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ABBREVIATIONS

ADB	Asian Development Bank
BCCSAP	Bangladesh Climate Change Strategy and Action Plan
BREB	Bangladesh Rural Electrification Board
DPHE	Department of Public Health Engineering
EAP	Emergency Assistance Project
EARF	Environmental Assessment and Review Framework
ECA	Environmental Conservation Act
ECC	Environmental Clearance Certificate
ECR	Environmental Conservation Rules
EIA	Environmental Impact Assessment
EMP	Environmental Management Plan
ETP	Effluent Treatment Plant
GoB	Government of Bangladesh
H&S	Health and Safety
IEE	Initial Environmental Examination
LGED	Local Government Engineering Certificate
MPEMR	Ministry of Power, Energy and Mineral Resources
NFP	National Forest Policy
NOC	No Objection Certificate
RHD	Roads and Highways
SSC	Site Clearance Certificate
ToR	Terms of Reference
UN	United Nations
WB	World Bank

Executive Summary

- i. The Government of Bangladesh (GoB) requested Asian Development Bank (ADB) for grant support to provide basic infrastructure and essential services to displaced persons. Given the humanitarian need and heart-wrenching condition of the displaced persons, ADB is providing grant financing of \$100 million for the first phase of the project. ADB support will be focused, selective, and well-targeted in the areas of (i) road access to and within camps; (ii) water and sanitation; (iii) energy supply; and (iv) disaster risk mitigation. It will build on the support provided by GoB and complement support provided by the United Nations (UN) agencies, the World Bank (WB) and other agencies.
- ii. Output 03 of the project is “Energy Sources Provided”. This includes (a) providing retained heat cookers; (b) installation of solar powered streetlights and grid-connected streetlights; (c) construction of 33/11kV substation, (d) construction of 11 KV & below line with transformers. This Initial Environmental Examination (IEE) document is on the “construction of 11 KV & below line with transformers” subproject in Ukhiya.
- iii. This Initial Environmental Examination Report is on the subproject titled BANGLADESH: Emergency Assistance Project - Construction of 50 KM of 11 KV and below lines with necessary transformers from proposed two substations to Palongkhali area, Ukhiya. The sub-project is designated as EAP/BREB/W2 and located within the Refugee Camps in Ukhiya Upazila in Coxsbazar.
- iv. The IEE has been prepared based on the Environmental Assessment and Review Framework (EARF) developed by the ADB and endorsed by Bangladesh Government. The IEE also follows the guidelines of the Department of Environment (DoE) as required by the Environmental Conservation Rule (ECR) 1997 (amended 2002) and in accordance with the Safeguard Policy Statement 2009 (SPS 2009) of ADB and will be disclosed in the websites of the ADB and the implementing agencies.
- v. The scope of this report and the subsequent IEE is specific to the sub-project. It does not provide any assessment for any other/future developments or activities at the location or anywhere else within Cox’s Bazaar Area. Should any further development be planned either as result of this Project or other related work, additional planning and assessment to the requirements of the Government of Bangladesh must be carried out specifically in relation to that proposed development.
- vi. The environmental category of the sub-project is listed in Schedule – 1 of ECR and falls in Orange B. The project has been categorized as B for environment under the ADB’s Safeguards Policy Statement 2009 (SPS).
- vii. The Bangladesh Rural Electrification Board (BREB) aims to install 50km long 11KV/33KV distribution line and single phase lines that run through the Rohingya Refugee Camps. There is an existing 11KV/33KV line of BREB that connects Coxsbazaar and Palongkhali (10MVA) Grid. The proposed grid will run in parallel with the existing grid and the distribution lines of 11KV lines and single phase lines will branch out from the grid and run through the Rohingya Refugee Camps. The transmission and below lines include:
 - 11KV 3- ϕ HT line, length = 10km
 - 11KV 1- ϕ HT line, length = 28km
 - 0.23KV 1- ϕ LT line, length = 12km

- viii. Ukhiya is upazilla in Cox's Bazar district, Bangladesh, located at the south-eastern part of Bangladesh. The upazilla is consisted of five Union Parishads: (i) Halda Palong; (ii) Ranta Palong; (iii) Raja Palong; (iv) Jalia Palong and (v) Palong Khali. Ukhia Upazila covers an area of 261.8 sq km, located in between 21°08' and 21°21' north latitudes and in between 92°03' and 92°12' east longitudes (Banglapedia 2018). The area is bounded by Ramu upazila on the north, Teknaf upazila on the south, Arakan state of Myanmar and Naikhongchhari upazila on the east, the Bay of Bengal on the west.
- ix. Some aspects of the environment that are not expected to be significantly affected by the construction process have been screened out and will not be mentioned further in assessing the impacts of the construction process (Table 10).

Table 1 Sectors where no significant impacts envisaged

x. Field	xi. Rationale
Climate	Short-term production of dust is the only effect on atmosphere
Geology and seismology	Excavation will not be large enough to affect these features
Industries	There are no major industries in any areas to be affected by the project
Tourism	Tourists mostly drive by the villages located as these are located on the highway
Community	Construction will not affect population numbers, location or composition

- xii. **Ecological Impacts:** The proposed distribution line runs along the Kutupalong camp site on the main road. Some branching single lines will run through smaller roads. During field visit, it was observed that, the roads including the main road is devoid of vegetation and stream network. A small stream network is distributed throughout the area. The distribution lines do not cross or interact with them. Therefore, no significant impact is expected from the subproject in term of ecology.
- xiii. **Noise, Dust and Vibration:** Noise, dust and vibration will be generated during excavation for pole foundations, pole erection and movement of construction and maintenance vehicles at sites where distribution lines are upgraded and extended. However, noise, dust and vibration from the subproject is expected to be short lived; therefore no significant impact is envisaged.
- xiv. **Borrow Pits and Quarry Sites:** The subproject area, Kutupalong Refugee camp, is a hilly area. Therefore extract of materials and excavation can trigger instability and provoke localized landslides. Borrow pits and quarry sites will be selected avoiding protected and sensitive areas, nearby settlements, water sources, and in forest areas and fertile agricultural lands.
- xv. **Loss of Vegetation:** Usually, for transmission line establishment, the vegetation of the adjunct area needs to be removed or lopped. However, in Kutupalong campsite, there is existing vegetation on the RoW. Therefore, no impact is expected.
- xvi. **Water Quality:** Oil used in pole mounted transformers and oil spillage at new transformer locations may cause water contamination especially if there are nearby water bodies. There is a stream nearby. Therefore, there is a potential risk of water pollution near the stream area.
- xvii. **Surface Water and Groundwater Contamination:** Use of toxic materials such as solvents and vehicle maintenance fluid (oil, coolant) and diesel fuel may contaminate surface and groundwater if these are disposed of directly into the ground or washed into the streams. Human waste from

- construction workers may also contaminate surface water and groundwater if there are no adequate sanitary facilities.
- xviii. **Soil Quality:** Land may be disturbed during excavation for foundation works for poles. Soil quality as well as soil characteristics may deteriorate due to mishandling and disposing of solid wastes and oil during implementation. Proper waste handling procedures need to be in place to minimize impact to soil.
 - xix. **Wildlife Disturbance:** Clearing of existing vegetation may result in loss of associated ecological habitats and their fauna. However, subproject area is located in the camp site, which is devoid of any wildlife, vegetation or elephant. Therefore, no impact is predicted.
 - xx. **Hazardous Materials and Waste:** Oil used in pole mounted transformers and oil spillage at new pole line sites may result in soil and waterways being contaminated and aquatic animals being affected.
 - xxi. **Construction Waste:** Incorrectly managed construction waste may have impacts to the surrounding land. Proper disposal of solid waste should be implemented. During construction of the transmission line, a minimum of construction waste is expected.
 - xxii. **Construction Camp:** Poor siting and improper management of construction camps may lead to several adverse impacts on environment. In the subproject area, construction camp is suggested to be establish outside of the camp area to avoid the predicted impacts. There are few spaces outside of Camp 16, which are devoid of wildlife, vegetation and human settlement and close to the main road. Those areas could be ideal for construction of labor camp.
 - xxiii. **Traffic:** Traffic flow will be disrupted if routes for delivery of construction materials and temporary blockages during construction activities are not planned or coordinated. Road crossings may be temporarily affected during the process of erecting new poles and during stringing of conductors during construction phase. Therefore, disruption of traffic is expected and traffic diversion and traffic management during construction needs to be carefully planned and strictly maintained.
 - xxiv. The EMP is necessary on the grounds that it will manage the environment by off-setting the negative impacts with possible mitigation measures and enhancing the positive impacts within the allocated fund from the project.
 - xxv. The Environmental Management Plan (EMP) presented in **Table 12**. Only the prioritized risks are presented in the EMP for specific measures. The full-fledged Environmental Monitoring Plan with frequency and responsibilities is detailed in Table 13.
 - xxvi. The objective the grievance redress mechanism (GRM) is to resolve complaints as quickly as possible and at the local level through a process of conciliation; and, if that is not possible, to provide clear and transparent procedures for appeal.
 - xxvii. **SECOND LEVEL OF GRM:** Should the grievance remain unresolved; the contractor with assistance from DSC will forward the complaint to the PIU safeguards focal person. The person filing the grievance will be notified by DSC safeguards focal person that the grievance was forwarded to the PIU safeguards focal person.

- xxviii. Where an affected person is not satisfied with the outcomes of the 3 levels of the Project GRM, the affected person should make good faith efforts to resolve issues working with the South Asia Regional Department through ADB's Bangladesh Resident Mission.
- xxix. Meaningful stakeholder consultation and participation is part of the project preparation and implementation strategy. Consultation, participation and will ensure information is provided and feedback is obtained and considered on the implementation of subprojects.
- xxx. Initial Public consultation has been carried out in the project area with the objectives of minimizing probable adverse impacts of the project and to achieve speedy implementation of the project through bringing in awareness among the community on the benefits of the project. As part of the project consultations, efforts were made to consult with the public as well as a number of local authorities, to determine their thoughts, opinions and feedback on the impact of the proposed Shelter in their respective locations. Information and comments collected from the public early in the study process were of use.
- xxxi. Information is disclosed through public consultation and making available relevant documents in public locations. The following documents will be submitted to ADB for disclosure on its website:
- (i) IEEs (including subproject EMP);
 - (ii) Updated IEEs (including EMP) and corrective action plan prepared during project implementation, if any; and
 - (iii) Environmental monitoring reports.

1 Introduction

1.1 BACKGROUND

1 The Government of Bangladesh (GoB) requested Asian Development Bank (ADB) for grant support to provide basic infrastructure and essential services to displaced persons. Given the humanitarian need and heart-wrenching condition of the displaced persons, ADB is providing grant financing of \$100 million for the first phase of the project. ADB support will be focused, selective, and well-targeted in the areas of (i) road access to and within camps; (ii) water and sanitation; (iii) energy supply; and (iv) disaster risk mitigation. It will build on the support provided by GoB and complement support provided by the United Nations (UN) agencies, the World Bank (WB) and other agencies. With the principle of putting people first, the project will seek to ease the vulnerabilities and risk of hunger, disease, and disaster. The project is known as Emergency Assistance Project (Project No. 52174-001, Grant 0582-BAN).

2 The project is known as the Emergency Assistance Project (EAP). The project will support the Government of Bangladesh in addressing the immediate and urgent needs of the displaced persons from Myanmar in Coxsbazar District, as identified by the United Nations (UN) in its Joint Response Plan (JRP) (displaced persons). The project will mainly support the improvement of water supply and sanitation, disaster risk management, sustainable energy supply, and access roads.

3 The impact of the project will be: Social recovery of affected communities accelerated in the sub-districts of Ukhiya and Teknaf. The outcome will be: Living conditions and resilience of affected communities improved. Four (04) outputs are expected from this project. They are:

- Output 01: Water supply and sanitation improved.
- Output 02: Disaster risk management strengthened
- Output 03: Energy sources provided
- Output 04: Access roads improved.

4 Output 03 of the project is “Energy Sources Provided”. This includes (a) providing retained heat cookers; (b) installation of solar powered streetlights and grid-connected streetlights; (c) construction of 33/11kV substation, (d) construction of 11 KV & below line with transformers. This Initial Environmental Examination (IEE) document is on the “construction of 11 KV & below line with transformers” subproject in Ukhiya. A location map of the proposed subproject is presented in **Figure 1**.

5 This Initial Environmental Examination Report is on the subproject titled BANGLADESH: Emergency Assistance Project - Construction of 50 KM of 11 KV and below lines with necessary transformers from proposed two substations to Palongkhali area, Ukhiya. The sub-project is designated as EAP/BREB/W2 and located within the Refugee Camps in Ukhiya Upazila in Coxsbazar.

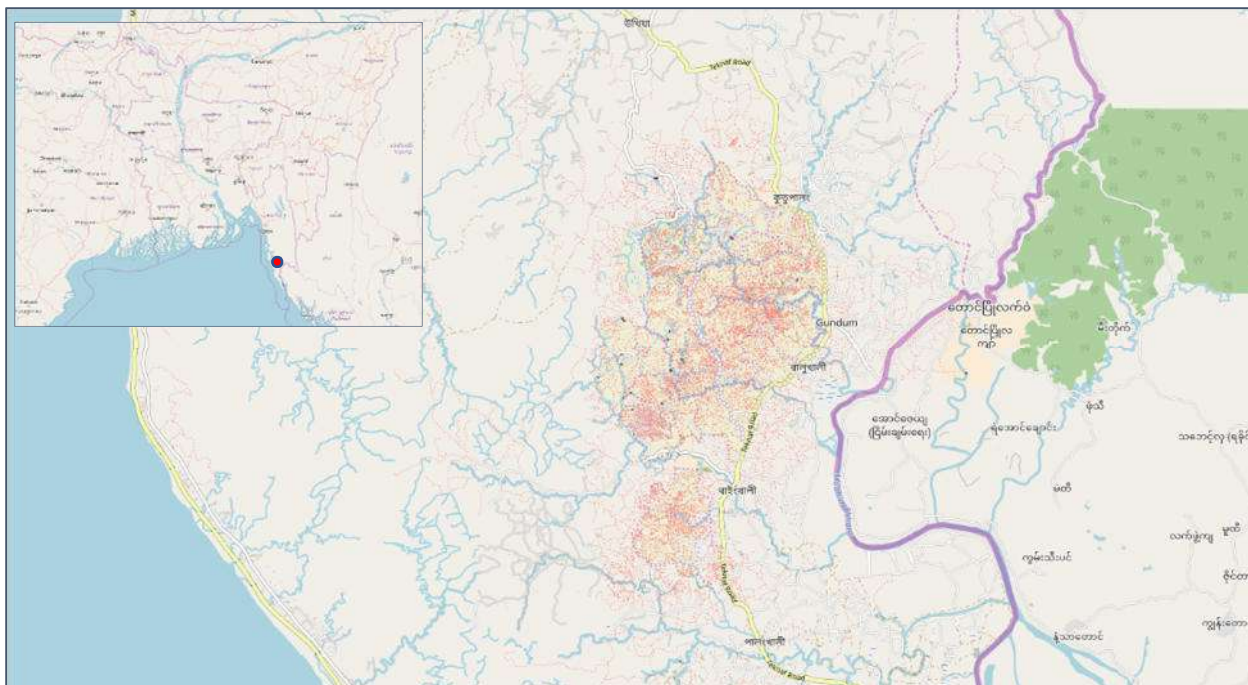


Figure 1 Location map of the subproject

1.2 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

6 The IEE has been prepared based on the Environmental Assessment and Review Framework (EARF) developed by the ADB and endorsed by Bangladesh Government. The IEE also follows the guidelines of the Department of Environment (DoE) as required by the Environmental Conservation Rule (ECR) 1997 (amended 2002) and in accordance with the Safeguard Policy Statement 2009 (SPS 2009) of ADB and will be disclosed in the websites of the ADB and the implementing agencies. This document shall serve as the base of environmental assessment of the proposed sub-project to be implemented by the executing agency and guideline for environmental management activities on-site.

1.3 SCOPE OF THIS REPORT

7 The Project require that any proposed development will require that the laws and regulations of Bangladesh are applied in full. The Project is then subject to approval under the Government of Bangladesh's Environment Conservation Act (1995) (ECA) and Environment Conservation Rules (1997).

8 The IEE report aims to provide guidance on safeguard screening, assessment, institutional arrangement and process to be followed for components of the project, where design takes place after Boards approval. This IEE:

- (i) describes the project and its components;
- (ii) explains the general anticipated environmental impacts and mitigation measures for the subprojects;

- (iii) specifies the requirements that will be followed in relation to screening and categorization, assessment, and planning, including arrangements for meaningful consultation with affected people and other stakeholders and information disclosure requirements;
- (iv) assesses the capability of the project proponents to implement national laws and ADB's requirements, and identifies needs for capacity building;
- (v) specifies implementation procedures, institutional arrangements, and capacity development requirements; and
- (vi) specifies monitoring and reporting requirements. Moreover, this IEE is to ensure, in line with ADB EARF, that the sub-project, in the entirety of its project cycle, will not deteriorate or interfere with the environmental sensitivity of the project area, but rather improve environmental quality.

9 This report fulfils the requirements of IEE under the provisions of the ECR. The IEE identifies potential environmental and social impacts and issues associated with undertaking the proposed project. It provides an outline of the potential positive and negative impacts as a result of the Project and proposes suitable mitigation and management measures.

10 The scope of this report and the subsequent IEE is specific to the sub-project. It does not provide any assessment for any other/future developments or activities at the location or anywhere else within Cox's Bazaar Area. Should any further development be planned as result of either this Project or other related work, additional planning and assessment to the requirements of the Government of Bangladesh must be carried out specifically in relation to that proposed development.

1.4 APPROACH AND METHODOLOGY

11 The primary purpose of the IEE is to investigate and describe impacts of the proposed subproject to the existing environmental elements. Specifically, the study aims to predict the potential impacts of the project activities and recommend mitigation and abatement measures for impacts (in the pre-construction, construction and operational stages of development) that are considered potentially adverse to the surrounding environment.

12 In general, this IEE intends to:

- Examine and describe the existing status of the various ecological, physical and human related components surrounding the project area;
- Predict the potential significant impacts of the project on the surrounding environment during the pre-construction, construction, operations and maintenance stages and recommend appropriate mitigation and abatement measures; and
- Identify residual impacts of the project and recommend appropriate short-term and long-term management plans.

1.4.1 Data sources of IEE

13 The following documents were used as reference in the preparation of the IEE report:

- Available technical reports from various organization

- Available laws, rules, regulations, acts, policies from Bangladesh Government websites
- Maps from open sources and various governmental and non-governmental websites
- Data from secondary literatures in including books and relevant websites

1.4.2 Scoping and gathering baseline data

14 Scoping of issues to be addressed in the IEE was conducted early in the assessment process (i.e. Field visit) to collect the appropriate baseline information so that collected and the IEE report/study can focused on the relevant issues needed.

15 The objectives of undertaking the scoping activities were:

- To provide an early link among the implementing agency, the recipient and affected community and the IEE preparer;
- To ensure that the IEE will address only relevant issues and concerns;
- To present the scope of environmental studies, issues and alternatives that requires thorough examination and consideration in the master plan; and
- To ensure complete coverage of potential environmental and social issues that is required under the ADB Environmental and Social Considerations.

1.5 STRUCTURE OF THIS REPORT

16 Following the SPS 2009, the Report is structured as follows:

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| Chapter 1 | Introduction provides the background on the project, purpose of this report, approach and methodology |
| Chapter 2 | Policy, Legal, and Administrative Framework presents a review of relevant national laws and policies, international environmental obligations, and ADB's environmental requirements, procedure of environmental clearance, environmental categorization |
| Chapter 3 | Description of the Project provides a brief description of the Project, the location, size and need, description of project components |
| Chapter 4 | Analysis of Alternatives presents the alternatives considered during the feasibility study in order to arrive at the best option. |
| Chapter 5 | Description of the Baseline Environment includes details on the baseline data for environmental conditions in the project area (current features and conditions, pre-project) |
| Chapter 6 | Anticipated Potential Project Impacts identifies the potential environmental, economic and social impacts from pre-construction, construction, and operation phase. |
| Chapter 7 | Environmental Mitigation and Management Plan |
| Chapter 8 | Environmental Monitoring Program and Institutional Responsibilities outlines the environmental monitoring program, institutional responsibilities including the cost of implementing the EMP |

Chapter 9	Grievance Redress Mechanism describes the process of addressing complaints
Chapter 10	Stakeholder Consultation and Information Disclouser discusses the issues raised during the consultations, proposed actions to address them, and the information needed to disclose to the public.
Annex I	List of Participants in FGD

2 Policy, Legal and Administrative Framework

2.1 INTRODUCTION

17 This section of the IEE details the Administrative Framework for the Project, covering national requirements as well as applicable international treaties and conventions. The intent of this section is to lay out the regulatory and non-regulatory performance requirements for all stages of the Project. For the purposes of this report, only those regulatory elements directly relevant to the proposed Project will be discussed.

2.2 ENVIRONMENTAL LEGISLATION FRAMEWORK

2.2.1 Overview of the project approval process

18 Key legislation governing the environmental approvals process for the proposed Project is the Bangladesh Environmental Conservation Act, 1995 (BECA, 1995)¹ and the Environmental Conservation Rules (ECR, 1997)²

19 According to Rule 7 of the ECR, proposed developments within Bangladesh are classified as one of four categories, as follows:

- Green;
- Orange A;
- Orange B; and
- Red

20 These categories define proposed developments according to their potential environmental impact. Section 12 of the ECA states that ‘No industrial unit or project shall be established or undertaken without obtaining an Environmental Clearance Certificate from the Director General, in the manner prescribed by the Rules’.

2.2.2 Environmental Approval Framework

21 Key milestones in the approvals process are outlined in **Figure 2**. These comprise:

- **Project Authorization Letter:** Formal authorization of the Project by the Department of Energy and Mineral Resources is required in order for the environmental approvals process to formally commence.
- **No Objection Certificate (NOC):** An NOC must be received from the Deputy Commissioner in the sub-project area before the SCC application can be made.
- **Site Clearance Certificate (SCC):** An SCC will be issued by DoE upon approval of the IEE study (note that the IEE submission is to include the Project Authorization Letter, NOC and

¹ The Act was amended by Act Nos 12 of 2000, 9 of 2002, and 50 of 2010.

² The ECR was amended in 2002, 2005, 2010 and 2017.

SCC application form). The SCC will include a ToR for the IEE/EIA study, and typically provides authorization for site establishment works to commence.

- **Environmental Clearance Certificate (ECC):** The ECC will be issued by DoE upon approval of the IEE/EIA study (including associated EMP). The ECC allows project construction to commence, and contains specific approvals requirements for matters such as pollution control and environmental monitoring.

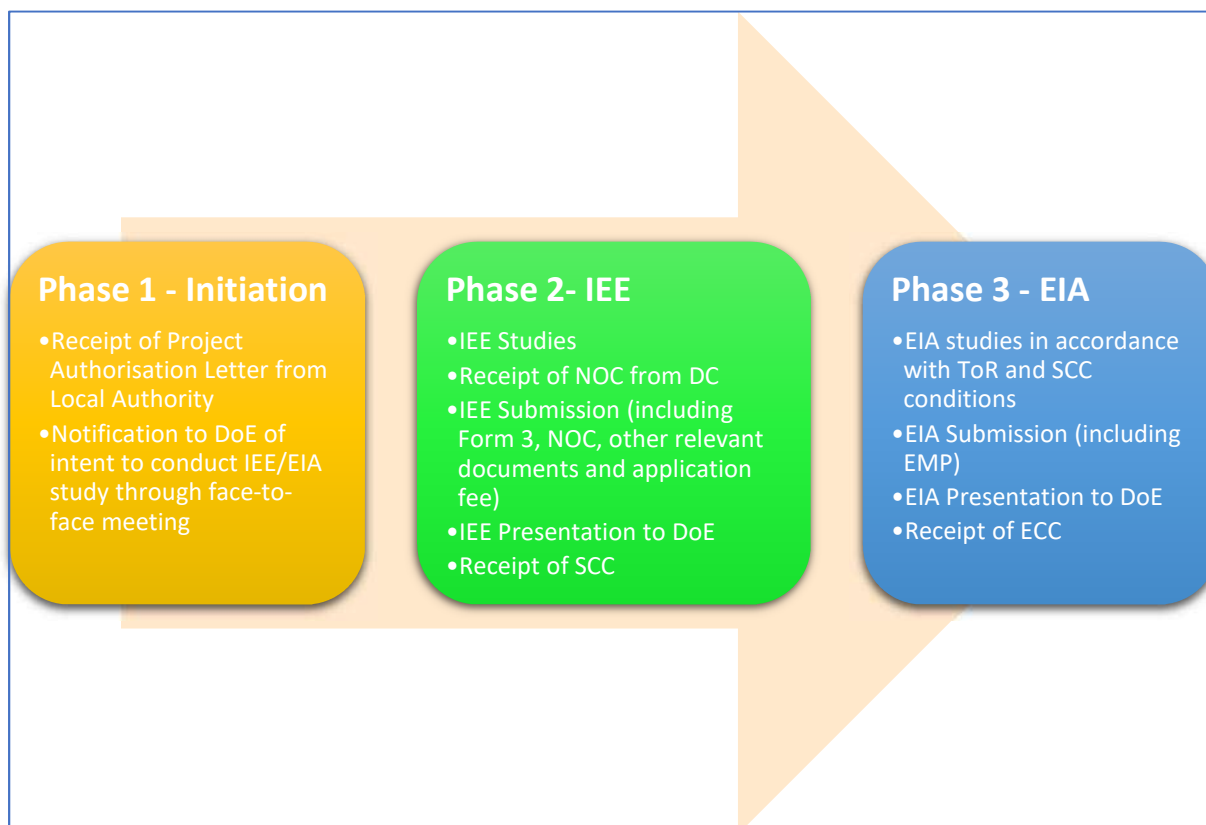


Figure 2 Bangladesh Environmental Regulatory Approvals Process

22 **Table 2** provides an overview of key Bangladesh legislative approvals requirements which are relevant to the Project, and the permissions required under this legislation in order to undertake the subproject works.

Table 2 Required Permissions for Project under Bangladesh Legislation

Legislation	Permission Required	Purpose	Permission Given By
Environment Conservation Act (1995) Environment Conservation Rules (1997)	SCC and ECC	DoE will issue an SCC to allow for a detailed EIA as per Section 12 (ECA), Rule- 7 and Form -3 of the ECR.	Director General of the Bangladesh DoE
Acquisition and Requisition of Immovable Property Act (1982)	Application required	To acquire and compensate for any Project land	Ministry of Land and Deputy Commissioner

Bangladesh Electricity Act (1910) and Regulations	Permission /licence required	Laying down or placement of electricity supply lines.	Rural Electrification Board/Power Development Board
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23 Rule 7 of ECR indicates the procedure and requirements for the issuance of an ECC. The corresponding requirements per category are described below:

Green category projects:

- i. completed application for ECC, and the appropriate fee (shown in Schedule 13);
- ii. general information about the project;
- iii. exact description of the raw materials to be used, and the product to be manufactured (where relevant); and
- iv. No-objection certificate from the local authority.

Orange-A category projects:

Same requirements as green category projects, plus the following:

- i. process flow diagram;
- ii. layout plan (showing location of effluent treatment plant or ETP);
- iii. effluent discharge arrangement; and
- iv. outlines of the plan for relocation and rehabilitation (if applicable).

Orange-B category projects:

- i. completed Application for ECC, and the appropriate fee;
- ii. report on the feasibility of the project;
- iii. report on the IEE for the project, plus process flow diagram, and in the case of an industrial project, layout plan (showing ETP) and ETP design;
- iv. report on the environmental management plan (EMP);
- v. no objection certificate from the local authority;
- vi. emergency plan relating to adverse environmental impact and plan for mitigation of the effect of pollution; and
- vii. outline of the relocation and rehabilitation plan (where applicable).

Red category projects:

Same requirements as Orange Category B, except that Item 3 (IEE) is amended to read as follows:

- i. report on the IEE for the project, and terms of reference for the EIA; or EIA report prepared based on ToR previously approved by DOE;
- ii. in the case of an industrial project, layout plan showing location of ETP, process flow diagram, design, and time schedule of the ETP.

2.3 NATIONAL RELEVANT POLICIES AND STRATEGIES

24 This section summarizes the National Laws and describes the procedure for obtaining environmental permits to allow project implementation. Over the years the Government of Bangladesh has enacted environmental acts, rules, policies and regulation toward imposing restrictions facilitating

minimization / mitigation of likely impacts due to development projects. The most important Act is Environmental Conservation Act, 1995 (ECA, 1995) and Environmental Conservation Rules (ECR, 1997).

2.3.1 National Environmental Policy

25 The National Environmental Policy was adopted in 1992 and is now under revision. It embraces different sectors related to agriculture, forest, power, health, transport, housing etc. The central theme of policy is to ensure protection and improvement in environment. The policy gives a thrust to sustainable development and long-term use of natural resources. The National Environment Policy contains policy statements and strategic options with regard to population and land-use management, management and utilization of natural resources and other socio-economic sectors, as well as the necessary arrangements for the implementation of the policy. The policy enables:

- the country to strike a dynamic balance between population and resources while complying with the balance of ecosystems;
- to contribute to sustainable and harmonious socio-economic development such that, both in rural and urban areas, and well-being in a sound and enjoyable environment; and
- To protect, conserve and develop natural environment.

2.3.2 National Water Policy (NWP)

26 The National Water Policy 2004 (NWP) aims for sustainable management of water. The Policy also integrates the environmental impact assessment for water development projects. The policy stresses on issues related to climate change such as:

- Augmentation of dry season flows;
- Awareness raising in consumptive use of surface and ground water;
- Structural and non-structural mitigation measures (early warning systems).

2.3.3 National Forest Policy (NFP 1994)

27 National Forest Policy (NFP) was established in 1994. Under this policy it is proposed to increase the forest cover and to promote and oversee forestry activities. The policy fixed the target of forest cover at least 20% of geographic area by the year 2015. Tree plantation on the roadside verges courtyards of rural organization such as Union Parishad, school, Eidgah, mosque-Moktob, temple, club, orphanage home, madrassa etc. and other fallow lands around will be encouraged. The government will encourage this type of initiative and extend technical and other supports.

2.3.4 Bangladesh Climate Change Strategy and Action Plan (BCCSAP 2009)

28 The Bangladesh climate change strategy and action plan was approved in 2009. The climate change plan is built on six pillars namely i) food security, social protection and health; ii) Comprehensive Disaster Management; iii) infrastructure; iv) research and knowledge management; v) Mitigation and low carbon development; and vi) capacity building and institutional. The strategy and action plan emphasize on ensuring existing assets (e.g., coastal and river embankments) are well maintained and fit for purpose and that urgently needed infrastructure is put in place to deal with the likely impacts of climate change. - enhance the capacity government ministries, civil society and private sector to meet the challenge of climate change.

2.4 LEGAL INSTRUMENTS

29 The Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change (MoEFCC) prepare the environmental policies. MoEFCC also has formulated regulation toward clearance of projects from environmental angles based on environmental impact assessment report. The Department of Environment (DoE) is responsible for environmental issues while forest issues are looked after Department of Forests. Over the years the MoEFCC has adopted number of legal instrument in the form Acts for the protection and conservation of the environment. **Table 3** summarizes the Environmental Legislation applicable to the sub-project.

Table 3 Summary of Environmental Legislations Applicable to the Proposed Project

No.	Environmental Legislation / Act	Objective	Relevance to the Project	Responsible Institution
1	National Environmental Policy, 1992	Ensure that development components do not pollute the environment or degrade resources. It sets out the basic framework for environmental action together with a set of broad sectoral action guidelines.	Restriction on operations which can not be initiated in ecological critical areas Regulation on vehicles emitting smoke which is harmful to the environment Follow standards on quality of air, water, noise and soil Sets limits for discharging and emitting waste	Ministry of Environment and Forests, and Climate Change
2	National Environmental Management Action Plan (NEMAP), 1995	An action plan to identify key environmental issues affecting Bangladesh, identifies actions for reducing the rate of environmental degradation and improve quality of life.	Sectoral agencies to coordinate with MoEFF in preparing environmental guidelines	Ministry of Environment and Forests, and Climate Change
3	Environment Court Act, 2000 and subsequent amendments in 2003	Establishment of Environment Court for trial of an offence or for compensation under environmental law, such as environment pollution.	Option to affected persons for grievances related to environment safeguards.	Ministry of Environment and Forests, and Climate Change
4	The Forest Act (1927) and Forest (Amendment) Act (2000)	An act to control trespassing, illegal resource extraction and provide a framework for the forestry revenue collection system;	Requires clearances for any project within forest areas and clearances for any felling, extraction, and transport of forest produce.	Department of Forests
5	National Forest Policy (1994)	To conserve existing forests and bring about 20% of the country's land area under the Forestation Programme and increase reserved forests by 10% per year until 2015	Incorporate tree planting in the subproject Clearance for any felling, extraction, and transport of forest produce	Department of Forests
6	The Bangladesh Wildlife (Conservation & Security) Act, 2012	To conserve and protect wildlife in Bangladesh including designation of protected areas. Protection of wildlife is provided with lists of species with four schedules: first, second, third and fourth schedule. The fourth schedule species have the highest level of protection.	Consultation and necessary permits required if the project will pass through the wildlife sanctuaries and other protected areas.	Department of Forests
7	National Safe Drinking Water Supply and Sanitation Policy of 1998	Ensures access to safe water and sanitation services at an affordable cost	Pourashavas and water sanitation authorities will take actions to prevent wastage of water. They will take necessary steps to increase	Ministry of Local Government, Rural Development, and Cooperatives

			public awareness to prevent misuse of water Pourashavas shall be responsible for solid waste collection, disposal and their management	
8	National Water Act 2013	Ensures Bangladesh water sources are free from any type of pollution. Pollution from water in urban outfalls and reservoirs, e.g. lakes, canals, ponds and ditches may result in amenity losses, fisheries depletion, health problems and fish and aquatic species contamination.	Secure clearance certificate on water resource development subprojects	Ministry of Water Resources
9	Wetland Protection Act 2000	Advocates protection against degradation and resuscitation of natural water-bodies such as lakes, ponds, beels, khals, tanks, etc. affected by man-made interventions or other causes. Prevents the filling of publicly-owned water bodies and depressions in urban areas for preservation of the natural aquifers and environment. Prevents unplanned construction on riverbanks and indiscriminate clearance of vegetation on newly accreted land.	In case of diversion of water from Naf river, detailed assessment will be done	Ministry of Water Resources
10	Bangladesh Labor Law, 2006	It is a comprehensive law covering labour issues such as: conditions of service and employment, youth employment, benefits including maternal benefits, compensation for injuries, trade unions and industrial relations, disputes, participation of workers in company's profits, regulation of safety of dock workers, penalty procedures, administration and inspection. This Act pertains to the occupational rights and safety of factory workers and the provision of a comfortable environment for working. It also includes rules on registration of labourers, misconduct rules, income and benefits, health and fire safety, factory plan	Compliance to provisions on employment standards, occupational health and safety, welfare and social protection, labor relations and social dialogue, and enforcement. Prohibition of employment of children and adolescents.	Ministry of Labor and Employment
11	Bangladesh Labor Rules, 2015	Includes rules on registration of laborers, misconduct rules, income and benefits, health and fire safety, factory plan	Contractors to implement occupational health and safety measures Contractor will be liable for compensation for work-related injuries	Department of Labor
12	The Pourashava Act 2009 / Ordinance issued for the amendment of local government (municipality) ordinance, 2009 and 2010; The Pourashava Ordinance, 1977; Municipal	Provides guidance for subproject integrated community and workers health and hygiene at the construction and operation and maintenance stages of the project	Coordinate with pourashava committees on disaster management measures, water and sanitation and waste management	Local Authorities

	Administration Ordinance, 1960			
13	Bangladesh Climate Change Strategy and Action Plan of 2009	Enhances the capacity of government ministries, civil society and private sector to meet the challenges of climate change	Integrate adaptation measures for buildings in consideration of extreme climatic events	Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change
14	Building Construction (Amendment) Act and Building Construction Rules, Bangladesh National Building Code	Regulates technical details of building construction and to maintain standards of building construction	Follow specifications to ensure structural integrity of buildings	Ministry of Housing and Public Works
15	Electricity Act, 1910 and Electricity Rules 1937	Requires compensation for any damage, detriment or inconvenience caused by the project; Requires precautionary measures in laying down electricity supply lines near or where any metallic substance or line crosses to avoid electrocution	Secure permission to supply energy and lay down or place electricity supply lines for the conveyance and transmission of electricity from respective authorities prior to any works Give full compensation for any damage, detriment or inconvenience caused by him or by anyone employed by him Take precautions in laying down electricity supply lines near or where any metallic substance or line crosses in order to avoid electrocution	Ministry of Power, Energy and Mineral Resources
16	The National Energy Policy (1996 and Updated 2004)	Ensures environmentally sound sustainable energy development programs causing minimum damage to the environment, to encourage public and private sector participation in the development and management of the energy sector and to bring the entire country under electrification.	Public and private sector participation in the development and management of the energy subprojects. Provides guidelines for renewable energy subprojects	Ministry of Power, Energy and Mineral Resources
17	Standing Order on Disaster, 1999 (Updated 2010)	Enhances capacity at all tiers of government administrative and social structures for coping with and recovering from disasters	Geographical information system (GIS) technology will be applied at the planning stage to select location of cyclone shelter considering habitation, communication facilities, distance from the nearest cyclone center, etc Advice from the concerned District Committee should be obtained prior to final decision	Ministry of Disaster Management and Relief
18	National Disaster Management Act of 2012	Establishes a framework for managing disasters in a comprehensive way.	Setting-up emergency response procedures	Ministry of Disaster and Relief

2.5 APLICABLE INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENTS

30 Aside from the legal framework on environment, Bangladesh is also a party to several international conventions, treaties and protocols related to environmental protection. The applicable international conventions, treaties and protocols are described in **Table 4**.

Table 4 Applicable International Conventions, Treaties and Protocols

	Conventions	Signed	Ratified/ Accessed(AC)/Accepted(AT)	Relevance
1	International Plant Protection Convention (Rome, 1951) & Plant Protection Agreement for SE Asia and Pacific (1999 Revision)		01.09.1978 04.12.1974 (AC)	Ensures that component work or construction materials do not introduce plant pests
2	Convention on Wetlands of International Importance, 1971 (Ramsar Convention)		20.04.1992 (ratified)	Protection of significant wetland and prevention of draining or filling during construction
3	Convention Concerning the Protection of World Cultural and Natural Heritage (Paris, 1972)		03.11.1983 (ratified)	Prevention of damage or destruction of culturally and/or historically significant sites, monuments, etc.
4	Convention on Biological Diversity, 1992 (Rio de Janeiro)	05.06.1992	03.05.1994	Protection of biodiversity during construction and operation.
5	Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants, 2001	23.05.2001	In process	Restriction of use of pesticides and herbicides
6	United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, 1997	11.12.1997	22.10.2001 13.11.2003 (amended)	Reduce greenhouse gas concentrations in the atmosphere to a level that would prevent dangerous anthropogenic interference with the climate system

2.6 ENVIRONMENTAL CATEGORIZATION AND STANDARDS

2.6.1 Environmental Category: Bangladesh

31 For the purpose of issuance of Environmental Clearance Certificate, the industrial units and projects shall, in consideration of their site and impact on the environment, be classified into the following four categories: (a) Green; (b) Orange – A; (c) Orange – B; and (d) Red. The Industries and projects included in the various categories are specified in sub-rule (1) have been described in Schedule – 1. The ECA indicates that all industrial units or projects must obtain a Location Clearance Certificate (LCC) and Environmental Clearance Certificate (ECC) from the Department of Environment (DoE). No industrial unit or project shall be established or undertaken without obtaining environmental clearance from DoE in the manner prescribed by the rules.

32 The environmental category of the sub-project is listed in Schedule – 1 of ECR and falls in **Orange B**. **Table 5** describes DoE classification for Transmission line.

Table 5 DoE Classification of Transmission line project according to ECR 1997

Sl.No	Components	Items in Schedule-1 of ECR	DOE Classification
1	Sl. No. 71 Amended in 2017	Electricity transmission line (50km +)	Orange-B

Source: ECR 1997

2.6.2 Environmental Category: ADB

33 The Safeguards Policy Statement (SPS 2009) of ADB provides guidance on the environment category of projects based on the degree of anticipated environmental impacts. ADB environmental safeguards objectives are: (i) to ensure the environmental soundness and sustainability of projects and (ii) to support the integration of environmental considerations into the project decision-making process. ADB environmental safeguards are triggered if a project is likely to have potential environmental risks and impacts. The initial process of categorization involves filling out a sectoral Rapid Environmental Assessment (REA) checklist. A project is classified as one of the four environmental categories (A, B, C, or FI) based on the most environmentally sensitive component. Categories are as follows:

Category A: Project that is likely to have significant adverse environmental impacts which are irreversible, diverse, or unprecedented. These impacts may affect an area larger than the sites or facilities subject to physical works. An environmental impact assessment (EIA), including an environmental management plan (EMP), is required.

Category B: Project with potential adverse environmental impacts that are less adverse than those of category A projects. These impacts are site-specific, few if any of them are irreversible, and in most cases mitigation measures can be designed more readily than for category A projects. An initial environmental examination (IEE), including an EMP, is required.

Category C: Project that is likely to have minimal or no adverse environmental impacts. An EIA or IEE is not required, although environmental implications need to be reviewed.

Category FI: Project is classified as category FI if it involves the investment of ADB funds to, or through, a financial intermediary.

34 **The project has been categorized as B for environment under the ADB's Safeguards Policy Statement 2009 (SPS).**

2.7 INSTITUTIONAL CAPACITY

35 The Refugee Relief and Repatriation Commission (RRRC) is proposed to act as the coordinator on behalf the government to execute all interventions. RRRC and ADB will conduct regular coordination meetings involving all Implementing Agencies (IAs), relevant stakeholders including deputy commissioner (DC), Cox's Bazar, other development partners and agencies. ADB plans to establish extended mission office in Cox's Bazar for close coordination, facilitation of sub-projects development and implementation. A steering committee comprising higher officials from relevant ministries coordinated by ERD will be formed to provide necessary guidance to expedite the sub-project development and implementation. The steering committee will have a safeguards focal person.

36 The Local Government Engineering Department (LGED), the Department of Public Health Engineering (DPHE), the Roads and Highways Department (RHD), and the Bangladesh Rural Electrification Board (BREB) will be the executing agencies and implementing agencies. responsible for project oversight and coordination. There will be a safeguards focal person in the EA/IA. The EA/IA will be assisted by PMCs. The EAs/IAs will form project implementation units (PIU). The PIUs will identify a focal person for environmental safeguards. The focal person will be assisted in the conduct of the environmental assessment, the development and implementation of EMPs, and compliance monitoring by project consultants. All the implementing agencies are currently implementing ADB projects under this institutional

arrangement (further defined in Section VI). ADB also conducts safeguards training for project executing and implementing agencies. Thus, the government has sufficient capacity in implementing ADB requirements and strengthening of capacity, other than through the course of the consultant's work with local counterparts, is not required. ADB will continue to conduct capacity building programs during implementation.

37 As implementing organizations, LGED, BREB, DPHE and RHD employ external experts to implement the Safeguards policies of the GoB and Financing Institution (e.g., ADB). All these organization arrange regular trainings and workshops on Field Level implementation of environmental and social safeguards. Thus, the government has sufficient capacity in implementing ADB requirements and strengthening of capacity, other than through the course of the consultant's work with local counterparts, is not required. ADB will continue to conduct capacity-building programs during implementation.

3 Description of the project

3.1 INTRODUCTION

38 This report is on the Environmental management Plan (EMP) of the Energy Sub-station Package. The package title reads “BANGLADESH: Emergency Assistance Project - Construction of 50 KM of 11 KV and below lines with necessary transformers from proposed two substations to Palongkhali area, Ukhiya.” The Bangladesh Rural Electrification Board (BREB) aims to install 50km long 11KV/33KV distribution line and single phase lines that run through the Rohingya Refugee Camps. There is an existing 11KV/33KV line of BREB that connects Coxsbazaar and Palongkhali (10MVA) Grid. The proposed grid will run in parallel with the existing grid and the distribution lines of 11KV lines and single phase lines will branch out from the grid and run through the Rohingya Refugee Camps. The transmission and below lines include:

- 11KV 3- ϕ HT line, length = 10km
- 11KV 1- ϕ HT line, length = 28km
- 0.23KV 1- ϕ LT line, length = 12km

39 As the name of the sub-project suggests, the distribution line will be 50km long and run through the Rohingya Refugee camp, starting from Camp 16 where a sub-station is to be built. A location map of the proposed distribution line is presented in **Figure 3**.

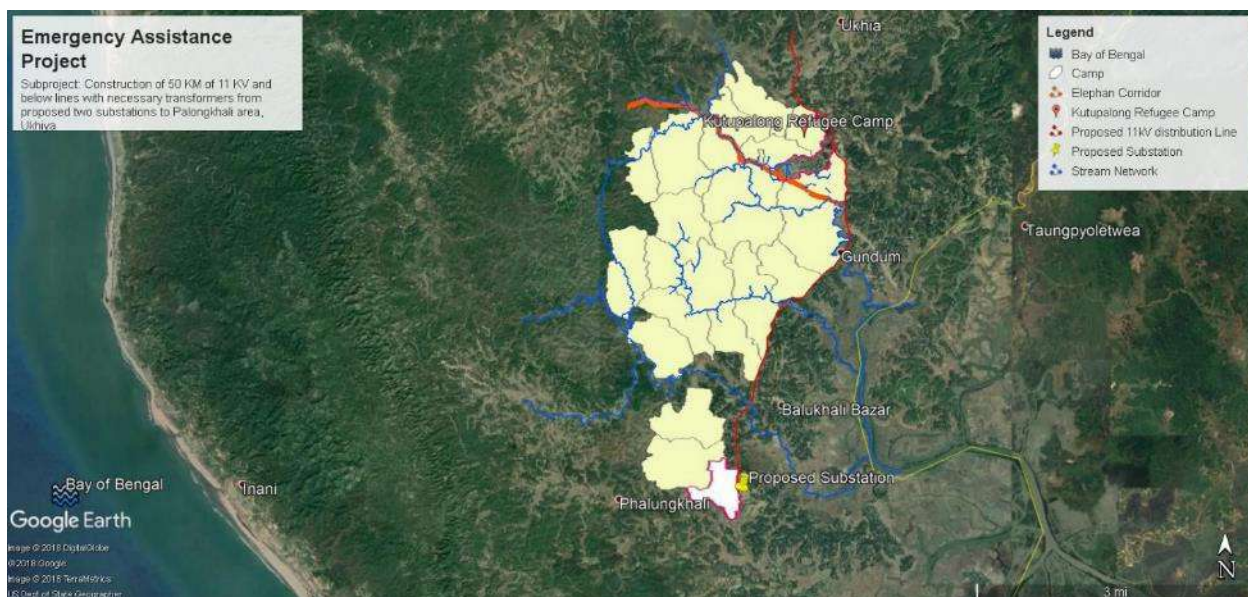


Figure 3 Location map of the proposed 11kV line

3.2 EXISTING ENVIRONMENT AT PROJECT SITE

40 The proposed 11kV lines and below lines will run through the Rohingya Refugee Mega Camp. The camp is built on hills by cutting down vegetation and hills alike. The local communities in Cox's Bazar have played host to a population of approximately 35,000 Rohingya settled in camps and an estimated 350,000

unregistered Rohingya for years. The new influx has placed a great strain on host communities and existing services. Despite this, local communities have been at the frontline of the response, providing food and basic items for new arrivals.

41 The camp inhabitants collect fuel woods from nearby forest since the camp is cleared off any vegetation left. Currently only few of the camps gets electricity. The camps are prone to hill erosion and landslide. Small streams run though the hills that carry hill eroded materials and water mostly during the monsoon. The Armed Forces Division (AFD) is constructing a 22km access road, including bridges. The Rural Electrification Board (REB) is currently working on the installation of new light fixtures. Due to establishment of the Mega Camp forest cover has been degraded.

3.3 CONSTRUCTION OF 11KV DISTRIBUTION LINES

42 The first step in construction of distribution lines involves conducting a survey of the probable routes. A topographical survey is often conducted along the selected route to assess the need for ground modification and/or preparation. Spun Pre-stressed Concrete (SPC) poles are erected along the selected routes at designated intervals. The height of the poles depends on the supply power. Usually, 16m poles are used for 11kV distribution line. H-poles are used to mount the 11kV transformers from which three phase lines are extended to the domestic users. **Figure 4** shows a sketch of typical electric pole made of concrete. **Figure 5** shows a schematic diagram of a typical H-pole arrangements.



Figure 4 Typical concrete H-pole

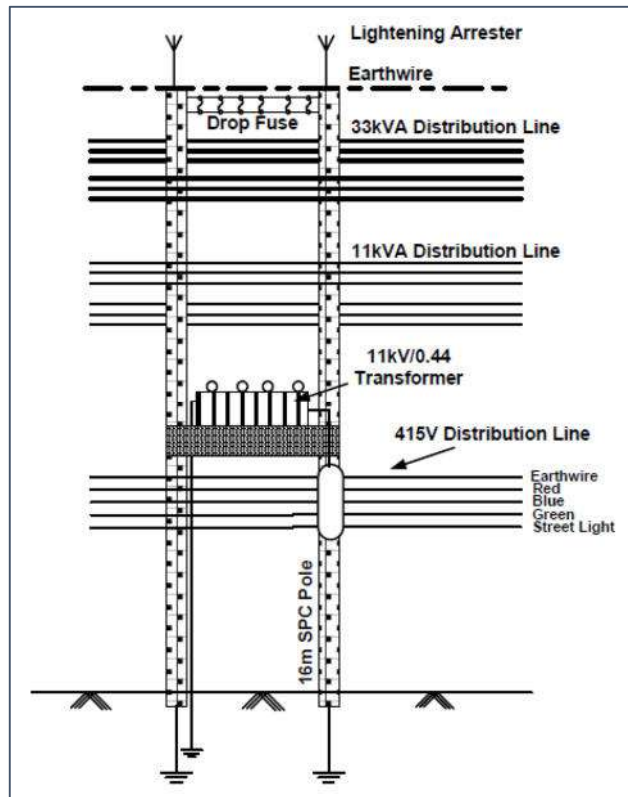


Figure 5 typical arrangements of a H-pole

43 After procuring, the SPC poles are stacked along the route at designated storage areas beside the road. A hydraulic jack and drilling rig equipped truck is generally used for the installation of the SPC poles. First, the existing short poles are pulled out and the exposed hole is enlarged and deepened by the truck-mounted drilling rig and the 16m SPC poles (with two concrete blocks at the bottom) are inserted with the help of the hydraulic elbow-jack mounted on the truck. Following erection of poles, assortments are installed for extending the 11kV and 0.23kV lines. A copper wire is passed through the poles into the ground to secure earthing. Lightning arrestor is installed at the top. Drop fuses are mounted on top of the H-poles to prevent short-circuiting. A total about 1000 SPC poles are proposed.

44 Thus, for assessing environmental impact, the following activities related to the construction of 11kV lines have been considered in the present study:

- Route survey and analysis of alternative routes for finalizing alignment of distribution lines;
- Mobilization of material and equipment, including procurement of SPC poles, conductor and line materials;
- Construction of distribution lines including erection of the SPC poles using a truck equipped with hydraulic jack and drilling rig; about 45 minutes is required for the erection of a distribution pole;
- Clearing of right of way by cutting/trimming trees where necessary;
- Stretching of cables across poles; and
- Checking, testing and commissioning of distribution line.

45 A map of the proposed distribution line (11kV and single lines are presented in **Figure 6**.

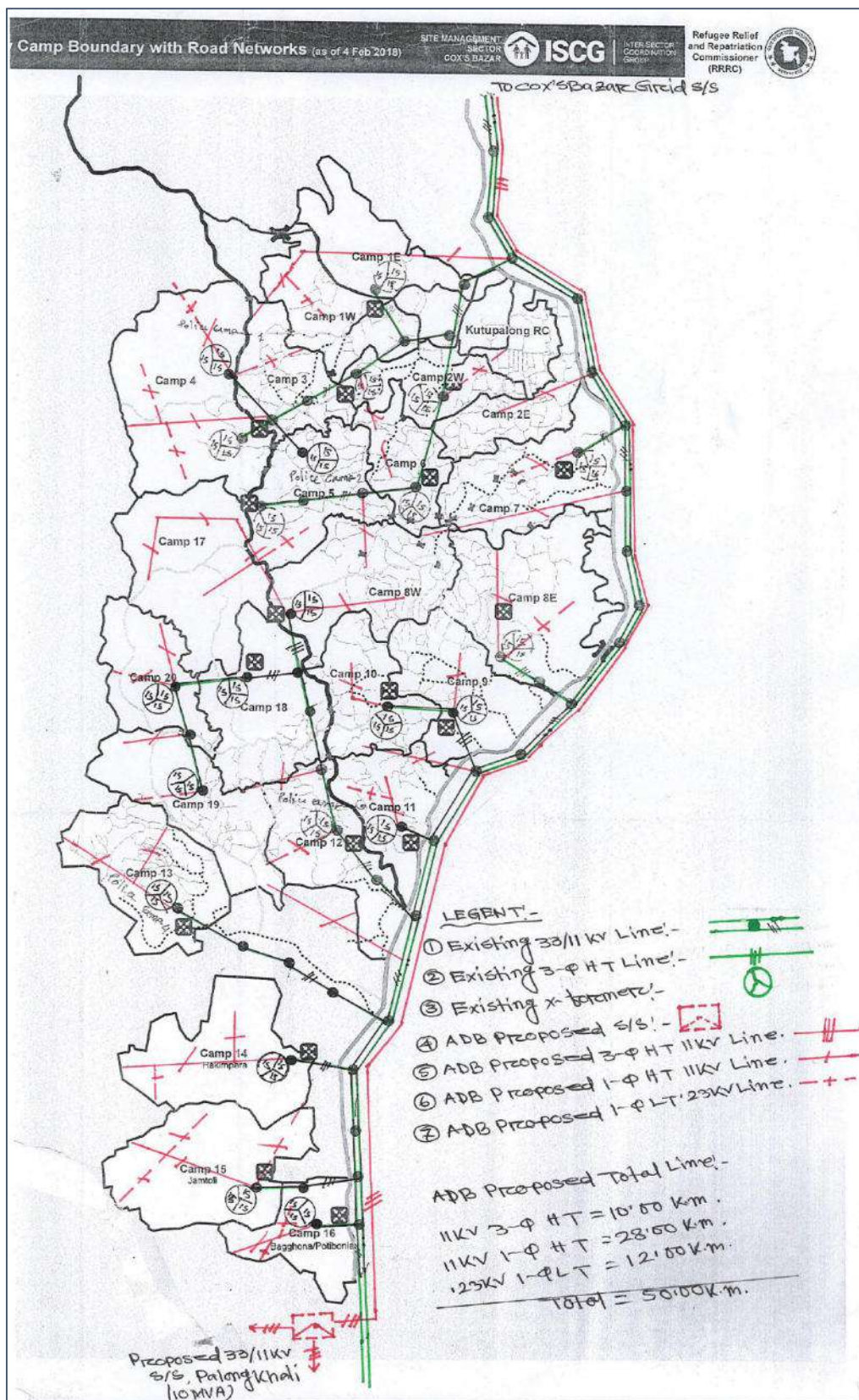


Figure 6 Proposed distribution line

4 Analysis of alternatives

4.1 PRELUDE

46 The primary objective of the “analysis of alternatives” is to identify the location/technology for a particular sub-project that would generate the least adverse impact, and maximize the positive impacts. The preliminary assessment of the project included an analysis of alternatives, addressing the optimal match between required technical specifications and site conditions, as well as addressing any concerns for environmental, social, and economic features in each location.

4.2 CURRENT PROPOSAL

47 A transect walk and a walk along the proposed line was done in the early August 2018 from Camp 16 towards Camp 1. The proposed line was found to be the only option of installing transmission line over the little hills inside the camp boundary. The proposed line runs along the main road inside the camps and distributaries runs in the small roads that branch out of the main road. Based on the Rapid Environmental Assessment (REA) Checklist provided in the Environmental Assessment and Review Framework (EARF) of ADB for this Emergency Assistance Project (EAP), it was found that the current proposal will have the minimal effect on environment and society. Summary of the impacts of current proposal is given in **Table 6**.

Table 6 Impact of current proposal on environment and society

Sector	Impact
Presence Important features along the route	No
Land (Government-owned land are to be given priority)	Yes (proposed line will be installed on main road)
Presence Agricultural/cropped land	No
Village affected	No
Families affected	No
Loss of structures	No
Impact on Common properties	No
Trees to be chopped down	No
Presence of sensitive ecosystem	No
Presence of waterbody	One small stream crosses the main road
Tribal population affected	No

4.3 ‘DO NOTHING’ OPTION

48 The “do nothing” or “without the project” option is not viable as the associated transmission line is an essential component of the distribution line that runs along the Rohingya Refugee camps.

5 Description of baseline environment

5.1 LOCATION SETTING AND EXTENT

49 Ukhiya is upazilla in Cox's Bazar district, Bangladesh, located at the south-eastern part of Bangladesh. The upazilla is consisted of five Union Parishads: (i) Halda Palong; (ii) Ranta Palong; (iii) Raja Palong; (iv) Jalia Palong and (v) Palong Khali. Ukhiya Upazila covers an area of 261.8 sq km, located in between 21°08' and 21°21' north latitudes and in between 92°03' and 92°12' east longitudes (Banglapedia 2018). The area is bounded by Ramu upazila on the north, Teknaf upazila on the south, Arakan state of Myanmar and Naikhongchhari upazila on the east, the Bay of Bengal on the west. See **Figure 7** for details.

5.2 PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT

5.2.1 Geology, Topography, and Soils

50 Geology in the Ukhiya is composed of sandstones, alternating with bluish-grey shales and siltstones. These sediments are probably of fluvial origin through some of the even-bedded siltstones and shales of considerable lateral extent of shallow marine beds. There are four main soils or physiographic units can be recognized, viz. I) The higher hill ranges occupy a narrow belt: the most common soils are strong brown, friable, silty clay loams and silty clays which grade into broken shale rock at 2-4 feet. All soils are strongly acid in reaction. II) The lower hill ranges are developed in unconsolidated sands and clays. Soils are mainly deep red, friable, clay loams to clays. All the soils are strongly acid and sandy soils are droughty. III) The coastal plains are underlain by heavy marine or tidal clays characterized by more sandy and silty deposit near the foot of the hills and along the course of rivers and streams which cross the plains. Near the coast, some of these soils become



Figure 7 Location setting and extent of Ukhiya Upazila

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saline at the end of the dry seasons. IV) The tidal mangrove swamps are most extensive at the mouth of the Matamuhuri River. Here the soils are grey clay flooded twice daily by saline water and unsuitable for agriculture. According to Geological Survey Bangladesh (GSB, 1978) the falls in medium intensity seismic zone (Zone-II, Basic Seismic Coefficient 0.05g). See **Figure 8** for details.

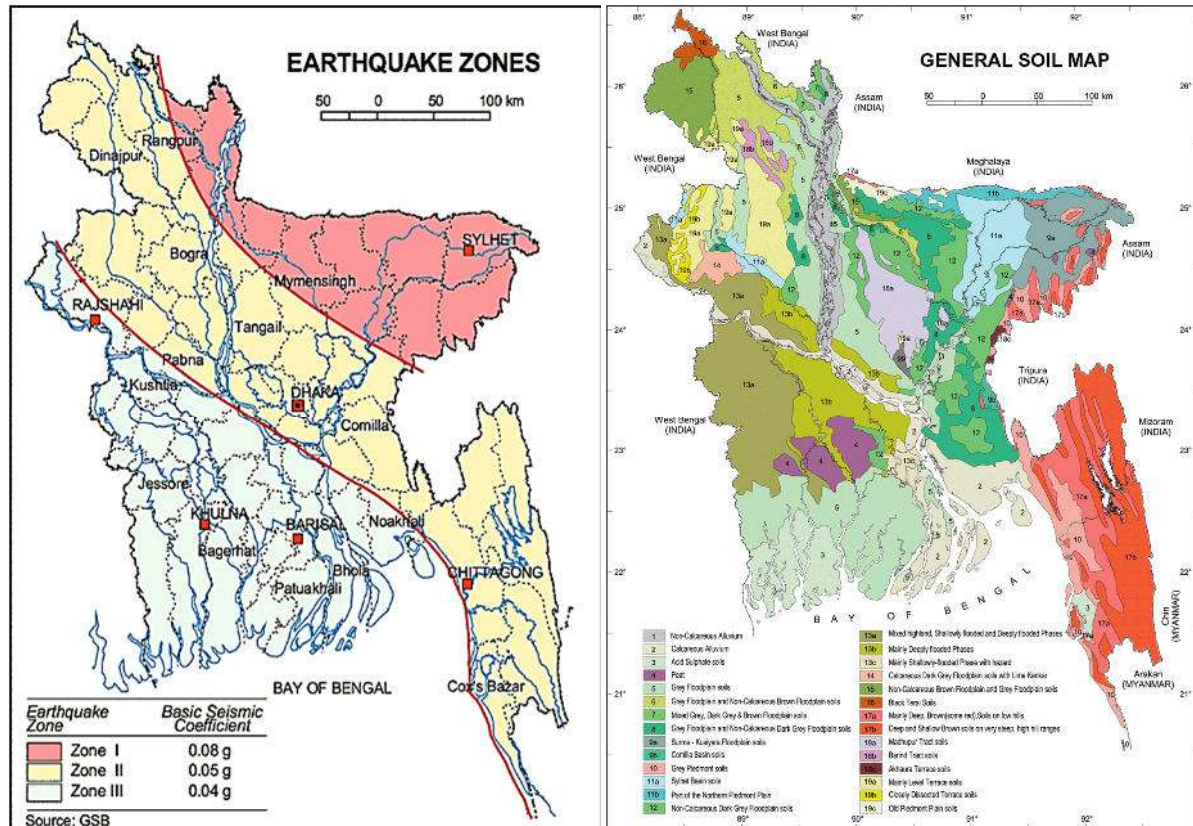


Figure 8 Earthquake zone and general soil map of Bangladesh

5.2.2 Climate and Meteorology

51 Considering the proximity to Cox's Bazar Sadar, the climatic features, environment and other natural phenomenon of Ukhiya may be considered to be similar with the Cox's Bazar district. Generally, maximum temperature in the year reach between the last week of March and end of May. Temperature data is recorded at station Cox's Bazar. As discussed above, Ukhiya is a upazilla (subdistrict) of the Cox's Bazar zilla (District). The average maximum temperature in Cox's Bazar is 31.28°C in April and minimum is 22.0°C in January (Data from BMD 2006). The variation in the precipitation between the driest and wettest months is 401 mm. See **Figure 9** for details.

52 The humidity is high throughout the year. March and April are the least humid months in the region. The relative humidity is found over 80% during June, July, August and September. The least humid month in the area is January, February and March. Lowest average humidity is recorded 62% at Cox's Bazar.

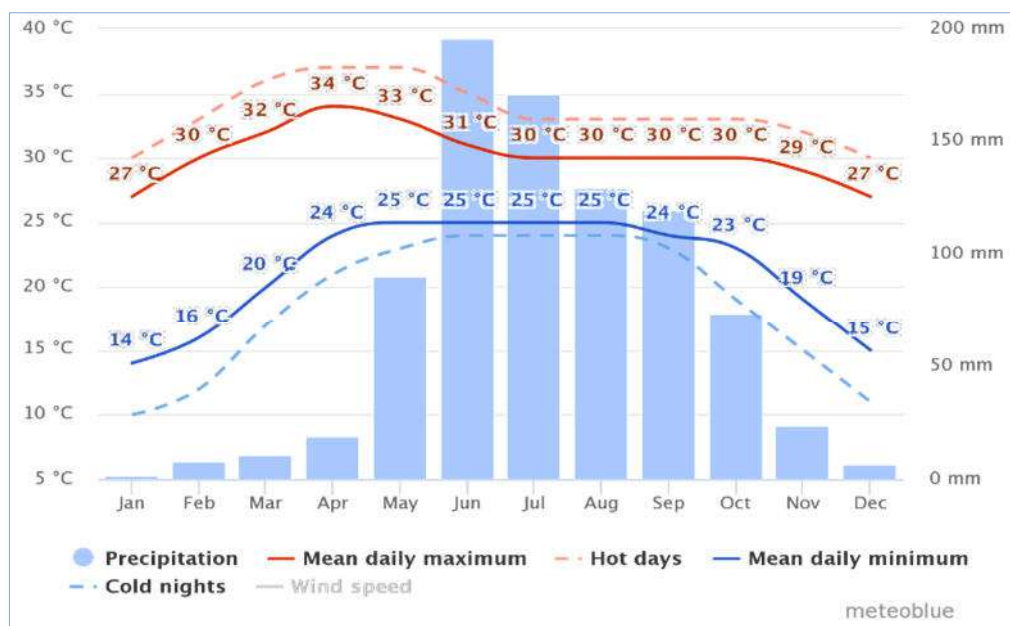


Figure 9 Temperature and precipitation pattern in Cox's bazar

Source: <https://www.meteoblue.com/en/weather/forecast/modelclimate/22.320N91.831E>

5.2.3 Hydrology (Surface Water and Ground Water)

53 Hydrology of the Ukhiya assumes to be similar with the coastal plains of Coz's Bazaar and Chittagong, presenting a complicated interaction of fresh water flow from the upstream, the tides and tidal flows)from the Bay of Bengal and some hilly areas with small natural ephemeral streams (**Figure 10**). Tropical Cyclones, storm surge and other meteorological effect are occurred from the sea that affects Ukhiya Upazila as well. The only canal called Rezu Khal which is connected to the Bay of Bengal, numerous ponds, seasonal springs, low wet land and ditches are the main source of surface water in the sub-project area. Groundwater is the main source of potable water in the subproject area. Local people typically use deep tube-well water for drinking and other domestic purposes.

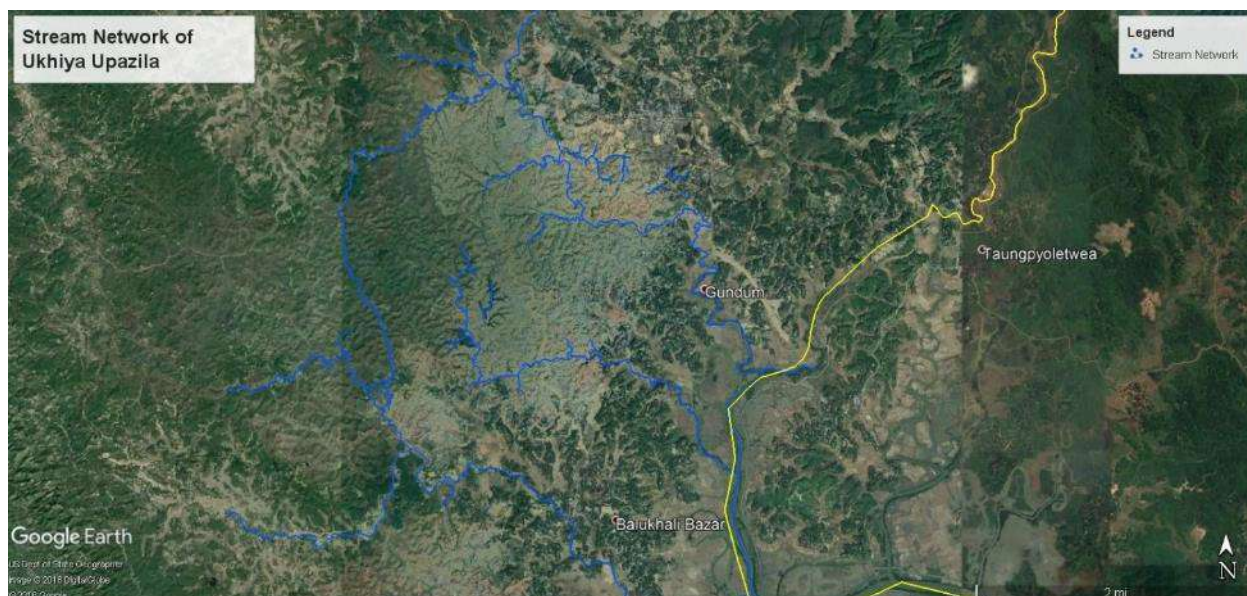


Figure 10 Stream network in the Sub-project area

5.2.4 Flooding, Water Logging and Drainage Pattern

54 Eastern side of the upzila comprising high land and gradually down towards the western side. Matamuhuri River is flowing beside the upazila in north-east and north-west direction. Several natural streams act as the natural drainage system of the region. The mainland surrounding the upazila is generally high from the level of tide. As a result, most of the area is free from flood. Waterlogging problem has not been reported. However, there exist erosion and instability problems in the hilly and elevated areas. **Figure 11** shows a flood vulnerability map of the study region.

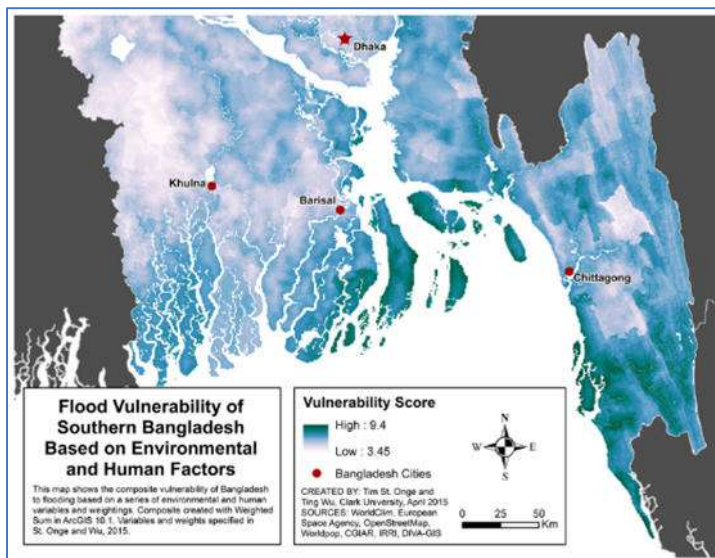


Figure 11 Flood vulnerability map of Bangladesh

5.2.5 Land Slides and erosion

55 The region, especially the Kutupalong camp area is prone to land slide and erosion. In fact, land slide is a major problem in the Cox's Bazaar and Teknaf mountain zones, of Bangladesh by killing people every year besides damaging the properties and blocking the public utilities. **Figure 12** shows the landslide prone areas around the subproject area.

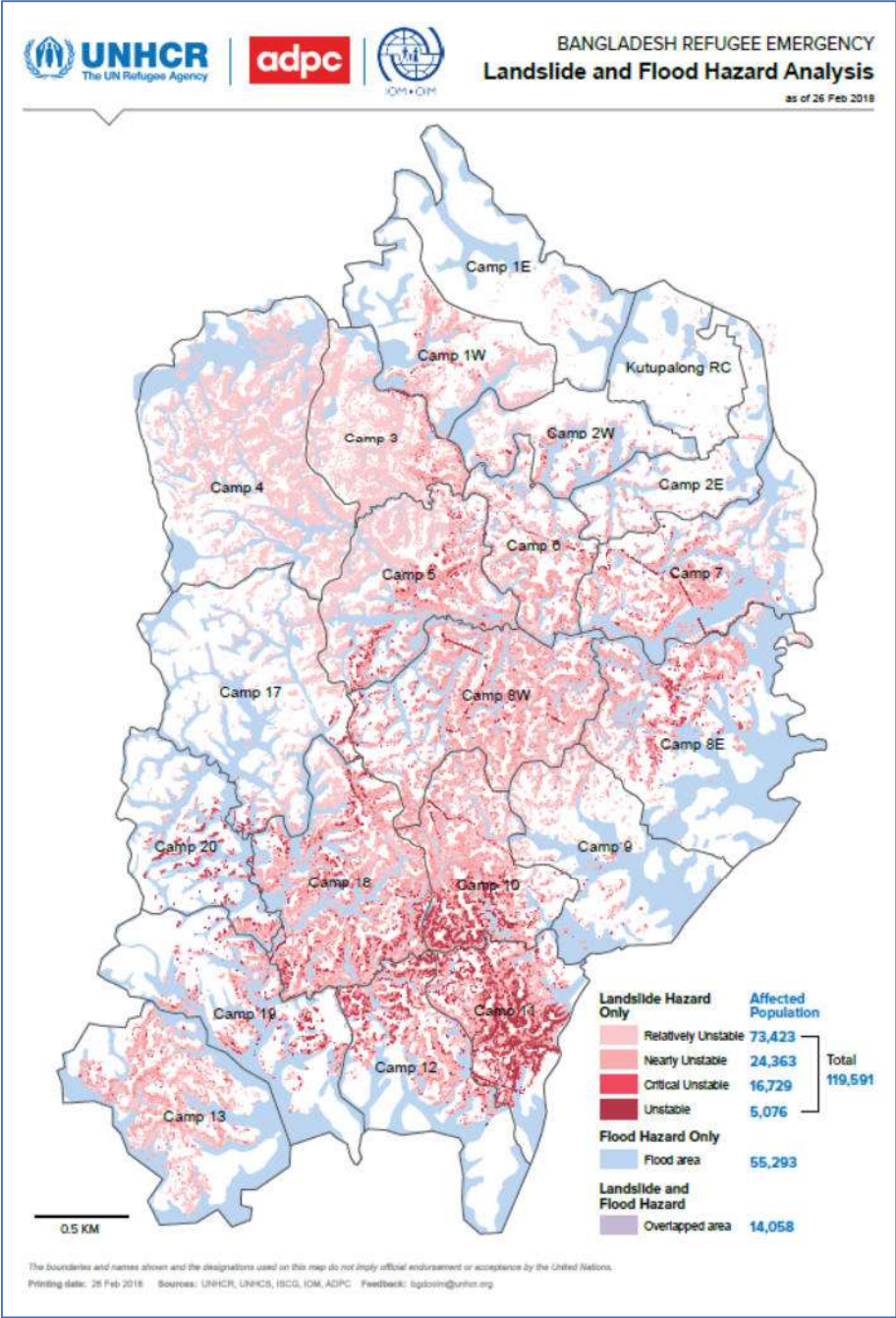


Figure 12 Landslide vulnerability areas around the subproject

5.2.6 Air Quality and Dust

56 As there are no major industries in subproject area as well as Ukhiya Upazila, the main sources of air pollution are vehicles movement and non-point sources such as open burning and black smoke emission from vehicles. During dry season the windblown dust also degrades the air quality.

5.2.7 Noise Level

57 Noise level data is not available for the region. The major causes for noise in the subproject area are the vehicle movement (motor cycles, pick-up, mini-trucks, CNG rickshaw and auto-rickshaws), playing of loud-speaker and mass people gathering (for advertising of products and political, social and religious aspects) and local market. This is a common experience of the peri-urban population that noise poses a threat to the ill / physically weak people health and nerves.

5.2.8 Health and Sanitation

No reliable data available on health and sanitation.

5.2.9 Solid Waste Management

58 With the increase population and rapid urbanization, it is natural that generation of solid waste will also increase. If these wastes are not properly managed, it can have detrimental effects on the environmental quality. So, collection and management of solid waste is a great challenge for the Ukhiya Upazila. No specific information on the Upazila is available. However, some information on Cox's Bazar solid waste management is available in the form of literatures, especially focusing on Kutupalong Rohingya Refugee camp. Cox's Bazar district has limited infrastructure for solid waste management. This is particularly the case within the rural communities near to the Kutupalong Camp. There are currently no landfill sites available for the camp or host communities and Bangladesh has banned the use of waste incinerators. There are a number of solid waste management projects either proposed or planned by the government of Bangladesh and other agencies including landfill construction and waste collection.

5.3 BIOTIC ENVIRONMENT

5.3.1 Flora

59 This subproject area is full of natural vegetation. Plant species found on road sides within 5km radius of the subproject are: mehgani, arjun, pitali, eucalyptus, bot, jam, akashmoni, auricoliformis, am, kadam, shisoo, koro, krishna chura, babla, ipil-ipil, shimul, shirish, etc (**Figure 13**). Among crop-field vegetation, aman is grown during summer rains and boro (winter rice) cultivated by irrigation in winter. Rabi crops like mustard and lentils are also grown.

60 Near to the settlements settlements, the most common trees are the raintree (*Albizia saman*), mango (*Mangifera indica*), coconut (*Cocos nucifera*), mahogany (*Swietenia mahogany*), gogon siris (*Albizia richardiana*), betel palm (*Areca catechu*) and guava (*Psidium guajava*) plus banana (*Musa sp.*). Sessile joy weed (*Alternanthera sessilis*), thorny amaranth (*Amaranthus spinosus*), bermuda grass (*Cynodon*

dactylon), smartweed (*Polygonum sp*), creeping oxalis (*Oxalis corniculata*), etc., are the common weed species.



Figure 13 Terrestrial flora around the site

5.3.2 Fauna

61 There are some nearby wetland areas to the west of the subproject area which provide habitat for common coastal wading birds including heron, *dahuk*, *ibis* and stork, as well as various gulls and terns. Common bird species noted in the Project corridor were Asian crow, myna, cuckoo, kingfisher, pigeon and dove satara, drongo, weaver bird *choroi*, *babui*, and *dahuk*. The mammals include shial, monkey, *begi*, *bhodar*, *heza*, various rodents, *guishap*, *baghdash*, and *badur*. There are also several species of frog, lizard, and snake.

5.3.3 Fisheries

62 Local villagers reported catching fish in all the water bodies in the Project area. Major fishes in the rivers and canals in the Project area are carps (rui, catla, mrigal, ghania, kalbausa, and kalia), catfish (boal, pangas, silon, ayeir, and bacha) and snake head (shol, gazar, and taki), freshwater shrimp and several other tropical whitefish species. These species are well adapted to the silt-load extreme water temperature oxygen conditions in the subproject waterbodies.

5.3.4 Asian Elephants

63 The Asian elephant is an endangered species in the South and SE Asian countries they occur in. It is listed as endangered in IUCN's Red List and well as in Bangladesh's red list. There are likely less than 300 animals remaining in the country with about 200 resident (i.e., not crossing international borders) and 100-150 having a transboundary range with India and Myanmar, and about 40,000 animals in the world, with the greatest populations found in Myanmar and India. The presence of elephant in an area is an indicator of a healthy ecosystem, and also one of the key drivers in maintaining a diversity of habitat and inhabitants.

64 There is evidence of presence of elephants in the subproject area. A few incidents of human-elephant conflict has been reported in 2018. The IUCN has conducted a study on such conflict and

suggested a few mitigation measures to reduce such conflicts. **Figure 14** presents a map of recent human-elephant conflicts prepared by the IUCN.

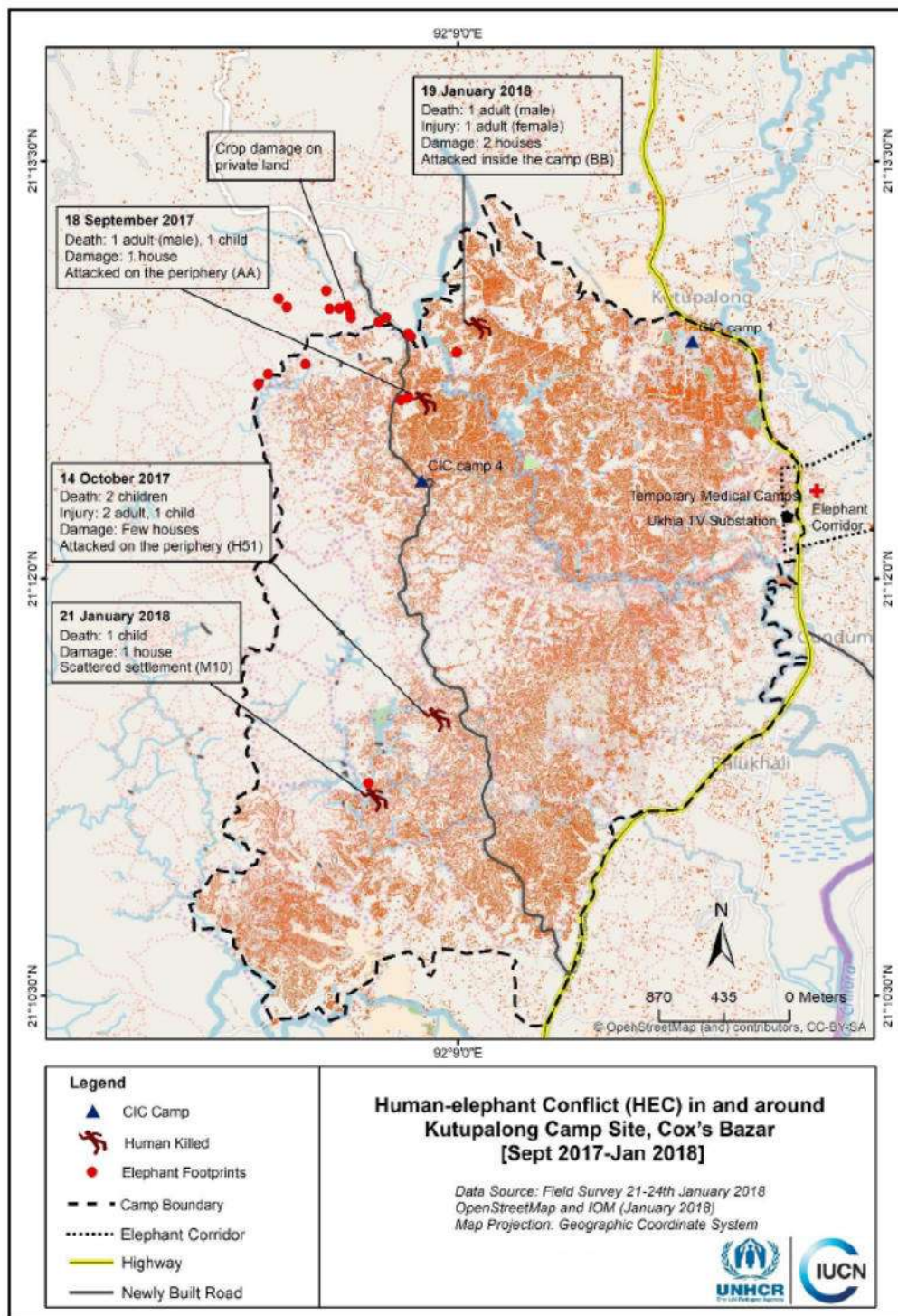


Figure 14 Human-Elephant conflict map around the sub-project area

5.4 SOCIO-ECONOMIC AND SOCIO-CULTURAL ENVIRONMENT

5.4.1 Land Use Pattern, Status of Housing and Built-up Infrastructure

65 The subproject areas are mixed zone of urban and peri-urban area with residential and agricultural zone. The road side infrastructures are mainly residential houses (pucca, semi-pucca, tin shed and katcha), shops, bazars, educational and religious institutes (**Figure 15**).

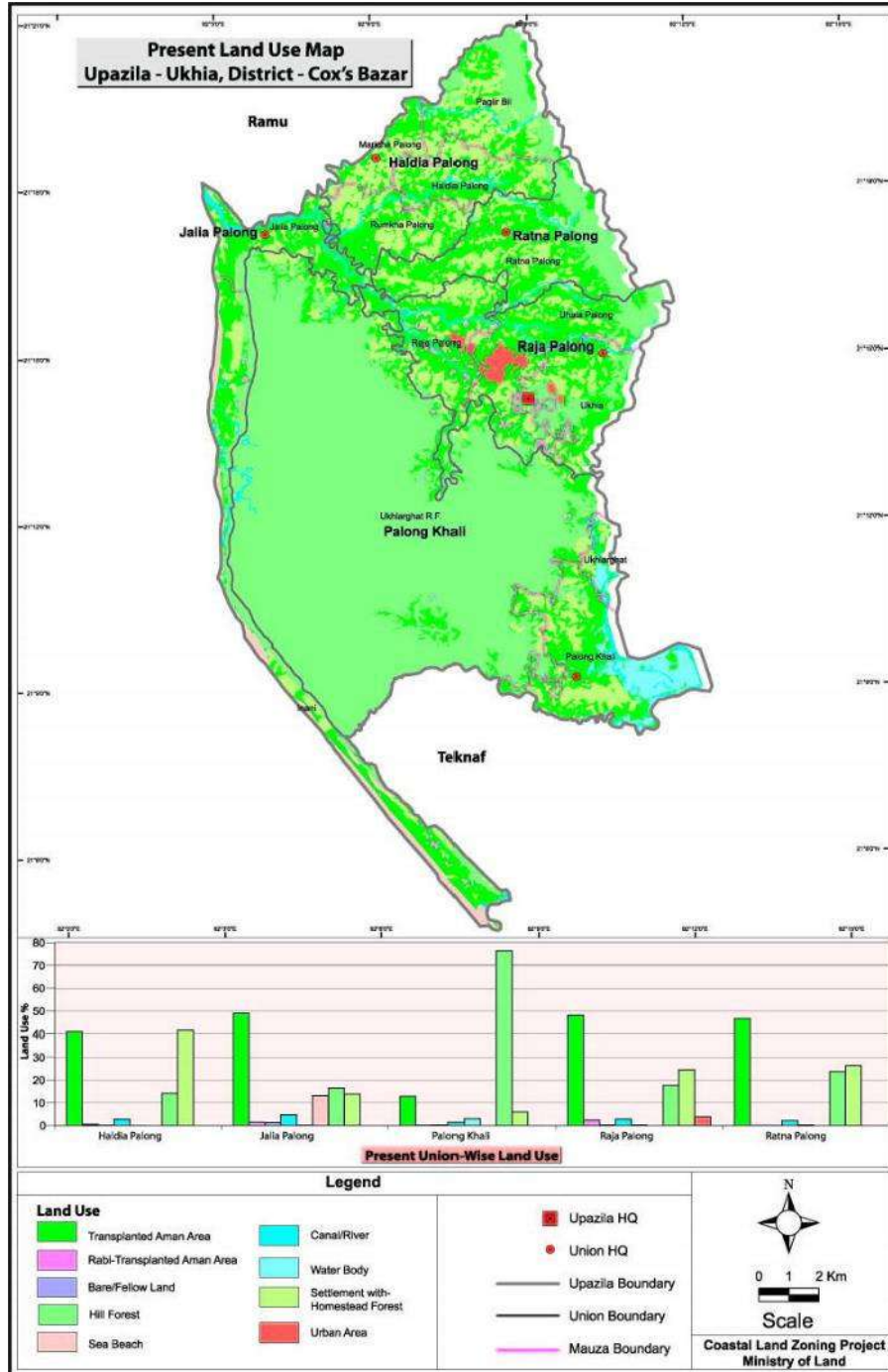


Figure 15 Land use map of Cox's Bazar

5.4.2 Education

66 In the subproject area, literacy rate is higher (61.3%) than the total average (51.8%) of country. The literacy rate for male (62.6%) is higher than female (59.8%). (Population and Housing Census, 2011).

5.4.3 Tribal Communities

67 There is no indigenous or tribal people settlement in the subproject area. T

5.4.4 Cultural Heritage and Protected Areas

68 Within the influence area of the subproject no historical sites were identified. Religious center (such as Mosques, temples), educational institutions and local bazar bring cultural values to the community people.

6 Potential Impacts

6.1 METHODOLOGY

69 This section identifies the potential impacts that the various elements of the proposed Project may have on aspects of the physical, biological and socio-economic environment. The identification of the potential impacts will be considered for the two distinctive Project stages (construction and operation) as detailed in **Section 3**. The activities undertaken during each of these Project stages form the basis for potential impact identification and analysis.

70 Assessment of potential impacts requires a multi-disciplinary approach in which a wide range of issues are taken into consideration to identify and determine which potential Project impacts may be significant and therefore require the application of reasonable and effective management and/or mitigation. Most projects result in positive and negative potential impacts on the environment, society and economy, all of which are identified and assessed in this section.

71 Certain impacts identified in this section have the potential to be significant. The determination of whether a given potential impact is significant depends on several factors:

- The potential for on-site and off-site impacts;
- The potential for direct and indirect impacts;
- The frequency and duration of a potential impact;
- The geographic area affected by a potential impact
- The period of time affected by any potential impact;
- The sensitivity of the receiving environment; and
- The degree of confidence with which the potential impacts of the action/activity are known and understood.

72 Measures of potential impact significance as part of the Project planning and assessment phase presented in this IEE have been determined using a risk based model. The risk based model is a two dimensional matrix of 'magnitude of impact' and 'likelihood'. Both are assigned score between 1 and 5 based on severity or probability and multiplied to obtain the 'risk band'.

73 The 'magnitude of impact' is a 5 point based scale set by expert's judgement. The scale and its explanation is given in **Table 7**.

Table 7 Explanation and assignment of scores to 'magnitude of impact'

Colour Band	Incidental	Minor	Moderate	Major	Severe/catastrophic
Score	Score: 1	Score: 2	Score: 3	Score: 4	Score: 5
Explanation	Impacts such as localized or short-term effects on habitat, species or environmental media.	Localized, long term degradation of sensitive habitat or widespread, short-term impacts to habitat, species or environmental media	Impacts such as localized but irreversible habitat loss or widespread, long-term effects on habitat, species or environmental media	Widespread and persistent changes in habitat, species or environmental media	Persistent reduction in ecosystem function on a landscape scale or significant disruption of a sensitive species.

The 'likelihood' is also a 5 point based scale set by expert's judgement. The scale and its explanation is given in **Table 8**.

Table 8 Explanation and assignment of scores to 'likelihood'

Colour Band	Rare	Unlikely	Seldom	Occasional	Likely
Score	Score: 1	Score: 2	Score: 3	Score: 4	Score: 5
Explanation	Rare or unheard of	Reasonable to expect that the consequence will not occur during this project though has occurred several times in industry	Exceptional conditions may allow consequences to occur within the project lifetime	Conditions may allow the consequence to occur during the project lifetime, or the event has occurred within similar projects	Consequence can reasonably be expected to occur in life the project

74 Therefore, "Risk" factor is derived from the following equation:

$$\text{Risk} = \text{Magnitude} \times \text{likelihood} \quad (1)$$

75 The score of 'Risk' ranges from 1 to 25. The score is classified in 3 classes. The explanation is given in **Table 9**. The score matrix for risk assessment has been used to identify the priority environmental impact and their mitigation plan.

Table 9 Two dimensional risk assessment matrix

			MAGNITUDE OF IMPACT				
			Incidental	Minor	Moderate	Major	Severe/cats.
			Score: 1	Score: 2	Score: 3	Score: 4	Score: 5
LIKELIHOOD	Rare	Score: 1	1	2	3	4	5
	Unlikely	Score: 2	2	4	6	8	10
	Seldom	Score: 3	3	6	9	12	15
	Occasional	Score: 4	4	8	12	16	20
	likely	Score: 5	5	10	15	20	25

6.2 DISCUSSION ON POTENTIAL IMPACTS

6.2.1 Sector where no significant impact envisaged

76 Some aspects of the environment that are not expected to be significantly affected by the construction process have been screened out and will not be mentioned further in assessing the impacts of the construction process (Table 10).

Table 10 Sectors where no significant impacts envisaged

Field	Rationale
Climate	Short-term production of dust is the only effect on atmosphere
Geology and seismology	Excavation will not be large enough to affect these features
Industries	There are no major industries in any areas to be affected by the project
Tourism	Tourists mostly drive by the villages located as these are located on the highway
Community	Construction will not affect population numbers, location or composition

6.2.2 Impacts and mitigation measures during Construction Phase

77 **Ecological Impacts:** For distribution lines, four parameters have been considered for screening of ecological impacts during construction phase; these include (i) presence of forest/ protected areas/ game reserve/ national park/ ecologically sensitive areas (ECAs) along the power line route; (ii) felling of trees, (iii) clearing of vegetation, and (iv) possible impact on aquatic ecology (for power lines to be constructed on river/wetland). The proposed distribution line runs along the Kutupalong camp site on the main road. Some branching single lines will run through smaller roads. During field visit, it was observed that, the roads including the main road is devoid of vegetation and stream network. A small stream network is distributed throughout the area. The distribution lines do not cross or interact with them. Therefore no significant impact is expected from the subproject in term of ecology.

78 **Noise, Dust and Vibration:** Noise, dust and vibration will be generated during excavation for pole foundations, pole erection and movement of construction and maintenance vehicles at sites where distribution lines are upgraded and extended. This is possibly the main source of disturbance to ecology, wildlife and community in the area. However, noise, dust and vibration from the subproject is expected to be short lived; therefore no significant impact is envisaged.

79 **Borrow Pits and Quarry Sites:** Extraction of materials can disrupt natural land contours and vegetation, resulting in accelerated erosion, disturbance in natural drainage patterns, ponding, waterlogging and water pollution. The subproject area, Kutupalong Refugee camp, is a hilly area. Therefore extract of materials and excavation can trigger instability and provoke localized landslides. Borrow pits and quarry sites will be selected avoiding protected and sensitive areas, nearby settlements, water sources, and in forest areas and fertile agricultural lands.

80 **Loss of Vegetation:** Usually, for transmission line establishment, the vegetation of the adjunct area needs to be removed or lopped. However, in Kutupalong camp site, there is no existing vegetation on the RoW. Therefore, no impact is expected.

81 **Water Quality:** Oil used in pole mounted transformers and oil spillage at new transformer locations may cause water contamination especially if there are nearby water bodies. There is a stream nearby called

Madhur Chara. The stream is occasionally revived, especially during the rains. Therefore, if construction work is unprotected, there is a potential risk of water pollution near the stream area.

82 **Surface Water and Groundwater Contamination:** Use of toxic materials such as solvents and vehicle maintenance fluid (oil, coolant) and diesel fuel may contaminate surface and groundwater if these are disposed of directly into the ground or washed into the streams. Human waste from construction workers may also contaminate surface water and groundwater if there are no adequate sanitary facilities.

83 **Soil Quality:** Land may be disturbed during excavation for foundation works for poles. Soil quality as well as soil characteristics may deteriorate due to mishandling and disposing of solid wastes and oil during implementation. Proper waste handling procedures need to be in place to minimize impact to soil.

84 **Wildlife Disturbance:** Clearing of existing vegetation may result in loss of associated ecological habitats and their fauna. Noise, vibrations, and intrusive activities related to construction works may scare away animals remaining onsite after vegetation clearance. Elephant-human conflicts may arise if elephant movement pathways are disrupted. Wildlife may be impacted by vegetation clearance and the temporary loss of small habitat locations at pole sites. However, subproject area is located in the camp site, which is devoid of any wildlife, vegetation or elephant. Therefore, no impact is predicted.

85 **Hazardous Materials and Waste:** Oil used in pole mounted transformers and oil spillage at new pole line sites may result in soil and waterways being contaminated and aquatic animals being affected. Oil from transformers is recycled but eventually must be disposed of, and, prior to disposal, must be stored properly in drums inside contained areas at depots or there can be contamination to ground water and soils.

86 **Construction Waste:** Incorrectly managed construction waste may have impacts to the surrounding land. Proper disposal of solid waste should be implemented. During construction of the transmission line, a minimum of construction waste is expected.

87 **Construction Camp:** Poor siting and improper management of construction camps may lead to several adverse impacts on environment: (i) loss of vegetation due to use of wood as fuel source for cooking, (ii) deterioration of nearby surface water quality, (iii) compaction and contamination of soil due to uncontrolled disposal of solid waste, (iv) increase in generation of domestic solid waste; (v) temporary air an noise pollution from machine operation; and (vi) poor sanitation resulting to transmission of communicable diseases. In the subproject area, construction camp is suggested to be establish outside of the camp area to avoid the predicted impacts. There are few spaces outside of Camp 16, which are devoid of wildlife, vegetation and human settlement and close to the main road. Those areas could be ideal for construction of labor camp.

88 **Traffic:** Traffic flow will be disrupted if routes for delivery of construction materials and temporary blockages during construction activities are not planned or coordinated. Road crossings may be temporarily affected during the process of erecting new poles and during stringing of conductors during construction phase. In the subproject area, the main road and the RoW of Distribution line runs parallel. While, a new transmission line will run along the main road, branch distribution line (single phase) runs towards the smaller roads branched out from the mains (**Figure 16**). The main roads are still under construction and traffic volume is quite large due to various relief and construction activities. Therefore, disruption of traffic is expected and traffic diversion and traffic management during construction needs to be carefully planned and strictly maintained.



Figure 16 Proposed power line along the Main road and existing branch roads

89 **Impacts on Existing Utility Infrastructure:** Existing utility infrastructure may need to be repositioned. Service delivery of existing infrastructure may be disrupted during construction. The subproject area is newly established over hilly and elevated region. Therefore, there are no existing utilities/infrastructures in the area and no impact is envisaged.

90 **Occupational, Health, and Safety Risks:** Occupational hazards may arise if not properly managed (risk of fall and electrocution, etc). Increase in dust may cause health problems to workers. Insufficient supply and improper use of personal protective equipment (PPE) and lack of safety procedures may cause injuries or fatal accidents. For safety there will be a need to interrupt electricity supply to existing businesses while new poles, conductors and other installations are put in place. This needs to be done in a phased manner allowing small sections of lines to be reconnected to the network, keeping down time to a minimum for existing users. Close contact with persons afflicted with diseases and lack of sanitation in workers camps may also pose health risks. Outbreaks of diseases like diphtheria and measles can be avoided by observing proper sanitation facilities and observing good personal hygiene habits.

91 **Community Health and Safety Hazards:** Community hazards may arise during construction (dust, air quality, noise, electrocution etc.). Traffic accidents and vehicle collision with pedestrians during material and waste transportation may occur if no proper signage are placed.

92 **Social and Cultural Resources:** Ground disturbance can uncover and damage archaeological and historical remains. In the subproject area, such possibilities are limited, but should be accounted for.

6.2.3 Impacts and mitigation measures during Operation Phase

93 **Soil, Water Quality and ecology:** Soil, surface water, and ground water may be contaminated from used oil and replacement of materials. However, drawing from experience, operations and maintenance of the RoW will not incur major ecological impacts as there will no new towers to be erected. Maintenance works will be very small in scale and infrequent, and involves few changes to the existing situation. The practice of allowing some re-growth of vegetation along the RoW will also have ecological benefits as it will allow plants and animals to re-colonize. Because the canopy is now open in these areas the species will be different from those that were originally present, which may be seen as a further gain as this will increase the diversity of habitats.

94 **Community Health and Safety Hazards, and Disturbance:** Hazards such as electrocution, lightning strikes and other natural hazards may occur. There should be appropriate grounding and deactivation of live distribution lines during maintenance work. In the event of natural calamities and fire, emergency safety measures such as temporary shut-down of power will be implemented to avoid electrocution.

95 **Risk of electrocution:** The risk of electrocution of large birds by transmission line is real as they provide a structure for birds from which they can hunt and roost. This is more so in places where there are few natural perches for the birds to use. Electrocution occurs when a bird comes in contact with two wires or when it perches on a conductive pylon and comes into simultaneous contact with a wire. However, such occurrences may be rare and there are no evidences of death of large birds due to electrocution in the area.

7 Environmental Management Plan (EMP)

7.1 PURPOSE OF THIS EMP

96 The objective of this Environmental Management Plan (EMP) is to formulate measures, which will:

- Mitigate adverse impacts on various environmental components, which have been identified during observation;
- Protect environmental resources where possible;
- Enhance the value of environmental and social components where possible.

97 The EMP also includes a monitoring plan to enable evaluation of the success or failure of environmental management measures, and to carry out reorientation of the plan if found necessary. It is emphasized that many of the protective and enhancement measures can be implemented by adopting suitable planning and design criteria for construction of the project. This EMP is also made site specific with guidelines for the contractors to be able to operate according to the Bangladesh Government and ADB requirements to comply with their relevant policies.

7.2 SUMMARY OF PRIMARY OBSERVATION ON ENVIRONMENT

A summary environmental observation of the proposed distribution line package, the basis of this EMP is presented in **Table 11**.

Table 11 Summary observation of Environment

SL. No	Sector	Summary Description
1	Topography and landform	Soil: Brown Hill soil, magnesium rich; topography: hilly, erosion prone
2	Hydrology and drainage	Hilly small storm water drainage system, well drained but carry wash materials, no waterlogging was found, no waterbody nearby
3	Water quality	Okay according to the DoE standards
4	Flora and fauna	The project area is not vegetated. Grass and shrubs are commonly found. No medicinal plant or plant of significant conservation value was.
5	Air quality	No data available.
6	Land use	Hill side converted to Rohingya Refugee Camp

7.3 ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT PLAN (EMP)

98 The EMP is necessary on the grounds that it will manage the environment by off-setting the negative impacts with possible mitigation measures and enhancing the positive impacts within the allocated fund from the project. Thus, the main objectives of the EMP for the construction of the access road project are:

- Define the responsibilities of the project proponents in accordance with the three project phases (design, construction and operation);
- Facilitate the implementation of the mitigation measures by providing the technical details of each project impact, and proposing an implementation schedule of the proposed mitigation measures;

- Define a monitoring mechanism and identify monitoring parameters to ensure that all proposed mitigation measures are completely and effectively implemented;
- Identify training requirements at various levels and provide a plan for the implementation of training sessions;
- Identify the resources required to implement the EMP and outline corresponding financing arrangements; and Providing a cost estimate for all proposed EMP actions

99 The Environmental Management Plan (EMP) presented in **Table 12**. Only the prioritized risks are presented in the EMP for specific measures. A list of mitigation measures are given in the following paragraphs. However, the detail mitigation measures with risk factors are presented in Table 11.

100 **Obtaining NOC:** Obtain all necessary consents, clearances, permits, NOC's prior to start of the Works; Acknowledge in writing and provide report on compliance all obtained on consents, clearances, permits, NOC's; Include in detailed design drawings and documents all conditions and provisions if necessary.

101 **Topography, soils and landform:** The proposed mainline runs among the main road of the camp. The branches shoot-off from several points of the road. Of them, only one below line (single-phase) runs along a small mad made stream that is well protected from erosion at both sides. Therefore, excavation work will have no major impact on the local topography and landform geology.

102 **Water Quality:** Electric pol installation in the camp area does not require heavy excavation of soils or huge stockpile materials. Therefore, the impacts anticipated are minimal.

103 **Air quality:** Arrangements to control dust through provision of windscreens, water sprinklers, and dust extraction systems shall be provided at all hot-mix plants, batching plants and crushers (if these establishments are being set up exclusively for the subproject).

104 **Noise pollution:** Involve the community in planning the work program so that any particularly noisy or otherwise invasive activities can be scheduled to avoid sensitive times. Plan activities in consultation with Local Authority so that activities with the greatest potential to generate noise are conducted during periods of the day which will result in least disturbance.

105 **Vegetation:** Trees, especially native hill area species can be planted on the hill side at a safe distance from the distribution line (at least 10m). The trees needs to be native in nature, leafy but featured with small canopy.

Table 12 Environmental Management Plan (EMP) for the Subproject

Ref. No.	Impact/Issue	Magnitude*	Likelihood*	Risk Factor*	Measure
1.0 Pre-construction (site screening and design) phase					
1.1	Landscape: Adverse effect of aesthetics	2	2	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The designs developed for the subproject are compatible with the surrounding environment.
1.2	Existing utilities: Disruption of services Impact on flora and fauna	2	1	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Drawing from the consultant's visit, there was no utility or services found. Therefore, disruption in services is not expected. There are no vegetation alongside the main road and proposed site. In addition, there is no waterbody nearby. No impact is expected on flora and fauna.
1.3	EMP Implementation Training:	3	1	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Project manager and all key workers will be required to undergo EMP implementation including spoils management, Standard operating procedures (SOP) for construction works; health and safety (H&S), core labour laws, and applicable environmental laws.
1.4	Consents; NOC's: Failure to obtain necessary consents, permits, NOC's can result in design revisions and/or stoppage of the Works	4	1	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Obtain all necessary consents, clearances, permits, NOC's prior to start of the Works; Acknowledge in writing and provide report on compliance all obtained on consents, clearances, permits, NOC's; Include in detailed design drawings and documents all conditions and provisions if necessary.
2.0 During Construction Phase					
2.1	Topography, landforms geology and soils: Some amount of gravel, sand, and cement will be required for this subproject. Extraction of construction materials may cause localized changes in topography and landforms. The impacts are negative but short-term, site-specific within a relatively small area and reversible by mitigation measures.	3	4	12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The proposed mainline runs among the main road of the camp. The branches shoot-off from several points of the road. Of them, only one below line (single-phase) runs along a small mad made stream that is well protected from erosion at both sides. Therefore, excavation work will have no major impact on the local topography and landform geology. Utilize readily available sources of materials. If contractor procures materials from existing burrow pits and quarries, ensure these conform to all relevant regulatory requirements.

Ref. No.	Impact/Issue	Magnitude*	Likelihood*	Risk Factor*	Measure
	Movement of heavy vehicles required for construction and instalment of the electric poles may disturb sub-surface soil.				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Construction materials include aggregate, sand, cement and steel lattice structures for poles/towers. The materials requirement are not huge, and shall be transported through trucks hired as and when required. No heavy vehicles or machines shall be deployed regularly for the construction of the transmission/distribution. These materials shall be stored near the nearest road point and shall be head loaded at the actual site during the construction, at least 15 days ahead of the activity. <p>The material shifting will be in accordance to the progress of the activity to avoid congestion of space at the site. Since, BREB poles are not of heavy structures, there is no requirement of huge number of vehicles and machines, the impact on the existing roads (still under construction) is not significant.</p>
2.2	Water Quality: Excavation, run-off from stockpiled materials, and chemical contamination from fuels and lubricants may result to silt-laden runoff during rainfall, which may cause siltation and reduction in the quality of adjacent bodies of water. The impacts are negative but short term, site-specific within a relatively small area and reversible by mitigation measures.	3	3	9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Electric pol installation in the camp area does not require heavy excavation of soils or huge stockpile materials. Therefore, the impacts anticipated are minimal. Prioritize re-use of excess spoils and materials in construction activities. If spoils will be disposed, consult with Local Authority on designated disposal areas. All earthworks must to be conducted during dry season/dry spell to maximum extent possible to avoid the difficult working conditions that prevail during monsoon season such as problems from runoff. Take all precautions to minimize the wastage of water in the construction activities. In this case there is no waterbody nearby. However, it needs to be noted that, no temporary or long-term waterlogging during the construction should be allowed. Ensure diverting storm water flow during construction shall not lead to inundation and other nuisances in low-lying areas. Monitor water quality according to the environmental management plan.
2.3	Air Quality: Conducting works at dry season and moving large quantity of materials may create dusts and increase in concentration of vehicle-related pollutants (such as carbon monoxide, sulphur	2	3	6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Damp down exposed soil and any sand stockpiled on site by spraying with water during dry weather; Use tarpaulins to cover soils, sand and other loose material when transported by trucks.

Ref. No.	Impact/Issue	Magnitude*	Likelihood*	Risk Factor*	Measure
	oxides, particulate matter, nitrous oxides, and hydrocarbons) which will affect people who live and work near the sites. The impacts are negative but short-term, site-specific within a relatively small area and reversible by mitigation measures.				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Unpaved surfaces used for haulage of materials within settlements shall be maintained dust-free. Arrangements to control dust through provision of windscreens, water sprinklers, and dust extraction systems shall be provided at all hot-mix plants, batching plants and crushers (if these establishments are being set up exclusively for the subproject). Monitor air quality.
2.4	Acoustic Environment: Temporary increase in noise level and vibrations may be caused by excavation equipment, and the transportation of equipment, materials, and people. The impacts are negative but short-term, site-specific within a relatively small area and reversible by mitigation measures.	3	5	15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Involve the community in planning the work program so that any particularly noisy or otherwise invasive activities can be scheduled to avoid sensitive times. Plan activities in consultation with Local Authority so that activities with the greatest potential to generate noise are conducted during periods of the day which will result in least disturbance. Use of high noise generating equipment shall be stopped during nighttime. Horns should not be used unless it is necessary to warn other road users or animals of the vehicle's approach; Utilize modern vehicles and machinery with the requisite adaptations to limit noise and exhaust emissions, and ensure that these are maintained to manufacturers' specifications at all times. All vehicles and equipment used in construction shall be fitted with exhaust silencers. Use silent-type generators (if required). Monitor noise levels. Maintain maximum sound levels not exceeding 80 decibels (dBA) when measured at a distance of 10 m or more from the vehicle/s. If it is not practicable to reduce noise levels to or below noise exposure limits, the contractor must post warning signs in the noise hazard areas. Workers in a posted noise hazard area must wear hearing protection. Monitor air quality and vibration during construction works.

Ref. No.	Impact/Issue	Magnitude*	Likelihood*	Risk Factor*	Measure
2.5	Biodiversity- Flora and Fauna: There are no protected areas in or around subproject sites, and no known areas of ecological interest.	4	1	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Trees, especially native hill area species can be planted on the hill side at a safe distance from the distribution line (at least 10m). The trees needs to be native in nature, leafy but featured with small canopy. Prohibit employees from poaching wildlife and cutting of trees for firewood.
2.6	Community Health and Safety: Construction works will impede the access of residents and businesses in limited cases. The impacts are negative but short-term, site-specific within a relatively small area and reversible by mitigation measures.	4	3	12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Contractor's activities and movement of staff will be restricted to designated construction areas. Locations of hot-mix plants, batching plants and crushers (if these establishments are being set up exclusively for the subproject) shall be located at least 100 m away from the nearest dwelling preferably in the downwind direction. Consult with the Local Authority on the designated areas for stockpiling of, soils, gravel, and other construction materials. If the contractor chooses to locate the work camp/storage area on private land, he must get prior permission from the environment management specialist and landowner. Use small mechanical excavators to attain faster excavation progress. For rock and concrete breaking, use non-explosive blasting chemicals, silent rock cracking chemicals, and concrete breaking chemicals.³ Under no circumstances may open areas or the surrounding bushes be used as a toilet facility. Recycling and the provision of separate waste receptacles for different types of waste shall be encouraged. A general regard for the social and ecological well-being of the site and adjacent areas is expected of the site staff. Workers need to be made aware of the following general rules: (i) no alcohol/drugs on site; (ii) prevent excessive noise; (iii) construction staff are to make use of the facilities provided for them, as opposed to ad hoc alternatives

³These products come in powder forms, and once mixed with water (being the catalyst) simply expand, and crack the rock from hole to hole. This product is environmentally friendly and can be washed away after it has been used.

Ref. No.	Impact/Issue	Magnitude*	Likelihood*	Risk Factor*	Measure
					<p>(e.g. fires for cooking, the use of surrounding bushes as a toilet facility); (iv) no fires permitted on site except if needed for the construction works; (v) trespassing on private/commercial properties adjoining the site is forbidden; (vi) other than pre-approved security staff, no workers shall be permitted to live on the construction site; and (vii) no worker may be forced to do work that is potentially dangerous or that he/she is not trained to do.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Interested and affected parties need to be made aware of the existence of the complaints book and the methods of communication available to them. The contractor must address queries and complaints by: (i) documenting details of such communications; (ii) submitting these for inclusion in complaints register; (iii) bringing issues to the environment management specialist's attention immediately; and (iv) taking remedial action as per environment management specialist's instruction. The contractor shall immediately take the necessary remedial action on any complaint/grievance received by him and forward the details of the grievance along with the action taken to the environment management specialist within 48 hours of receipt of such complaint/grievance. Create traffic regulation and diversion zones during construction work. The proposed site is on the main road, and it is expected that heavy vehicle movements can cause traffic nuisance. Therefore, traffic regulation and diversion will be important to avoid traffic nuisance.
2.7	<p>Worker's health and safety: There is invariably a safety risk when construction works such as excavation and earthmoving are conducted in populous areas. Workers need to be mindful of the occupational hazards, which can arise from working in height and excavation works. Potential impacts are negative and long-term but reversible by mitigation measures.</p>	4	3	12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Comply with requirements of Government of Bangladesh Labour Law of 2006 (amended in 2013) and all applicable laws and standards on workers' health and safety (H&S). Ensure that all site personnel have a basic level of environmental awareness training. If necessary, the environmental management specialist and/or a translator shall be called to the sites to further explain aspects of environmental or social behavior that are unclear. Produce and implement a site H&S plan which include measures as: (i) excluding the public from worksites; (ii) ensuring all workers are provided with

Ref. No.	Impact/Issue	Magnitude*	Likelihood*	Risk Factor*	Measure
					<p>and required to use personal protective equipment (reflectorized vests, footwear, gloves, goggles and masks) at all times; (iii) providing H&S training for all site personnel; (iv) documenting procedures to be followed for all site activities; and (v) maintaining accident reports and records.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arrange for readily available first aid unit including an adequate supply of sterilized dressing materials and appliances • Maintain necessary living accommodation and ancillary facilities in functional and hygienic manner in work camps. Ensure (i) uncontaminated water for drinking, cooking and washing, (ii) clean eating areas where workers are not exposed to hazardous or noxious substances; and (iii) sanitation facilities are available at all times. • Provide medical insurance coverage for workers; • Provide H&S orientation training to all new workers to ensure that they are apprised of the basic site rules of work at the site, personal protective protection, and preventing injuring to fellow workers; • Provide visitor orientation if visitors to the site can gain access to areas where hazardous conditions or substances may be present. Ensure also that visitor/s do not enter hazard areas unescorted; • Ensure the visibility of workers through their use of high visibility vests when working in or walking through heavy equipment operating areas; • Ensure moving equipment is outfitted with audible back-up alarms; • Mark and provide sign boards for hazardous areas such as energized electrical devices and lines, service rooms housing high voltage equipment, and areas for storage and disposal. Signage shall be in accordance with international standards and be well known to, and easily understood by workers, visitors, and the general public as appropriate; and - Disallow worker exposure to noise level greater than 85 dBA for a duration of more than 8 hours per day without hearing protection. The use of hearing protection shall be enforced actively.

Ref. No.	Impact/Issue	Magnitude*	Likelihood*	Risk Factor*	Measure
2.8	Physical and cultural heritage: Construction works will not be in built-up areas but risk for chance finds maybe low.	4	1	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All fossils, coins, articles of value of antiquity, structures and other remains of archaeological interest discovered on the site shall be the property of the government. Prevent workers or any other persons from removing and damaging any fossils, coins, articles of value of antiquity, structures and other remains of archaeological interest. Stop work immediately to allow further investigation if any finds are suspected. Chances are limited but need to be careful about any finding in the site.
3.0 Post-construction phase					
3.1	Post-construction clean-up: Damage due to debris, spoils, excess construction materials.	4	3	12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Remove all spoils wreckage, rubbish, or temporary structures (such as buildings, shelters, and latrines) which are no longer required; All excavated roads shall be reinstated to original condition; All disrupted utilities restored; All affected structures rehabilitated/compensated; The area that previously housed the construction camp is to be checked for spills of substances such as oil, paint, etc. and these shall be cleaned up; All hardened surfaces within the construction camp area shall be ripped; All imported materials removed and the area shall be top soiled and regressed using guidelines set out in the re-vegetation specification that forms part of this document; The contractor must arrange the cancellation of all temporary services; Request PIU to report in writing that worksites and camps have been vacated and restored to pre-project conditions before acceptance of work.
4.0 Others					
4.1	Submission of EMP implementation Report: Unsatisfactory compliance to EMP	4	1	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Appointment of Supervisor to ensure EMP implementation; Timely submission of monitoring reports including pictures.

8 Environmental Monitoring Plan

8.1 ENVIRONMENTAL MONITORING PLAN

106 Monitoring points have been selected based on the sensitivity of the location with respect to sensitive receptors. The following areas should be monitored to check if the proposed project is having any impact:

A. Forest Area and Tree Plantation

The hilly forest is already being cut for the construction of the Rohingya camps. No tree cutting is envisaged for the proposed project. However, the adjacent forest areas need to be monitored to detect any changes due to the implementation of the project. Tree plantation is also suggested in the EMP and need to be monitored when planted so that the planted vegetation survives.

B. Soil Erosion and Drainage Congestion

This another important issue that needs be monitored during project implementation. The entire area around the site is prone to erosion. Also a hilly streams runs around the area. Therefore, monitoring soil erosion around the project site will be a major task to undertake. Any change in stability at the adjacent hill or hint of erosion needs to be noted and information must be sent to the Environmental Officer in charge for further action.

C. Air and Noise Quality

Due to the variability of the construction activities, namely changes in batch composition, type of construction activity and other anthropogenic influences, the ambient air quality of the project area may change. If the air quality with respect to any parameter exceeds by more than 25% of its last monitored value, the monitoring frequency shall be doubled and cause of the increase should be investigated. If the construction activities are found to be the reason for this increase, suitable measures should be adopted.

Similarly, due to the variability in traffic movement, namely changes in traffic volume, traffic compositions and other anthropogenic influences, the noise quality in the project area is likely to change. If the noise quality exceeds by 20% of the applicable ambient noise quality standard or 5% of its last monitored value, the monitoring frequency shall be increased and the cause of the increase investigated. If the construction activities are found to be the reason for this increase, suitable measures should be adopted. The monitoring report, if Air and noise quality is found to be caused by the project's activity, should be submitted directly to the project implementation agency/authority.

107 The full-fledged Environmental Monitoring Plan with frequency and responsibilities is detailed in **Table 13**.

Table 13 Environmental Monitoring Plan for the subproject

No	Environmental Issues	Significant Impact	Purpose of the Monitoring	Monitoring Method			Responsibility	
				Method of Collecting and Reporting Data	Location	Duration and Frequency	Implementation	Supervision
Pre-Construction Phase								
1.1	Trees and Landscape	No tree cutting is expected due to the improvement of the road. However, some bushy tree within the RoW of proposed alignment will be felled and removed during pre-construction period resulting in minimal ecological and economic loss.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Confirm that a tree cutting and replanting programme is fully ready to implement during the preconstruction periodPlantation of 200 trees as enhancement measures.Confirm that this planting plan is following during the construction period also.	Tree replanting plan and record of compensation	Along the alignment	During the pre-construction period	Contractor	BREB
1.3	EMP Implementation Training	Better understanding of environmental safeguards and how they are to be implemented is needed. BREB needs to provide this briefing to the contractor	Implementation of EMP	Obtain record of presentation	At BREB Office	Prior to contractor mobilization	BREB	BREB
Construction Phase								
2.1	Topography and Landscape Changes	Visual intrusion will be due to large piles of embankment materials obstructing views; Excavation along the edge of the alignment will leave large unsafe holes.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Restoration of changes due to construction activitiesVisual amenity	Inspection/consultation with adjacent households and BREB authority to get opinion on work being completed	Along the alignment	Construction stage/ Weekly inspection	Contractor	Construction Supervision Engineer, BREB
2.2	Air Quality	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Dust resulting from construction workExhaust gas from construction machinery and vehicles used for mobilization of equipment	Evaluation of effect of the mitigation measure towards air pollution	Visual inspection is suggested since no sensitive areas nearby	Along the alignment	Daily	Contractor	Construction Supervision Engineer, BREB
2.3	Wastes and drainage congestion	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Construction waste from construction workDomestic waste from workersHazardous waste such as dry batteries, etc.	Evaluation of effect of the mitigation measure for waste	Record of kinds and quantity of waste, and the disposal method	Along the road and Workers camp	Daily	Contractor	Construction Supervision Engineer, BREB

No	Environmental Issues	Significant Impact	Purpose of the Monitoring	Monitoring Method			Responsibility	
				Method of Collecting and Reporting Data	Location	Duration and Frequency	Implementation	Supervision
2.4	Disturbance to local business	Decrease in business opportunities at the bazaar areas along the road alignment.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Improvement of the local economy Improvement of living standards of local residents Consideration to local residents' emotions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hearings from the related institutions Interviewing residents 	Bazar locations	weekly throughout the construction period	Social Safeguards officer, Contractor	Social Safeguards Expert, BREB
2.5	Disturbance to Existing Social Infrastructure and Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increased road traffic may disturb the local residents Traffic jams caused by increased vehicles during construction 	Evaluation of effect of construction schedule	Record of numbers construction vehicles	Project site	Continuous Record	Contractor	Social Safeguards Expert, BREB
2.6	Infectious Diseases such as HIV/AIDS	Temporary influx of migrant labor during construction may increase risk of infection	Evaluation of sanitation for labor	Labor health record	Related institutions	Twice a year	Contractor	Social Safeguards Expert, BREB
2.7	Work condition (including work safety)	Labor accidents	Evaluation of effect of the work safety plan	Record of accidents	Contractor's office	Continuous Record	Contractor	Social Safeguards Expert, BREB
2.8	Accidents	Traffic accidents	Evaluation of effect of traffic schedule	Record of accidents	Contractor's office	Continuous Record	Contractor	Social Safeguards Expert, BREB
2.9	Disturbance to Community traffic and installation of proper road signage	Traffic accidents	Evaluation of effect of the work safety plan, Evaluation of effect of traffic schedule	Records of road signage implemented, visual inspection	Along the road	Continuous record	Contractor	Environmental /social safeguards specialist, BREB
Operation Phase (for one year)								
3.1	Air Quality	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Exhaust gas from vehicles used for mobilization of equipment and workers Dust from road 	Evaluation of effect of the mitigation measure towards air pollution	Collecting samples at the site, analyzing at the lab.	Residential area around the road	Once every year for years 1, and 3	BREB/ Environmental Consultant	BREB
3.2	Noise and vibration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Noise caused by vehicles moving along the road carrying passengers and goods. 	Evaluation of effect of the mitigation measure towards noise level	Measurement using noise level meter	Along the road and Forest area	Once every year for 2 years	BREB / Environmental Consultant	BREB
3.3	Accidents	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Traffic accidents 	Evaluation of effect of the work safety plan	Record of accidents and fire	Along the road	Continuous Record	BREB	BREB

8.2 EMP IMPLEMENTATION COST

Sl. No	Monitoring and Management Issue	Frequency	Unit cost (BDT)	Calculation	Cost (BDT)
1	Employment of a an Environmental Officer on behalf of the contractor	once before construction starts	Salary covered from all EMP monitoring costs	-	-
2	Soil erosion and drainage congestion monitoring	Continuous, bi-monthly, over construction period	lump some		20,000
3	Tree plantation beside the transmission line roads, native low species. The contractor does not get payment until the trees survive for one year.	Before and during construction	1000 per tree	200@1000	200,000
4	Debris disposal and waste management on site. Inspection method: Visual	Continuous over construction period	Lump some		50,000
5	Dust suppression measures. Inspection Method: Visual and records.	Continuous over construction period	lump some		40,000
6	Labor camp establishment, soak pit establishment, water supply establishment, electrification Inspection method: Visual	Once before construction	Lump some	Needs to be established along with the sub-station's labour camp	0
7	Traffic management during construction, equipment for traffic management Inspection method: Visual	Continuous over construction period	Lump some		30,000
Total					340,000

The EMP implementation cost stands at BDT 340,000.

8.3 INSTITUTIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES

8.3.1 Oversight Body

108 The RRRC is proposed to act as the coordinator on behalf the government to execute all interventions. RRRC and ADB will conduct regular coordination meetings involving all EA/IAs, relevant stakeholders including deputy commissioner (DC), Cox's Bazar, other development partners and agencies. ADB plans to establish extended mission office in Cox's Bazar for close coordination, facilitation of sub-projects development and implementation.

109 A steering committee comprising higher officials from relevant ministries coordinated by ERD will be formed to provide necessary guidance to expedite the sub-project development and implementation. An organogram of the institutional arrangements is presented in **Figure 17**.

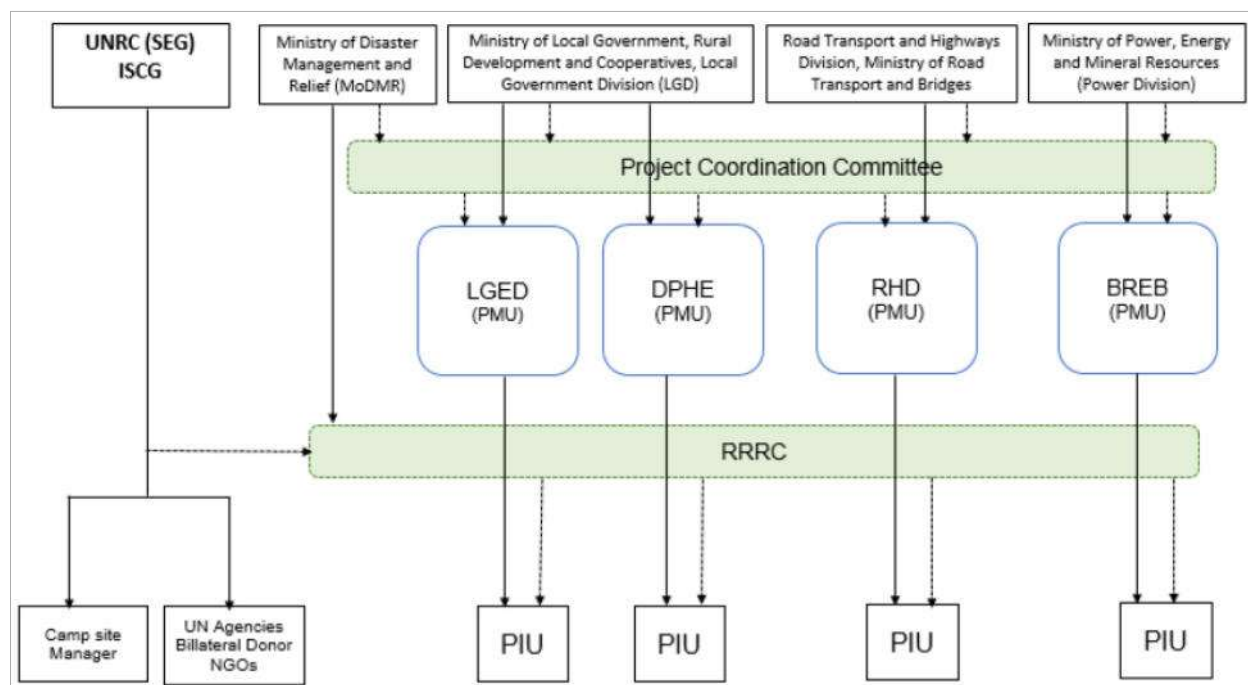


Figure 17 Project Organization Structure

8.3.2 Executing Agency / Implementing Agency

110 The Local Government Engineering Department (LGED), the Department of Public Health Engineering (DPHE), the Roads and Highways Department (RHD), and the Bangladesh Rural Electrification Board (BREB) will be the EA/IA for the Project. The EA/IA will coordinate environment safeguards planning and implementation and ensure that the environmental assessment and review framework is followed during subproject implementation. There will be a safeguards focal person in the EA/IA. The EA/IA will be assisted by PMCs. Consultants will include an Environment Specialist engaged during project implementation.

8.3.3 Project Implementing Unit (PIU)

111 PIUs will be formed in each of the IAs, with a dedicated safeguards focal person. PIUs will be assisted by DSC. Consultants will include Environment Specialists engaged during project implementation.

8.3.4 Design and Supervision Consultants (DSC)

112 The DSCs together with the PIU, will assist in developing and updating IEEs through the conduct of the DMS in a participatory and transparent way and consistent with the ADB's environment principles and the environmental assessment and review framework. Once approved by the PMU and reviewed and concurred by ADB, the DSC will provide technical advice in the implementation of the approved IEE and EMP. The DSC will likewise provide capacity-building orientation and skills training, as needed, to concerned personnel of the PMU and PIU.

113 Together with the EA/IA and PIU, the DSC will supervise civil works activities to ensure that the contractors adhere with the terms of their contract relative to avoiding and/or minimizing environmental impacts, in addition to ensuring that contractors provide the necessary compensation and/or assistance to the affected households prior to and/or during construction activities. The DSC will assist the PIU in regular monitoring of EMP implementation.

8.4 MONITORING AND REPORTING

114 The PIUs, will monitor and measure the progress of EMP implementation. The monitoring activities will be corresponding with the project's risks and impacts and will be identified in the IEEs. Appendix 10 provides a content outline for monitoring reports. In addition to recording information of the work, deviation of work components from original scope, the PIUs will undertake site inspections and document review to verify compliance with the EMP and progress toward the final outcome.

115 DSCs will submit monthly monitoring and implementation reports to the PIUs, who will take follow-up actions, if necessary. PIUs will submit the quarterly monitoring and implementation reports to the EAs/IAs. The EAs/IAs will submit semi-annual monitoring reports to ADB. Project budgets will reflect the costs of monitoring and reporting requirements. Monitoring reports will be posted in a location accessible to the public.

116 The EAs/IAs will document monitoring results, identify the necessary corrective actions, and reflect them in a corrective action plan. The EAs/IAs, in each quarter, will study the compliance with the action plan developed in the previous quarter. Compliance with grant covenants will be screened by the executing agency.

117 ADB will review project performance against the executing agency's commitments as agreed in the legal documents. The extent of ADB's monitoring and supervision activities will be commensurate with the Project's risks and impacts. Monitoring and supervising of environmental safeguards will be integrated into the project performance management system. ADB will monitor projects on an ongoing basis until a project completion report is issued. ADB will carry out the following monitoring actions to supervise project implementation:

- (i) conduct periodic site visits for projects with adverse environmental impacts;
- (ii) review the periodic monitoring reports submitted by the executing agency to ensure that adverse impacts and risks are mitigated as planned and as agreed with ADB;
- (iii) work with executing agency to rectify to the extent possible any failures to comply with their safeguard commitments, as covenanted in the legal agreements, and exercise remedies to re-establish compliance as appropriate; and
- (iv) prepare a project completion report that assesses whether the objective and desired outcomes of the safeguard plans have been achieved, taking into account the baseline conditions and the results of monitoring.

9 Grievance Redress Mechanism

118 The objective the grievance redress mechanism (GRM) is to resolve complaints as quickly as possible and at the local level through a process of conciliation; and, if that is not possible, to provide clear and transparent procedures for appeal. A well-defined grievance redress and resolution mechanism will be established to resolve grievances and complaints in a timely and satisfactory manner. All affected persons will be made fully aware of their rights, and the detailed grievance redress procedures will be publicized through an effective public information campaign. The grievance redress process includes three levels:

9.1 FIRST LEVEL OF GRM

119 The first level and most accessible and immediate contact for the fastest resolve of grievances are the contractors, with assistance from DSC on site. Prior to construction of any works, the PIU will ensure local community meetings are held to notify residents and businesses of any temporary disturbances, and to inform them of the Project and the GRM. If any complaints arise, the contractors, with assistance from DSC can immediately resolve the complaint on site. The contractor's and DSC's office phone number will be posted in public areas within the subproject areas and construction sites. Any person with a grievance related to the project works can contact the project to file a complaint. The contractor may seek the assistance of the DSC safeguards specialists (the environmental specialist or social safeguards specialist) to resolve the issue. The DSC safeguards (environment and resettlement) focal person will immediately address and resolve the issue with the contractor within 1-2 days, if the complaint remains unresolved at the field level. The DIU safeguards focal person will fully document the following information: (i) name of the person; (ii) date complaint was received; (iii) nature of complaint; (iv) location, and (v) how the complaint was resolved.

9.2 SECOND LEVEL OF GRM

120 Should the grievance remain unresolved; the contractor with assistance from DSC will forward the complaint to the PIU safeguards focal person. The person filing the grievance will be notified by DSC safeguards focal person that the grievance was forwarded to the PIU safeguards focal person. The PIU will address the grievance. Grievances will be resolved through continuous interactions with affected persons, and the PIU will answer queries and resolve grievances regarding various issues including environmental or social impacts. Corrective measures will be undertaken at the field level by the PIU safeguards focal person within 7 days. He/she will fully document the following information: (i) name of the person; (ii) date complaint was received; (iii) nature of complaint; (iv) location and (v) how the complaint was resolved.

9.3 THIRD LEVEL OF GRM

121 Should the grievance remain unresolved, the PIU's project director will activate the third level of the GRM by referring the issue (with written documentation) to a Grievance Redress Committee (GRC), which will, based on review of the grievances, address them in consultation with the PIU, contractor, DSC, and affected persons. The GRC will consist of Refugee Relief and Repatriation Commission (RRRC), as chairperson, EA/IA representative, camp-in-charge, and other relevant stakeholders. A meeting will be called with the GRC, if necessary, where the affected person can present his/her concern and issues. The

process will promote conflict resolution through mediation. The GRC will meet as necessary when there are grievances to be addressed. The GRC will suggest corrective measures at the field level and assign clear responsibilities for implementing its decision within 15 days. The functions of the GRC are as follows: (i) to provide support to affected persons on problems arising from environmental or social disruption, asset acquisition (where required), and eligibility for entitlements, compensation, and assistance; (ii) to record grievances of affected persons, categorize and prioritize them, and provide solutions within 15 days; and (iii) to report to the aggrieved parties' developments regarding their grievances and decisions of the GRC. The EA/IA safeguards focal person will be responsible for processing and placing all papers before the GRC, recording decisions, issuing minutes of the meetings, and taking follow-up action to see that formal orders are issued, and the decisions carried out.

122 Safeguard monitoring reports will include the following aspects pertaining to progress on grievances: (i) number of cases registered with the GRC, level of jurisdiction (first, second, and third levels), number of hearings held, decisions made, and the status of pending cases; and (ii) lists of cases in process and already decided upon may be prepared with details such as affected person, date of notice, date of application, date of hearing, decisions, remarks, actions taken to resolve issues, and status of grievance (i.e. open, closed, pending).

123 All costs involved in resolving the complaints (meetings, consultations, communication and reporting / information dissemination) will be borne by the EA/IA.

124 Where an affected person is not satisfied with the outcomes of the 3 levels of the Project GRM, the affected person should make good faith efforts to resolve issues working with the South Asia Regional Department through ADB's Bangladesh Resident Mission. As a last resort, the affected person can access ADB's Accountability Mechanism (ADB's Office of Special Project Facility or Office of Compliance Review).⁴ ADB's Accountability Mechanism, including information on how to file a complaint, will also be explained to affected households.

125 The grievance redress mechanism and procedure are depicted in **Figure 17**.

⁴ Contact information on ADB's Bangladesh Mission is in <https://www.adb.org/countries/bangladesh/main>. Information on ADB's Accountability Mechanism is in www.adb.org/site/accountability-mechanism/main.

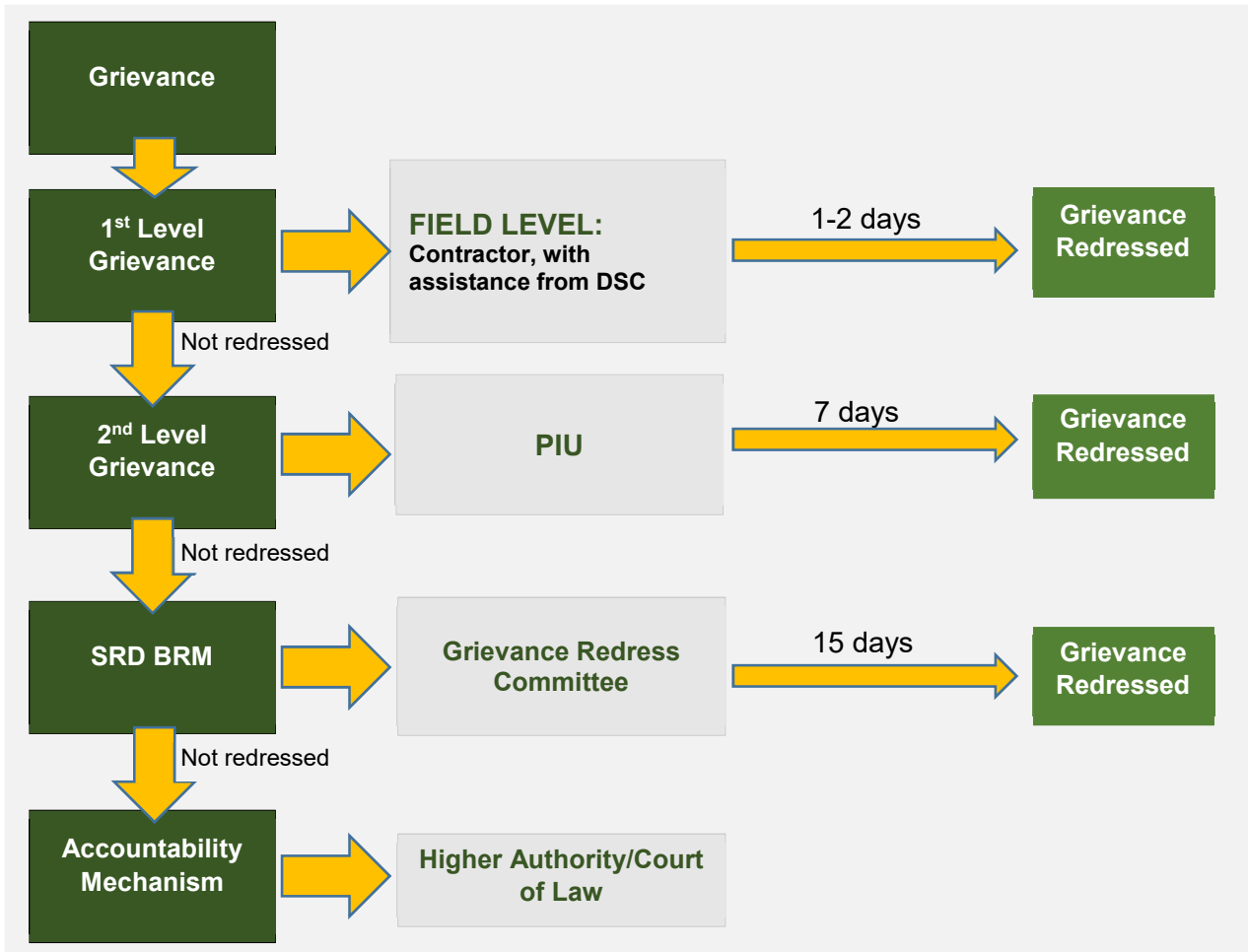


Figure 18 Grievance redress process

10 Stakeholder consultation and information disclosure

10.1 STAKEHOLDER CONSULTATION

126 Meaningful stakeholder consultation and participation is part of the project preparation and implementation strategy. Consultation, participation and will ensure information is provided and feedback is obtained and considered on the implementation of subprojects. Affected persons will be consulted at various stages of subproject preparation to ensure: (i) incorporation of views/concerns of affected persons, particularly the vulnerable, on environmental impacts and mitigation measures; (ii) identification of any help required by affected persons during rehabilitation; and (iv) avoidance of potential conflicts for smooth project implementation.

127 It will also provide adequate opportunities for consultation/participation of all stakeholders and inclusion of the vulnerable in subproject process. Relevant information on any major changes to the Project or subproject scope will be shared with beneficiaries, affected persons, vulnerable groups, and other stakeholders.

10.1.1 Stakeholder consultation Strategy for Emergency Assistance Project

128 At minimum, stakeholders will be consulted regarding the scope of an impact assessment before work is commenced and they will be informed of the likely impacts of the subproject and proposed mitigation once the draft IEE and EMP documents are prepared. The safeguards documents will record views of stakeholders and indicate how these have been taken into account in subproject development. Consultations will be held with a special focus on vulnerable groups.

10.1.2 Key target stakeholders

129 The key stakeholders to be consulted during subproject preparation, EMP implementation and subproject implementation include:

- (i) Beneficiaries;
- (ii) Elected representatives, community leaders, religious leaders and representatives of community based organizations;
- (iii) Local non-government organizations (NGOs);
- (iv) Local government and relevant government agency representatives, including local authorities responsible for land acquisition, protection and conservation of forests and environment, archaeological sites, religious sites, and other relevant government departments;
- (v) Residents, shopkeepers, business persons, and farmers who live and work alongside transport and education/district infrastructure which will be rehabilitated;
- (vi) Executing agency, implementing agency, PIU, staff and consultants; and
- (vii) ADB and Government.

10.1.3 Public Consultation History

130 Initial Public consultation has been carried out in the project area with the objectives of minimizing probable adverse impacts of the project and to achieve speedy implementation of the project through bringing in awareness among the community on the benefits of the project. As part of the project consultations, efforts were made to consult with the public as well as a number of local authorities, to determine their thoughts, opinions and feedback on the impact of the proposed Shelter in their respective locations. Information and comments collected from the public early in the study process were of use.

131 Different stakeholders were consulted to give them the opportunity to express their views and concerns. As part of the process, they were also provided with relevant and sufficient information on the project prior to its start-up. These stakeholders include the central and local authorities, as well as the local population to determine their thoughts, opinions and feedback on the impact of the project. Attendees in the consultation meeting were apprised of the processes through which the project was to proceed toward implementation and the environmental impacts to arise out of such processes along with the steps to be taken toward mitigating the impacts. They were told about the impacts all of which could be easily mitigated. The audience expressed satisfaction of such mitigation measures (**Figure 18**). The public consultations were held during field visit in 19 September 2018.



Figure 19 Public consultation for the Transmission Line Subproject

10.1.4 Findings of the Public Consultation

132 The people in the area Refugee Camp Dwellers. Most of the people were keen to know the possibility of employment in the project. There is a requirement of about 20 people during the peak period of the project. The employment is largely depending on the types of job and will be assessed on a case-to-case basis by the contractor according to needs. Findings of the public consultation summarized below (**Table 14**). A list of the participants of FGD is attached as **Annex I** with this document.

Table 14 Summary of the public consultation

Sl no.	Question	Answer
01	What are the key issues that you will be discussing here?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Justification of site selection and routing for sub-project components; • Resettlement and Environmental issues and mitigation measures according to Resettlement Framework prepared and approved by ADB and government Bangladesh for this project; • Roles and responsibilities of different stakeholders for realizing desired outcome; • Potential social and economic impacts of the proposed transmission line
02	During labour recruitment, should the locals be given priority during construction?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This largely depends on the types of job and will be assessed on a case-to-case basis by the contractor according to needs.
03	Priority for jobs should also consider women; women can do the same work.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Priority will include women and there will not be any discrimination as far as possible depending on the nature of the job.
04	People present at site suggested that the local people should be the first ones to be employed in the subproject.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The consultant team explained that local people will be employed accordingly to job requirement.
05	Wishes to speed up the subproject.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It was explained that implementation will take place immediately after the rainy season.

10.1.5 Information disclosure

133 Information is disclosed through public consultation and making available relevant documents in public locations. The following documents will be submitted to ADB for disclosure on its website:

- (iv) IEEs (including subproject EMP);
- (v) Updated IEEs (including EMP) and corrective action plan prepared during project implementation, if any; and
- (vi) Environmental monitoring reports.

134 The EAs/IAs will send a written endorsement to ADB for disclosing these documents on the ADB website. The PIUs will provide relevant safeguards information in a timely manner, in an accessible place and in a form and language understandable to affected people and other stakeholders. For illiterate people, other suitable communication methods will be used. Disclosure will follow ADB's Public Communication Policy, 2011.

11 Annex I

FGD Participants List

Emergency Assistance Project
Focused Group Discussion (FGD)

Package Name: Construction of 50 KM of 11 KV and below lines with necessary transformers from proposed two substations to Palongkhali area, Ukhiya

Date: 19 Sept 2018 Time: 3:00 PM

Location: Thainkhali Main Road

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