



LAC-IEE-05-10

ENVIRONMENTAL THRESHOLD DECISION

Country: Bolivia

Activity Title: Economic Opportunities Strategic Objective
IR2: “Increased access to agricultural
technology and marketing services” -
Market Access and Poverty Alleviation
(MAPA II) Activity

Activity Number: TBD

Life of RSO: 08/01/2005 – 08/30/2010

Amount: \$10.5 million

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Recommended Threshold Decision: Categorical Exclusion and Positive
Determination

Bureau Threshold Decision: Categorical Exclusion and Positive
Determination

Comments:

This Threshold Decision covers USAID/Bolivia's Economic Opportunities Strategic Objective Intermediate Result 2 (IR2): "Increased access to agricultural technology and marketing services" - Market Access and Poverty Alleviation (MAPA II) Activity.

A **Categorical Exclusion** is issued for the components of MAPA II addressing the following according to 216.2 (c) (2):

- (i) Education, technical assistance, or training programs except to the extent such programs include activities directly affecting the environment (such as construction of facilities, etc.);
- (ii) Controlled experimentation exclusively for the purpose of research and field education which are confined to small areas and carefully monitored;
- (iii) Analyses, studies, academic or research workshops and meetings;
- (xiii) Matching, general support and institutional support grants provided to private voluntary organizations (PVOs) to assist in financing programs where A.I.D.'s objective in providing such financing does not require knowledge of or control over the details of the specific activities conducted by the PVO;
- (xiv) Studies, projects or programs intended to develop the capability of recipient countries to engage in development planning, except to the extent designed to result in activities directly affecting the environment (such as construction of facilities, etc.); and
- (xv) Activities which involve the application of design criteria or standards developed and approved by A.I.D.

A Positive Determination is issued for all other agricultural and crop technology components of MAPA II. A Programmatic Environmental Assessment (PEA) will be completed prior to initiating any crop technology introduction or improvement by the Implementing Contractor. As some of MAPA II specific programs are yet to be defined and will begin completely new activities in the Altiplano region, it is recommended that the Economic Opportunities (EO) Strategic Objective Team arrange for the PEA. This PEA will be carried out as a first step in planning, and will take into full account the PEA of MAPA I, MAPA I PERSUAP, and the evaluation of PEA for MAPA I. A scoping statement and Statement of Work will be completed and approved by the LAC/BEO according to 216.3. (4)(i) (Scope of Environmental Assessment or Impact Statement - Procedure and Content). In addition, the EO Team will ensure that all MAPA II environmental documentation is translated into Spanish, that necessary information is provided to all counterpart agencies, that recommended environmental and mitigation activities associated with MAPA II are included in contractual documents, and that all USAID environmental safety measures are incorporated.

Date _____

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