ENvironMENtAL COMPLIANCE FACESHEET
& REQUEST FOR CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION

Program Objective: (1) Peace & Security
Program Area: (1.5) Transnational Crime
Program Element: (1.5.3) Trafficking in Persons and Migrant Smuggling
Title of Activity: Countering Trafficking in Persons: Belarus
Country/Region: Belarus/E&E
Funding Period: August 2010-August 2015
Resource Level: $2,950,000
Date: August 18, 2010

IEE Amendment? Yes ☒ No ☐

DCN of Original IEE: 2004-BYE-004
DCN of Amendment 1: 2007-BYE-004

Environmental Media and/or Human Health Potentially Impacted (check all that apply):
Air ☐ Water ☐ Land ☐ Biodiversity ☐ Human health ☐ Other ☐ None ☒

Environmental Action(s) Recommended: Categorical Exclusion(s)

1. Summary of Findings:

The purpose of this Amendment is to cover an increase in the funding level by $2,950,000 and extend the funding period through August 2015 to provide job skills and job seeking skills training to victims of trafficking (VOTs) and potentially vulnerable groups; implement an information campaign on dangers of trafficking in human beings; provide reintegration services to VOTs; and build capacity of domestic stakeholders. All requirements of the original IEE will be in effect for activities covered by this Amendment.

Technical assistance will be provided in the form of consultations, training, workshops, round table discussions, and conferences. USAID funds will be used to cover the travel expenses and salaries of project staff, as well as the costs of publishing and disseminating project information bulletins.

There will be no adverse effects on the environment as a result of this activity.

2. Justification for Categorical Exclusion:

Pursuant to 22 CFR 216.2 (c)(3), the originator of the action has determined that most of the USAID activities under these programs consist of types of interventions entirely within the categories listed in paragraph (c)(2) of Part 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 those 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)];
- Analyses, studies, academic or research workshops and meetings. [22 CFR 216.2(c)(2)(iii)];
- Document and information transfers. [22 CFR 216.2(c)(2)(v)];
- Studies, projects or programs intended to develop the capability of recipient countries to engage in development planning, except to the extent designed to result in activities directly affecting the environment (such as construction of facilities, etc). [22 CFR 216.2(c)(2)(xiv)].
As per 22 CFR 216.2(c)(1), neither an initial environmental examination nor an environmental assessment is required for an action which is determined to fall within one or more of the categories listed in 22 CFR 216.2(c)(2).

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 the procurement, transport, use, storage, or disposal of toxic materials. “Pesticides” cover all insecticides, fungicides, rodenticides, etc. covered under the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act.
- Construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation, or renovation work.
- Activities involving support to agro-processing, industrial enterprises, and regulatory permitting.
- The procurement or use of genetically modified organisms.
- DCA or GDA programs.

Any of these activities would require an amendment to the IEE approved by the E&E Bureau Environmental Officer (EE/BEO).

4. Revisions:
Pursuant to 22 CFR 216.3(a)(9), if new information becomes available that indicates that activities covered by the IEE might be considered “major” and their effect “significant,” or if additional activities are proposed that might be considered “major” and their effect “significant,” this recommendation for a Categorical Exclusion will be reviewed and, if necessary, revised by the Mission Environmental Officer (MEO) with concurrence by the EE/BEO. It is the responsibility of the USAID AOTR to keep the MEO and EE/BEO informed of any new information or changes in the activity that might require revision of the IEE.

USAID APPROVAL OF ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION(S) RECOMMENDED:

Belarus PO 1/PA 1.5/PE 1.5.3 Countering Trafficking in Persons Project