

Checklist: Questions for assessing significance of impacts

1. What are the likely impacts (negative and positive) of the policy option on the environment and social conditions (ESC)?
2. Is the PPP in line with national strategic environmental and social goals?
3. What is the public response regarding exploitation of the environment and changes to social conditions?
4. What is the impact on ownership of natural resources?
5. What are the costs and financial benefits regarding natural resources, the environment, and social conditions?
6. How will the financial benefits be used for improved livelihoods, environment conservation, and management?
7. Are the production processes environmentally sustainable and socially acceptable?
8. What are the costs of the economic gains in terms of damage to environment and natural resources or negative impact on social conditions?
9. Do the economic gains promote further damage to the environment or deterioration of social conditions?
10. Will the PPP require the movement of people that will cause concentration in other areas and need for other facilities such as waste management facilities?
11. Will the PPP cause the relocation of human and financial resources away from environmental management or the provision of social services?
12. What are the transboundary environmental and social implications?
13. Which multilateral environmental agreements (MEAs)/protocols will be affected by the PPP?
14. Will national obligations under MEAs not be met because of implementing the PPP?
15. Will the PPP affect national or international heritage sites?
16. Will different social groups be affected in a way that will result in them causing negative impacts on the environment?
17. Will the PPP affect gender balance in terms of access, ownership, and control over natural resources and benefits realized from them?
18. Is the PPP consistent with the Constitution and provisions of the relevant legislation and regulations in Bhutan?
19. Will the PPP require the enactment of new legislation on the environment?
20. Does the PPP unnecessarily expose the environment to abuse or the public to risk and therefore the need for more controls and enforcement?
21. Does the PPP affect the roles and mandates of environmental or social sector institutions?
22. Does the PPP have the potential to cause overlap of responsibilities and mandates?