



**1.5 Million Natural Gas Connections
Project in 11 Governorates**

**Site-Specific Environmental and
Social Impact Assessment**



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**Executive Summary
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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1 Introduction

The Government of Egypt (GoE) has immediate priorities to increase household use of natural gas (NG) by connecting 1.2 million households/yr to the gas distribution network to replace the highly subsidized, largely imported Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG).

The GoE is implementing an expansion program for Domestic Natural Gas connections to an additional 1.5 Million households over the next 4 years. The project presented in this study is part of a program that involves extending the network and accompanying infrastructure to connect 1.5 million Households in 11 Governorates between 2016 and 2019 with the assistance of a World Bank Loan of up to US\$500 Million and the Agence Française de Développement (French Agency for Development) financing of up to €70 Million. The program is estimated to cost US\$850 Million.

The ESIA objectives are as follows:

- Describing project components and activities of relevance to the environmental and social impacts assessments
- Identifying and addressing relevant national and international legal requirements and guidelines
- Describing baseline environmental and social conditions
- Presenting project alternatives and no project alternative
- Assessing potential site-specific environmental and social impacts of the project
- Developing environmental & social management and monitoring plans in compliance with the relevant environmental laws
- Documenting and addressing environmental and social concerns raised by stakeholders and the Public in consultation events and activities

As the project involves components in various areas within the 11 governorates, the parties to the project agreed that site-specific Environmental and Social Impact Assessments (SSESIA) for each of the project sub-areas within the governorate will be prepared. Guided by the 2013 Environmental and Social Impact Assessment Framework (ESIAP) and Supplementary Social Impact Assessment Framework (SSIAF), this is the site specific ESIA for the connections network planned for El Maragha in Sohag Governorate. The project in El Maragha encompasses 7,000 household connections to be connected over 2 years of the 3-years project: 2,000 in year 2 and 5,000 in year 3.

The local distribution company responsible for project implementation in El Maragha is Regions Gas Company (ReGas)



2 Project Description

2.1 Background

Natural Gas is processed and injected into the high pressure lines of the national Grid (70 Bar) for transmission. Upon branching from the main lines to regional distribution networks, the pressure of the NG is lowered to 7 Bar at the Pressure Reduction Stations (PRS). An odorant is added to the NG at PRSs feeding distribution networks to residential areas¹ in order to facilitate detection. Regulators are then used to further lower the pressure to 100 mbar in the local networks, before finally lowering the pressure to 20 mbar for domestic use within the households. In addition to excavation and pipe laying, key activities of the construction phase also include installation of pipes on buildings, internal connections in households, and conversion of appliance nozzles to accommodate the switch from LPG to NG.

2.2 Project Work Packages

2.2.1 Main feeding line/network “7 bar system – PE 100”

A gas distribution piping system that operates at a pressure higher than the standard service pressure delivered to the customer. In such a system, a service regulator is required to control the pressure delivered to the customer.

Main feeding lines are mainly constructed from polyethylene pipes with maximum operating pressure (MOP) below 7 bar.

2.2.2 Distributions network “Regulators, PE80 Networks”

A gas distribution piping system in which the gas pressure in the mains and service lines is substantially the same as that delivered to the customer’s Meters. In such a system, a service regulator is not required on the individual service lines.

Distribution networks are mainly constructed from polyethylene pipes with MOP below 100 millibar.

2.2.3 Installations (Steel Pipes)

A gas distribution piping system consists of steel pipes which are connected from individual service line to vertical service pipe in a multistory dwelling which may have laterals connected at appropriate floor levels; in addition to service pipe connected to a riser and supplying gas to a meter and gas appliances on one floor of a building.

Internal Installation consists of a pipe connecting the pressure reducing regulator/district Governor and meter Outlet (MOP 25 millibar) to appliances inside the customer’s premises.

2.2.4 Conversions

Conversions involve increasing the diameter of the nozzle of the burner of an appliance to work with natural gas as a fuel gas rather LPG or others.

¹ Because natural gas is odorless, odorants facilitate leak detection for inhabitants of residential areas.



3 Legislative and Regulatory Framework

3.1 Applicable Environmental and Social Legislation in Egypt

- Law 217/1980 for Natural Gas
- Law 4 for Year 1994 for the environmental protection , amended by Law 9/2009 and law 105 for the year 2015.Executive Regulation(ER) No 338 for Year 1995 and the amended regulation No 1741 for Year 2005, amended with ministerial decree No 1095/2011, ministerial decree No 710/2012, ministerial decree No 964/2015, and ministerial decree No 26/2016
- Law 38/1967 for General Cleanliness
- Law 93/1962 for Wastewater
- Law 117/1983 for Protection of Antiquities
- Traffic planning and diversions
 - Traffic Law 66/1973, amended by Law 121/2008 traffic planning
 - Law 140/1956 on the utilization and blockage of public roads
 - Law 84/1968 concerning public roads
- Work environment and operational health and safety
 - Articles 43 – 45 of Law 4/1994, air quality, noise, heat stress, and worker protection
 - Law 12/2003 on Labor and Workforce Safety
 - Book V on Occupational Safety and Health (OSH)
 - Minister of Labor Decree 48/1967.
 - Minister of Labor Decree 55/1983.
 - Minister of Industry Decree 91/1985
 - Minister of Labor Decree 116/1991.

3.2 World Bank Safeguard Policies

Three policies are triggered for the project as a whole: Environmental Assessment (OP/BP 4.01), Physical Cultural Resources (OP/BP 4.11), and Involuntary Resettlement (OP/BP 4.12).

However, OP/BP 4.12 will not be applicable to **El Maragha** as no land acquisition or resettlement is anticipated. Particularly, as the network will pass through the main urban roads/streets and side roads without causing any damage to private assets or lands.

In addition to the above mentioned safeguards policies, the Directive and Procedure on Access to Information² will be followed by the Project.

² <https://policies.worldbank.org/sites/ppf3/PPFDocuments/Forms/DispPage.aspx?docid=3694>



4 Analysis of Alternatives

4.1 No Project Alternative

This Natural Gas Connections to Households Project is expected to yield many economic and social benefits in terms of providing a more stable energy source, achieving savings in LPG consumption and enhancing safety in utilizing energy.

The No-Project alternative is not favored as it simply deprives the Egyptian Public and Government of the social, economic, and environmental advantages.

4.2 Energy Alternatives

- **Maintain LPG Use:** Introduction of piped natural gas to replace LPG will help to remove subsidies and reduce imports. The proposed project would also improve the safety of gas utilization as appliance standards are strictly controlled and only qualified personnel carry out installations and respond to emergencies. In the case of LPG, installations are not carried out by trained personnel resulting in possible unsafe installations and unsafe use of LPG.
- **Convert to Electricity:** The second alternative is to convert all homes to use electricity for all energy supply applications. Additional power stations would be needed to cope with the additional demand created by utilization of electricity in homes, which most probably would operate also by natural gas. Power losses in transmission and distribution are also significantly higher than their natural gas equivalents which would add to the overall inefficiency.
- **Use Renewables:** the renewables market does not present feasible, practical, and affordable alternatives to connecting 1.5 million households at this point in time in Egypt. Biogas requires large amounts of agricultural and domestic waste, while solar panels and heaters remain in pilot phase.

Energy alternatives do not provide favorable options to the proposed NG networking
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4.3 Installation Costs

The average natural gas connection installation cost is about 5600 EGP and consumers contribute a part of 1700 LE because the connection is heavily subsidized by the Government. This payment can be made either upfront or in installments over a period of time. Installment schemes are available to all community people.

The government of Egypt is negotiating with the project's financing organizations in order to secure additional subsidy to poor and marginalized groups. They also provide facilitation payments strategies through offering various installment schemes. The following are the main types of installments: 138 EGP/Month for 12 months, 74 EGP/Month for 24 months, 52 EGP/Month for 36 months, 42 EGP/Month for 48 months, 35 EGP/Month for 60 months, 31 EGP/Month for 72 months and 28 EGP/Month for 84 months.



5 Environmental and Social Impacts and Mitigations

The environmental and social advantages of switching household fuel from LPG cylinders to natural gas pipelines are diverse. On the residential level, the proposed project will lead to improved safety, reduced physical/social/financial hardships, and secure home fuel supply. On the national level, it promotes the utilization of Egyptian natural resources and reduces the subsidy and import burden.

A thorough analysis of environmental and social impacts is important to detail an effective management and monitoring plan which will minimize negative impacts and maximize positives.

The assessment of impacts distinguishes between the construction phase and the operation phase.

5.1 Positive Impacts

5.1.1 During the construction phase

Direct job opportunities to skilled and semi-skilled laborers

- The project is expected to result in the creation of job opportunities, both directly and indirectly. Based on similar projects implemented recently by EGAS and the local distribution company, the daily average number of workers during the peak time will be about 100 workers. The local community of Sohag Governorate could provide a proportion of this temporary labor force depending on skills needed and the strategies of the individual contractors in sourcing their workforce.
- The total number of new short term job opportunities within the project area is estimated at 70-90 temporary jobs.
- In order to maximize employment opportunities in the local communities it is anticipated that training will be required for currently unskilled workers. On-the-job training will also supplement opportunities for the local workforce for both temporary construction roles and for long-term operation phase positions, where these are available.

Create indirect opportunities

- As part of the construction stage, a lot of indirect benefits are expected to be sensed in the targeted areas due to the need for more supporting services to the workers and contractors who will be working in the various locations. This could include, but will not be limited to accommodation, food supply, transport, trade, security, manufacturing... etc.

5.1.2 During the operation phase

- As indicated in the Baseline Chapter, women are key players in the current domestic activities related to handling LPG and managing its shortage. Being the party affected most from the shortfalls of the use of LPG, the NG project is expected to be of special and major benefits to women. This includes, but is not limited to, clean and continuous source of fuel that is safe and does not require any physical effort and is very reasonable



in the terms of consumption cost. Time saving is among the benefits to women. The use of a reliable source of energy will allow women to accomplish the domestic activities in less time and this will potentially open a space for better utilization for the saved time.

- Constantly available and reliable fuel for home use.
- Reduced expenditure on LPG importation and subsidies. Seven thousand connections will be installed in the El Maragha City. Each household consumes 1.53 LPG monthly. Accordingly the total number of LPG cylinders that is consumed is about 10.710 thousand LPG cylinders per month for cooking purposes, as subsidy value is about 70 EGP per each LPG cylinder. Consequently, the total saved monthly subsidy will be about 749.7 thousand EGP monthly. This will result in total annual savings of 8.996 million EGP. Additionally, significant savings will result due to replacing the electric water heater by NG heater.
- Significantly lower leakage and fire risk compared to LPG.
- Improved safety due to low pressure (20 mBar) compared to cylinders.
- Beneficiaries to benefit from good customer service and emergency response by qualified personnel/technicians.
- Eliminate the hardships that special groups like the physically challenged, women, and the elderly had to face in handling LPG.
- Limiting possible child labor in LPG cylinder distribution

5.2 Anticipated Negative Impacts

5.2.1 Impact Assessment Methodology

To assess the impacts of the project activities on environmental and social receptors, a semi-quantitative approach based on the Leopold Impact Assessment Methodology with the Buroz Relevant Integrated Criteria was adopted.

The table below presents the classification of impact ratings and respective importance of impact values.

Importance of Impact	Impact rating	
0-25	None or irrelevant (no impact);	
26-50	Minor severity (minimal impact; restricted to the work site and immediate surroundings)	
51-75	Medium severity (larger scale impacts: local or regional; appropriate mitigation measures readily available);	
76-300	Major severity (Severe/long-term local/regional/global impacts; for negative impacts mitigation significant).	

The following tables summarize the impacts and the corresponding mitigation measures within the management plan, in addition to the monitoring plans proposed for implementation.



5.3 Environmental and Social Management Matrix during CONSTRUCTION

Table 1: Environmental and Social Management Matrix during CONSTRUCTION

Receptor	Impact	Mitigation measures	Responsibility		Means of supervision	Estimated Cost	
			Mitigation	Supervision			
Local traffic and accessibility	Traffic congestion (and associated noise/ air emissions)	Excavation during off-peak periods	Excavation contractors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - LDC + - Traffic department 	Contractor has valid conditional permit + Field supervision	Contractor costs LDC management costs	
		Time limited excavation permits granted by local unit & traffic department					
		Announcements + Signage indicating location/duration of works prior to commencement of work	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - LDC - Excavation contractors 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - LDC HSE - Local Unit - Traffic department 	Ensure inclusion in contract + Field supervision		
		Apply Horizontal Directional Drilling under critical intersections whenever possible to avoid heavy traffic delays	Contractor	LDC HSE	Field supervision		
		Traffic detours and diversion	Traffic Department	Traffic Department	Traffic Department		Field supervision for detouring efficiency Complaints received from traffic department
		Road restructuring and closing of lanes					Fluidity of traffic flow
Ambient air quality	Increased emissions of dust and gaseous pollutants	Controlled wetting and compaction of excavation/backfilling surrounding area	Excavation Contractor	LDC HSE	Contractual clauses + Field supervision	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Contractor costs - LDC management costs 	
		Isolation, covering, transportation in equipped vehicles and disposal of stockpiles			Contractual clauses + Field supervision		



Receptor	Impact	Mitigation measures	Responsibility		Means of supervision	Estimated Cost
			Mitigation	Supervision		
		Compliance to legal limits of air emissions from all relevant equipment – Availability of 24-7 hotline service (129) to all beneficiaries and the public for reporting possible leaks, damages or emergencies – Quick response to gas leaks by evacuation of the affected area – Repair or replacement of failed component	LDC	LDC HSE	Measure and document emissions of machinery by regular audits request emission measurements Field Supervision	
Ambient noise levels Local community Workers	Increased noise levels beyond WB/National permissible levels	Ear muffs, ear plugs, certified noise PPE for workers Avoid noisy works at night whenever possible	– LDC – Excavation Contractor	LDC HSE	Contractual clauses + Field supervision (audits) Field supervision Complaints receipt from local administration	– Contractor costs – LDC management costs
Ground utilities' integrity Local community	Damage to underground utilities resulting in water/wastewater leaks, telecommunication and electricity	Coordination with departments of potable water, wastewater, electricity, and telecom authorities to obtain maps/ data on underground utilities, whenever available	Excavation Contractor	LDC HSE	Official coordination proceedings signed by representatives of utility authorities – Examination of site-specific reports and records – Field supervision	– Contractor management costs – LDC management costs



Receptor	Impact	Mitigation measures	Responsibility		Means of supervision	Estimated Cost
			Mitigation	Supervision		
	interruptions	<p>If maps/data are unavailable: Perform limited trial pits or boreholes to explore and identify underground utility lines using non-intrusive equipment</p> <p>Preparation and analysis of accidental damage reports</p> <p>Repair and rehabilitation of damaged components</p>		<p>LDC HSE Supervisor</p> <p>LDC HSE</p> <p>LDC HSE Local Government Unit Local Police</p>	<p>– Contractual clauses + Field supervision</p> <p>– Review periodic HSE reports</p> <p>– Contractual clauses + Field supervision</p>	
Streets (physical status) local community and workers (health and safety)	Hazardous waste accumulation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Temporary storage in areas with impervious floor – Safe handling using PPE and safety precautions – Transfer to LDC depots for temporary storage – Disposal at licensed Alexandria hazardous waste facilities (Nasreya or UNICO) – Hand-over selected oils and lubricants and their containers to Petrotrade for recycling 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – LDC – Excavation Contractor 	LDC HSE	<p>Field supervision and review of certified waste handling, transportation, and disposal chain of custody</p>	<p>Indicative cost items included in contractor bid: Chemical analysis of hazardous waste Trucks from licensed handler Pre-treatment (if needed) Disposal cost at Nasreya</p> <p>Approximate cost of the above (to be revised upon project execution): 8,000-10,000 LE per ton</p>
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Adequate management of asbestos and any possible hazardous waste 	Water Authority + contractor			<p>Field supervision + review of Water Authority manifests</p>



Receptor	Impact	Mitigation measures	Responsibility		Means of supervision	Estimated Cost
			Mitigation	Supervision		
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Minimize fueling, lubricating and any activity onsite that would entail production of hazardous materials empty containers - Pre-Plan the anticipated amounts of hazardous liquid materials (such as paint, oils, lubricants, fuel) to be used in the various activities in order to minimize leftovers and residuals. - To the extent practical, seek to combine leftovers or residuals of the same liquid material/waste in order to minimize the number of containers containing hazardous residuals - Ensure hazardous liquid material/waste containers are always sealed properly and secured from tipping/falling/damage/direct sunlight during transportation and 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - LDC - Excavation Contractor 		Field supervision	



Receptor	Impact	Mitigation measures	Responsibility		Means of supervision	Estimated Cost
			Mitigation	Supervision		
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> storage – In case of spillage: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ avoid inhalation and sources of ignition ○ cover and mix with sufficient amounts of sand using PPE ○ collect contaminated sand in clearly marked secure containers/bags – Add sand to inventory of hazardous waste 				
Local community	Non-hazardous waste accumulation	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Designate adequate areas on-site for temporary storage of backfill and non-hazardous waste 2. Segregate waste streams to the extent possible to facilitate re-use/recycling, if applicable 3. Reuse non-hazardous waste to the extent possible 4. Estimate size of fleet required to transport wastes. 5. <u>Transfer waste to disposal facility West of the project area</u> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – LDC – Excavation Contractor 	LDC HSE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Contractual clauses – Monitoring of waste management plan – Field supervision 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Contractor costs – LDC management costs



Receptor	Impact	Mitigation measures	Responsibility		Means of supervision	Estimated Cost
			Mitigation	Supervision		
Local community	Destruction of streets and pavement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Arrange Restoration and re-pavement (رد الشئى لأصله) with local unit - Communication with local community on excavation and restoration schedules. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - LDC in cooperation with the LGU 	EGAS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Field supervision - Coordination with LGU as needed 	Included in re-pavement budget agreed by LDC with local units or Roads and Bridges Directorate
Occupational health and safety	Health and safety	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Full compliance to EGAS and LDC HSE requirements, manuals, and actions as per detailed manuals developed by Egypt Gas 2. Ensure the provision of the appropriate personal protective Equipment and other equipment needed to ensure compliance to HSE manuals 	Excavation Contractor	LDC HSE and EGAS SDO	Field supervision	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Contractor costs - LDC management costs



Receptor	Impact	Mitigation measures	Responsibility		Means of supervision	Estimated Cost
			Mitigation	Supervision		
Local communities and businesses	Lack of accessibility to businesses due to delay in street rehabilitation	<p>Compliance with the Environmental management plan concerning timely implementation of the construction schedule to minimize impact on local business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Follow up the procedure of Grievance Redress Mechanism Ensure transparent information sharing 	<p>During digging process</p> <p>LDC</p> <p>The sub-contractors</p>	LDC and EGAS SDO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ensure the implementation of GRM Supervision on Contractors performance 	No cost
Local community Health and safety	Threat to Safety of users and houses (due to limited level of awareness and misconceptions)	<p>Prepare Citizen engagement and stakeholder plan</p> <p>Awareness raising campaigns should be tailored in cooperation with the community-based organizations</p>	<p>During the construction</p> <p>LDC</p>	LDC and EGAS SDO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> List of awareness activities applied Lists of participants Documentation with photos Awareness reports 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2250 \$ per awareness raising campaign 2250 \$ for brochure and leaflets to be distributed (material available by EGAS-\$ spent)



5.4 Environmental and Social Monitoring Matrix during CONSTRUCTION

Table 2: Environmental and Social Monitoring Matrix during CONSTRUCTION

Receptor	Impact	Monitoring indicators	Responsibility of monitoring	Frequency of monitoring	Location of monitoring	Methods of monitoring	Estimated Cost of monitoring
Local traffic and accessibility	Reduction of traffic flow and accessibility to local community	Comments and notifications from Traffic Department	LDC HSE	Monthly during construction.	Construction site	Documentation in HSE monthly reports Complaints log	LDC management costs
Ambient air quality	Increased air emissions	HC, CO% and opacity	LDC HSE	Once before construction + once every six months for each vehicle	Vehicles licensing Department	Measurements and reporting of exhaust emissions of construction activities machinery Complaints log	LDC management costs
Ambient noise levels	Increased noise levels	Noise intensity, exposure durations and noise impacts	LDC HSE	Regularly during site inspections and once during the night in every residential area or near sensitive receptors such as hospitals	Construction site	Measurements of noise levels Complaints log	LDC management costs
		Complaints from residents	LDC HSE	Monthly during construction.	Construction site	Documentation in HSE monthly reports	LDC management costs
Underground utilities	Damages to underground utilities and infrastructure	Official coordination reports with relevant authorities Accidents documentation	LDC HSE	Monthly during construction.	Construction site	Documentation in HSE monthly reports	LDC management costs
Physical state of street	Waste generation	Observation of accumulated waste piles	LDC HSE	During construction. Monthly reports	Construction site	Observation and documentation	LDC management costs



Receptor	Impact	Monitoring indicators	Responsibility of monitoring	Frequency of monitoring	Location of monitoring	Methods of monitoring	Estimated Cost of monitoring
		Observation of water accumulations resulting from dewatering (if encountered)	LDC HSE	During construction. Monthly reports	Around construction site	Observation and documentation	LDC management costs
		Chain-of-custody and implementation of waste management plans	LDC HSE	Zonal reports	Construction site and document examination	Site inspection and document inspection	LDC management costs
Local community	Damaging to the streets	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Streets quality after finishing digging - Number of complaints due to street damage 	LDC, EGAS	Four times per year, each three months	Site and Desk work	Checklists and complaints log	No cost
Local community	Threat to Safety of users and houses (due to limited level of awareness and misconceptions)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Number of awareness raising implemented - Number of participants in information dissemination 	LDC, EGAS	Quarterly monitoring	Office	Reports Photos Lists of participants	No cost



5.5 Environmental and Social Management Matrix during OPERATION

Table 3: Environmental and Social Management Matrix during OPERATION

Receptor	Impact	Mitigation measures	Responsibility		Means of supervision	Estimated Cost
			Mitigation	Supervision		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ambient air quality - Community health and safety 	Network integrity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Detailed review of the geotechnical and geological history of the project area - Development of a full emergency response plan - Random inspections and awareness campaigns to ensure that NG piping and components (both inside the household and outside) are not be altered, violated, or intruded upon in any way without written approval from, or implementation of the alteration by, the LDC. - Availability of 24-7 hotline service (129) to all beneficiaries and the public for reporting possible leaks, damages or emergencies - Quick response to gas leaks by evacuation of the affected area - Repair or replacement of failed component 	LDC	LDC HSE.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Map and local geotechnical report review - Site inspections - Awareness actions - Periodical trainings and drills 	LDC management costs
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ambient air quality - Community health and safety 	Repairs and maintenance (network and households)	As with construction phase activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - LDC - Excavation Contractor 	LDC HSE	As relevant from construction phase	LDC management costs
Economically disadvantaged Community members	Financial burden on economically disadvantaged due to the installments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Petro Trade should collect the installment immediately after the installation of NG - The installments should be collected on monthly basis in order not to add burden to the poor, as it will be easier for them to pay on monthly basis - The installment should not be high 	Petro trade (Company responsible for collecting the consumption fees and the installments)	EGAS	Banks loans log Complaints raised by poor people due to the frequency of collecting the installments	No cost



Receptor	Impact	Mitigation measures	Responsibility		Means of supervision	Estimated Cost
			Mitigation	Supervision		
Informal LPG distributors	Loss of revenue for LPG distributors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - LPG distributors should be informed about the NG potential areas in order to enable them to find alternative areas - They should be informed about the GRM in order to enable them to voice any hardship 	Butagasco	EGAS	Information sharing activities with the LPG vendors Grievances received from them	No cost
Community health and safety	Possibility of Gas leakage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Information should be provided to people in order to be fully aware about safety procedures - The hotline should be operating appropriately - People should be informed of the Emergency Numbers 	LDC	LDC	Complaints raised due to Gas leakage	No cost



5.6 Environmental and Social Monitoring Matrix during OPERATION

Table 4: Environmental and Social Monitoring Matrix during OPERATION

Impact	Monitoring indicators	Responsibility of monitoring	Monitoring Frequency	Location of monitoring	Methods of monitoring	Monitoring Estimated Cost
Network integrity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Earthquakes or geotechnical settlements - Emergency response time and corrective actions during emergency drills - Reports of alteration or tampering with ANY gas components 	LDC HSE	Bi-annual inspections and annual emergency response drills	Along the network and inside and outside households	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Inspection, leakage detection, running the drills 	LDC management costs
Financial burden on economically disadvantaged due to the installments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Number of economically disadvantaged people who complained - Number of those who can't pay the installment 	LDC and Petro Trade, EGAS	Quarterly	Desk work	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Complaints log - Bank reports - Petro trade reports 	No cost
Impact on the informal LPG distributors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Grievance received from the informal LPG distributors - Information shared with them 	EGAS, LDC	Quarterly	Desk work	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Complaints log 	No cost
Possibility of Gas leakage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Complaints raised by the community people - Number of leakage accidents reported/raised 	LDC, EGAS	Four times per year, each three months	Site and Desk work	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Complaints log LDC 	No cost



6 Stakeholder Engagement and Public Consultation

The public consultation chapter aims to highlight the key consultation and community engagement activities that took place as part of the preparation of the ESIA and their outcomes. Following are the main groups consulted during the ESIAF and the SSESIA and the engagement tools used.

Table 5: Summary of consultation activities in El Maragha

Participants	Number		Methods	Date
	Male	Female		
During the ESIAF				
Potential beneficiaries people	15	35	Structured questionnaire	December 2013
Community people	71	9	Scoping consultation event	
Total	86	44		
During the site specific study				
Government officials	3		In-depth	September and October 2015
NGOs		1	In-depth	
Potential beneficiaries people	6	8	FGD	
Community people	36	14	Structured questionnaire	
Public hearing for the ESIA of the governorate level. Potential beneficiaries, government officials, NGO representatives, (21 people have attended from El Maragha)	89	33	Public consultation	14 th of February 2016
Total	134	56		

6.1 Main Results of Consultation during the Data Collection Phase

The majority of sample surveyed expressed very high demand on the project. They also indicated their willingness to be connected to the NG regardless of the amount of money they can afford to pay. This high level of enthusiasm from the local communities towards the project is attributed to the high level of awareness of the the natural gas benefits and the current hardships that the households are facing to secure LPG cylinder.



Table 6: Sample of the main issues raised during data collection and scoping phase in El Maragha

Subject	Questions and comments	Responses
Sanitation network system problem	Some areas were planned to be connected to the sanitation network system. The project stopped after the revolution. Could the WB support such areas to be connected to sanitation network system and the NG. It is not obvious what is the relation between the sanitation network system and the NG	It is for safety measure the NG should be installed in areas that are fully connected to the basic infrastructure
Information sharing	It is recommended to develop a campaign to be connected to the NG. The candidates of the parliament should mobilize the banks to support poor people. Thus, the project will achieve its goals	Information sharing will be implemented with the help of the LDC. The foreman and the contracting office will be the main communication channels
Land acquisition	It seems that the project will result in land acquisition activities. In Sohag it might cause problems with the community people	No land acquisition will take place in El Maragha, as there will be no construction of the PRS
Workers performance	The workers who install the NG in the house are not good. They damage the walls to the extent that bricks and dust cover the furniture. Such behavior is not acceptable and needs adjustment	Workers need to install the pipelines. This necessitate certain level of damages to walls. It is construction process
Gas installation cost	The NG installation cost is expensive. Can we expect additional financial support	The actual cost of the NG installation is 5600 EGP. Each house pays only 1700 EGP. The government pay the remaining amount
Overconsumption of the NG	Is it expected to run out of the NG due to the overconsumption of the NG	The NG is sufficient to provide the residential unit with NG. All houses consume less than 3.0% of the total produced NG annually. Additionally, new NG exploration activities are being implemented now
Required NG installation documents	The NG company ask for many documents to install the NG e.g. electricity bill, house lease contract, income.	The NG installation requires two documents: apartment lease contract or ownership and the electricity /telephone/ water bill. However, the bank might ask for more documents
Safety of NG pipelines	The pipelines are installed on the house entrance' walls. If a car hits the walls, they might exploded	The NG LDCS apply rigid safety standards.



Subject	Questions and comments	Responses
The location of gas meter	In upper Egypt, families don't allow strange people to step in the house. Thus, it is strongly recommended to install the gas meter outside the residential unit	This is relatively difficult to apply.
Importance of project for Egypt economy	Reducing the use of LPG will result in reducing the cost allocated for LPG subsidy. Egypt economy will benefit from converting to the NG	This comment is valid

On the 14th of February 2016 a public consultation was conducted in Sohag City. The head of El Maragha municipality, roads authority in El Maragha and some community people attended the consultation event. Comprehensive documentation and presentation for the results of the public consultation conducted in Sohag City on the 14th of February is presented in Sohag City SSESIA.

6.2 Summary of consultation outcomes

The majority of consulted stakeholders in El Maragha expressed their overwhelming acceptance to install the NG to their areas. Those who will not be connected during this stage due to the lack of sanitation network system were not happy with this exclusion from installation plan. However, they comprehended the safety measures that prohibit installing the NG to areas with no access to sanitary network system. Land acquisition was raised as a concern in El Maragha. Therefore, it was essential to inform the community about the lands needed for the project are limited to main roads and streets. The location of gas meter inside the houses was perceived as affecting the privacy of residential units. However, it was explained to the stakeholders the necessity to have gas meter inside the flat. The safety of pipelines was a concern raised by the community people. The overconsumption of NG was a concern raised by the stakeholders as 1.5 million will be connected to the NG. All concerns were adequately responded during stakeholder engagement activities. However, it is strongly recommended to maintain a dialogue with stakeholders in terms of sharing information about the NG.

While WB safeguards and regulations state that a minimum of two large-scale, well-publicized public consultation sessions are a must for projects classified as category 'A' projects like the one at hand³, additional consultation activities (for example through focus group discussions, in-depth meetings, and interviews) were implemented to reach the most vulnerable and difficult to reach community members. Additionally, in order to obtain larger scale and more quantifiable information, the consultant conducted surveys in the different sites.

³ Clause 14 of OP 4.01 states that: "For Category A projects, the borrower consults these groups at least twice: (a) shortly after environmental screening and before the terms of reference for the EA are finalized; and (b) once a draft EA report is prepared. In addition, the borrower consults with such groups throughout project implementation as necessary to address EA-related issues that affect them."

