

South Asia Co-operative Environment Programme (SACEP) Plastic free Rivers and Seas for South Asia (P171269)

ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL MANAGEMENT PLAN
OF PET RECYCLING FACILITY
AT BHARATPUR

GRANTEE: CREASION - NEPAL







Environmental and Social Management Plan (ESMP) Collaborative Approach for Preventing Plastic Leakages in Rivers - By CREASION

1. Subproject Information

Subproject Title:	Construction of PET Recycling Facility (PRF)				
Estimated Cost: USD 814,265.00					
Start/Completion Date:	1 st Feb 2024 / 31 st Jan 2025				

2. Site/Location Description

The proposed PRF is in Bharatpur Metropolitan City, Ward No. 04, in the Chitwan District of Bagmati Province (Annex 1). The facility is conveniently located 5 kilometers (km) from Bharatpur Airport and 3.15 kilometers away from East-West highway in Chitwan. Similarly, it is 500m away from the Narayani Riverbank. The geographical coordinates for the facility are 27.673722° North latitude and 84.377869° East longitude. It is situated in the Dune Valley, within the alluvial flood plains of Inner Terai, and features alluvial soil.

The facility is surrounded by the uncultivated agricultural land and has the minimum level of air and noise pollution which is under the National Standards with P.M10 98.5 μ g/m3, PM2.5 29.9 μ g/m3 and 42.1dBA (Annex 2). The proposed project location is well facilitated with road access, drinking water facilities, educational institutes, health and other facilities like transportation, markets and recreation centers. The location is situated in the subtropical climate zone and with a maximum temperature of 40 Degree Celsius during summer and minimum of 4 Degree Celsius during winter. It has the record of average annual rainfall of 1550 millimeter (mm). The project location is dominated by the Hindu and Chettri community followed by other ethnicities like Gurung, Magar, Tharu and Kumal.

The project area is outside the National Park or the Buffer Zone area of any protected area of the country and it does not contain any significant forest zone. The existing vegetation types of the project area are tropical and subtropical forest. Most of the tree species recorded during the field visit near the project area are Gum Trees (*Eucalyptus globulus*, Simal (Bombax ceiba), Mango (Mangifera indica), Sissoo (Dalbergia sissoo), Guava (Psidium guajava) etc. Similarly, other than the domestic animal, the project location area is also the home of the avian and reptile species etc.

3. Subproject Description and Activities

The key activity of the PRF is to recycle Polyethylene Terephthalate (PET) plastics commonly found in beverage bottles, food containers, and packaging materials. The primary purpose of the PRF is to collect, sort, clean, and process PET plastics into reusable materials, thereby reducing the amount of plastic waste that ends up in landfills or pollutes the environment. The proposed PRF aims to produce 3000 MT of PET granules annually. Also, the project aims to recycle colored PETs to produce straps as packaging material. This facility conserves natural resources and reduces energy consumption and

minimizes pollution associated with producing new plastic materials. The key Features of the project are provided in Annex 3.

The key activity of the PRF is listed below:

A) Construction Phase

1. Land leasing

The land leasing process will encompass site selection and finalization. Once the PRF site is finalized, all necessary documentation, including land leasing agreements and approvals from municipalities and relevant authorities, will be completed. During this phase, the project CAP team will conduct a screening and baseline survey to assess the ambient environment of the selected PRF site.

2. Fencing

After completing all the legal documentation, the selected PRF site will be fenced, and boundaries will be established to prevent intrusion by external factors. This measure will help the project and construction teams work within a defined area, reducing the likelihood of unexpected and unwanted conflicts with the local community and construction workers.

3. Building Construction

During the PRF building's construction, four main activities will take place: foundation laying, wall construction, roofing, and flooring. This process includes the construction of the main PRF building and staff quarters.

4. Electric wiring / plumbing and sanitaryware fitting / finishing/ Painting and coloring After the construction of the staff quarters and PRF building, the remaining finishing tasks will be conducted by the construction workers under the guidance of the contractors. These tasks include electrical wiring, plumbing, sanitaryware installation, and painting and coloring the buildings. This step is the final and crucial phase in the construction of the PRF site.

5. Gardening and tree plantation

After completing all construction work, gardening and planting native plants and flowers will maintain the greenery of the PRF site. These measures will help reduce air and noise pollution at the PRF site. The gardening and tree plantation will be carried out according to the prepared ESMP documents.

B) Operation Phase

1. Machineries import and fitting

At the start of PRF operations, all the required machinery will be imported and installed at the site. Some of the required machinery for the PRF includes PET Wash Line, PET extruder and PET Strap Machine. A pre-trial of the machinery will be conducted to minimize any occupational hazards.

2. Raw materials import and storage

The import and storage of raw materials are crucial during the operational phase of the PRF, as they impact all outcomes of the site. Importing PET bottles and storing them properly to minimize occupational hazards is essential during this phase. In this phase recording and the verification of all the important raw materials to set the target of deliverables from the PRF.

3. Operation of the factory and Production of PET granules

The implementation and operation of the PRF results in PET granules production. This phase includes removing the labels, crushing of the PET bottles, washing and production of PET granules. The crushing includes transforming the PET bottles into smaller flakes to reduce the volume of the bottles

which makes it easier for handling and processing. After the crushing of PET bottles into small pieces, washing will be done to remove the residues from the PET bottles. Washing of PET flakes will ensure the PET granules free from the dirt, food remnants and other impurities. Those washed small flakes of PET granules then melted and reform into small, unified granules. It also involves market analysis and verification of the produced PET granules, followed by supplying them to relevant polymer companies as raw materials. These PET granules will serve as raw materials for other plastic companies, adding value and providing an income source for the waste workers involved.

Generation of Waste

The production of PET granules will also generate waste. Emissions and noise from the machinery, waste from raw materials, and wastewater from the washing process will contribute to this waste generation.

- Solid waste sources: Raw material segregation, grinding and damage end products, office wastes
- II) Waste water sources: Wash line, storm water, sewerage,
- III) Air pollution sources: Loading and unloading by transporting trucks, vehicles, diesel generators grinding of PET

Market Supply

After the production of PET granules market supply will be done which will go side by side of the PET granules production.

4. ESMP Matrix: Risk and Impacts, Mitigation, Monitoring

The Environmental and Social Management Plan (ESMP) for the proposed PRF aims to minimize the potential environmental and social risk due to the project. At the same time, it also tries to address environmental sustainability and community development through enhanced waste management and economic opportunities. In Table 1 and 2 of the ESMP, it lists all the potential site specific adverse environmental and social risk and its impact and the parallel mitigation measures to be implemented in both construction and operation phase. The identified risk is under the Environmental and Social Standards 1-10 given by the World Bank. The pre-identified this risk will ensure the project efficiency and outcomes.

Table 1: ESMP for the construction Phase¹

Anticipated E&S Risks & Impacts	Risk Mitigation & Management Measures	Impact Mitigation	n	Impact/Mitigation Mo	onitoring		Mitigation
·		Location/ Timing/ Frequency	Responsibility	Parameter to be monitored	Methodology, including Location and Frequency	Responsibil ity	& monitoring cost
Acquisition of applicable permits and licenses (urban development permit)	requirements for the processing	Project Location/Before construction begins		conditions of applicable public hearing minutes, municipal approval documents, meeting minutes of local authorities, IEE approval	Monitoring method: Provision of compliance matrix Monitoring period: Prior to start of construction activities	Creasion/ UNOPS	15,000.00 *Included in Project Cost
Loss of vegetation cover and vegetative soil due to land clearance and preparation	700 native plants will be planted after the completion of	Project Location/After Construction period,		plants planted, Survey reports	method: Direct Observation/site		*Included in the construction cost
congestion and hindrance to public access due	moderately busy roads which will not impact vehicular movement;	Location/During	Safeguarding Officer	boards, Number of vehicular traffic congestion / accidents	Monitoring method: Verification of Transportation Management Plan (TMP), Site visit Monitoring period: Daily	Creasion/ UNOPS Country	200.00 *Included in the construction cost

¹ All possible means of reducing risk and impacts would be employed

Anticipated E&S Risks & Impacts	Risk Mitigation & Management Measures	Impact Mitigatio	n	Impact/Mitigation Mo	Mitigation		
		Location/ Timing/ Frequency	Responsibility	Parameter to be monitored	Methodology, including Location and Frequency	Responsibil ity	& monitoring cost
	II) Introduction and implementation of Transportation Management Plan (TMP)						
Soil Pollution due to excavation and deposits of mucks, generation of Construction waste, Debris, and mixed spoils like soil, dirt and rubble	 I) Precautionary measures will be adopted during the construction such as nets for debris and deposits II) Construction will only take place adhering to the national standards III) Waste stockpiles will be securely placed to prevent wash-off and will be covered with appropriate material IV) Any construction waste and debris generated during the construction will be disposed of in a permitted municipal disposal site. V) Use proper safety gears for the protection workers and their physical health 	Project Location/During the construction period when necessary	Environment and Safeguarding Officer/ Infra coordinator	condition of tools and equipment, Records on accumulation of waste and the disposal, Process inspections	method: Direct observation, Site inspection,	Creasion/ UNOPS Country Team	*Included in the construction cost

Anticipated E&S Risks & Impacts	Risk Mitigation & Management Measures	Impact Mitigation		Impact/Mitigation Mo		Mitigation	
		Location/ Timing/ Frequency	Responsibility	Parameter to be monitored	Methodology, including Location and Frequency	Responsibil ity	& monitoring cost
Overuse of local water resources cause the community disputes, pressure on local resources	Groundwater boring facility development prior to construction	Project Location/Prior Construction period	Contractor		Monitoring method: Operational Procedures for Construction Management, Monitoring Period:Daily/ Monthly water usage checks (Reviewing records)	ES Officer Creasion/ UNOPS Country Team	*Included in the construction cost
Air pollution due to dust from:- Excavation and earthworks Loading and unloading of construction materials, Emission from diesel generator, Machineries like dozer, Release of air pollutants and particulate matters and its impacts on the health and safety of the workers and community	such as nets for dust reduction, II) Construction will only take place during the day adhering to the national standards III) The loaded material in the truck will be properly covered with a tarpaulin to minimize dust blowing IV) Dust in the surrounding areas will be controlled through water	Throughout the construction period when necessary/Project Location	Safeguarding Officer	Use of PPEs, Implementation of mitigations	_	Creasion/ UNOPS Country Team	*Included in the construction cost

Anticipated E&S Risks & Impacts	Risk Mitigation & Management Measures	Impact Mitigatio	n	Impact/Mitigation Mo		Mitigation	
		Location/ Timing/ Frequency	Responsibility	Parameter to be monitored	Methodology, including Location and Frequency	Responsibil ity	& monitoring cost
	VI) Machines will be maintained in optimal condition to minimize emissions						
Noise and vibrations during construction activities due to excavation activity ,earthworks, welding activities and machinery use lead to public nuisance and health implications for workers	I) Use of Noise proof fence, selection of less Noisy Equipment, and vibration prevention, greenery activities II) Use of suitable safety gears, earplugs, PPE III) Assurance of construction work during the daytime IV) Schedule Work to Control Workers' Exposure to Noise	Project Location/Construc tion period/Daily	Contractor/ Environment and Safeguarding Officer	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	Monitoring method: Baseline Monitoring Data, Direct Observation in site visit, Decibel Meter Monitoring method: Daily/Weekly/M onthly	Team	300.00 *Included in the project cost
Hazardous chemicals lead to health implications and damage to the environment	I) Designated area for the chemical storage as per the instruction given in MSDS II) Use of appropriate PPEs III) Segregation of solid waste into hazardous, non-hazardous and reusable waste IV) Disposal of the hazardous waste according to authorized method	Project Location/During and After Construction period/Daily	Contractor/ Environment and Safeguarding Officer	Storage area for solid waste and chemicals, Records of regular disposal	inspection of storage area,	Creasion/ UNOPS Country	375.00 *Included in the construction cost

Anticipated E&S Risks & Impacts	Risk Mitigation & Management Measures	Impact Mitigatio	n	Impact/Mitigation Mo	onitoring		Mitigation
		Location/ Timing/ Frequency	Responsibility	Parameter to be monitored	Methodology, including Location and Frequency	Responsibil ity	& monitoring cost
Mitigation on construction waste water lead to sanitation and hygienic concerns to workers and community, foul smell and water contamination	reusable waste	Construction period/Daily	Safeguarding Officer	disposal of waste, Waste segregation practice	Monitoring method: Visual inspection of waste area Verification of records Monitoring period: Daily	ES Officer Creasion/ UNOPS Country Team	300.00 *Included in the project cost
Theft and vandalism	Installation of security measures (fences, cameras)	Project Location/Construc tion period		reports	Monitoring method: Security logs Monitoring period: Daily	ES Officer Creasion/ UNOPS Country Team	1000.00 *Included in the Project Cost
Community Health and Safety issue due to occurrence of physical hazards, accidents and injuries	Provision of security personnel to	Project Location/Construction period	Environment and Safeguarding Officer	signages, lightings, and barriers Health and safety records and accident registry (near miss,	Monitoring method: Visual inspection of site, Reviewing records Monitoring period: Daily	Creasion/	500.00 *Included in the Project Cost

Anticipated E&S Risks & Impacts	Risk Mitigation & Management Measures	Impact Mitigation		Impact/Mitigation Mo	Mitigation		
	Micasures	Location/ Timing/ Frequency	Responsibility	Parameter to be monitored	Methodology, including Location and Frequency	Responsibil ity	& monitoring cost
Complaints Due to Project	I) Establish the approved Project's Grievance Redress Mechanism (GRM), actions and implementation measures to GRM II) Publicize the existence of the Project's GRM through campaigns, websites, billboards, etc. III) Ensure that the contact details are placed on notice boards and/or websites	Project Location/Construction period	Contractor	Number of community complaints	Monitoring method: Reviewing GRM, Complaint log and implementation measures on received complains Monitoring period: Monthly	Country	300.00 *Included in the project cost
Occupational Health and Safety	I) Provision of PPE, safety training programs, and group accidental insurance to laborers/employees II) Provision of proper sanitary facilities and safe drinking water III) Safety kits, Emergency Health services, First Aid Kits, Emergency exit doors, and fire extinguishers IV) Provision of workers with adequate and well-ventilated camps, clean eating areas, and separate sleeping V) Separate quarters for male and female workers	tion period	Contractor/ GESI and Safeguarding Officer	Number of incidents, training records; Verification of health and safety plan and records	Monitoring method: Operational Procedures for Construction Management, Safety audits Monitoring Period: Monthly	Team	300.00 *Included in the construction cost

Table 2: ESMP for the Operation Phase²

Anticipated E&S Risks & Impacts	Risk Mitigation & Management Measures	Impact Mitigation		Impact/Mitiga	tion Monitoring		
		Location/ Timing/ Frequency	Responsibi lity	Parameter to be monitored	Methodology, including Location & Frequency	Responsibili ty	Mitigation & monitoring cost
High energy consumption and release of Greenhouse Gases (GHGs) due to use of machineries, electricity use impacts on resource efficiency and use	 I) Promoting green building initiatives II) Provision of rainwater harvesting III) Provision of daylight-controlled and motion-controlled lighting fixtures IV) Conducting frequent energy audits and conducting measures to optimize the system V) Incorporating good ventilation in the design to reduce the energy consumed by air conditioning system 	Project location, Water tank, electricity dashboard, Monthly energy usage reports	onment and	Energy consumption records, Assessment of carbon footprint reduction	Energy usage reports, Energy audits, and	ES Officer Creasion/ UNOPS Country Team	*Included in the project & construction cost
Air pollution due to vehicular movement, gravel roads	I) Watering of roads, use of tarps/mesh tarps in vehicles	Near the project location, Generator,Regularly during construction	, , ,	Air quality measurements	Air quality measurements,	ES Officer Creasion/ UNOPS Country Team	500.00 *Included in the project & construction cost
Emission of pollutants (Machinery emission, generator unit, PET extruders, Strapping machines, ETP, noxious gasses,	Incorporate specifications in the bidding documents to ensure that machinery used in the PRF factory does not emit noxious gasses, fumes, or vapor Mildly generated dust by Shredder and Extruders may affect the pulmonary	Project location, Inside facility Weekly air quality monitoring (Mobile Device)	al Safeguarding	Emission levels/ Use of mask/workers health checkup records	Air quality monitoring records, Baseline Air	ES Officer Creasion/ UNOPS Country Team	1000.00 *Included in the project & construction cost

 $^{^{2}\,}$ All possible means of reducing risk and impacts would be employed

Anticipated E&S Risks & Impacts	Risk Mitigation & Management Measures	Impact Mitigation		Impact/Mitiga	tion Monitoring		
·		Location/ Timing/ Frequency	Responsibi lity	Parameter to be monitored	Methodology, including Location & Frequency	Responsibili ty	Mitigation & monitoring cost
Fumes and vapor, Foul smell)	health of workers which can be overcome by using N-95 masks III) Proper ventilation channel will be ensured in the PRF site;				Monitoring Period: Daily/Weekly		
Noise from machinery impacts on health of the workers and lead to public nuisance	will be installed confined in the	Machinery, Daily	al Safeguarding Officer	(dB) Monitoring based on	Daily	Creasion/ UNOPS Country Team	4000.00 *Included in the project & construction cost
Sanitation and related issues due to end waste handling and management, organic and sewage waste from washrooms andling and management of waste from PRF operation, organic and sewage waste from washrooms	 II) Segregation of solid waste into decomposable, recyclable and non-recyclable waste; III) Decomposable waste will be converted into manure and use in PRF gardens 	Project location, different departments of the project,	Factory Manager/ Environment al Safeguarding Officer	records, ETP test records	Reviewing waste handling records,	ES Officer Creasion/ UNOPS Country Team	

Anticipated E&S Risks & Impacts	Risk Mitigation & Management Measures	Impact Mitigation		Impact/Mitiga			
		Location/ Timing/ Frequency	Responsibi lity	Parameter to be monitored	Methodology, including Location & Frequency	Responsibili ty	Mitigation & monitoring cost
	VII) Regular disposal of non-recyclable wastes to the designated landfill						
Water pollution (Impact on water quality of receiving body of water from discharge of untreated wastewater)	(ETP): Treatment process comprises	water sources, ETP, Monthly water quality tests		reports	Monthly, Monitoring method:	Creasion/ UNOPS Country Team	700.00 *Included in the project Cost
Gender discrimination in job opportunity and wage	workers	Location/Operation Period/ Daily	officer/ Human Resource Officer/ GESI & Safeguarding Officer	records; Complaint box; Anonymous report; Sex ratio or workers involved; Payment sheet	Contract Agreement, Labor audits, site inception; Verification of sex ratio of the workers; Survey on Pay scale across different genders and	Creasion/ UNOPS	*Included in the project & construction cost

Anticipated E&S Risks & Impacts	Risk Mitigation & Management Measures	Impact Mitigation		Impact/Mitiga	tion Monitoring		
		Location/ Timing/ Frequency	Responsibi lity	Parameter to be monitored	Methodology, including Location & Frequency	Responsibili ty	Mitigation & monitoring cost
Occupational Health and Safety	 Implementation of Occupational Health and safety management plan Conducting frequent medical check ups for employees Provision of PPE, safety training programs, and group accidental insurance to laborers/employees, Preparation and implementation of Emergency evacuation plan Provision of Safety kits, Emergency Health services, First Aid Kits, Emergency Siren, Emergency exit doors, Installation of adequate fire extinguishers and Fire Hydrant Provision of waste workers with adequate and well-ventilated camps, clean eating areas, and medical checkups Separate quarters for male and female workers 	1 '	and	training, Use of PPEs, USe of first aid	Monthly	ES Officer Creasion/ UNOPS Country Team	*Included in the project & construction cost
Sexual Exploitation, Abuse and Harassment	if i toper salety incasares for workers	construction period	GESI and Safeguarding Specialist	received			*Included in the project & construction cost

Anticipated E&S Risks & Impacts	Risk Mitigation & Management Measures	Impact Mitigation		Impact/Mitiga	ation Monitoring		
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	IV) Regular trainings and workshops regarding gender-based violence identification and mitigations				received and the measures taken		
Poor working conditions due to insufficient office space, safety gears, pay scale, basic facilities impact on employee morale, productivity, mental health, Hygiene, workers disputes	programs like Employees Provident Fund, Allowances 2. Regular workshops and trainings to the workers and employee 3. Implementation of safer hygienic	Bi-annual surveys		satisfaction	Bi-annual surveys Standard Operation Procedure	Creasion/ UNOPS	500.00 *Included in project cost
Community Health and Safety	I) Operate night light at the vicinity of	Location/Constructi on period	i Officer/GESI and Safeguarding Officer	method: Safety control such as signages,	Monitoring period: Daily	Creasion/ UNOPS Country Team	*Included in the project & construction cost

Anticipated E&S Risks & Impacts	Risk Mitigation & Management Measures	Impact Mitigation		Impact/Mitigation Monitoring			
		Location/ Timing/ Frequency	Responsibi lity	Parameter to be monitored	Methodology, including Location & Frequency	Responsibili ty	Mitigation & monitoring cost
				Monitoring period: Monthly			
Complaints Due to Project	I. Establish the approved Project's	Project Location/Operation al phase	Operation Officer	complaints	Monitoring method: Grievance Redress Mechanism, Complaint log and implementation Monitoring period: Monthly	ES Officer Creasion/ UNOPS Country Team	375 *Included in the construction cost and project cost

5. Capacity Development

CREASION will develop a training, capacity-building, and awareness program for all its employees and contractors to implement project ESMP, and other Safeguard Instruments associated with the ESMP. New employees and contractors will attend mandatory induction sessions covering occupational health and safety, environmental awareness, community engagement, and other relevant topics. This training program will lead to an understanding of the standards to be followed during both construction and operation phase as per the ESMP. Audio Visual Presentations, newsletters and posters, along with verbal communication during routine briefings, will be utilized to raise awareness on various occupational, health, safety, and community-related issues. All the employees and workers will be trained to maintain a safe and sound working environment. This training will be provided to provide all personnel with information about business continuity and emergency response and planning. Also, during the construction phase, emergency exercises related to emergencies such as earthquake, fire, etc. will be planned and implemented. Events such as a work accident, hazardous situation, near-miss in the field will be recorded regularly and the training program will be revised in the light of this information.

CREASION will mandate the orientation and capacity training from the contractor's side for any new employees or the recruitment.

Trainings and awareness session for capacity building will be compromised:

- Induction training on the CAP project and project activities and target audience
- Job-specific expert training (e.g. excavation operators, Machine operations, Safety measures for waste workers)
- Training on PRF ESMP indicators and role identification
- First Aid Trainings
- Training of emergency evacuation plan
- Training on anonymous complaint reporting, Grievance Redress Mechanism (GRM)
- Training on disaster preparedness
- Workshops on Occupational Health and Safety measures like use of PPE, monitoring of air and noise pollution, use of safety gears etc.
- Community workshops/Public hearing/ community meetings
- Awareness on components on Labor Act 2017
- Compliance and regulatory trainings/workshops
- Provide training on recognizing, preventing, and responding to SEA and SH
- Awareness on gender based violence (GBV)

6. Implementation Schedule and Cost Estimates

Mitigation measures for potential environmental and social risks, as outlined in ESMP Tables 1 and 2, along with the corresponding mitigation and monitoring costs and schedules.

7. Attachments

Annex 1	Map of Project Location, Bharatpur Metropolitan showing the wards and Chitwan National Park	
Annex 2	Baseline Air quality and Noise level Report	
Annex 3	Key Features of the Project	
Annex 4	PRF Factory Land Agreement.pdf	
Annex 5	IEE Clearance Document.pdf	
Annex 6	Environmental and Social Screening Report.docx	
Annex 7	PRF Site Map.dwg	
Annex 8	Mitigation Measures Implementation Timeline and Cost Estimates	

Annex 07:

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