



SOCIAL ADVICE AND STUDIES

Understanding how your project impacts communities and how these impacts are perceived is essential to maintaining a social licence to operate.

We provide specialist social studies throughout project design, construction, implementation and closure including baseline studies, socio-economic surveys and social management and monitoring plans.

We also provide background data and analysis, as well as practical advice on managing and monitoring all social aspects of a project.

Together with our key partners we offer a full range of socio-economic approaches and solutions to maintain the social fabric and smooth operation of your project.

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Consulting with farmers, Lao PDR

Sustainable Solutions Global will help you:

- ⊗ **Meet regulatory and legal obligations** for engagement of communities and appropriate social management and mitigation.
- ⊗ **Ensure positive social performance** through comprehensive knowledge of the social environment of the project and the ability to design effective social management and mitigation solutions.
- ⊗ **Establish strategic and practical solutions** that endorse the project's social licence to operate.
- ⊗ **Enhance project reputation** by establishing a pro-active social approach and displaying a commitment to improve the socio-economic situation of the local community.
- ⊗ **Minimise project risks** through collection of social data and realistic assessment of the social environment of the project in order to design actions and strategies to address potential project risks.
- ⊗ **Minimise negative social project impacts** by allowing for timely and inclusive assessment of social impacts and design of specific solutions and mitigation strategies to guide broader project design, implementation and closure.

The SSG Approach

Sustainable Solutions Global provides strategic advice and independent social, environmental and management expertise for the mining, oil and gas, energy, transport and agricultural industries.

We strive to maximise the social, environmental, and economic benefits of a project while minimising risks. We recognise that a solution will only endure if concerns and opportunities are balanced across all project stakeholders.

Integrated

We are experienced in a variety of social domains: health, cultural heritage, education, gender, ethnicity, livelihood and natural resource use. This gives us the ability to consider linkages and relationships between these domains, allowing us to develop inclusive and integrated social strategies that consider the needs and requirements of project-affected communities.

Specialist Advice

Through our in-house expertise and in collaboration with specialist sub-consultants we offer advice on a full range of socio-economic approaches and solutions to maintain the social fabric of your project. Together with our key partners we provide clients with access to industry-leading social expertise.

Social Project Management

We offer a complete solution for all social management needs of a project from initial scoping and baseline assessments, through project design, communication strategies and social impact assessment, to planning for social mitigation, monitoring, reporting and closure.



Cultural heritage surveys



Community development projects



Advice to Local Government on mining impacts



Community development projects

NOTABLE PROJECTS

Coal Seam Gas, Australia

In collaboration with the client's corporate team, SSG conducted scoping studies for the Social Impact Assessment of a large central Queensland project using social performance management systems. We were then commissioned to undertake the Social Impact Assessment of the associated water (a by-product of gas extraction).

South of the Embley Bauxite Mine, Australia

We project-managed the Social Impact Assessment for the project and coordinated the community consultation process. This involved extensive engagement with local indigenous and non-indigenous stakeholders.

Aurukun Bauxite Project, Australia

SSG provided advice to the Aurukun Shire Council, a major stakeholder in a new bauxite project proposed for Cape York, on technical aspects of bauxite mining and the potential social and environmental impacts.

Women in Mining, Papua New Guinea

We conducted interviews and focus group meetings with community, government and private sector participants to determine the status of women at five mine sites in PNG. We analysed the data, produced a report and presented the findings at the Women in Mining Conference organised by the World Bank Genfund.

Sepon Gold & Copper Mine, Lao PDR

From 2005 to 2013, SSG worked with the site team at Sepon to assess and manage social aspects of the project. We coordinated and facilitated a social mitigation taskforce to consider the community impacts of the mine and devise sustainable mitigation strategies for expanding mine development.

We developed the site Social Management and Mitigation Plan and conducted several Social Impact Assessments for mine expansion projects, which included the supervision and coordination of socio-economic baseline and impact studies.

Gender Resource Guide, Rio Tinto

SSG contributed to the development of a toolkit to enable the integration of gender considerations into mining projects.

