

# Resettlement Completion Report

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Completion report for Stages 1 & 2

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**Sub-project: Expanding and renovating remote rural power network in Dien Bien province (Stage 1 & 2)**

## ABBREVIATIONS

|      |                                 |
|------|---------------------------------|
| PC   | Power Corporation               |
| PPC  | People's Committee              |
| LFDC | Land Fund Development Center    |
| RP   | Resettlement Plan               |
| LUR  | Certificates of land use rights |
| NR   | Natural Resources               |
| FFC  | Fatherland Front Committees     |

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## **I. INFORMATION OF THE PROJECT**

### **1. General introduction**

1. The component project "Expansion and renovation of the grid to remote communes in Dien Bien province" is under the second component of the project "Development of renewable energy and expansion and renovation of the grid to remote communes" funded by a loan from Asian Development Bank (ADB). The objective of the project in the phases 1 and 2 in Lai Chau and Dien Bien is to expand and improve the grid for remote villages and areas located in these two provinces helping to reduce poverty toward improved live standards for local people, contributing to improving living conditions and income for local people, especially ethnic minorities. These objectives shall be achieved by electricity supply; construction and renovation of an electrical system to provide power to communes, households without electricity through the national grid and improving the quality of supplied electricity to households already having electricity under the two project provinces; Therefore, the project shall help to improve the efficiency of rural electricity business enhancing power grid reliability.

2. Up to now, the project consists of two phases:

\* **Phase 1** of the project is the construction of transmission lines and substations in 46 communes under 7 districts and Dien Bien Phu city (after separating districts and communes, 51 communes in 08 districts and 01 cities) and in detail:

- Developing a new 299,942 Km of 35kV, 0,225 km line of 22kV
- Developing 97 new substations providing a total capacity of 5.324 kVA
- Developing a new 257.815 km of 0.4 kV and a new 135.766 km 3-phase line and 1-phase 122.047 km line.
- Installing 8,192 one phase meters for households and the CPC, schools and clinics. The number of beneficiaries from the project is over 12,000 households.
- Wiring to households: 7937 households and in each household installing 01 bulbs and internal electricity network.

\* **Phase 2** of the project is the construction of transmission lines and substations in 10 communes in Muong Nhe district (later divided into 12 communes in Muong Nhe and Nam Po districts), and in detail:

- Developing a new 94.1 km line of 35 kV
- Developing 32 substations distributing a total capacity of 5486.5 kVA (Incurred more 4 substations)
- Developing a new 57.58 km line of 0.4 kV line including 3 phase 32.303 km line and 3 phase 25.277 km line
- Installing 2007 one phase meters for households and CPC, schools and clinics.
- Wiring to households: 1,938 households in each household installing 01 bulbs, electrical panels, wiring from the meter to households

## 2. Project components

**Table 01: Tender Package Name/Lot**

| No. | Tender package/lot   | Location   |
|-----|----------------------|--|
|     | <b>Phase 1</b>       |  |
| 1   | EVN NPC-ADB-W8.1     | Dien Bien Phu city and Dien Bien district                                      |
| 2   | EVN NPC-ADB-W8.2     | Tuan Giao district   |
| 3   | EVN NPC-ADB-W8.3     | Dien Bien Dong district  |
| 4   | EVN NPC-ADB-W8.4     | Ta Chua district   |
| 5   | EVN NPC-ADB-W8.5     | Muong Ang district   |
| 6   | EVN NPC-ADB-W8.6     | Muong Nhe và Nam Pơ  |
| 7   | EVN NPC-ADB-W8.7     | Muong Cha  |
|     | <b>Phase 2</b>       |  |
| 1   | EVN NPC-ADB ĐB-6a.AF | Cha Cang commune, Pa Tan commune (Nam Tin was also seperated)– Nam Po district |
| 2   | EVN NPC-ADB ĐB-6b.AF | Na Khoa commune, Nam Nhu commune – Nam Po district                             |
| 3   | EVN NPC-ADB ĐB-6c.AF | Na Hy commune, Nam Chua commune - Nam Po district                              |
| 4   | EVN NPC-ADB ĐB-6d.AF | Na Bung commune, Vang Đan commune – Nam Po district                            |
| 5   | EVN NPC-ADB ĐB-6e.AF | Pa My commune – Muong Nhe district   |
| 6   | EVN NPC-ADB ĐB-6f.AF | Nam Ke commune – Muong Nhe district  |
| 7   | EVN NPC-ADB ĐB-6g.AF | Na Cp Sa commune – Muong Nhe district  |
| 8   | EVN NPC-ADB ĐB-6h.AF | Leng Su Sin, Sin Thau, Chung Chai commune – Muong Nhe district                 |

## 3. The scope and impact of the project

3. Households affected by the project are divided into two categories basing on effect the as follows:

- **Temporary effects:** Including households whose land, trees and short term crops, less than 4 meters high within the safety corridor of the line, surrounding are signal foundation poles roads only temporarily roads during the construction. During the Phase 1, 169 households are temporarily affected with temporarily withdrawn land area of about 2110.8 m<sup>2</sup>. In the stage 2, no household is entitled to be temporarily affected.

- **Permanent effects:** Including households who land was used as foundation for electric poles, substations, those who were affected by road construction or households possessing 4m higher plants located in the safety corridor of the line. In the phase 1 of the project, there were 3,008 households with land permanently acquired for manicure poles and substations with an area of 18,633.9 m<sup>2</sup>. In the Phase 2, there were 342 households with land permanently retrieved with an area of approximately 4595 m<sup>2</sup>. No household is permanently acquired over 10% of the land, no household assets is affected to move and resettlement, only one household affected cattle sheds have moved but the amount is not large.

4. Total number of households under both temporary and permanent effects of the two phases of the project is 3,519 households.

**Table 02: Number of households affected by the project**

| No, | Component/<br>packages    | Number of permanent AHs |                       |                |                            |                             |                              | #<br>tempo<br>rary<br>AHs | Total<br>(includin<br>g<br>tempora<br>ry and<br>permane<br>nt AHs) |
|-----|---------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|----------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------|---------------------------|--|
|     |                           | #<br>margin<br>al AHs   | #<br>busines<br>s AHs | Vulnerable AHs |                            |                             |                              |                           |  |
|     |                           |                         |                       | # poor<br>AHs  | Ethnic<br>minorit<br>y AHs | #<br>women<br>headed<br>AHs | #<br>social<br>policy<br>AHs |                           |  |
|     | Phase 1                   | 3,008                   |                       | 123            | 2,475                      | 53                          |                              | 169                       | 3,177  |
| 1   | EVN NPC-ADB-W8,1          | 273                     |                       | 8              | 136                        | 4                           |                              | 19                        | 292  |
| 2   | EVN NPC-ADB-W8,2          | 251                     |                       | 12             | 195                        | 5                           |                              | 22                        | 273  |
| 3   | EVN NPC-ADB-W8,3          | 425                     |                       | 19             | 379                        | 9                           |                              | 21                        | 446  |
| 4   | EVN NPC-ADB-W8,4          | 352                     |                       | 18             | 295                        | 8                           |                              | 18                        | 370  |
| 5   | EVN NPC-ADB-W8,5          | 250                     |                       | 12             | 220                        | 5                           |                              | 22                        | 272  |
| 6   | EVN NPC-ADB-W8,6          | 519                     |                       | 22             | 427                        | 10                          |                              | 12                        | 531  |
| 7   | EVN NPC-ADB-W8,7          | 938                     |                       | 32             | 823                        | 12                          |                              | 55                        | 993  |
|     | Phase 2                   | 342                     |                       | 10             | 316                        |                             |                              |                           | 342  |
| 1   | EVN NPC-ADB DB-6a,AF      | 13                      |                       | 1              | 10                         |                             |                              |                           | 13   |
| 2   | EVN NPC-ADB DB-6b,AF      | 47                      |                       | 2              | 40                         |                             |                              |                           | 47   |
| 3   | EVN NPC-ADB DB-6c,AF      | 41                      |                       | 1              | 38                         |                             |                              |                           | 41   |
| 4   | EVN NPC-ADB DB-6d,AF      | 42                      |                       | 1              | 40                         |                             |                              |                           | 42   |
| 5   | EVN NPC-ADB DB-6e,AF      | 55                      |                       | 1              | 52                         |                             |                              |                           | 55   |
| 6   | EVN NPC-ADB DB-6f,AF      | 27                      |                       | 1              | 25                         |                             |                              |                           | 27   |
| 7   | EVN NPC-ADB DB-6g,AF      | 60                      |                       | 2              | 56                         |                             |                              |                           | 60   |
| 8   | EVN NPC-ADB DB-6h,AF      | 57                      |                       | 1              | 55                         |                             |                              |                           | 57   |
|     | Total Phase 1 and Phase 2 | 3,350                   |                       | 133            | 2,791                      | 53                          |                              | 169                       | 3,519  |

**Table 03: Acquired Land area**

| No, | Packages/<br>components/<br>subprojects | Permanently acquired land area (m²) |                      |                          |                |                |                 | Temporaly<br>acquired<br>land<br>area<br>(m²) |
|-----|---|-------------------------------------|----------------------|--------------------------|----------------|----------------|-----------------|---|
|     |   | Agricultural<br>land                | Residen<br>tial land | Aquacul<br>tural<br>land | Forest<br>land | Other<br>lands | Total           |   |
|     | <b>Phase 1</b>                          | <b>18,592.79</b>                    | <b>41,11</b>         |                          |                |                | <b>18,633.9</b> | <b>2,110.8</b>                                |
| 1   | EVN NPC-ADB-W8,1                        | 1,007.7                             |                      |                          |                |                | 1,007.7         | 325.4   |
| 2   | EVN NPC-ADB-W8,2                        | 802.97                              |                      |                          |                |                | 802.97          | 344.6   |
| 3   | EVN NPC-ADB-W8,3                        | 3,062                               |                      |                          |                |                | 3,062           | 242.5   |
| 4   | EVN NPC-ADB-W8,4                        | 1,430.3                             |                      |                          |                |                | 1,430.3         | 310,6   |
| 5   | EVN NPC-ADB-W8,5                        | 859.76                              | 41.11                |                          |                |                | 900.87          | 315   |
| 6   | EVN NPC-ADB-W8,6                        | 7,694.06                            |                      |                          |                |                | 7,694.06        | 187   |
| 7   | EVN NPC-ADB-W8,7                        | 3,736                               |                      |                          |                |                | 3,736           | 385.7   |
|     | <b>Phase 2</b>                          | <b>4,595</b>                        |                      |                          |                |                | <b>4,595</b>    |   |
| 1   | EVN NPC-ADB ĐB-6a,AF                    | 150                                 |                      |                          |                |                | 150             |   |
| 2   | EVN NPC-ADB ĐB-6b,AF                    | 791                                 |                      |                          |                |                | 791             |   |
| 3   | EVN NPC-ADB ĐB-6c,AF                    | 482                                 |                      |                          |                |                | 482             |   |
| 4   | EVN NPC-ADB ĐB-6d,AF                    | 378.86                              |                      |                          |                |                | 378.86          |   |
| 5   | EVN NPC-ADB ĐB-6e,AF                    | 817                                 |                      |                          |                |                | 817             |   |
| 6   | EVN NPC-ADB ĐB-6f,AF                    | 212                                 |                      |                          |                |                | 212             |   |
| 7   | EVN NPC-ADB ĐB-6g,AF                    | 811                                 |                      |                          |                |                | 811             |   |
| 8   | EVN NPC-ADB ĐB-6h,AF                    | 954                                 |                      |                          |                |                | 954             |   |
|     | <b>Total of Phase 1<br/>và Phase 2</b>  | <b>23,187.79</b>                    | <b>41.11</b>         |                          |                |                | <b>23,228.9</b> | <b>2,110.8</b>                                |

#### 4. Objectives of the resettlement completion report

5. Basing on internal data sources in the resettlement process, the completion report should be prepared to:

(i) To provide an internal source of data during the implementation of resettlement and compensation, including (a) determining whether the payment of compensation and support to local people „has been implemented as planned in the settlement project (RP)?; (b) evaluating whether the objectives of the resettlement plan have been achieved?;

(ii) The implementation of an overall review on the completion of the site clearance compensation in the project will provide, if necessary, proposed support and technical expertise to the implementing agencies for the next section (if any) in the project or other projects;

(iv) Provide an overall review on the RP implementation given project internal data,

## **II. RESULTS OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF COMPENSATION AND RESETTLEMENT IN PHASE 1 AND PHASE 2**

### **1. Information disclosure and public consultation**

6. In the phase of project information disclosure, Dien Bien PC and Experts has conducted public consultations in each project commune with the participation of local government, unions, households affected populations in order to disseminate and publicize information about the project content and policies of interest. Also, the CPCs communicate information to farmers through the local broadcast system or information is made available at headquarters. The time for the information disclosure in phase 1 is from **April to May 2012**; in the phase 2 is during **April to May 2013**. Also, when implementation of compensation and land clearance, PC Dien Bien District People's Committee has worked with the project for the dissemination of the project guidelines, the dissemination of information to be made again before make the inventory in **October to December 2013** for phase 1 and **June to September 2013** for phase 2.

7. All local authorities and people are very supportive of the project since the project aims to practical benefits for local people. The compensation for site clearance expected to be implemented properly to satisfy affected households.

### **2. Inventory of assets affected**

8. The activity shall be conducted by the Land Fund Development Centre at districts (or district land acquisition committee), as follows:

- + The affected households are required to declare the information including demographics, affected assets (land, property, trees and crops). Affected households submit a declaration accompanying legal documents (land certificates, paper allocation of organs for household functions, certified by the CPC, tax receipts ...).

- + Land Fund Development Centre at districts (or district land acquisition committees) and other relevant agencies such as CPC, District Natural Resources and Environment, representatives of the investor shall verify and compare the information provided by the affected households with the document maintained by the CPC, to appraise the legality of affected assets.

- + Based on results from the verification of the origin and legal status for the land and assets of affected households, Land Fund Development Centre at districts (or district land acquisition committees) in cooperation with the CPC organize a survey to identify affected assets in details to verify declared contents of land and property on land and come to an agreement with affected households agreed on the damaged property. The verification minutes is made and signed by a representative of affected households, the participants and certified by the local authorities.



9. Trees and crops affected in phase 1 and 2 include: **14988.7 m<sup>2</sup>** of crops, **8061** trees of all kinds.

***Table 04: Affected house and assets***

| TT                               | Packages/<br>components/<br>subprojects | Affected<br>sheds<br>(m <sup>2</sup> ) | Affected<br>shops<br>(AHs) | Affected<br>enterprise<br>(AHs) | Affected<br>crops<br>(m <sup>2</sup> ) | Affected<br>trees<br>(cây) | Affected<br>Structures | Affected<br>tobms<br>(unit) | Others |
|----------------------------------|---|--|----------------------------|---------------------------------|--|----------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------------|--------|
|                                  | <b>Phase 1</b>                          | <b>41.11</b>                           |                            |                                 | <b>9,584.2</b>                         | <b>6,542</b>               |                        |                             |        |
| 1                                | EVN NPC-ADB-<br>W8.1                    |  |                            |                                 | 839.5                                  | 267                        |                        |                             |        |
| 2                                | EVN NPC-ADB-<br>W8.2                    |  |                            |                                 | 628.6                                  | 154                        |                        |                             |        |
| 3                                | EVN NPC-ADB-<br>W8.3                    |  |                            |                                 | 971.9                                  | 396                        |                        |                             |        |
| 4                                | EVN NPC-ADB-<br>W8.4                    |  |                            |                                 | 1,406                                  | 226                        |                        |                             |        |
| 5                                | EVN NPC-ADB-<br>W8.5                    | 41.11                                  |                            |                                 | 318.9                                  | 1,751                      |                        |                             |        |
| 6                                | EVN NPC-ADB-<br>W8.6                    |  |                            |                                 | 2,874.3                                | 2,873                      |                        |                             |        |
| 7                                | EVN NPC-ADB-<br>W8.7                    |  |                            |                                 | 2,545                                  | 875                        |                        |                             |        |
|                                  | <b>Phase 2</b>                          |  |                            |                                 | <b>5,404.5</b>                         | <b>1,519</b>               |                        |                             |        |
| 1                                | EVN NPC-ADB<br>ĐB-6a.AF                 |  |                            |                                 | 150                                    |                            |                        |                             |        |
| 2                                | EVN NPC-ADB<br>ĐB-6b.AF                 |  |                            |                                 | 703                                    | 103                        |                        |                             |        |
| 3                                | EVN NPC-ADB<br>ĐB-6c.AF                 |  |                            |                                 | 469.44                                 | 379                        |                        |                             |        |
| 4                                | EVN NPC-ADB<br>ĐB-6d.AF                 |  |                            |                                 | 371.43                                 | 61                         |                        |                             |        |
| 5                                | EVN NPC-ADB<br>ĐB-6e.AF                 |  |                            |                                 | 1,629.1                                | 107                        |                        |                             |        |
| 6                                | EVN NPC-ADB<br>ĐB-6f.AF                 |  |                            |                                 | 186                                    | 130                        |                        |                             |        |
| 7                                | EVN NPC-ADB<br>ĐB-6g.AF                 |  |                            |                                 | 779                                    | 32                         |                        |                             |        |
| 8                                | EVN NPC-ADB<br>ĐB-6h.AF                 |  |                            |                                 | 1,116.5                                | 707                        |                        |                             |        |
| <b>Total phase 1 and phase 2</b> |   | <b>41.11</b>                           |                            |                                 | <b>14,988.7</b>                        | <b>8,061</b>               |                        |                             |        |

### **3. Designing the settlement method and seek approval for it**

10. Land Fund Development Centre at districts (or district land acquisition committees) shall make a compensation plan for site clearance and is responsible for the accuracy and reasonableness of the inventory data, the legal status of land, the value of assets to be compensated, support or no support included in the compensation, support and resettlement.

- + Households with affected land and assets in the safe corridor: there is 01 households in Muong Ang district (Package EVN NPC-ADB-W8.5 under Phase 1 of the project) has a livestock barn of 41,11 m<sup>2</sup> affected by the project and agreed to get compensation in accordance with the compensation rate suggested by Dien Bien province. If the affected area includes rice and short-term crops, the compensation shall be in cash for output of a season at the market price based on calculating the average yield of the three most recent years. The area to be compensated is the area affected area in the safety corridor. Trees with height of over 4m are affected within the safety corridor, the site clearance board shall conduct inventory, making detailed plan for compensation based on the local compensation rate and the market price at the time of compensation. Trees and crops affected by the construction and installation process, the compensation is paid by the construction contractor. The compensation rates are calculated upon tree type and age and agreed between the construction contractor and all affected households.
- + Households with affected land and assets in the construction zone of substations and pole foundations: Land for building substations and power poles shall be permanently acquired. However, this affected area to each household is very small. Soil and crops shall be compensated in cash at the local compensation rate and the market price at the time of compensation. Trees are compensated according to the local compensation rate approved by the local authorities on the basis of tree type and age. Temporarily affected area during the foundation construction area shall be cleaned and returned to the owner.

11. After the compensation plan is developed and agreed, Land Fund Development Centre at districts (or district land acquisition committees) shall publicly post the plan for compensation, support and resettlement in the CPC's headquarters project and living residential areas where land is acquired so that people to be compensated for land acquisition and related people give comments and feedback. The publication and posting was made in a record certified by the CPC representatives, representatives of the Commune Fatherland Front Committee, representatives of those who have acquired land.

12. The time for posting and receiving comments is at least 20 days from the date of posting. When posting and receiving comments expired, Land Fund Development Centre at districts (or district land acquisition committees) are responsible for collecting all comments, then if there are different opinions compared to the plan for compensation, support and resettlement, there must be adjustment on the original plan (if any); completing the revised plan and submitting it attached comments to the Natural Resources and Environment for evaluation.

13. Most of the affected households have agreed with the published clearance compensation. At first some comments from households are not satisfied with the compensation rate, Dien Bien PC has collaborated with the Land Fund Development Centre to work with households and seek

their agreement and then had adjustments before submitting the compensation plan to the appraisal agencies. Households now completely agree with the plan.

14. After finishing the plan for compensation, support and resettlement, Department of Natural Resource and Environment (or the Land Fund Development Centre ) in coordination with other relevant agencies conduct the evaluation. After evaluation and adjustment (if any), DPC shall approve the plan given the request from Department of Natural Resource and Environment (or the Land Fund Development Centre ). Throughout the project, the time of approval of each district is different. Total value of land clearance compensation (including the cost of compensation paid to the affected households and execution costs paid to local organizations) under the plan developed and approved for the phase 1 was VND2844.6 million, the value of compensation of the phase 2 was VND305.32 million. The date of decision on approving the plan stated in the official may be different from the actual time approving the plan, the date stated in the official decision presents the time parties agreed on the compensation value and rate.

15. Announcement of the plan for compensation, support and resettlement: After being approved by, the district Land Fund Development Centre (or the district land acquisition committee) is responsible for coordinating with the CPC, Dien Bien PC to have notification and public posting of the approved compensation plan at the CPC headquarters and living residential areas where land is acquired; the decision on compensation, support and resettlement for people whose land is acquired specifying the level of compensation, support, time and place of payment of compensation, support and time for handover land for clearance must be sent to affected households.

16. After the announcement of the plan for compensation, support and resettlement approved by DPC, the district Land Fund development Centre (or the district land acquisition committee) and PC Dien Bien, the payment of compensation, support and resettlement for the affected households shall be implemented according to the notice.

#### **4. Compensation costs**

17. PC Dien Bien implements the payment of compensation and support for those affected by the project in accordance with the resettlement policy framework and the approved plan of compensation, support and resettlement.

18. The payment of compensation for land acquisition, property damage is made with complete payment vouchers and signed by the person entitled to compensation or assistance. Full payment of compensation shall be certified by the local authorities. The compensation shall not be deducted for any amount that affected people owe to the local authorities.

19. The payment of compensation to affected households is implemented in accordance with the Decision on approving the compensation plan by the DPCs. All affected households are informed of the time and place of payment. The payment has to be done quickly through simple procedures and convenient for beneficiaries.

+ In Phase 1 of the project, **VND2,638.84 million** has been paid for 3177 affected households. The remaining value of VND205.78 million is implementation costs of the Land Fund Development Center (packages of W8.5, W8.6, W8.7) which was originally advanced from

20-50% depending on each district, PC Dien Bien have made payments under the contract after completing the settlement for site clearance.

+ In Phase 2 of the project, **VND265.68 million** has been paid for 342 affected households. The remaining of VND39.6 million as implementation costs were paid to the Land Fund Development Center, which were advanced from 20-50% depending on each district. PC Dien Bien has made payments under the contract after completing the settlement for site clearance.

20. After completing the plan for compensation, support for those affected, the Land Fund Development Center (or district land acquisition committee), the investor in conjunction with the local government where the land is recovered, together draw lessons and experience to solve the households unsatisfied with the plan (if any).

**Table 05: Status of compensation payment**

| No. | Packages/components/subprojects | Status of compensation payment |                              | Status of site clearance  |                                |
|-----|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------|
|     |                                 | # of AHs received compensation | # of AHs refuse compensation | # of AHs handed over land | # of AHs do not hand over land |
|     | <b>Phase 1</b>                  | <b>3,177</b>                   |                              | <b>3,177</b>              |                                |
| 1   | EVN NPC-ADB-W8.1                | 292                            | 0                            | 292                       | 0                              |
| 2   | EVN NPC-ADB-W8.2                | 273                            | 0                            | 273                       | 0                              |
| 3   | EVN NPC-ADB-W8.3                | 446                            | 0                            | 446                       | 0                              |
| 4   | EVN NPC-ADB-W8.4                | 370                            | 0                            | 370                       | 0                              |
| 5   | EVN NPC-ADB-W8.5                | 272                            | 0                            | 272                       | 0                              |
| 6   | EVN NPC-ADB-W8.6                | 531                            | 0                            | 531                       | 0                              |
| 7   | EVN NPC-ADB-W8.7                | 993                            | 0                            | 993                       | 0                              |
|     | <b>Phase 2</b>                  | <b>342</b>                     |                              | <b>342</b>                |                                |
| 1   | EVN NPC-ADB ĐB-6a.AF            | 13                             | 0                            | 13                        | 0                              |
| 2   | EVN NPC-ADB ĐB-6b.AF            | 47                             | 0                            | 47                        | 0                              |
| 3   | EVN NPC-ADB ĐB-6c.AF            | 41                             | 0                            | 41                        | 0                              |
| 4   | EVN NPC-ADB ĐB-6d.AF            | 42                             | 0                            | 42                        | 0                              |
| 5   | EVN NPC-ADB ĐB-6e.AF            | 55                             | 0                            | 55                        | 0                              |
| 6   | EVN NPC-ADB ĐB-6f.AF            | 27                             | 0                            | 27                        | 0                              |
| 7   | EVN NPC-ADB ĐB-6g.AF            | 60                             | 0                            | 60                        | 0                              |
| 8   | EVN NPC-ADB ĐB-6h.AF            | 57                             | 0                            | 57                        | 0                              |
|     | <b>Total</b>                    | <b>3,519</b>                   |                              | <b>3,519</b>              |                                |

**Table 06: The status of the payment of compensation to affected households**

| No. | Packages/components/subpr<br>ojects | Compensation Costs<br>(VND) | Total paid (VND)     |                    |
|-----|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------|--------------------|
|     |                                     | Actual amount               | Paid to date         | To be paid         |
|     | <b>Phase 1</b>                      | <b>2,844,633,517</b>        | <b>2,638,845,558</b> | <b>205,788,061</b> |
| 1   | EVN NPC-ADB-W8.1                    | 321,608,306                 | 321,608,306          |                    |
| 2   | EVN NPC-ADB-W8.2                    | 307,993,750                 | 307,993,750          |                    |
| 3   | EVN NPC-ADB-W8.3                    | 349,417,477                 | 349,417,477          |                    |
| 4   | EVN NPC-ADB-W8.4                    | 282,758,107                 | 282,758,107          |                    |
| 5   | EVN NPC-ADB-W8.5                    | 370,730,694                 | 322,374,517          | 48,356,177         |
| 6   | EVN NPC-ADB-W8.6                    | 444,235,381                 | 386,963,101          | 57,272,280         |
| 7   | EVN NPC-ADB-W8.7                    | 767,889,802                 | 667,730,300          | 100,159,604        |
|     | <b>Phase 2</b>                      | <b>265,682,315</b>          | <b>265,682,315</b>   | <b>39,638,000</b>  |
| 1   | EVN NPC-ADB ĐB-6a.AF                | 2,558,000                   | 2,558,000            |                    |
| 2   | EVN NPC-ADB ĐB-6b.AF                | 32,003,651                  | 32,003,651           |                    |
| 3   | EVN NPC-ADB ĐB-6c.AF                | 47,090,936                  | 47,090,936           |                    |
| 4   | EVN NPC-ADB ĐB-6d.AF                | 9,411,068                   | 9,411,068            |                    |
| 5   | EVN NPC-ADB ĐB-6e.AF                | 44,601,600                  | 44,601,600           |                    |
| 6   | EVN NPC-ADB ĐB-6f.AF                | 17,846,000                  | 17,846,000           |                    |
| 7   | EVN NPC-ADB ĐB-6g.AF                | 16,175,400                  | 16,175,400           |                    |
| 8   | EVN NPC-ADB ĐB-6h.AF                | 95,995,660                  | 95,995,660           |                    |
|     | <b>Total phase 1 and phase 2</b>    | <b>3,149,953,832</b>        | <b>2,904,527,873</b> | <b>245,426,061</b> |

## **5. Implementation of settlement and site clearance**

21. As mentioned above, the project only acquires land used for building substations and electric pole foundations. The acquired area for each household is very small compared to the total property area. Further, the acquired area will not affect the property's value structures such as houses or buildings, so the project does not have severely affected to households, and then no households have to relocate.

22. After PC Dien Bien collaboration with to the district Land Fund Development Center (or the district land acquisition committee) implement the counting of districts, committing to pay adequate compensation while the affected households shall hand over to the contractor.

## **6. Restoring the livelihoods and lives of the affected households**

23. Given the compensation scope for the phase 1 and phase 2, there have been not severely affected people, land acquisition is at small area without effect to the lives of local people affected. So there is no need to build programs to restore livelihoods and lives of the affected people.

## **7. Evaluating the satisfaction level of affected households on the payment of compensation for land acquisition**

24. Most affected people are satisfied with the policies and values of compensation and assistance provided by the project. Some households were at first unhappy and suggested an increase in the value of compensation but no factual basis. PC Dien Bien in collaboration with the Land Fund Development Center (the land acquisition committee), the local government explained, negotiated and achieved the consensus with those households.

## **8. Conformity in the clearance progress with the construction progress and next plans**

25. Given the large area of the project spreading over many communities, small-scale district, many Land Fund Development Centers (the land acquisition committees) of different districts shall participate in the implementation of compensation, support and resettlement. The district Land Fund Development Centers are in lack of manpower, while the implementation of other projects in the province should have a great influence on the progress of land acquisition for the project implementation. Furthermore, given that the project shall be implemented on remote geographical areas and fragment population, distant upland, the counting of household therefore takes a lot of time. On the other hand when the plan has been finalized, the payment of compensation in the rainy season was very difficult because the road from the households to the CPCs may be eroded and immobile. Under the provisions of the ADB and the Resettlement Policy Framework in the project which was approved, the compensation for land clearance must be completed before the construction. But with special conditions, it's had to comply with this principle in compensation. So PC Dien Bien has combined with propagation and dissemination of information and have received the love of the affected households, then combined compensation and construction has been allowed. In general, the site clearance work has faced many difficulties despite no effect to the whole construction schedule, has not met the progress required under the provisions of ADB for clearance and settlement site clearance.

# **III. REMAINING PROBLEMS**

## **1. Remaining problems**

26. The project of Expansion and renovation of the grid to remote communes - ADB Loan - Phase 1 and Phase 2 in Dien Bien province shall be actually implemented mainly in districts and communes with rugged mountainous terrain, transportation difficulties. As a peculiar northwest mountainous province, the majority of affected households in Dien Bien province are ethnic minorities, in low educational level which has caused delays in process of inventory, declaration of land, trees and crops of the CPC and the district Land Fund Development Centre and the investor.

27. To approve a detailed plan for site clearance compensation, there must be land acquisition and land compensation for land occupied permanently to build electricity pole

foundation. The implementation of land acquisition and land compensation following the construction work, especially medium-voltage power lines and low voltage is too difficult and complex. Because the number of power foundation and poles are too much but the acquired land for one location is too small. If the process of land acquisition compensation is slow, this shall lead to delays in approving detailed compensation, slow construction then leading to inflation or price adjustments, even the contractors withdraw and there shall a need for re-bidding dragging work progress and increasing the total investment of the project. To fix these problems, the investor, the local authorities and the district land acquisition committee after completing the counting at field shall hand over immediately to investors for their construction to reduce the impact on the construction schedule. Besides, as the process of implementation and approval for the clearance plan related to the state policy has some adjustments (in accordance with the revised Land Law 2013), then the process of organizing has still faced many obstacles causing delays in the completion of approval for the compensation plan.

Solutions:

28. The consistency and accuracy in the compensation policy for land clearance and resettlement must be ensure avoiding the situation that each district, each construction work provide different level of compensation easily raising the idea of comparing benefits from the beneficiaries. Therefore, suitable methods for solving objective requirements must be made and put in the state overall administrative management. The implementation process should be consistent about how to resolve under the leadership and guidance of the local government and in the close cooperation and coordination between departments and levels to follow the principle of ensuring the accuracy of transparency, democracy, fairness and compliance with the order and procedures prescribed by law.

29. With the fact that the grid construction is the stretching work especially in mountainous and remote areas including the protection corridor (temporarily affected), the land area permanently affected is not large (pillars, anchor foundation ...) affected households live far away, so it's impossible to conduct the counting and investigations to complete land acquisition compensation plan before starting work process. Thus, for such a project to build the grid on mountain area, the site clearance work must be implemented in parallel with the construction progress.

#### **IV. CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

##### **1. Conclusion**

30. PC Dien Bien and the district Land Fund Development Centers (the land acquisition committees) have complied with the resettlement process as outlined in the project RP and prescribed by the Government. The common stages of information dissemination, inventory, payment of compensation are participatory and monitored by representatives of affected households. For the clearance progress although no guarantees as planned, PC Dien Bien has implemented many positive activities such as working with local authorities to overcome difficulties, and mobilize the affected households to allows the execution to be in parallel with the compensation to promote the maximum progress of the project. The internal monitoring has been also fully and regularly done. Overall, the goal of implementing compensation and assistance for affected households has been in principle completed.

## **2. Recommendations**

31. In fact when implementing grid projects in districts, the site clearance work is a combination of many other areas such as policy, prices, land management, public relations ... Besides, the site clearance work is under the influence of the local specific provisions. Therefore, the success in the implementation of site clearance work of a project depends largely on the interest of the local government. To shorten the duration of the site clearance work, the investor frequently need to coordinate and work with the local authorities to steer Land Fund Development Centers (the land acquisition committees) and management agencies to focus on the implementation. Also given above mentioned difficulties and scatterings and small-scale of rural grid project, the completion of land acquisition before the construction is impossible. Therefore, with consultation form local people, if agreed, the construction can be done in parallel with the site clearance and compensation to accelerate the project progress and ensure accuracy in the counting and inventory of damage suffered by the affected households.