Memo to the File: Initial Environmental Examination (IEE)

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Purpose:
The purpose of this Memo is to recommend that “USAID’S Bangladesh Business Enabling Environment” Activity be covered by IEE, Asia 17-078 (see page 24) approved on August 9, 2017. The USAID Bangladesh Mission Environmental Officer approved this coverage under the above referenced IEE, which contains language to allow such additions. The activity’s total estimated cost is $5,000,000 for three years period. The activity will expand in geographic coverage throughout the country without any changes in the implementation approaches.

Anticipated interventions under this USAID/Bangladesh managed activity will fall within the scope of the present approved IEE and the Threshold Decisions. This Memo to the IEE file reflects the following changes to accommodate programmatic needs: (1) the total estimated cost, (2) period of coverage (the funding for this activity will be covered through the funding period of the IEE Asia 17-078). Table 1 provides details of activity and the associated threshold decision.
Table 1: Associated threshold decisions covered under this memorandum.

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<td>Activity Name: USAID’s Bangladesh Business Enabling Environment</td>
<td>The purpose of this Activity is to expand business services from the government to citizen to create business enabling environment in Bangladesh. By simplifying and digitizing government services for businesses, the activity will work with ministries and government agencies to reduce unnecessary steps involved in each stage of setting up and operating a business. The ultimate goal of this activity therefore is to ease the doing business in Bangladesh by decreasing the time, cost, and number of visits for government services to start and operate a business.</td>
<td>CE-TA activities related to training and capacity building- No effect NDC-Procurement of equipment - insignificant effect</td>
<td>The activity will expand throughout the country without any changes in period of performance, and implementation approaches. This activity is covered under current Mission IEE Asia 17-078, approved on August 9, 2017.</td>
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CE = Categorical Exclusion, NDC = Negative Determination with Conditions

This activity is a PIO Grant to UNDP. The Grantee shall follow their own Environmental Policies and ensure implementation subject to specific conditions that they are expected to have no significant adverse effect on the environment. At the same time the Grantee shall be contingent upon USAID/Bangladesh IEE Asia 17-078.

For any changes in the scope and nature of the activities or new activities, which may cause potential significant adverse environmental and social impacts, the Grantee shall ensure own or third party monitoring and/or audit reports and share with USAID as warranted.

**The required Reg. 216 actions are determined as follows:**

1. Categorical Exclusion (CE) for technical assistance, no environmental impacts is anticipated and therefore no mitigation actions required.

2. Negative Determination with Conditions (NDC), actions specified in Table 2, section III of the IEE (Asia 17-078) will be followed.
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