STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT

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Stakeholder Engagement from the Start

Hydropower could provide electricity to the 1.4 billion people who live without.
Across government departments & institutions – country wide

Civil society organisations & communities

International organisations

Private sector (hydropower companies, EPC contractors, consultants)

Academia

Parliament

Stakeholder Engagement Plan
What the people are saying........

- Limited or no stakeholder analysis (we do not know who our stakeholders are)
- Impacts not matched to stakeholders
- Stakeholder engagement plan isn’t put in place early enough, e.g., usually at permitting stage when ESIA is already being drafted.
- Inappropriate methods of consultation, e.g., meetings held in government offices, not in communities, men meeting with women
KEY PRINCIPLES OF ENGAGEMENT

Start Engaging Early- *Commit to the Process* - ONGOING;

Be *Inclusive*/ Make it *Participatory*;

Be *Transparent/Timely/Specific*;

Share/Strive for *Mutual Benefit*
1. Legacies of the Past - Restrictions on freedom of speech and free assembly - *breaking the inertia*

2. Cultural and Ethnic diversities - *Building a consensus*

3. Lack of Policies or Clear Communication of Policies - *unclear messaging;*

4. Varying Interests – *Meeting expectations*

5. Accountability & Responsibility
WHAT WE NEED TO DO
FORM ADVISORY GROUP (AG)

- Oversight and support to the SEA
- Provide a diversity of views from senior members
- Provide continuity throughout SEA
- AG will be briefed by consultant team
  - Forthcoming activities and methodologies
  - Key findings
  - Review draft reports
- Members: government, development partners, MDB, Myanmar CSOs/research institute/academia, private sector
- Meet once a month (Virtually and face-to-face)
FORM EXPERT TECHNICAL GROUPS

- EGs will facilitate discussion on
  - Key issues in the SEA
  - Available data
  - Contribute to shaping understanding and outcomes of the SEA

- Organised around topics
  - E.g. hydropower & energy
  - Aquatic resources and fisheries
  - Terrestrial ecology and protected areas
  - Hydrology and geomorphology
  - Social, livelihoods, indigenous peoples & conflict areas
  - Economics and river basin development
• Engagement with local communities
• Stakeholder consultations
• Regional river basin consultations
• National impact assessment workshop
• Final stakeholder workshops
• Communications
  • Website roadmap
  • Radio
  • Podcasts
  • Newspaper articles
  • Local interpretation
At the policy / sector / country level, we are developing guidance and tools to:

- Level the playing field on E&S.
- Develop sustainability criteria for strategic development of hydro.
- Creating solution-oriented private-public stakeholder engagement platforms to help untangle hurdles around complex E&S issues.
- Helping reduce contextual sector / country risks (conflict/legacy issues).
- Facilitating and deepening PS understanding among public and private sector clients or potential clients to contribute to thought leadership.

- ESIA Guidelines for the Hydropower Sector – Commencing Oct 2016
  - On – the – job review of backlog of hydro-related EIAs
- Hydro Sector – related guidelines on cumulative impact assessment; stakeholder engagement; benefit sharing and environmental flows – Commencing Nov 2016