

Summary of the Environmental Appraisal Draft 1

This section will address the questions: a) what is the environmental impact of the programme? and b) if there are environmental risks, how will they be managed?¹

Environmental impact of the programme

This programme will have limited adverse impacts on the environment, over and above standard office-based working practices. The main negative environmental impact relates to international flights. These are likely to be associated with facilitation and implementation of links partnerships, grant appraisals, as well as monitoring and evaluation of the broader programme and links partnerships.

Some health links partnerships may have implications for the environment (for example, relating to waste management, upgrading and electrification of health facilities, environmental health activities); however, these will need to be appraised, and risks mitigated, on a case by case basis.

Management of environmental risks

Compliance with environmental legislation will be a factor in selection of the management agent for the HPS; all applicants will be required to provide information on their “carbon footprint” and environmental track record. The selected management agent will be required to maintain a record of international travel in its annual reporting - including carbon foot-printing or equivalent. The agent will also maintain a record efforts made to reduce its carbon footprint – for example, through use of technology and telephone/video conferencing to reduce unnecessary travel.

Environmental impact assessments and the need for compliance with relevant environmental legislation will be included in the routine appraisal, as well as the monitoring and evaluation of links partnerships. Failure to comply with relevant environmental legislation, or agreed environmental standards, will lead to rejection of applicants, or discontinuation of projects.

¹ DFID. 2005. *Essential Guide to Rules and Tools: The Blue Book*. Section B5:2. London:DFID