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U.S. AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT
OFFICE OF AFGHANISTAN AND PAKISTAN AFFAIRS (OAPA)

INITIAL ENVIRONMENTAL EXAMINATION

Amendment No. 2

PROGRAM/ACTIVITY DATA

Country code and SO: 306-003
Strategic Objective Name: Improved Access to Quality Education
Program Objective: Education and Health
Program Area: Education
Program Element: Basic Education and Higher Education
Country or Region: Afghanistan
Activity Name: Strengthening Education in Afghanistan program with The Asia Foundation

Funding Begin: 8 August 2010
Funding End: 31 March 2014
LOP amount: $9,995,847
IEE prepared by: Jannie Kwok
Date: December 9, 2013
IEE Amendment (Y/N): Y
Original: OAPA-12-OCT-AFG-0001, approved 7 October 2011 and IEE Amendment #1 OAPA-14-OCT-AFG-0003, approved 16 October 2013.

ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION RECOMMENDED: (Place X where applicable)

Categorical Exclusion:	[X]	Deferral:	[ ]
Positive Determination:	[ ]	Negative Determination:	[ ]
Negative Determination with Conditions:	[X]	Exemption:	[ ]

1.0 PURPOSE

The purpose of this Amendment is to extend the Life of Project (LOP) of the Strengthening Education in Afghanistan program with The Asia Foundation (SEA-TAF), aimed at improving the institutional capacity, operations, management, and programming of educational and civil society organizations in Afghanistan, from December 31, 2013 to March 31, 2014. Funding level and SOW remain unchanged. The project is fully funded now, and funds have been channeled through The Asia Foundation.

The previous Amendment extended the project until December 31, 2013. The current Amendment extends the projects with an additional three months until March 31, 2014.

All conditions, limitations and the stipulation for revisions established in the original SEA-TAF IEE remain in force throughout the extended life of project. All conditions and measures of mitigation regarding the purchase and disposal of electronic equipment remain in place. An Environmental Mitigation and Monitoring Plan was finalized in June 2013.

2.0 REVISIONS

Pursuant to 22 CFR 216.3(a)(9), if new information becomes available that indicates activities to be funded by the Program might be "major" and the Program's effect "significant," or if additional activities are proposed that might be considered "major" and their effects significant, this IEE Amendment will be reviewed and revised by the originator of the project and submitted to the Bureau Environmental Officer (BEO) for approval and, if appropriate, an environmental assessment will be prepared. It is the responsibility of the USAID/Afghanistan Agreement Officer's Representative (AOR) to keep the Mission Environmental Officer and the BEO informed of any new information or changes in the activity that might require revision of the IEE.

APPROVAL OF RECOMMENDED ENVIRONMENTAL ACTIONS

Strengthening Education in Afghanistan with the Asia Foundation, IEE Amendment No. 2

CLEARANCES:

AOR and Basic Education Team Leader:	Jannie Kwok	12/11/2013 Date
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Regional Environmental Advisor / Asia & OAPA	concurred by email Andrei Barannik	12/10/2013 Date
Regional Legal Advisor	John Power	12-11-13 Date
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APPROVAL

Bureau Environmental Officer, OAPA	Gordon Weynand	12/16/13 Date

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