

CAPACITY BUILDING

Effective participation of community groups and government representatives in the planning, approval and implementation of projects is essential to achieving positive long term outcomes for all stakeholders.

To influence project approvals, ongoing management and closure options, communities and other stakeholders need to be able to assess project reports and documentation; understand development impacts and opportunities; and communicate effectively.

We provide a range of training materials and communication strategies to empower communities and government representatives to better understand project documentation and liaise successfully with developers.



Field research training 2009

Sustainable Solutions Global will help you:

- ⊗ **Understand** the potential environmental and social impacts of developments so you can make informed decisions for the future.
- ⊗ **Interpret** project reports and documentation.
- ⊗ **Assess and comment** on development plans and operational decisions.
- ⊗ **Monitor** project operations and compliance.
- ⊗ **Understand regulatory and legal requirements** for developments.
- ⊗ **Communicate effectively** with other stakeholders, project developers and government.
- ⊗ **Participate effectively** in community consultation and engagement.
- ⊗ **Contribute to minimising social and environmental risks for the community** through improved capacity to influence decisions.

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The SSG Approach

Sustainable Solutions Global provides strategic social and environmental advice and management expertise to community and stakeholder groups affected by resource or industrial developments and associated infrastructure, as well as to the mining, oil and gas, energy, transport and agricultural industries.

Industry Experience

We have written and reviewed social and environmental impact assessments, statements and management plans as well as specialist reports on technical mining issues. Using this experience, we can assist stakeholders to assess project reports and documentation, and interpret relevant laws and regulations.

Thorough Understanding

To successfully consider the social and environmental impacts of a project, you need to understand the process of exploration and feasibility studies, impact assessment, government approval, operation, closure and relinquishment. We can explain technical issues and specialist language which may be unfamiliar to many stakeholders. Developing a greater capacity to understand the project allows government and community representatives to assess information and participate in consultation more effectively.

Technical and Engagement Skills

We design and provide training for government organisations and community groups on a range of environmental management topics, including skills to integrate social and environmental issues into the design and management of projects. We seek to empower you by transferring skills and knowledge to increase your capacity to participate in the impact assessment process, long term project planning and day-to-day project management and monitoring.



Cultural awareness



Plant identification



Cultural exchange



Advice to Local Government on mining impacts

NOTABLE PROJECTS

Tablelands Wind Turbine Action Group, Atherton Tablelands, Australia

Commissioned by the Tablelands Wind Turbine Action Group, a community group of concerned stakeholders, SSG conducted an assessment of the Environmental Impact Statement for the proposed Wind Farm at Mt Emerald. We then presented the findings and facilitated a public stakeholder meeting.

Language Retrieval Project

Sustainable Solutions worked with Traditional Owners and Elders to record and disseminate written records of the Tablelands Yidinji and Mbarbarum languages.

Australian Agricultural College Corporation, Australia

We have delivered training courses in Conservation and Land Management for students undertaking Certificate 2, Certificate 3 and Diploma level studies. Courses covered the collection of natural and cultural resource information and development of resource management plans.

Walsh River and Herberton Town Communities - Baal Gammon Copper mine, Australia

We provided training to community members to collect and record water monitoring data to use in negotiations with the mining company over management of the tailing dam.

Review and Analysis of Project Documentation

We have reviewed and analysed project documentation for communities living next to the following large, complex projects:

- ◆ Walsh River and Herberton Town Communities - Baal Gammon Copper mine, Australia
- ◆ Local villagers and Indonesian Government - Kelian Gold Mine, Indonesia
- ◆ Local landholders - Ok Tedi, Lihir, Porgera, Kianatu - Papua New Guinea
- ◆ Local villagers and Government of Lao - Sepon Gold and Copper Operations, Lao PDR
- ◆ Aurukun Shire Council - Aurukun Bauxite Project, Australia
- ◆ Eacham Shire Council - Local land development, Australia

