involved such as SEA, SH, and discrimination issues among project staff members. PAI will implement the project activities in accordance with the labor-related policies and procedures of the USA and beneficiary countries, supplemented by any additional necessary measures necessary in line with ESF ESS2. The project workers will be subject to a code of conduct with provisions to prevent Gender-Based Violence and Sexual Harassment. The project team will assign one member to take up the responsibility to manage all labor-related issues. PAI will also conduct training for all its project staff to raise their awareness on possible labor risks and the governing policies as well as procedure related to labor.

PAI will follow its existing grievance redress and recruitment policy, which are in line with the national requirements of the USA and will be supplemented by measures based on ESF provisions, as needed, particularly those in ESS2 and ESS10. Additionally, PAI will establish specific mechanisms to address any grievances under the project in total alignment with relevant ESS 2 and 10 requirements. Labor-related grievances will be addressed under the same project GRM. No separate free-standing GRM will be established for labor-related grievances

ESS3 Resource Efficiency and Pollution Prevention and Management

The standard is not currently relevant.

ESS4 Community Health and Safety

This standard is relevant. There could be sexual exploitation and abuse & sexual harassment (SEA /SH) risks among project staff members, particularly those associated with the interactions between people in an office environment including staff members of PAI and project beneficiary participants when in the potential face to face interactions. The project will follow relevant laws in USA and beneficiary countries where project activities are implemented as well as ESF ESS4 in addressing such issues. Most of the project activities will be conducted virtually through online means which will reduce SEA/SH risks during the current COVID-19 context, which is expected to overlap largely with the grant's implementation period. Where face to face interactions are planned, PAI will follow relevant laws of the USA and the beneficiary countries and the technical advisory and guidelines issued by the World Health Organization for stakeholder engagement in the current COVID-19 pandemic situation

PAI will designate a qualified person to monitor that the above provisions are implemented during project execution, in accordance with the timeframe specified in the ESCP.



ESS5 Land Acquisition, Restrictions on Land Use and Involuntary Resettlement

The standard is not currently relevant.

ESS6 Biodiversity Conservation and Sustainable Management of Living Natural Resources

The standard is not currently relevant.

ESS7 Indigenous Peoples/Sub-Saharan African Historically Underserved Traditional Local Communities

The standard is not currently relevant. However, project support activities are open to all CSOs in GFF participating countries globally. Potential beneficiaries could include CSOs from indigenous/Sub-Saharan African Historically Underserved Traditional Local Communities or CSOs may work and represent their interests. Therefore, the project will give special considerations in their activity design and information dissemination strategy to facilitate their participation in the project programs.

ESS8 Cultural Heritage

The standard is not currently relevant.

ESS9 Financial Intermediaries

The standard is not currently relevant.

C. Legal Operational Policies that Apply

OP 7.50 Projects on International Waterways No

OP 7.60 Projects in Disputed Areas TBD

III. WORLD BANK ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL DUE DILIGENCE

A. Is a common approach being considered? No

Financing Partners

None

B. Proposed Measures, Actions and Timing (Borrower’s commitments)

Actions to be completed prior to Bank Board Approval:

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Possible issues to be addressed in the Borrower Environmental and Social Commitment Plan (ESCP):

The project will include in the ESCP agreed actions and commitments in compliance with ESS2 on Labor, ESS4 on Community Health and Safety, and ESS10 on stakeholder engagement and grievance redress.

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