



CONSULTATIONS AGENDA

NAKAI PLATEAU - 2ND ROUND, 10 - 31 MAY 2004

Background and objectives: Further to the first round of consultations that were conducted in 1997 on the Nakai Plateau, the Government of the Lao PDR and NTPC have started a second round of consultations on the Plateau, which will be completed on May 31.

The first round of 1997 led to substantive review of the Project preliminary plans, including the decision to organise the resettlement area on the edge of the future reservoir, and substantive inputs by the people on the design of their future house and village layout have been integrated. Since that time, the safeguards documents have been completed and are being disclosed in their advanced draft versions. On the basis of these plans, credible activities are now being planned locally, and are being further discussed with the villagers. The objective of this 2nd round of consultation is to describe the proposed livelihood models, while bringing the people into the Project implementation process.

Methodology: Consultation toolkits and the training of a core team of facilitators / moderators from the Government and NTPC has been completed by an independent consulting organization from Thailand ("Local Knowledge Management Institute"). This independent body has also prepared consultation materials, of which posters, and is providing continuous support on the ground to the team of facilitators, thus ensuring that the process is transparent, balanced, and meaningful.

The implementation of this second round of consultations on the Nakai Plateau has been started and will be completed by 31 May as per the attached schedule.

The process includes spending 3 days per village with the following agenda:

DAY 1: Training of 5 to 10 villagers to act as village-level facilitators.

Morning session:

- Step A: Introduction & objectives of the public consultation in the village to:
- ❖ inform of the public consultation objectives,
 - ❖ inform of the Project components (using maps and posters),
 - ❖ inform and discuss of the need of the village-level consultation team.
- Step B: Using posters on village location and lay out, houses design, livelihood options and maps, disclose information about:
- ❖ the Project impacts,
 - ❖ resettlement policies,
 - ❖ mitigation measures.
- Step C: Focus group discussion (disaggregated by gender and ethnicity according to the village visited) on:
- ❖ village topography,
 - ❖ village layout,
 - ❖ houses design,
 - ❖ the five proposed livelihood options.
- Step D: Group presentation, discussion and agreement on the process



Afternoon session:

- Step E: discuss and agree on village consultation team members and responsibilities.
- Step F: prepare for the whole village public consultation sessions, including the use of posters and visual aid (pilot village visit video presentation whenever possible).
- Step G: dinner with village authority, making arrangement for all villagers to attend the meeting on day 2.

DAY 2 and 3: Whole village consultation sessions

Morning session:

- Step A: Presentation of:
 - ❖ project aims / objectives / components,
 - ❖ good impacts / adverse impacts / mitigation measures and related policies
- Step B: Description of the pilot village by the trained village-level consultation team using pictures and posters.
- Step C: Discussion by focus groups (disaggregated by gender, and/or ethnicity if appropriate) on:
 - ❖ resettlement site location and topography,
 - ❖ village layout,
 - ❖ houses design,
 - ❖ the five different livelihood options.
- Step D: Discussion on possible unclarity, disagreements and proposals by all the villagers (to be continued in the afternoon session)

Afternoon session:

- Step E: Wrap up session to summarize all sessions outcomes or agreements / proposals by the villagers.
- Step F: All maps and posters are posted on the village information boards, when they are already constructed, or posted temporarily in the village headman's house.

Next steps: Feedbacks will be incorporated into the safeguard document (Social Development Plan) after the completion of the full consultation and disclosure process at the various local, national, regional and international levels in July and August. Consultation at the local level will be a continuous process all along the Project implementation.