



ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL IMPACT ASSSESSMENT

SUMMARY PROJECT REPORT (SPR)

THE PROPOSED KIPCHUKUKU IRRIGATION PROJECT, CHEBILAT INTAKE IN ELGEYO MARAKWET COUNTY

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LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS AND ACRONYMS

CBD	Convention Biological Diversity
C-EMMP	Contractors Environmental and Social Management and monitoring Plan
CESSCO	County Environmental and Socials Safeguards Officer
CIDP	County Integrated Development Plan
CPCU	County Project Coordinating Unit
EA	Environmental Audit
EIA	Environmental Impact Assessment
EMCA	Environmental Management and Coordination Act
ESIA	Environmental and Social; Impact Assessment
ESMMP	Environmental and Social Management and Monitoring Plan
FAO	Food and Agricultural Organization
FGD	Focused Group Discussion
GOK	Government of Kenya
KCSAP	Kenya Climate Smart Agriculture Project
KWS	Kenya Wildlife Services
m.a.s.l.	Meters above Sea Level
NEAP	National Environmental Action Plan
NEMA	National Environment Management Authority
NGOs	Non-Governmental Organizations
NPCU	National Project Coordinating Unit
PAPs	Persons Affected by Project
PCPB	Pesticides Control Products Board
PMC	Project Management Committee
SEA	Sexual Exploitation and Abuse
SPR	Summary Project Report
SLM	Sustainable Land Management
TOR	Terms of Reference
WRA	Water Resource Authority
WRUA	Water Resource Users Association

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The proposed Irrigation Project is located in Kabulwo area, Keu Location, Emsoo ward, Keiyo North Sub County in the valley region of Elgeyo Marakwet County at GPS location Latitude:0.1629^oN, Longitude:35.3657^oE. The project was proposed by the beneficiary community of 200 households to enable expansion of the Kipchukuku irrigation scheme from the current 142 acres (57.5ha) to 200acres (80ha) by abstracting water from the neighboring Chebilat River. The proposed project is intended to increase water for irrigation and subsequently the area under irrigation which is key to improved agricultural production for food and nutritional security, income generation and as an intervention to empower communities to build resilience against the challenges of climate change.

The Project is implemented through the Kenya Climate Smart Agriculture Project (KCSAP), a Kenya Government initiative funded by the World Bank whose development objectives is increasing productivity and incomes, enhancing resilience to climate change and reduction of Green House Gases (GHGs). The specific proposed interventions for this project include construction of Chebilat water intake, construction of a water tank and piping of water to the main Kipchukukuu piping system to increase water volume to irrigate 200 acres of farms in the irrigation scheme.

The Environmental and Social Impact Summary Project Report has been conducted in compliance with the Environmental regulations, the EMCA, 1999(Rev 2015) and its subsequent supplements regulating major development including the World Bank Environmental and Social Safeguard Policies.

This SPR process involved desk review of literature relating to the project, baseline study of the project area, review of the relevant legal, institutional, regulatory and policy framework, public consultation and stakeholders' engagement through public meetings, focused group discussion and key informants' interviews as well as data collection using questionnaires.

The total number of participants during the public participation meetings conducted on 8th April and 26th October, 2020 were 115 people (64 males, 51 females). Similarly, three focused group discussion were conducted targeting the women (60), the youth (50) and the differently abled persons (5). A total of 8 key informants were also interviewed. During the public participation meeting data was also collected using structured questionnaires. A total of 111 questionnaires were distributed out of which 49 questionnaires were filled and returned.

Additionally, 5 stakeholders were consulted to obtain more information on the proposed project.

The main issues raised during the public participation and stakeholder's consultation include project sustainability, catchment conservation, and provision of water troughs for livestock and equal distribution of water to the irrigation farms. To address these issues the following measures were proposed: water users paying water user fee to the Project Management Committee (PMC), planting of agroforestry trees in the water catchment on yearly basis, training of PMC on leadership and governance and construction of two water troughs for livestock in the scheme.

The potential positive impacts identified included increased employment opportunities, improved infrastructure, improved nutrition, increased household incomes, improved environment due to planting of trees, reduced water borne diseases and increased quality of life. The anticipated negative impacts included loss of biodiversity, soil erosion, soil compaction, pollution of rivers, gender based violence, sexual exploitation and abuse and occupational and safety hazards. Appropriate mitigation measures have been provided in the Environmental and Social Management Plan (ESMP). The main mitigation measure includes planting of trees, control of soil erosion, training on safe use of agrochemicals, capacity building of the beneficiaries on gender, HIV, COVID-19 and climate smart technologies, use of recommended machinery was suggested to reduce soil compaction among others.

The County Project Coordination Unit, KCSAP Elgeyo Marakwet County through the County Environmental and Social Safeguard Officer (CESSCO) will follow up and monitor the implementation of the ESMMP. The Contractor, PMC, supervising engineer and the community will be required to ensure the implementation of the proposed mitigation measures. The estimated cost of implementation of the ESMMP which should be included in the project cost is Kenya shillings 1,550,000. The client is expected to share the ESMMP with the contractor who then is expected to prepare and implement a contractor's specific ESM & MP.

Considering the positive and negative impacts, this project will not result to significant or irreversible impacts since all anticipated negative impacts will easily be mitigated through the ESM & MP. Therefore, the project is recommended for approval and issuance of license by the National Environmental Management Authority (NEMA).

CHAPTER ONE.

INTRODUCTION

1.1 Background Information.

The County government of Elgeyo Marakwet recognizes the importance of irrigated agriculture in improving agricultural production for food security, poverty alleviation and economic growth. Irrigated agriculture is one of the priority projects in the Elgeyo Marakwet CIDP 2018-2022 under the department of Agriculture and Irrigation. Kipchukuku irrigation scheme which is located in Kabulwo area, Keu location, Emsoo ward, Keiyo North Sub County in the valley region of Elgeyo Marakwet County about 30 km. along Biretwo-Arror road off Iten-Kabarnet road is one of such initiatives. The irrigation scheme (Kipchukuku) which currently supply water for irrigation of 142 acres was established in 2016 by government through National Irrigation Board. The irrigation scheme supports production of maize, tomatoes, green grams, beans, sorghum, cassava, finger millet, paw paws, mangoes and vegetables all the year round. The proposed expansion of Kipchukuku irrigation scheme will increase water supply for production of tomatoes, green grams, sorghum, bananas, maize, beans, finger, and millet and paw paws through irrigation from the current 142 acres to 200 acres. This would result into increased productivity and income hence food security, improved livelihood and environmental protection which is in line with the core objectives of KCSAP.

1.2 Project Justification

Establishment of irrigation and drainage infrastructure is considered a priority by the Kenyan government in enhancing agricultural productivity and contributing to food security as well as poverty alleviation. The proposed project is relevant to the KCSAP triple wins which include increasing productivity and income, resilience to climate change and reduction of Green House Gases. The proposed expansion of Kipchukuku irrigation scheme is aimed at increasing the supply of water for agricultural production through irrigation. The targeted crops include tomatoes, green grams, maize, beans, finger millet, mangoes, bananas, paw paws and vegetables.

The major considerations for supporting the implementation of this project include

- The proposed irrigation infrastructure will enhance the efficiency of irrigated water conveyance
- The project will result to jobs creation and income generation opportunities
- Sufficient water from abstracted Chebilat River and Kipchukuku River to support the irrigation of 200 acres

The project will enable increased productive and productivity hence increased food supply and income.

1.3 Environmental Social Impact Assessment Summary Project Report

The CPCU, KCSAP Elgeyo Marakwet contracted Befcon Consultants to undertake an Environmental and Social Impact Assessment and prepare a Summary project report based on the recommendation of the County Director of Environment, Elgeyo Marakwet. This followed screening using the Environmental and Social Safeguards Checklist. The SPR was conducted in compliance with the Environmental regulations, the EMCA,1999(Rev 2015) and its subsequent supplements; the Environmental (Impact Assessment and Audit) Regulation, 2003 (Rev. 2009); EMCA (Conservation of Biological Diversity and Resources, Access to Genetic Resources and Benefit Sharing) Regulations, 2006; the Land Acts, the Water Act 2002 and the Irrigation Act among other pertinent legal and institutional frameworks regulating major development including the World Bank Environmental and Social Safeguard Policies. O.P 4.01 Environmental assessment (EA) of projects proposed, OP 4.09 Pest Management, OP 4.10 Indigenous Peoples, OP 4.11 Physical Cultural Resources and OP 4.12 Involuntary Resettlement. All environmental and social issues related to the proposed project have been considered. The main objective of this report is to ensure that all the potential Environmental and Social Impacts have been identified and appropriate mitigation measures proposed for adoption during project's cycle.

1.4 Objectives of the SPR

The objective of this study was to undertake an ESIA(SPR) for the proposed Kipchukuku Irrigation Project to establish potential impacts of the project's activities on the environment including social concerns and to identify mitigation measures.

The specific objectives include: -

- 1. To comply with EMCA 1999 and World Bank Safeguard Policies
- 2. To describe the nature of the proposed Project site including the layout, design and planned activities
- 3. To conduct a comprehensive public participation and document the outcome
- 4. To identify the impacts of the proposed project's activities on the environment and social aspects
- 5. To propose mitigation measures for the significant negative environmental and social impacts

- 6. To develop an Environmental and Social Management and Monitoring Plan(ESMMP)
- 7. To make recommendations based on the findings of the ESIA(SPR)

1.5 Approach and Methodology of Summery Project Report

This study adopted an integrated approach which included Environmental and Social Safeguards (ESS) screening, desk review, field investigations, consultations among experts, interviews and discussions with stakeholders and affected parties.

- a) Environmental and Social Screening: This was conducted by the Environmental and Social safeguards officer to determine the ESS instrument hence the Summery Project Report (SPR)
- **b) Environmental and Social Scoping**: This was conducted to determine the environmental and social aspects that were likely to be affected by the proposed project. This was important for the identification of the likely impacts.
- c) Desk review entailed review of literature of the existing documents regulations and guidelines such as Environmental Management and Co-ordination Act (EMCA) as well as other related statutes and international codes on water use.
- d) Field visit: This was undertaken for physical evaluation of areas of interest including intake, farms and general infrastructure. Information gathering was conducted through two site visits to the project, one transect walk and interview with the key informants of the project which included the area chief, assistant chief, project management committee and opinion leaders. A transect walk was carried out during the field visit to quantify the perceived impacts of project on land use, land conflicts and ownership, areas of insecurity, existing institutions in the area, vegetation cover and ecologically sensitive areas such as underground and surface waters; animal grazing areas and migratory routes. The information gathered also included the existing strategies towards—environmental protection.
- e) Public participation meetings and consultative meetings at the administrative and community levels were held to collect information on the beneficiaries` perceptions on benefits and impacts of project implementation. Two (2) public participation meetings were conducted in full adherence to the government directive on the COVID-19 pandemic- social distancing, wearing of face masks, use of sanitizers and limiting the number of contact hours. The total number of participants during the public consultation were 115 people comprising of 64 males and 51 females (Appendix 2 showing list of participants). Three (3) focused group discussions were also conducted during the public

participation targeting the youth, the women and differently abled persons. Relevant stakeholders were also consulted including the Department of Agriculture and Irrigation (Annex 5). Detailed outcome of the public participation and stakeholder consultation is presented in chapter five of this ESIA project report.

f) Preparation of Draft ESIA(SPR): This involved putting together information from the assessment

1.6 Organization of the SPR

The report is organized into seven substantive chapters. Chapter one presents the introductory chapter, Chapter 2 gives nature of the project, Chapter 3 presents the project location while Chapter 4 presents the outcome of the public participation and stakeholder consultation process, Chapter 5 discusses the anticipated impacts and proposed mitigation measures of the project, Chapter 6 presents the Environmental and Social Management and Monitoring Plan (ESMMP). Chapter 7 presents the conclusions and recommendation followed by references and annexes.

CHAPTER TWO

NATURE OF THE PROJECT

2.1 Introduction

This section presents the design, proposed activities, materials and equipment and estimated project cost

2.2 Project Design

The main components of the project are intake and weir works, sedimentation tank and chambers, main conveyance line, piping works and a construction of 100M³ water tank that will store water for irrigation. The new irrigations system is expected increase the irrigation area from the current 142 acres to 200 acres.

2.3 Project Activities for the proposed Project

2.3.1: Preliminary activities

This includes activities conducted before the actual works for the proposed project commences

2.3.1.1 Initial Site Meeting

This will entail initial site meeting to introduce the contractor to the site and to the management committee by the KCSAP CPCU and the supervising engineer.

2.3.1.2 Mobilization of plants and machinery

This will involve assembling all the machines and equipment required for the planned activities for the proposed project

2.3.1.3 Erection of Signboard

This will involve putting up a signboard for the proposed project with all the necessary information as prescribed in the contract

2.3.2 Construction of Weir and intake works

This will involve construction of an intake and weir across Chebilat River to increase the volume of water being abstracted from Chebilat river thus increasing the acreage under irrigation. The weir will be 8m long, 0.6m high, with top and bottom widths of 0.85 m and 1.75 m respectively. The weir will be constructed from reinforced concrete grade 20/20. The intake

is about 3 km from the farms and the proposed intake pipe is 288 mm. in diameter. River bank protection works should thus be incorporated at the intake.

2.3.3 Construction of Sedimentation chamber and Sluice valve chamber

The sedimentation chamber will be constructed with dimensions of 6.0m length, 1.5m width and 1.8m height as per the design calculations to remove silt and discharge back to the river. It will have 2scour pipes of 25mm diameter that will continuously remove the silt. The sluice valve chamber will be 1.5m long, 1.2 m wide a 1.0m high which will also house the master meter.

2.3.4 Conveyance system

The main conveyance system comprises of a pipeline of 280 mm diameter. The pipeline runs through soil and rocky sections which require GI pipes. There are two sub mains and eight distribution pipelines. The system is expected to convey a total flow of 84.4 l/s to 200 farmers to irrigate 51.2 ha.

2.3.5 Construction of Storage tank

This will be a 225m³ ground masonry tank that will be used to store water before it is released to the main pipeline going to the farms. It will be constructed on the new pipeline that augments water to the existing pipeline

2.4 Materials and Equipment

2.4.1 Materials

The materials required for the proposed project include pipes (G1 and PVC pipes) and fittings (G1 bends, valves, connectors), hardcore, High tensile steel (D10 and D12) for weir body at spacing specified by the engineer, BRC A152 for weir apron, cement, sand, timber for slab support.

2.4.2 Equipment

The equipment required for the proposed project include excavation equipment, concrete mixer and assorted masonry tools

2.5 Project Cost

The estimated costs of Kipchukuku Irrigation project including the cost of ESMMP implementation is Kenya shillings 15, 182,000.

CHAPTER THREE

THE LOCATION OF THE PROJECT

3.1 Introduction.

This section provides the project location, land ownership, conformity to land use plan and supportive environmental and social management infrastructure.

3.2 Project Location

Kipchukuku irrigation project is situated in Kabulwo Sub location, of Keu location, Emsoo ward, Keiyo North Sub-county, Elgeyo-Marakwet County at GPS coordinates: Latitude: **0.16290 N**, Longitude: **35.36570 E**. It is situated along Biretwo- Arror-Tot road; about 30 km from the main road (Iten – Kabarnet road). Kipchukuku Irrigation project is being undertaken by Elgeyo Marakwet County through the Kenya Climate Smart Agriculture Project to boost food security and wealth creation. It is meant to benefit about 200 households who are small scale farmers under sprinkler irrigation. About 200 acres of land will be put under irrigation and each farmer will be allowed to irrigate 1 acre of cropland.



Figure 3.2: Proposed Project Location

3.3 Land Ownership

The land ownership in the area is communal. However, the beneficiaries of this project and other community members have followed the processes of land demarcation and are soon to acquire individual land title deeds (Refer Annex 7). The land where the main irrigation infrastructure (weir and intake) is constructed is a public land (escarpment) and forest service

has no objection to the community abstracting water from the intake (Refer Annex 8). Similarly, adequate consultation has been done with the members of the community on the no objection for underground passage of irrigation pipelines on their farms and they have consented on way leave on their farms (Refer Annex 9).

3.4 Supportive Infrastructure for Environmental and Social Management

3.4.1 Transportation

The area is accessed via Biretwo-Arror murram road off Iten-Kabarnet road and only a few vehicles offer transport in the area. However, there are many motor cycle riders that offer transport services in the community. This is important to allow transportation of solid and liquid waste from the project site to designated sites away from the project site.

3.4.2 Telecommunication

The project area is served by two network provides Safaricom and Airtel. This is necessary to enable communication to seek support in case an emergence i.e. workers' injury during the project implementation.

3.4.3 Health facilities

The area is served by Kabulwo dispensary located 500 meters from the project site. Therefore, minor water related illness and injuries arising from the irrigation project can be handled at the facility.

3.4.4 Waste management system

Most household have pit latrine to manage human waste. Other waste at household level are either dumped in compost pits or burned in shallow pits. Livestock wastes are used as organic manure to improve the fertility of the soils. Proper waste management system should therefore be included in the design of the project

3.5 Conformity to land use plan

The land tenure in the area was initially communal. However, the beneficiaries of this project and other community members have followed the processes of land demarcation and are soon to acquire individual land title deeds. This will alter the land tenure system from communal (community) to private owned and it will lead to increased utilization of land as a resource. The implementation of the proposed project is in line with the land use plan since the project site land is designated for agricultural irrigation scheme.

CHAPTER FOUR

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION AND STAKEHOLDER CONSULTATIONS

4.1 Introduction

Public Participation and stakeholders consultation was conducted as stipulated in the Kenya constitution 2010, County Government Act and Environmental Impact Assessment and Audit Regulations of 2003 (amendment 2019). However, due to the government restrictions and World Bank guidelines following Covid-19 pandemic, the number of those consulted was minimized to a representative number as guided and led by the area chief and those living close to the proposed project site. During all public participation meetings, COVID-19 guidelines on social distancing, wearing of face masks, use of hand sanitizers as well as limiting the number of people during the meetings were followed.

4.2 The Objective of Public Participation and Stakeholders Consultations

The objectives of the public participation and stakeholder consultation were to get the scope of the SPR, to probe for possible environmental and social impacts of the proposed project and how to mitigate against any negative impacts as well as the baseline information of the project area.

4.3 Stakeholders identification

During the ESIA exercise relevant stakeholders were identified and inventoried (*Annex 5*). Each stakeholder was consulted on specific aspects of the projects ranging from the design, views on benefits, likely negative impacts and involvement at all stages of implementation. The views, issues and suggestions were documented.

4.3 Methodology of Public Participation and Stakeholder Consultations

The methods used in public participation included public meetings, focused group discussion and key informant interviews. Two (2) public participation meetings and three (3) focused group discussion were conducted on the 8th April 2020 and 26th October 2020. During the public participation meetings data was collected using structured questionnaires from key informants. Focused group discussions focused on the women, youth and differently abled persons. A total of 115 people (64 males, 51 females) participated in the public participation meetings and stakeholder consultation. The team ensured strict adherence to the COVID-19 protocols (social distancing, hand washing and wearing of face masks) as stipulated by the

Ministry of health in all the public meetings to prevent the spread of the disease.

4.4 Summary of issues raised by the community and stakeholders and responses

During public consultations, members of the community mainly concentrated on the direct benefits of irrigating farms including; Availability of water for irrigation and scarcity of water during dry season. Other positive impacts raised included reduction in poverty levels of many households as a result of increased incomes from sale of produce, creation of employment opportunities in form of farm labor and related input and output activities, diversification of farming enterprise leading to improved nutrition, reduction of labor and cost of irrigated farming which currently uses pumps to abstract water from the river to the farm. The community did not dwell much on negative impacts but the consultant's team assessed the site and came up with possible negative impacts arising from the project (see Chapter six)



Photo 5: Public participation with project members

During the consultative meetings, the following areas of interest were discussed;

- a) Economic activities in the area. The public indicated that these activities will be improved during implementation, for example employment opportunities for the youth, women and orphans. This will be addressed by advising the contractor to employ and source materials from the local area during construction phase of the project. The increased agricultural will lead to increased volumes of farm produce and consequently increase marketing activities and local incomes.
- b) Land use and management in the area. The public were notified that the area will

be under irrigation for crops and pasture for livestock. The public suggested that fodder should be established along the terraces and the acacia trees be conserved in the scheme. This concern will be addressed during land clearing, soil and water conservation trainings that will be conducted by the agriculture staff as in the ESMMP. The community suggested that the fodder grown in the scheme be harvested and fed to livestock. However, it was also noted that the number of animals need to be reduced and quality be improved to fit the carrying capacity of the area.

- c) Socio-economic and environmental challenges in the area. The socio-economic and environmental challenges during project implementation were raised by the public. The public advocated for fair employment and business opportunities during project implementation phases. This issue has been addressed in the ESMMP on conservation of soil and environment.
- **d)** Flora and fauna may be destroyed during construction. The public expressed the need of minimizing clearing of trees. This issue will be addressed by the ESMMP on conservation of biodiversity.
- e) Community conflicts. This concern was raised due to water use in the farm. This concern will be addressed through project management committee and public meetings. It was also suggested that two water troughs be constructed to serves as drinking points for livestock in the scheme

CHAPTER FIVE

ANTICIPATED IMPACTS AND MITIGATION MEASURES

5.1 Introduction

This chapter presents the assessment of the issues likely to arise as a result of implementation of the proposed Kipchukuku irrigation project. The anticipated impacts are discussed in three phases namely: construction, operational and decommissioning phases

5.2 Anticipated Impacts during Construction Phase

5.2.1 Positive Impacts during Construction

- a) Employment Opportunities: There is anticipated increase in job opportunities through; recruitment of skilled and unskilled labor from the locals, service provision to the construction workers in terms of meeting their food, accommodation and transport requirements.
- **b) Improved Infrastructure:** The access roads that be rehabilitated during phase to facilitate activities.
- c) Increased Income: The construction works will provide a market for the locally available materials while the services required by the construction workers will boost the local businesses. Project implementation in the proposed area will increase employment opportunities hence improved incomes.
- d) Infusion of skills and knowledge to the locals through interactions with the outsiders

5.2.2 Anticipated Negative Impacts and Mitigation measures during Construction phase

The negative impacts during the construction phase will be short lived but may pose a great danger to the environment. Lack of effective maintenance of the construction site environment is likely to impact on the project area and its environment adversely. Some of the negative impacts include;

a) Loss of Fauna

It is anticipated to the laying of water pipes and transportation of construction materials would lead to loss of biodiversity of flora. This impacts is however minimal and appropriate mitigation measure shall be put in place for its mitigation.

Proposed Mitigation Measures

- o The contractor should sensitize construction workers on environmental conservation
- The contractor should avoid cutting indigenous trees and vegetation within the survey area path of the water conveyance
- The contractor should ensure re-vegetation of completed pipeline routes and around the water intakes with indigenous trees
- The contractor should ensure that transportation of construction is done through existing local routes

b) Destruction of wildlife habitat

The construction of the weir and intake is likely to destroy the wildlife habitat. The impact is however minimal if proposed mitigation measure are implemented.

Proposed Mitigation Measures

- The contractor should retain and protect habitats diversity by conserving them during construction
- The contractor should not excavate the riparian sections since they serve as habitats for several animal species
- The contractor in collaboration with Kenya wildlife services should sensitize the public on the importance of wild life conservation

c) Soil Erosion

An increase in soil erosion may result from loosening of the soil during construction works and vegetation clearing. In addition, some of the loose soils lead to siltation and thus affecting the aquatic life.

Proposed Mitigation Measures

- o The contractor should ensure that all excavation works are properly compacted
- The contractor should incorporate erosion control measures during construction
- The contractor should not use topsoil during the construction phase
- o The contractor should ensure intensive re-vegetation on bare grounds after construction

d) Soil Compaction

The high traffic especially of machineries and the construction workforce within the project area is likely to lead to compaction of the soil structure leading to reduced water infiltration.

Proposed Mitigation Measures

- The contractor should ensure that all machines are operated on the existing roads or tracks as much as possible
- o The contractor should ensure that there are no unnecessary vehicle movement
- The contractor should avoid compaction during stockpiling by working the soil in its dry state
- o The contractor should ensure revegetation on bare ground to reduce run-off

e) Pollution of rivers and wetlands

The construction of the intake water conveyance system, if not well controlled could deposit construction wastes such as sediments from the earthworks, oils and fuels into the rivers. This may lead to potential pollution of the water especially for downstream users and may also affect the aquatic life.

Proposed Mitigation measures

- The contractor should regularly check on the equipment in use to ensure they are well maintained and in good working condition to prevent leaking oils and fuels.
- The contractor should ensure that refueling is done in safe locations where there is no likelihood of spillages
- The contractor should ensure that generated solid waste are disposed in designated site
- The contractor should ensure that all construction equipment and machineries are clean and mud free

f) Dust and Noise pollution

During construction phase it is expected that there will be an increase in traffic flow into the project area to including heavy and other vehicles ferrying construction materials. The access roads that are largely earthen roads could result in increased dust and noise. This is likely to affect the health of the residents and the aesthetic value of the areas.

Proposed Mitigation Measures

- The contractor should ensure that vehicles delivering materials to the site use designated routes and speed limits
- The contractor should ensure there is regular watering of dusty roads and maintenance during this stage.
- o The contractor should provide construction workers with dust masks and ear protectors
- The noise levels should be kept at the minimum acceptable levels and the construction activities be confined to the normal 8 am to 5pm working hours

g) Extraction of Construction Materials

There will be demand for construction materials in bulk such as sand, gravel and rocks. These will be extracted from the local sources. The extraction and transportation of these materials is likely to result in the disturbance of the soil structure, vegetation loss, dust emission, oil spills, noise and potential for accidents. Quarries and barrow pits associated with extraction of materials hold water that can be a suitable breeding grounds for mosquitoes and other disease vectors, leading to increase of water borne diseases. These temporary pits can lead to possible drowning accidents.

Proposed Mitigation Measures

- The contractor should source construction from approved site by the local authorities
- o The contractor to ensure adequate re-use of the excavated waste materials
- The contractor should ensure adequate landscaping, backfilling and draining of the depressed areas to prevent breeding grounds for disease vectors
- The contractor should give advance notice to the nearby communities on the intended excavation.

h) Generation of Solid wastes

The construction activities will lead to the production of solid wastes such as soils, rock debris, metal cut offs and plastics, cardboards, paper, wood and waste concrete among others. The effects of improperly managed wastes could be far reaching and may include aspects of environmental pollution.

Proposed Mitigation measures

o The contractor should sensitize construction workers on proper disposal of waste

- o The contractor should promote reuse, recycling and reduction of wastes
- The contractor should provide adequate litter collection facilities designated in the construction site
- The contractor should ensure that collected waste are disposed in designated licensed sites approved by NEMA in accordance with the waste management regulations
- o The contractor should construct a temporary pit latrine for use by workers.

i) Generation of Liquid Wastes

Liquid wastes including oil spills, grey and black water, concrete washing, run off from workshop areas and various liquid wastes from the washing of construction vehicles and equipment will be generated during construction works. These wastes are likely to cause imminent threats to the groundwater quality and other aquatic bodies.

Proposed Mitigation Measures

- The contractor should ensure that grey water runoff from the working areas is contained and properly channeled or reused.
- The contractor should ensure that water containing pollutants such as cement, concrete, lime, chemicals and fuels are discharged into a conservancy tank for removal from the site
- The contractor should ensure that potential pollutants are stored, kept and used in such a manner that any escape can be contained to avoid degrading the environment.
- The contractor should ensure that maintenance of vehicles and other machineries are done in designated locations.
- The contractor should ensure regular maintenance of machineries to ensure they are in good working conditions and are free from leaks
- The contractor should ensure that soil contaminated by oil spills or pollutants are immediately scooped and disposed in designated sites

j) Occupational hazards and Health risks.

The construction activities will likely employ several persons and therefore expose them to various safety and health risks such as accidents, injuries or illnesses. These include exposure to food related diseases as most of the workers will be feed at the work site.

Proposed Mitigation Measures

- The contractor should comply to all health and safety standards when handling workers on site
- The contractor should provide all workers with appropriate personal protective equipment (PPEs)
- o The contractor should establish an assembly area for all workers in case of an accident and maintain a record of all works at the site at each particular time.
- o The contractor should sensitize all workers on construction safety measures
- The contractor should provide equipped first aid kits at the site and first aid training given to the supervisors for handling potential casualties
- The contractor should have workmen's compensation cover to avoid liability in cases of serious accidents.
- o The contractor should provide clean sanitary facilities and clean drinking at the site.
- The contractor should ensure that warning signs are erected to warn on construction activities and heavy machinery at site
- The contractor should ensure that risky areas such as deep pits are covered or fenced off to avoid accidents
- the contractor should provide insurance cover to the workers under the employment compensation Act

k) Gender Based Violence (GBV) at construction site

The interaction between the community members and the construction workers may result in GBV.

Proposed Mitigation Measures

- o The contractor should ensure that that all construction workers are sensitized on GBV
- The contractor should comply with the provisions of the GBV policy to safeguard the community against the vice.

1) Increased spread of STDS/HIV/ AIDs

Sexual relationships between community members and the construction workers may result to GBV in the area.

Proposed Mitigation Measures

- The contractor should ensure that that all construction workers are sensitized prevention and control of STIs/HIV/AIDs
- The contractor should provide adequate prevention measures such as condoms to the community and construction workers
- o The contractor should comply with the provisions of the HIV/AIDs prevention policy

m) Increased risk of spread of covid-19 pandemic.

Covid-19 pandemic spread among people during construction may occur in the project area. The human interactions may increase the risk of spread of the pandemic.

Proposed Mitigation measures.

- The contractor should adhere to the standard operating procedure (SoPs) on the prevention of the spread of COVID-19
- The contractor should sensitize the public on covid-19 government of Kenya regulations to reduce risk of the spread.
- The contractor should provide hand washing equipment at strategic points within the site.
- The contractor should provide hand sanitizers in construction site for people to sanitizes their hands
- The contractor and supervising engineer to ensure that participants in the site meetings wear face masks and keep social distance.

5.3 Anticipated Impacts during Operation Phase

5.3.1 Positive Impacts at the Operation Phase

- a) Food Security: The proposed project through the irrigated agriculture will result in increased agricultural production. This will increase food security both at the individual household and national level. Diversification in crop production will also be achieved contributing to nutritional security. There will also be increased livestock productivity due to availability of fodder.
- **b)** Increased Agricultural Activities and Economic Growth: The proposed development project will avail adequate irrigation water to areas previously not well fed with water for

irrigation thus increasing crop and livestock productivity. This alongside the related input and output markets will boost the economy of the area and beyond.

- c) Income Generation Opportunities: The project will directly create employment for those members of the community who will be hired as construction workers and also income generation opportunities for those who will be offering services such as food provision and transport services. Other activities in various value chain levels will increase incomes among its players.
- **d) Improved Infrastructure:** The expansion of the irrigation project will trigger infrastructural developments within the area such as the expansion of the roads, markets and others recreational facilities. The improved productivity will also attract more business people to the urban centers leading to improved housing both for accommodation and recreational facilities.
- e) Opportunities for Skills Acquisition: The implementation of the project activities will trigger increased demand for skill improvement such as agricultural extension services and marketing skills.

6.3.2 Anticipated negative impacts and mitigation measures during operation phase

a) Water Quality Degradation

The quality of the water resources may be affected by intensified use of pesticides and fertilizers leading to ground water pollution and eutrophication in the water bodies. The disposal of empty agrochemical containers may lead to pollution and poisoning of aquatic life.

Proposed Mitigation Measures

- The local agricultural officers' services should train farmers on fertilizer use and the safe use of agro chemicals as well as use of integrated pest management
- The proponent should prepare and implement pest management plan and seek for clearance before commencement of farming activities
- o The proponent should ensure proper disposal of wastes

b) Soil salinization, sedimentation and nutrient leaching

The uncontrolled use of fertilizers and pesticides may lead to increased soil salinity. The excessive use of irrigation water is likely to change both the soil's physical and chemical attributes as well as to water logging and leaching of water soluble nutrients to levels where they are no longer available for use by plants.

Proposed Mitigation Measures

- The amount of water abstracted from the river should be controlled through appropriate design of the intake to include facilities for regulating irrigation pipe's discharge
- The Project Management Committee (PMC) should ensure installation of appropriate drainage channels to drain any excess water from the farms.
- The proponent should frequently monitor soil salinity through analysis of soil carried out before project implementation and with every annual audit
- Afforestation and vegetation growth should be encouraged especially along the river banks
- The PMC should ensure maintenance and operation of the irrigation infrastructure should be maintained regularly to ensure that localized irrigation does not occur
- The PMC should ensure cultivation limits to the river systems are identified and strictly adhered to.
- o The PMC should ensure that there is appropriate terracing where possible
- The PMC should ensure that water application does not exceed soil intake rate, overirrigation
- o Construction of water pans along the conveyance route to act as silt traps

c) Soil erosion

Proposed Mitigation Measures

- There should be erosion control measures on areas prone to erosion especially steep slopes by installing soil erosion control structures
- There should be intensive re-vegetation on bare grounds after construction
- Provide fruit trees to farmers along slopes

d) Water borne diseases

The most common diseases in the area (as reported by the Health officer) include malaria and upper respiratory tract infections. Malaria is common because of water pools and the

vegetation. Other diseases such as bilharzia, may come in but currently not experienced in the area. Water borne diseases have reduced due to piped water, as explained by the Public Health Officer during stakeholder consultation.

Proposed Mitigation Measures

- The members of the community should be sensitized on preventive and control measures.
- o These measures include spraying and use of treated nets for malaria control.
- o Construction of pit latrines should be encouraged control diseases.
- The county government should establish additional health facilities as well, equipping and manning the existing ones to deal with the new cases
- The Ministry of public health should ensure there is regular spraying within the project area to control mosquitoes
- o Regular flushing of stagnated water to destroy breeding grounds.

e) Interference of livestock movement paths

The excavation of irrigation pipes may interrupt movement patterns of the livestock. Introduction of irrigation in the area may reduce grazing land for livestock and may cause conflicts between crops and livestock. This could lead to conflict between irrigating farmers and those keeping livestock

Proposed Mitigation Measures

- The proponent should organize public meetings to discuss conflicts related with land use in the project area.
- The irrigation infrastructure should be protected by erecting a fence to reduce destruction of crops by livestock.
- There should be a provision of water troughs for livestock outside the scheme in the design

f) Human- wildlife conflict

If livestock are left unattended to, they may stray into the farms and damage the crops as they search for forage and water for drinking. Crops may be destroyed by wild animals such as gazelles, monkeys which will lead to human- wildlife conflicts.

Mitigation Measures

- The proponent in collaboration with the department of livestock should sensitize herders and the general community on possible conflicts that may arise
- o Fence off the farms to minimize conflicts between farmers, livestock and wildlife
- Provide livestock watering troughs outside the farm to avoid animals straying into the farms

g) Pests and Crop Diseases

Increased acreage of irrigated land may create a conducive environment for agricultural pests and diseases triggering increased use of pesticides.

Proposed Mitigation Measures

- The farmers should be trained on pest and disease control and management, especially integrated pest management
- Conduct pest and disease surveillance to monitor prevalence of both existing and new pests and diseases in the scheme.

n) Gender Based Violence (GBV) at community level

The interaction between the community members and the construction workers may result in GBV.

Proposed Mitigation Measures

- o The proponent should ensure that that community members are sensitized on GBV
- The proponent should comply with the provisions of the GBV policy to safeguard the community against the vice.

h) Water use Conflicts

The following water related conflicts are likely to occur as identified during public participation:

Water for irrigation versus livestock needs: It was noted that the previous designs for the irrigation scheme (done by NIB) did not consider water for livestock. There was no provision for drinking troughs for livestock.

Proposed Mitigation measure

 The project should consider installation of water troughs at appropriate places for livestock use. **Scramble for water during dry season**: It was established that the area experiences a dry spell from December to March. This is the period when water is inadequate for the users and may result in conflicts.

Proposed Mitigation measures

- The management of the scheme should ensure fairness in the distribution of irrigation water during the dry season.
- o The users should be trained on efficient water use to enable conservation
- o The users should also invest in water storage tanks to conserve water.
- o The members should also adhere to by-laws related to water use to reduce wastage

i) Risk of spread of COVID-19 among community members

Covid-19 pandemic spread among people during operations may occur in the project area from the interactions of community members sharing the irrigation resources.

Proposed Mitigation measures

- The proponent should adhere to the standard operating procedure(SoPs) on the prevention of the spread of COVID-19
- The project management committee (PMC) should sensitize the public on covid-19 government of Kenya regulations to reduce risk of the spread.
- o The PMC should provide hand washing equipment at strategic points within the site.
- The PMC should provide hand sanitizers in construction site for people to sanitizes their hands
- The PMC engineer to ensure that participants in the site meetings wear face masks and keep social distance.

5.3.3 Anticipated impacts during Decommissioning

The project is expected to last for some years and therefore decommissioning may not be anticipated in the near future thereby reversing the positive impacts identified. The main negative impacts at this phase are mainly losses in the irrigation infrastructure. Other notable negative impacts include

a) Loss of livelihood and the income earning capacity

Proposed Mitigation measures

- Sensitize the public on how to cope up with loss of livelihoods
- o Sensitize the farmers to diversify livelihood enterprises.

b) The generation of solid waste

Proposed Mitigation measures

- o The wastes produced should either be reduced, reused or recycled
- o Provide waste disposal bins at appropriate sites
- Waste disposal sites should be located away from the water sources to prevent the possibility of surface run off into the water system.

c) Noise and dust pollution

Proposed Mitigation measures.

- o Put off idle machinery to reduce noise pollution.
- o Use of machinery that are designed to produce low decibels.
- o Use of ear muffs by workers to reduce impact of excess noise.
- o Control the speed of running machines
- o Sprinkle water to the ground surface to reduce dust emissions

CHAPTER SIX

ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL MANAGEMENT AND MONITORING PLAN

6.1 Introduction

The ESMMP is meant to provide guidelines for concerns identified so as to promote the mitigation of identified adverse effects throughout the design, construction, operation and decommissioning phases so as to promote the positive effects. The proponent should acquire the technical assistance and training in environmental management practices for operations of the proposed project.

6.2 Auditing the ESMMP

The managers of the project should conduct annual audits to ensure the systems are operating effectively. The audit will ensure that;

- o The ESMMP being used is up to date,
- o Variations to the ESMMP and non-compliance and corrective actions are documented
- o The appropriate environmental training for personnel is undertaken
- o Emergency procedures are in place and effectively communicated to the personnel
- o A register of major accidents is in place and other documentation related to the ESMP
- The appropriate corrective and preventive action is taken by the contractor once instructions have been issued.

The environmental management of the proposed project should strengthen the mobilization of the beneficiary communities with regard to environmental and health aspects and render the proposed irrigation project sustainable.

6.3 Responsibilities

The ESMMP has various components with the respective stakeholders involved towards the implementation of the corrective actions. Various persons and organizations are to be involved in the project. The implementation of the ESMMP should involve the contractors, line ministries, NEMA, various farmer organizations, the local administration, lands Office, KWS, KFS and the consultants

6.4 Training and sensitization.

Sensitization of all the stakeholders is crucial in the implementation of the ESMMP. All the stakeholders involved in the ESMMP should to undergo environmental awareness training. Training should be aimed at practical aspects of environmental monitoring and management.

Table 2: Training and sensitization framework.

Recipients	Mode of training	Environmental aspects to be covered	Agency to train
Environmental	Workshops Group	-Environmental aspects	Environmental and
staff	discussions Site	-Environmental regulations	social experts,
	visits	-EMPs	Supervision consultants
		-Environmental sound	
		construction and management	
County irrigation	Seminar,	-EMP implementation	Environmental and
Officer operation/	Workshops	-Environmental pollution	social experts,
Maintenance staff		associated with the project	Supervision consultants
		-Best environmental practices	
Contractors'	Seminar,	Environmental overview EIAs	Environmental and
workers	Workshops	Environmental regulations and	social experts,
		acts	Supervision consultants
		EMPs	
		Environmental pollution	

6.5 ESMP Monitoring

There should be continuous monitoring and follow-up of the project activities to ensure that the ESMMP is implemented and ensure its objectives are achieved. The implementing staff, the community, and the contractor should ensure that the mitigation measures are put in place as outlined in the ESMMP. The monitoring parameters should include improved vegetation cover, increased potential of the various water springs, preservation of species in synergy with the water springs, level of coli form and other bacteria in the sampled water not to forget the ppm solid elements, severity watershed encroachment, public safety and health awareness Malaria and other social disease prevention and control systems in place, livestock wildlife - human conflicts management, safety of equipment and property and capacity building and skills improvement of water users among others as outlined in the ESMMP.

6.6 Environmental and Social Management Monitoring Plan (ESM & MP)

6.6.1 Environmental and Social Management and Monitoring Plan during Construction phase

No.	Environmental	Proposed Mitigation Measures	Monitoring	Responsibility	Means of	Time	Est. Cost
	and Social		Indicators		Verification	Frame	(KShs.)
	Impact						
	Environmental Im	pacts			•	l	
1.	Loss of Flora	o Avoid cutting indigenous trees and	• % of vegetation cover	Contractor	Baseline	6 Months	200,000
		vegetation within the survey area path	• No. of trees within the	Community	Report		
		of the water conveyance	project areas	Local forest	Site Report		
		o Avoid excessive bush clearing; where	• No of fruit trees planted	Associations			
		possible adopt re-vegetation around	along the escarpment	KFS			
		the water intakes	• % of bush cover around	County			
		o Minimize number of indigenous trees	the water intake	Government			
		cut					
		o A forestation and reforestation					
		programs in certain parts of farmlands					
		o Preserve certain sections for grazing					
		purposes					
		o The integrity of the forest resources					
		should be well guarded from the					
		spillover effects of the project'					
		activities so as to maintain their					
		functionalities					

		0	Encourage planting of fruit trees along						
			the escarpment						
2.	Destruction of	0	The contractor should retain and	•	The extent of habitat	-County	Incidence	1 Month	50,000
	Wildlife habitats		protect habitats diversity by		diversity retained	Government	Report		
			conserving them during construction	•	Incidences of invasive	-Contractor	Attendance		
		0	The contractor should not excavate the		species	-Farmers	list		
			riparian sections since they serve as	•	No. of sensitization	-KFS	Photos		
			habitats for several animal species		meetings on the	-KWS			
		0	The contractor in collaboration with		importance of wildlife				
			Kenya wildlife services should		conservation				
			sensitize the public on the importance						
			of wild life conservation						
3.	Soil Erosion	0	The contractor should ensure that all	No	o. of soil conservation	Contractor	4 Months	Soil and	100,000
			excavation works are properly	stı	ructures established	Supervising		land	
			compacted	Le	ength of soil conservation	Engineer		manageme	
		0	The contractor should incorporate	stı	ructures	Farmers		nt plan and	
			erosion control measures during					Report	
			construction						
		0	The contractor should not use topsoil						
			during the construction phase						
		0	The contractor should ensure						
			intensive re-vegetation on bare						
			grounds after construction						

4.	Soil Compaction	0	The contractor should ensure that all	•	Reduced Erosion	Contractor.		1 week	Site	50,000
			machines are operated on the existing	•	Reduced suspended	Supervising			supervision	
			roads or tracks as much as possible		dust	Engineer	and		report	
		0	The contractor should ensure that there			farmers				
			are no unnecessary vehicle movement							
		0	The contractor should avoid							
			compaction during stockpiling by							
			working the soil in its dry state							
		0	The contractor should ensure							
			revegetation on bare ground to reduce							
			run-off							
5.	Pollution of river	0	The contractor should regularly check	•	No of water test done	Contractor		1 week	Water test	30,000
	and wetlands		on the equipment in use to ensure they	•	No of training	Supervising			report	
			are well maintained and in good		conducted on waste	Engineer			Attendance	
			working condition to prevent leaking		management				list	
			oils and fuels.	•	No of SOPs availed to				Site report	
		0	The contractor should ensure that		workers					
			refueling is done in safe locations	•						
			where there is no likelihood of							
			spillages							
		0	The contractor should ensure that							
			generated solid waste are disposed in							
			designated site							

		0	The contractor should ensure that all						
			construction equipment and						
			machineries are clean and mud free						
6.	Dust and Noise	0	The contractor should ensure that	•	No. of workers	Contractor	Work	1 Month	50,000
	Pollution		vehicles delivering materials to the site		provided with dust	Supervising	Progress		
			use designated routes and speed limits		mask	Engineer	Report		
		0	The contractor should ensure there is	•	No. of times water is				
			regular watering of dusty roads and		sprinkled during				
			maintenance during this stage.		excavation				
		0	The contractor should provide	•	No. of trainings				
			construction workers with dust masks		conducted				
			and ear protectors						
		0	The noise levels should be kept at the						
			minimum acceptable levels and the						
			construction activities be confined to						
			the normal 8 am to 5pm working hours						
7.	Extraction of	0	The contractor should source	•	No approved sites for	Contractor	Approval	4 Months	100,000
	construction		construction from approved site by the		extraction of	Supervising	Reports		
	materials		local authorities		construction materials	Engineer	Site reports		
		0	The contractor to ensure adequate re-	•	Quantity of excavated				
			use of the excavated waste materials		materials re-used				
		0	The contractor should ensure adequate	•	% of excavated area				
			landscaping and backfilling.		backfilled				

		0	The contractor should drain depressed	•	% of depressed area				
			areas to prevent breeding grounds for		drained				
			disease vectors						
		0	The contractor should give advance						
			notice to the nearby communities on						
			the intended excavation.						
8.	Generation of	0	The contractor should sensitize	•	No. of litter bins	Contractor	4 months	Site	50,000
	Solid Wastes		construction workers on proper	•	Waste disposal site	Supervising		Supervision	
			disposal of waste	•	Licensed waste handler	Engineer		Report	
		0	The contractor should promote reuse,		in place				
			recycling and reduction of wastes	•	No of beneficiaries				
		0	The contractor should provide		trained on waste				
			adequate litter collection facilities		disposal				
			designated in the construction site						
		0	The contractor should ensure that						
			collected waste are disposed in						
			designated licensed sites approved by						
			NEMA in accordance with the waste						
			management regulations						
		0	The contractor should construct a						
			temporary pit latrine for use by						
			workers.						

9.	Generation	of	0	The contractor should ensure that grey	•	% of grey water run off	Contractor	Site Report	6 Months	50,000
	Liquid waste			water runoff from the working areas is		properly channeled or	Supervising			
				contained and properly channeled or		reused	Engineer			
				reused.	•	% of water containing				
			0	The contractor should ensure that		pollutants discharged				
				water containing pollutants such as		into conservancy tanks				
				cement, concrete, lime, chemicals and		for removal from the				
				fuels are discharged into a		site				
				conservancy tank for removal from the	•	No of sites designated				
				site		for maintenance of				
			0	The contractor should ensure that		vehicles				
				potential pollutants are stored, kept	•	Volumes of				
				and used in such a manner that any		contaminated soils				
				escape can be contained to avoid		scooped and disposed in				
				degrading the environment.		designated sites				
			0	The contractor should ensure that						
				maintenance of vehicles and other						
				machineries are done in designated						
				locations.						
			0	The contractor should ensure regular						
				maintenance of machineries to ensure						
				they are in good working conditions						
				and are free from leaks						

10.	Social Impacts Occupation hazards and health risks	0	The contractor should ensure that soil contaminated by oil spills or pollutants are immediately scooped and disposed in designated site The contractor should comply to all health and safety standards when handling workers on site The contractor should provide all	•	No of accidents reported No of fully equipped first AID Kits at	Contractor Supervising Engineer	4 months	Incidence Report Site Report	50,000
		0	workers with appropriate personal protective equipment (PPEs) The contractor should establish an assembly area for all workers in case of an accident and maintain a record of all works at the site at each particular time. The contractor should sensitize all workers on construction safety	•	first AID Kits at strategic points at working area No of workers with insurance cover No of PPES provided to workers				
		0	measures The contractor should provide equipped first aid kits at the site and first aid training given to the						

		I	supervisors for handling potential			
			casualties			
			o The contractor should have workmen's			
			compensation cover to avoid liability			
			in cases of serious accidents.			
			o The contractor should provide clean			
			sanitary facilities and clean drinking at			
			the site.			
			o The contractor should ensure that			
			warning signs are erected to warn on			
			construction activities and heavy			
			machinery at site			
			·			
			• The contractor should ensure that risky			
			areas such as deep pits are covered or			
			fenced off to avoid accidents			
			$\circ \text{the} \text{contractor} \text{should} \text{provide}$			
			insurance cover to the workers under			
			the employment compensation Act			
11.	Gender	based	The contractor should ensure that that	o No of beneficiaries Social services	Incidence Operation	50,000
	violence		all construction workers are sensitized	trained officer	Report phase	
			on GBV	• Cases of gender based Agriculture staff	Attendance	
			m		list	
				violence reported to		
			provisions of the GBV policy to	local chief	Site Report	

		0	safeguard the community against the vice Training the project beneficiaries on human rights and consequences of gender based violence						
12.	Increased risk of spread of HIV/AIDs	0	The contractor should ensure that that all construction workers are sensitized on prevention and control of STIs/HIV/AIDs The contractor should provide adequate prevention measures such as condoms to the community and construction workers The contractor should comply with the provisions of the HIV/AIDs prevention policy	•	No. of construction workers sensitized on prevention and control of STIs/HIV/AIDs Level of compliance with provisions of the HIV/AIDs prevention policy No of prevention measures put in place	Contractor PHO Supervising Engineer	Incidence report Attendance list Compliance report	6 Months	50,000
13.	Risk of spread of COVID-19	0	The contractor should adhere to the standard operating procedure(SoPs) on the prevention of the spread of COVID-19 The contractor should sensitize the public on COVID-19 government of	•	The SoPs in place No of people sensitized on COVID-19 No. of and washing equipment on site No of workers provided with hand sanitizers	Contractor Supervising Engineer Ministry of Health	Incidence report Purchase orders/receip ts Photos	4 Months	100,000

Kenya regulations to reduce risk of the • No of workers putting	
spread. on face masks on site	
The contractor should provide hand	
washing equipment at strategic points	
within the site.	
The contractor should provide hand	
sanitizers in construction site for	
people to sanitizes their hands	
o The contractor and supervising	
engineer to ensure that participants in	
the site meetings wear face masks and	
keep social distance.	

6.6.2 Environmental and Social Management and Monitoring Plan during Operation phase

No.	Environmental	Proposed Mitigation Measures	Monitoring	Responsibility	Means of	Time Frame	Est. Cost
	and Social		Indicators		Verificatio		(KShs.)
	Impact				n		
	Environmental Im	pacts					
1.	Water Quality	o The local agricultural officers'	No. of water testing done	PMC	Water	Operation life	50,000
	degradation	services should train farmers on	No. of farmers using	Farmers	testing	of the project	
		fertilizer use and the safe use of agro	agrochemicals	Agricultural	report		
		chemicals as well as use of integrated		officers			
		pest management					
		o The proponent should prepare and					
		implement pest management plan					
		and seek for clearance before					
		commencement of farming activities					
		o The proponent should ensure proper					
		disposal of wastes					
2.	Soil Salinization,	o The amount of water abstracted from	o No. of regulating	PMC	Design	Operation life	100,000
	sedimentation and	the river should be controlled	irrigation pipes	Farmers	report	of the project	
	nutrient leaching	through appropriate design of the	included in intake	Agriculture	Site report		
		intake to include facilities for	design	Department	Soil salinity		
		regulating irrigation pipe's discharge	o No of drainage		monitoring		
		o The Project Management Committee	channels dug and		report		
		(PMC) should ensure installation of	maintained				

appropriate drainage channels to	o o No of monitoring	
drain any excess water from the	visits done on soil	
farms.	salinity	
The proponent should frequently		
monitor soil salinity through analysis		
of soil carried out before project		
implementation and with every		
annual audit	land	
A 66		
should be encouraged especially		
along the river banks		
o The PMC should ensure		
maintenance and operation of the		
irrigation infrastructure should be		
maintained regularly to ensure that		
localized irrigation does not occur		
o The PMC should ensure cultivation		
limits to the river systems are		
identified and strictly adhered to.		
o The PMC should ensure that there is		
appropriate terracing where possible		

3.	Soil erosion	0 0	The PMC should ensure that water application does not exceed soil intake rate, over- irrigation Construction of water pans along the conveyance route to act as silt traps There should be erosion control measures on areas prone to erosion especially steep slopes by installing soil erosion control structures There should be intensive revegetation on bare grounds after construction Provide fruit trees to farmers along slopes	0	No. of Sensitization meetings held No. of soil conservation structures established	Agriculture officers. Farmers	Soil and Land Conservati on Plan and Report	During and after construction	100,000
	Social Impacts								
4.	Water borne diseases	0	The members of the community should be sensitized on preventive and control measures. These measures include spraying and use of treated nets for malaria control. Construction of pit latrines should be encouraged control diseases.	No dis No	o of incidences reported o of mosquito nets estributed o of surveillances enducted No of farmers boiling and treating water from water pools	Community PHO	Incidence Report Surveillanc e Report Report of domestic water use	Project Implementatio n	50,000

		0	The county government should						
			establish additional health facilities						
			as well, equipping and manning the						
			existing ones to deal with the new						
			cases						
		0	The Ministry of public health should						
			ensure there is regular spraying						
			within the project area to control						
			mosquitoes						
		0	Regular flushing of stagnated water						
			to destroy breeding grounds.						
5.	Water Use	0	The project should consider	0	Number of complaints	Community	Register	Project	20,000
	Conflict		installation of water troughs at		registered	Agricultural	Water use	operation time	
			appropriate places for livestock use			officer	report		
		0	The management of the scheme			WRA			
			should ensure fairness in the						
			distribution of irrigation water						
			during the dry season.						
		0	The users should be trained on						
			efficient water use to enable						
			conservation						
		0	The users should also invest in water						
			storage tanks to conserve water.						

		0	The members should also adhere to					
			by-laws related to water use to					
			reduce wastage					
6.	Interference of	0	The proponent should organize	No. of Public meetings	PMC	Notice of	Operation and	50,000
	livestock		public meetings to discuss conflicts	organizes to discuss	Farmers	public	maintenance	
	movement paths		related with land use in the project	conflicts	Local	meetings	phase	
			area.	No of cattle water troughs	administration	Attendance		
		0	The irrigation infrastructure should	provided		list		
			be protected by erecting a fence to	Level of protection to		Incidence		
			reduce destruction of crops by	irrigation infrastructure		report		
			livestock.					
		0	There should be a provision of water					
			troughs for livestock outside the					
			scheme in the design					
7.	Human-livestock	0	The proponent in collaboration with	Number of cases reported	Local	Reports on	Operation and	100,000
	conflict.		the department of livestock should	in the community.	administration	resolved	maintenance	
			sensitize herders and the general		-Farmers	cases	phase	
			community on possible conflicts that		-WRA			
			may arise		- Livestock			
		0	Fence off the farms to minimize		extension			
			conflicts between farmers, livestock		Officers			
			and wildlife					

		0	Provide livestock watering troughs outside the farm to avoid animals straying into the farms						
8.	Gender based violence	0	Training the project beneficiaries on human rights and consequences of gender based violence Sensitize the community of importance of sharing resources in the family to reduce tension Awareness creation and sensitization of workers and the local communities on the associated dangers and preventive measures	0	No of sensitization meetings No of trainings on GBV Cases of gender based violence reported to local chief or administration.	Social services officer Agriculture staff Local administration. Community.	Incidence Report Attendance list	Operation phase	50,000
9.	Risk of spread of COVID-19 among community members	0	The proponent should adhere to the standard operating procedure(SoPs) on the prevention of the spread of COVID-19 The project management committee (PMC) should sensitize the public on covid-19 government of Kenya regulations to reduce risk of the spread.	•	The SoPs in place No of people sensitized on COVID- 19 No. of and washing equipment on site No of workers provided with hand sanitizers	PMC Ministry of health Farmers	Incidence report Purchase orders/recei pts Photos	4 Months	100,000

	0	The PMC should provide hand	0	No of workers putting		
		washing equipment at strategic		on face masks on site		
		points within the site.				
	0	The PMC should provide hand				
		sanitizers in construction site for				
		people to sanitizes their hands				
	0	The PMC engineer to ensure that				
		participants in the site meetings wear				
		face masks and keep social distance.				

6.6.3 Environmental and Social Management and Monitoring Plan during decommissioning phase

No.	Environmental	Proposed Mitigation Measures	Monitoring	Responsibility	Means of	Time	Est. Cost
	and Social Impact		Indicators		Verification	Frame	(KShs.)
	Environmental impa	acts					
1.	Generation of solid	o The wastes produced should either be	Quantity of solid	Contractor	Site Report	1 Month	50,000
	waste	reduced reused or recycled	waste in the scheme				
		o Provide waste disposal bins at appropriate	during				
		sites	decommissioning.				
		o Waste disposal sites should be located away					
		from the water sources to prevent the					
		possibility of potential run off into the water					
		system					

		0	Train the beneficiaries on waste disposal								
			methods including composting								
2.	Noise pollution	0	Reduce noise by sensitizing drivers in the	0	No		of	Contractor	Sensitization	1 Month	50,000
			project		sensitiz	zation			Report		
		0	Use manual labor as much as possible.		meetin	gs			Attendance list		
		0	Restriction of activities to daytime	0	No.	of P	PE				
		0	Workers within the vicinity of high level		procure	ed					
			noise to be provided with adequate PPE.								
		0	No idling of vehicles and machinery if not in								
			use, they should be switched off.								
	Social Impacts							1			1
3.	Loss of livelihoods	0	Sensitize and train farmers on livelihood	No	o. of peo	ople w	ho	Contractor	Livelihood	1 Month	100,000
	and incomes		diversification of enterprises.	ha	ve suffe	ered l	ost		profile report		
				liv	elihood	a	nd				
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	Total Cost							I	l		1,522,000

CHAPTER SEVEN

CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS

7.1 Introduction

This study has been conducted to equip the Government, National Environmental Management Authority (NEMA), the project proponent, Kenya Climate Smart Agriculture Project, project beneficiaries and other stakeholders with relevant and sufficient information about the proposed Irrigation project. It is hoped that NEMA would use this information to give a go ahead to the project by issuing the proponent with a permit. The Irrigation Project proposes to use a gravity fed system which will greatly reduce the operation and maintenance cost. Once the water has been supplied through gravity, the farmers will use sprinkler irrigation to irrigate their farms.

7.2 Conclusions

The study established that positive impacts will accrues as a result of the implementation of Kipchukuku Irrigation Project. The project will enhance food security in the area which is in line with Vision 2030 where one of the key strategies is to increase agricultural productivity in Kenya and open up idle land to agriculture leading to improved agricultural activities. The key positive socio-economic benefits identified included diversification of farming enterprises leading to improved food security and nutrition in the area ultimately reducing malnourishment. Local production of food will lower prices at the local level therefore making food more available to the people. Lower food prices will make food more affordable in most homesteads. The increase in agricultural related activities will open up the area and there will be improved infrastructure (roads and telecommunication) and social amenities (schools, mosques, churches and dispensaries).

There will be an increase in economic activities in the area leading to an increase in employment along the value chain such as agro-inputs supply, transport, processing and marketing of the farm produce. This will lead to a reduction in poverty levels of many households and improvement of living standards of the locals. It is anticipated that the proposed development project would bring substantial economic benefits not only to the local communities within the project area, but to the entire nation as a whole.

Field surveys and consultative public participation have indicated that there are a few negative socio- economic impacts during the operation and minimal disruption of public services during construction. Adequate Acts, policies and regulations provided in the Environmental

Management Plan and mitigation measures proposed will ensure that the impacts pose no threat to the environment and communities.

7.3 Recommendations

The results from the study showed that there are more positive social and environmental impacts due to the expansion of Kipchukuku Irrigation Project. These positive impacts largely outweigh the potential negative impacts and is therefore recommended for approval and issuance of license by NEMA on condition that all the proposed mitigation measures are implemented throughout the project life cycle.

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ANNEXURES.

Annex 1: IWUA minutes

KIPCHUKUKU IRRIGATION SCHEME

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MINUTES OF KIWUA COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 08/04/2020 AT PROJECT MAIN OFFICE

IN ATTENDANCE	ORGANISATION	POSITION/DESIGNATION
1. Leonard Kandie	Kiwua	Chairperson
Nicolous Kangego	**	Secretary
3. Philip Barmasop	er.	Treasure
4. Thomas Kiplagat	2/	Vice Chairperson
5. Geoffrey Kangogo	<i>a</i>	Vice Secretary
8. Salina Yator	•	Committee Member
7. Benwai Kangogo	er .	41
8. William Mutwol	40	Area Chief
9. Philemon Barmasop	44	Area Assistant Chief
10. Abraham Rigen	(A)	Committee Member
11. Ben Kibor	KESCAP ITEN	Co-ordinater
12. Sen Tanui	EIA	Lead Expert
13. Christopher Ruto	re	100

AGENDA

- 1. Water Repairs
- 2. Collection Of water fee
- 3. ESIA sensitization and development of environmental social impact assessment

PREMBLE

The chairperson welcomed the committee members and visitors from NEMA office to the meeting, the meeting started by a word of prayer then followed by solf introduction.

MIN 1/8/04/2020: WATER REPAIRS

Farmers had early reported that some pipes are leaking at Kaptumo block; the committee had to decide how to call the farmers from Kaptumo block to do excavation. Therefore they resolved that each member from the entire block to pay fee of 200/= to meet the cost of the plumber. This was decided to be done on Saturday 11^6 04 2020.

MIN 2/8/04/2020: COLLECTION OF WATER FEE

Treasure reported that last collection, he said that 90% of the farmers have paid their monthly water fees. He further said the rest of the farmers did not pay because their laterals had blockages that need



Annex 2: Attendance list of participants

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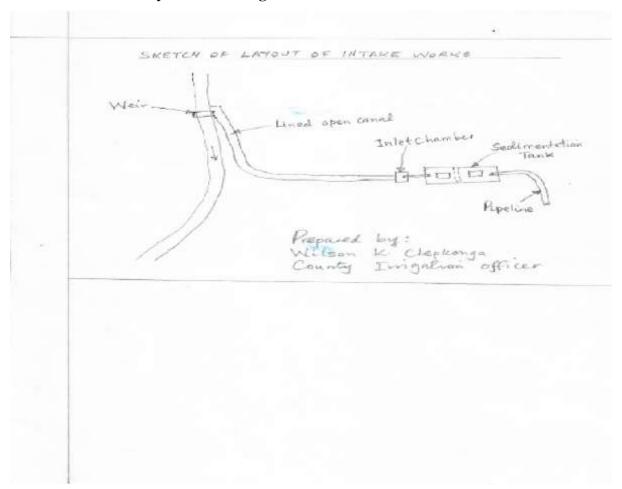
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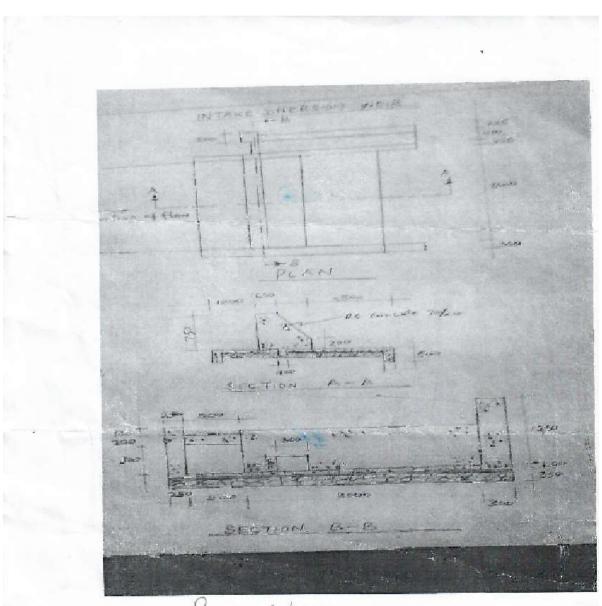
Annex 3: Sample Questionnaire

Kenya Climate Smart Agriculture Project, Elgeyo Marakwet County has proposed to expand the existing Kipchukuku irrigation scheme from the current 142 acres to 200 acres by abstracting water from Chebilat river to supplement water from Kipchukuku river. This questionnaire is meant to gather public views on the effect of the proposed project including suggestions on mitigation measures on the negative impacts, ways to enhance positive impacts and any other important information regarding the proposed project. Information provided by the interviewee will be handled as CONFIDENTIAL and shall NOT BE USED in other purposes apart from what is stated herein. Name George Know Know Sp. Sp. ID/Phone Number. 2724 3 44 668 Age set. 20-30 31-40 **□** 51 − 60 Over 60 Member of the scheme? U7II: POSSIBLE NEGATIVE IMPACTS OF THE PROPOSED PROJECT Soll les Dien along the water way. Suggest mitigation measures of the listed impacts landing of trees within the waterway Sambia tour at the wtake /applicant area.

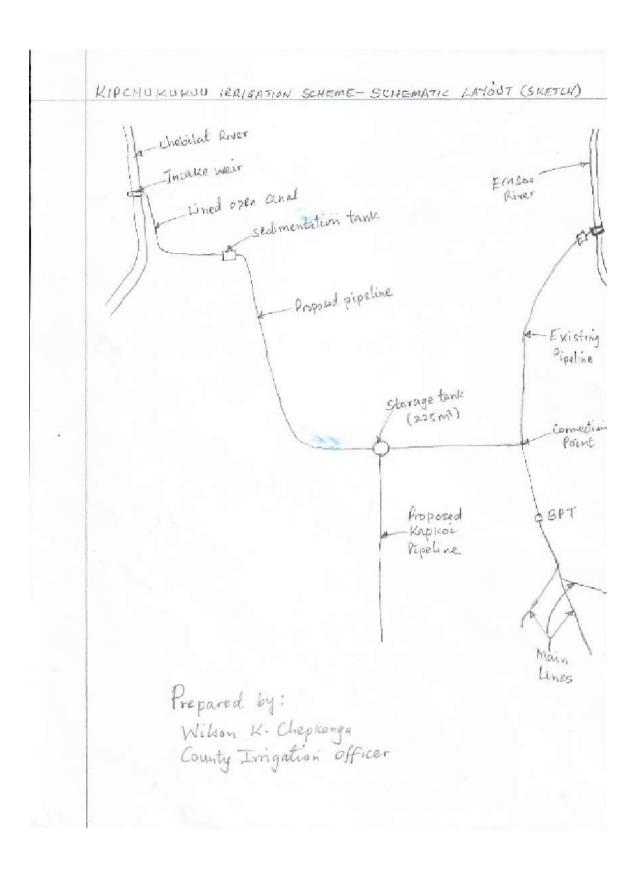
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Annex 4 Sketch of Layout of the Irrigation Scheme





Prepared by: Wilson K. Chepkonga County Irrigation Officer



Appendix 5: List of Stakeholders

No	Name of stakeholder	Coverage
1.	Public Health (office in local dispensary)	Location
2.	Beneficiary community	Project catchment area
3.	Provincial administration	Administrative division, location,
		sub location
4.	Department of Youth and Social Services	Countywide
5.	Department of Lands	Countywide
6.	Department of Agriculture and Irrigation	Countywide
	(Irrigation Engineer and Agriculture staff)	
7.	Department of Livestock ,Elgeyo Marakwet	Countywide
8.	NEMA, Elgeyo Marakwet	Countywide
9.	Department of Roads and Public works	Countywide
10.	Department of water, environment and	Countywide
	climate change	
11.	Ward administrator	Ward
12.	Kenya Forest Services	County wide

Annex 6: Photos of Public Participation



Photo 3: Discussions at the intake



Photo 4: Meeting with the Management Committee members

Annex 7: Land ownership letter from the area chief.



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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN,

RE: KIPCHUKUKU IRRIGATION SCHERGE LAND OWNERSHIP
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land ownership is individually owned land, however
the area is currently under demarcation. The
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The number of farmers regultered under the scheme are 200 (two hundred) who own land individually; each cultivating an acre of land under Irrigation.

Thank tou.

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Ref No: KFS/KYO/15/2/2/232

Date: 23rd April, 2021

The Chairman, Kipchukuku Irrigation Scheme, P.O. Box 650, ITEN.

RE: KIPCHUKUKU IRRIGATION SCHEME NO OBJECTION LETTER

Refer to your letter dated 21st April 2021 with no Ref. No. This is to confirm that the above project is about 15km away from the gazetted forest reserve and therefore it does not interfered with forest ecosystem and that it's also in line with implementing government policies in Agenda four (4) for food security.

Therefore office has no objection of abstructing water from Chebilat Water Intake to Kipchukuku Irrigation Scheme.

J.C.Kibor

For Ecosystem Conservator

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Annex 9: Consent letter on way leave by project beneficiaries.

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Annex 10: Copy of Expert Practicing License

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ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT/AUDIT (EIA/EA) PRACTICING LICENSE

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