ENVIROMENTAL COMPLIANCE FACESHEET & REQUEST FOR CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION

Program Objective/Area: (3) Investing in People / (3.3) Social Services and Protection for Especially Vulnerable Populations

Program Element: (3.3.2) Social Services

Project Title: Preventing Trafficking in Women (Amendment 1)

Country/Region: Belarus

Funding Period: 02/14/2005 - 01/31/2011

LOP: 02/14/2005 - 01/31/2011

Resource Levels/Amount(s): $1,000,000

Date: 11/13/2007

LOP: $2,050,000

IEE Amendment? Yes ☑ No ☐ DCN of Original IEE: 2004-BYE-004

Environmental Media and/or Human Health Potentially Impacted: None

Environmental Action(s) Recommended:
☒ Categorical Exclusion(s)
☒ Negative Determination (conditional):

For the limited procurement of office equipment (computers, printers, etc), a conditional negative determination requires that such equipment will be properly disposed of at the end of its useful life in a manner consistent with best management practices.

1. Background and Activity Description

This Amendment 1 to the IEE, DCN: 2004-BYE-004, extends the LOP through 01/31/2011. Because the activities presented in the original IEE dated November 04, 2004 are similar in type, nature and scope to the ones covered under this amendment, all conditions of the original IEE stay in effect for this amendment.

The purpose of the project implemented by International Organization for Migration under the Grant Agreement 121-G-00-05-00705, has been to support victims and to prevent trafficking among the vulnerable groups of women of trafficking in Belarus by teaching basic job skills and providing internships.

USAID has provided technical expertise and training to raise trafficking awareness among vulnerable groups; develop job skills of about 1,000 “at risk” women and actual victims of trafficking; support personal business development for a selected number of vulnerable women who have successfully “graduated” from the job skills training pilot program; increase the reach of skills for training and counseling for victims of trafficking; to establish outreach projects, cross-border cooperation, and alumni networking. USAID funds have covered costs of technical consultations, training, travel and salaries of project personnel, office rent and equipment, production and dissemination of public education materials. At IOM’s request, USAID has extended the project activities until 12/28/2007 at no cost, and is currently developing a three-year cost extension of the project.

2. Justification for Categorical Exclusion and Negative Determination with Conditions:
Pursuant to 22 CFR 216(c)(3), the originator of the proposed action has determined that most of the USAID support under this program consists of types of interventions entirely within the categories listed in paragraph (c)(2) of Section 216.2 of Title 22 CFR 216, and therefore are categorically excluded from any further environmental review requirements. The originator of the proposed action has further determined that implemented and proposed activities are fully within the following classes of actions:
Education, technical assistance, or training programs except to the extent such programs include activities directly affecting the environment (such as construction of facilities, etc) [22 CFR 216.2(c)(2)(i)];

Document and information transfers - [22 CFR 216.2(c)(2)(v)].

Programs involving nutrition, health care or population and family planning services except to the extent designed to include activities directly affecting the environment (such as construction of facilities, water supply systems, waste water treatment, etc.) - [22 CFR 216.2(c)(2)(viii)].

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3. Limitations of the IEE:

This IEE does not cover activities involving:

- Assistance for the procurement (including payment in kind, donations, guarantees of credit) or use (including handling, transport, fuel for transport, storage, mixing, loading, application, clean up of spray equipment, and disposal) of pesticides or activities involving procurement, transport, use, storage, or disposal of toxic materials. Pesticides cover all insecticides, fungicides, rodenticides, etc. covered under FIFRA – ‘Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act’
- Construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation, or renovation work.
- Activities involving support to agro-processing, industrial enterprises, and regulatory permitting.
- Procurement or use of genetically modified organisms (GMOs).
- DCA or GDA programs

Any of these actions would require an amendment to the IEE approved by EE/BEO.

4. Revisions:

Pursuant to 22 CFR 216.3(a)(9), if new information becomes available which indicates that Project activities might be "major" and the Program’s effect "significant", this determination will be reviewed and revised by the originator of the project and submitted to the E&E Bureau Environmental Officer for approval and, if appropriate, an environmental assessment will be prepared.

USAID APPROVAL OF ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION(S) RECOMMENDED:

Clearance:
Mission Director: _______________________ Date: __________
Earl Gast

Country Program Officer: _______________________ Date: __________
Chuck Howell

Mission Environmental Officer: _______________________ Date: __________
Peter Luzik

Concurrence:
Bureau Environmental Officer: _______________________ Date: __________
Mohammad Latif

Approved: ☐ Disapproved: ☐