United States Agency for International Development (USAID)  
International Fund for Ireland  
Request for Categorical Exclusion (RCE)

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If Yes, Purpose of Amendment: Add $2,089,871 in funds and extend project through 9/14/2015.

DCN(s) of Related EA/IEE/RCE/ER(s): N/A

Implementation Start/End: AMD: 10/1/14 – 9/14/15  
                       LOP: 10/1/2002 – 9/14/15

Funding Amount: AMD: $2,089,871  
                LOP Amount: $167,278,379

Contract/Award Number (if known): ENI-G-00-05-00004-00

Recommended Determination: Categorical Exclusion

Additional Elements:

- Government to Government: ☐  
- Local Procurement: ☒  
- Donor Co-Funded: ☒

1. Project and Activity Description

This amendment adds $2,089,871 in funds and extends the project through 9/14/2015. The International Fund for Ireland’s (IFI’s) Peace Impact Program was conceived in 2012 as an effort to encourage economic and social advancement in those communities in Northern Ireland and the Border Counties of Ireland that have not yet benefitted from the Irish peace process. This additional $2,089,871 will continue to fund projects like those that were covered by the previous categorical exclusions that were issued for Peace Impact Program activities (IEE Amendments 5-10). All conditions of the original IEE and amendments remain in effect.
The IFI’s latest Implementation Plan indicates that all of the projects that are to be funded through this amendment will focus on youth engagement/job training and/or broader cross-community engagement.

2. **Justification for Categorical Exclusion Determination**
   The International Fund for Ireland-Peace Impact Program activities that are referenced in this amendment will not have an effect on the natural or physical environment. Therefore, under §216.2(c)(1), neither an IEE nor an EA will be required for these activities. Instead, a categorical exclusion threshold determination is recommended under §216.2(c)(2)(i) “Education, technical assistance, or training programs except to the extent such programs include activities directly affecting the environment (such as construction of facilities, etc.).”

3. **Limitations of the Categorical Exclusion Determination:**
   This categorical exclusion does not cover classes of actions normally having a significant effect on the environment under §216.2(d):
   i. Programs of river basin development;
   ii. Irrigation and water management;
   iii. Agricultural land leveling;
   iv. Drainage projects;
   v. Large scale agricultural mechanization;
   vi. Resettlement projects;
   vii. New land development;
   viii. Penetration road building and road improvement;
   ix. Powerplants;
   x. Industrial plants; and
   xi. Potable water and sewerage projects.

In addition, this categorical exclusion does not cover activities that:
- Support project preparation, project feasibility studies, engineering design for activities listed in §216.2(d)(1);
- Affect endangered species;
- Provide support to extractive industries (e.g. mining and quarrying);
- Promote timber harvesting;
- Lead to construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation, or renovation work;
- Support agro-processing or industrial enterprises;
- Provide support for regulatory permitting;
- Lead to privatization of industrial facilities or infrastructure with heavily polluted property;
- Assist 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 the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act; and/or
- Procure or use genetically modified organisms.
Any of these actions would require a Europe and Eurasia Bureau Environmental Officer (BEO) approved amendment to the categorical exclusion.

4. **Mandatory Inclusion of Environmental Compliance Requirements in Solicitations, Awards, Budgets, and Work Plans**
   - Appropriate environmental compliance language, including limitations defined in Section 3, shall be incorporated into solicitations and awards for categorical exclusions.
   - The implementing partner shall ensure annual work plans do not prescribe activities that are defined as limitations in Section 3.

5. **Revisions**
   Under §216.3(a)(9), if new information becomes available that indicates that activities covered by the categorical exclusion might be considered major and their effect significant, or if additional activities are proposed that might be considered major and their effect significant, this categorical exclusion determination will be reviewed and, if necessary, revised by the AOR with the concurrence of the BEO. It is the responsibility of the USAID AOR to keep the BEO informed of any new information or changes in the activity that might require revision of this determination.

6. **Recommended Determination for Categorical Exclusion Clearances**

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