

Due Diligence Report

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VIE: Second Upper Secondary Education Development Project (USEDP II) – Lao Cai Province

Bac Ha No. 1 Upper Secondary School

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ACCRONYMS

ADB	-	Asian Development Bank
CPMU	-	Central Project Management Unit
EMs	-	Ethnic Minorities
MOET	-	Ministry of Education and Training
RP	-	Resettlement Plan
USEDP II	-	Second Upper Secondary Education Project
USS	-	Upper Secondary School

I. INTRODUCTION

1. The Ministry of Education and Training (MOET) is implementing the Second Upper Secondary Education Development Project (USEDP II, or the Project) in the 33 provinces of Viet Nam, through Loan № 2929 – VIE (SF) from Asian Development Bank (ADB). Under the Project, a total of 135 upper secondary schools (USSs) and six (6) pedagogical centers have been selected for assistance. In the screening and categorization for social safeguards, Category A subprojects are automatically excluded as Category C shall be prioritized for financing. The subproject USSs with minor impacts (Category B) may be considered subject to the preparation and implementation of a resettlement plan (RP) acceptable to ADB, as prescribed in 2009 Safeguard Policy Statement (SPS). The RP for Category B subproject shall be approved first by the Bank and downloaded at ADB website before implementation by MOET.

2. **Lao Cai** is the country's province in the Northern Midland and Mountain Areas largely inhabited by ethnic minorities (EMs) that borders with Yunan Province in China. Two (2) USSs were selected for the Project in the province but one is excluded in this report pending validation on the status of land acquisition¹. As screened, Bac Ha № 1 Upper Secondary School is classified as Category C subprojects both in Involuntary Resettlement and Indigenous Peoples categorization (see **Attachment 1**), since no social impacts are expected as they shall be constructed inside the schools' premises. The Central Project Management Unit (CPMU) of USEDP II has submitted this Due Diligence Report (DDR) for information of ADB and to secure its "No Objection" for the award of civil works contract for the construction of facilities in this school.

II. APPROACH AND METHODOLOGY IN DUE DILIGENCE

3. The CPMU has applied the selection criteria in evaluating the USSs included in the long list. The criteria were developed during the PPTA. Given the large number of USSs and their geographic locations, the CPMU sent questionnaires for filling up by the school officials whose responses were the basis for screening and selection in producing the shortlist of USSs. The school officials of shortlisted USSs were then again given two sets of questionnaires. The first set was used in gathering information on their proposed facilities and statistical data that justify their proposal. The proposed investments were then screened and the CPMU made the reasonable distribution of facilities that are urgently needed. The second set was aimed to validate if land acquisition shall be required. The staff and the Social Safeguards Specialists at the CPMU have visited the schools in Lao Cai Province to validate the information provided before this DDR was finalized.

III. THE PROPOSED FACILITIES

4. Bac Ha № 1 USS proposes for the construction of seven (7) regular classrooms and three (3) function rooms for the holding of classes in biology, physics, chemistry, and laboratory. The construction of regular classrooms will follow the standard dimension as provided for in Decision № 37/2008/QĐ-BGDĐT (July 16, 2008) by MOET. The following dimension of each classroom is as follows: length = 7.8 m and width = 9.9 m. Comprising the width is 7.5 m working area and 2.4 m for the corridor. Each classroom shall have a total area of 56.77 m².

5. The function rooms shall have the following dimensions: length = 11.7 m and width = 9.6 m. The length shall be composed of 7.8 m for working area and 3.9 m for preparation room of teacher. The width is composed of 7.5 m for activity room and 2.1 m for the corridor. Overall, each function room shall have a total area of 83.92 m² in which 56.47 m² for activity room and 27.45 m² for preparation room of the teacher.

¹ This refers to Bat Xat № 1 Upper Secondary School Bat Xai District.

IV. BRIEF PROFILE OF BAC HA № 1 USSs

6. The school was established in 1996 at Bac Ha Town on the 8,017.4 m² land granted by the government and covered by Land Use Right Certificate № BKD 59102. It is located at the center of Bac Ha District, with some 919.0 m², or 11.5%, of land are used for school buildings. During the school-year 2013-2014, the school had a population of 724 students, 438 males and 286 females, which were composed of 257 from Grade 10, 246 in Grade 11 and 221 in Grade 12. At 80.4%, the ethnic minority group composed the majority of the students as the Kinh shared only 19.6%.

7. During the last five (5) school-years, the school population grew by an annual rate of 5.1% that prompted the school officials to request for seven (7) additional classrooms and three (3) function rooms to MOET. Bac Ha № 1 USS has 49 staff, six (6) are non-teaching as 43 are teachers, 12 males and 31 females, of which 35 are Kinh as eight (8) are EMs. All the teachers are university graduates and two (2) have their master degrees as one (1) is pursuing for the same title.

V. ASSESSMENT OF SOCIAL IMPACTS

8. Adverse social impacts are not expected from the construction of seven (7) classrooms and three (3) function rooms for Bac Ha № 1 USS in Lao Cai Province. The school premises are enclosed with concrete or wooden fences as protection from encroachers, and neither a house nor structure of private person was allowed by the school administration. Given the area of 56.77 m² for each of the seven (7) classrooms and 83.92 m² for each of the three (3) function rooms, this subproject will require a total area of 649.15 m² (397.39 m² for the classrooms and 251.76 m² for the function rooms). The area is only equivalent to **8.1%** of its 8,017.4 m² land. If this is added to the area occupied by existing buildings, this would increase to 19.6%. Therefore, land acquisition beyond the boundary of school's premises is not required.

9. With the foregoing information on the proposed subproject in Lao Cai Province, request for "No Objection" for the award of civil works contracts is being sought by MOET from ADB.

Attachment – 1

Involuntary Resettlement Impact Categorization Checklist

Project: **Second Upper Secondary Education Development Project (USEDP II)1**

Subproject: **Bac Ha № 1 Upper Secondary School**

Province: Lao Cal District: Bac Ha (Bac Ha Sub-Town) CATEGORY: C

Probable Involuntary Resettlement Effects	Yes	No	Not Known	Remarks
Involuntary Acquisition of Land				
1. Will there be land acquisition?		✓		Civil works and rehabilitation shall be undertaken inside the school premises.
2. Is the site for land acquisition known?		✓		Land acquisition will only happen if there is an expansion of school premises. But so far, there is no proposal for expansion.
3. Is the ownership status and current usage of land to be acquired known?				This is not applicable to the project since there is no expansion of school premises.
4. Will easement be utilized within an existing Right of Way (ROW)?		✓		The school has already an entrance and will not be touched by the construction seven (7) classrooms and three (3) function rooms at the .school premises.
5. Will there be loss of shelter and residential land use to land acquisition?		✓		Not a house or residential land shall be affected given the wide space of school premises.
6. Will there be loss of agricultural and other productive assets due to land acquisition?		✓		All civil works shall be undertaken in school premises. .
7. Will there be loss of crops, trees, and fixed assets due to land acquisition?		✓		Trees or crops of private persons shall not be affected. While there are some trees in school premises, it is unlikely that they shall be affected by the construction. ..
8. Will there be loss of business or enterprises due to land acquisition?		✓		Not a single business will be affected as all civil works and rehabilitation shall be done inside the school premises. .
9. Will there be loss of income sources and means of livelihoods due to land acquisition?		✓		The Project will rather create livelihood or employment in the locality due to construction of school rooms.
Involuntary Restrictions on land use or on access to legally designated parks and protected areas				
10. Will people lose access to natural resources, communal facilities and services?		✓		All civil works and rehabilitation shall be undertaken in school premises. .
11. If land use is changed, will it have an adverse impact on social and economic activities?				No current use of land will be changed and therefore there is no impact on the socio-economic activities of the people.
12. Will access to land and resources owned by the communally or by the state be restricted?		✓		Restriction to land resources of the community or by the state is unlikely.
Information on Displaced Persons				
Any estimate of the likely number of persons that will be displaced by the Project? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> Not applicable				
If yes, approximately how many? .				
Are any of the poor, female-headed households, or vulnerable to poverty risks? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> Not applicable				
Are any displaced persons from indigenous or ethnic minority groups? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> Not applicable				

Indigenous Peoples Impact Screening Checklist

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Subproject: **Bac Ha № 1 Upper Secondary School**

Province: Lao Cai District: Bac Ha (Bac Ha Sub-Town) CATEGORY: C

KEY CONCERNS (Please provide elaborations on the Remarks column)	YES	NO	NOT KNOWN	Remarks
A. Indigenous Peoples Identification				
1. Are there socio-cultural group present in or use the project areas who may be considered as “tribes” (hill tribes, schedules tribes, tribal peoples), “minorities” (ethnic or national minorities) or “indigenous communities” in the project area?		✓		The land is allocated solely for the school. If there are ethnic minorities, they are among students of the school pursuing their upper secondary education. .
2. Are there national or local laws or policies as well as anthropological researches/studies that consider these groups present in or using the project area as belonging to “ethnic minorities”, scheduled tribes, tribal peoples, national minorities, or cultural communities?	✓			Some students are children of ethnic minorities in Vietnam who are recognized by the Government. Their rights are embodied in the 2013 Constitution.
3. Do such groups self-identity as taking part of a distinct social and cultural group?	✓			They belong to the 54 different ethnic minorities in the country.
4. Do such groups maintain collective attachments to distinct habitats or ancestral territories and/or to the natural resources in these habitats and territories?		✓		The land being used by the school is exclusively for education purposes where the ethnic minorities has no collective attachments..
5. Do such groups maintain cultural, economic, social, and political institutions distinct from the dominant society and culture?	✓			Such groups maintain cultural, economic, social, and political institutions distinct from the dominant society and culture.
6. Do such groups speak a distinct language or dialect?	✓			Ethnic minority students and ethnic minority teachers speak dialects distinct from the mainstream society.
7. Has such groups been historically, socially and economically marginalized, disempowered, excluded, and/or discriminated against?	✓			Such groups are socially and economically marginalized due to their geographic location.
8. Are such groups represented as “Indigenous Peoples” or as “ethnic minorities” or “scheduled tribes” or “tribal populations” in any formal decision-making bodies at the national or local levels?	✓			Outside of the school, such groups are represented as “ethnic minorities” in formal decision-making bodies at the national or local levels.
B. Identification of Potential Impacts				
9. Will the project directly or indirectly benefit or target Indigenous Peoples?	✓			The students from indigenous communities will directly benefit from the Project in terms of improved quality of education.
10. Will the project directly or indirectly affect Indigenous Peoples’ traditional socio-cultural and belief practices? (e.g. child-rearing, health, education, arts, and governance)?	✓			The project shall only deliver quality education but will not impose changes in sociocultural practices of ethnic minorities.
11. Will the project affect the livelihood systems of Indigenous Peoples? (e.g. food production system, natural resource management, crafts and trade, employment status)		✓		The construction of classrooms will be done in school premises.
12. Are there socio-cultural group present in or use the project areas who may be considered as “tribes” (hill tribes, schedules tribes, tribal peoples), “minorities” (ethnic or national minorities) or “indigenous communities” in the project area?		✓		The sub-project area is inside the school premises.

KEY CONCERNS (Please provide elaborations on the remarks column)	YES	NO	NOT KNOWN	Remarks
C. Identification of Special Requirements <i>Will the project activities include:</i>				
13. Commercial development of the cultural resources and knowledge of Indigenous Peoples?		✓		There is no commercial development of cultural resources as the sub-project involves the construction of classrooms...
14. Physical displacements from traditional or customary lands?		✓		Physical displacement from traditional or customary lands will not happen in the sub-project area.
15. Commercial development of natural resources (such as minerals, hydrocarbons, forest, water, hunting or fishing ground) within customary lands under use that would impact the livelihoods or the cultural ceremonial, spiritual uses that define the identity and community of Indigenous Peoples?		✓		The activities in the sub-project area will involve the construction of seven (7) classrooms and three (3) function rooms at the school premises.
16. Establishing legal recognition of rights to lands and territories that are traditionally owned or customarily used, occupied or claimed by indigenous peoples?		✓		The sub-project will only involve the construction of classrooms.
17. Acquisition of lands that are traditionally owned or customarily used, occupied or claimed by indigenous peoples?		✓		There is no acquisition of lands.

D. Anticipated Project Impacts on Indigenous Peoples

Project component/ activity/output	Anticipated positive effects	Anticipated negative effects
1. Construction of seven (7) classrooms at the school premises. It will follow the standard dimension as provided for in Decision 37/2008/QD-BGDDT (July 16, 2008). Each classroom shall have the following dimensions: length = 7.8 m and width = 9.9 m. Comprising the width is 7.5 m working area and 2.4 m for the corridor. The classroom shall have a total area of 56.77 m ² .	The provisions of new classrooms will accommodate the increasing number of upper secondary education students. It will also facilitate in providing them quality upper secondary education.	None
2. Construction of three (3) function rooms in the school premises. Each function room shall have the following dimensions: length = 11.7 m and width = 9.6 m. The length shall be composed of 7.8 m for working area and 3.9 m for preparation room of teacher. The width is composed of 7.5 m for activity room and 2.1 m for the corridor. Overall, each function room shall have a total area of 83.92 m ² in which 56.47 m ² for activity room and 27.45 m ² for preparation room of teacher.	The function rooms shall be instrumental for the students to gain more knowledge in improved lessons in science. The function rooms shall be used in biology, chemistry, physics or laboratory rooms.	None