

6 Public Participation and Engagement



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6.1 Introduction

This section provides an identification of project stakeholders, a summary of the stakeholder engagement activities and the stakeholders' expectations and concerns. This section is to be read in conjunction with the Stakeholder Engagement Plan and the Resettlement Action Plan.

6.2 Stakeholder Identification

The Project's stakeholders have been identified as part of the SEP (issued as a stand-alone document). The table below provides the Project stakeholders and their concerns or roles.

Table 6-1 Categories of Stakeholders Affected by or Interested In the Project

Stakeholder	Concern / Role
Project-Affected Stakeholders	
Physically and economically displaced households in the Groupement of Kamanyola and Karhongo	Impacted by loss of housing, land and / or assets
All people living in the settlements within 2 km from the river but not directly affected by Project activities	Potentially reduced access to natural resources and ecosystem services
PAPs considered vulnerable because of their difficulties accessing information on land acquisition: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Illiterate people • People without access to information technologies • People with mental and physical disabilities 	May encounter issues (i) accessing or understanding information regarding land acquisition, resettlement and compensations and (ii) negotiating a fair compensation or expressing grievances to the Project.
PAPs considered vulnerable because of their difficulties accessing and maintaining control over land and livelihood sources: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Women-headed households • Disabled-headed households • Elder-headed households • Historically marginalised households • Landless households 	May encounter issues (i) finding alternative or additional land resources, (ii) negotiating fair compensation and (iii) restoring their means of livelihood.
Resettlement Committees of Bugarama, Nzahaha, Ibambiro, Manda, Kafunda and Nachirongwe	In charge of facilitating and mediating relations between the Project and PAPs, for all that pertains to economic and physical displacement due to land acquisition
Women's and Youth Associations in the villages affected by land acquisition.	Will be engaged by the Project to ensure that these two groups are appropriately consulted and to promote their participation and fair inclusion in livelihood restoration activities.
Internal Stakeholders	
REL RAP Officer	In charge of coordinating and managing relations between the Project and PAPs, for all that pertains to economic and physical displacement due to land acquisition
REL Grievances Officer	In charge of receiving, logging and solving all Project-related grievances
REL Livelihood Restoration Officer	In charge of coordinating and managing relations between the Project and people receiving Livelihood Restoration Measures after economic displacement
External Stakeholders	
Energie des Grands Lacs (EGL)	In charge of paying all compensations
Local Authorities in DRC, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Heads of Karhongo and Kamanyola Groupements • Heads of Ngweshe and Ishamba Sous-Groupements 	Interest in the social consequences of economic and physical displacement and responsibility acting as representatives to express the populations' fears and wishes



Stakeholder	Concern / Role
Local Authorities in Rwanda, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Heads of Nzahaha and Bugarama Sectors • Executive Secretaries of Nyenji, Murya, Nyange, Ryankana and Pera Cells 	Interest in the social consequences of economic and physical displacement and responsibility acting as representatives to express the populations' fears and wishes
Institute of Real Property Values (Rwanda)	In charge of setting the prices of land and property and publishing them annually in the Official Gazette
Rusizi District Administration (Rwanda)	In charge of informing expropriated people of the start date of the measurement of the land and inventory of property via posters or messages on the radio / press
District Council (Rwanda)	Approval of amount of compensation according to national law
Public Authorities in DRC, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Heads of Karhongo and Kamanyola Groupements • Heads of Ngweshe and Ishamba Sous-Groupements • Provincial Government of South Kivu • MINISTRY OF Environment and Sustainable Development • Ministry of Public Works and Land Affairs • Ministry of Energy and Hydraulic Resources • Ministry of Agriculture • Congolese Agency of Environment • National Society of Electricity • Administration of Walungu Territory 	Interest in the overall development of the region and of the hydropower industry Interest in the Project's positive and negative impacts on the economy and society
Public Authorities in Rwanda, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Heads of Nzahaha and Bugarama Sectors • Executive Secretaries of Nyenji, Murya, Nyange, Ryankana and Pera Cells • Administration of the Western Province • Ministry of Finance and Economic Planning • Ministry of Infrastructure • Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation • Ministry of Public Service and Labour • Ministry of the Environment • Rwanda Green Fund • Rwanda Development Board • Rwanda Water and Forest Authority • Rwanda Water Resources Board • Rwanda Environment Management Authority • Rwanda Meteorology Agency • Rwanda Land Management and Use Authority • Rwanda Energy Group • Private Sector Federation of Rwanda 	Interest in the overall development of the region and of the hydropower industry Interest in the Project's positive and negative impacts on the economy and society
Public Authorities in Burundi, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ministry of Environment, Agriculture and Livestock • Commune of Rugombo • Ministry for Water, Environment, Land Use and Urban Planning • Ministry of Infrastructure, Equipment and Social Housing • Ministry of the Interior, Community Development and Public Security • Ministries of Finances, Budget and Economic Planning • Burundian Office of Revenues 	Interest in the overall development of the region and of the hydropower industry Interest in the Project's positive and negative impacts on the economy and society



Stakeholder	Concern / Role
NGOs active in the villages within and surrounding the Project's footprints, in particular: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Caritas (Rwanda) • Profam (Rwanda) • ARCT Rumuka (Rwanda) • One Acre Fund (Rwanda) • Benevolencia (Rwanda) • Mukopaka Shambalet (Rwanda) • World Vision (Rwanda) • Care International (Rwanda) • Compassion Internationale (Rwanda) • GIZ (DRC) • Foundation Chokola (DRC) • FUMU (DRC) • ASDECEM (DRC) • Femme Leve-Toi (DRC) • Swaf (DRC) • IADEL (DRC) • DRISHA (DRC) • ACEDP (DRC) • Rhukole Kuguma (DRC) 	In charge of: Supporting PAPs and facilitating communication with them throughout the RAP implementation process. Supporting with the implementation of livelihood restoration measures.
Health centres and hospitals within 5 km from the Project footprint	Potential changes in the health profile of the area (waterborne diseases and sexually transmitted diseases)
Communication technologies, in particular: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Radio Mandeleo (DRC) • Radio Communautaire de Kamanyola (DRC) • Radio Communautaire Flash FM de Kamanyola (DRC) • Radio Rusizi (Rwanda) • Radio Rwanda (Rwanda) • Television Rwanda (Rwanda) • Media in Cibitoki Province, Rugombo (Burundi) 	Supporting in effectively disseminating information about progress on the RAP process.

6.3 Engagement Activities Undertaken to Date

6.3.1 Stakeholder Engagement Activities Performed in 2020

The Project's ESIA process started in 2012, when the Project was being developed by EGL. The environmental consulting company SOFRECO was engaged by EGL to prepare an ESIA and a RAP based on the 2010 Feasibility Study prepared by Fichtner. Environmental and Social baseline surveys were conducted by SOFRECO in 2012 and some stakeholder consultations undertaken.

In 2019, after a period of remaining dormant, the Project was relaunched via a PPP with REL as the private partner. The engineering company TRACTEBEL conducted further Feasibility Studies and REL engaged SOFRECO to update the 2012 preliminary ESIA, and some further stakeholder consultations were undertaken. In Q4 2021 REL engaged SLR to develop the ESIA prepared by SOFRECO into a full bankable ESIA.

The 2021 preliminary ESIA prepared by SOFRECO included a series of stakeholder engagement activities, summarised in Table 6-2 below¹.

¹ This information has been extracted from the 2021 preliminary ESIA (SOFRECO, 2021)



Table 6-2 Summary of Stakeholder Engagement Activities Performed in 2020

Date	Type of activities	Main issues and concerns raised
17 January 2020	Workshop for administrative stakeholders in Bukavu, DRC	Raised questions regarding: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The conclusion of geological studies and risk of erosion. • The public expropriation procedure. • The development opportunities and benefits offered to the affected population. • Modalities of compensation and actualisation of the 2010 studies • Modalities of energy sharing agreement. • Means of information between the Project and PAPs.
5 February 2020	Workshop for administrative stakeholders in Kamembe, Rwanda	
January – February 2020	Public consultation with population potentially affected by the Project footprint in Bugarama, Nzahaha, Ruduha (Rwanda), Kafunda, Bugano and Kamanyola (DRC).	Both Rwandan and Congolese people raised concerns regarding: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Noise and vibration disturbances and damage to property during construction. • Difficulty finding / affording land after expropriation. • Impossibility of building on pipe passages. • Scarcity of water resources for crop irrigation as a caused by the Project. • Positive benefits (electricity) not received by the affected village. In DRC only, the following concerns were raised: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fear of local and government authorities embezzling fund to the detriment of expropriated people's compensation. • Land conflicts following compensation, underestimating the amount of compensation for loss of land. • Lack of compensation as occurred when Ruzizi II HEPP was developed.
28 August 2020	Public consultations in Bugarama and Nzahaha (Rwanda)	
12 October 2020	Public consultation in Kamanyola and Kashenyi (DRC)	

6.3.2 Stakeholder Engagement Activities Performed in 2021-2023

In January/February 2022 SLR conducted stakeholder engagement activities with PAPs in the frame of the current ESIA and RAP preparation. In 2022-2023, REL also conducted several stakeholder engagement activities in Burundi, Rwanda and DRC.

All of the stakeholder engagement activities performed by the Project from 2021 to 2023 are summarised in Table 6-3 below.



Table 6-3 Stakeholder Engagement Activities Performed between 2021 and 2023

Date	Type of activities	Topics discussed	Main issues and concerns raised	Response provided
2021 ESIA (SOFRECO)				
14 August 2021	Consultation with Nzahaha Sector Population and Local authorities on project progress and impacts	Project progress Project Impact	General discussion on the progress of the Project and expected impacts	ESIA documentation to be publicly disclosed
17 August 2021	Consultation with Bugarama Sector Population and Local authorities on project progress and impacts	Project progress Project Impact	General discussion on the progress of the Project and expected impacts	ESIA documentation to be publicly disclosed
24 August 2021	Meeting in Bukavu involving Governor, army, police, immigration and technical services, alongside local authorities	Compensation Community development Livelihood restoration	Raised concerns regarding: The fairness of compensation procedures in both countries. Project's support to households that haven't received compensation for previous property acquisition since 2010. Extent of community development activities which will be offered by the Project. Type and extent of livelihood restoration activities.	ESIA documentation – including RAP (including livelihood restoration) to be publicly disclosed. Local Area Development Plan (LADP) prepared and publicly disclosed
	Meeting with PAPs in Nyagahanga to start the property valuation process	Property valuation Compensation	Raised concerns regarding: Certain crops being left out of the valuation process, as was the case with the previous valuation. Damage of property during construction. Damage of property before the payment of compensations. Non-payment of compensations to people without a land title. Inequality in compensation fees, which have previously been much higher in DRC than in Rwanda.	ESIA documentation – including RAP (including livelihood restoration) to be publicly disclosed.
26 August 2021	Meeting in Rusizi involving Governor, Ruzizi District, army, police, immigration and technical services and local authorities	Project benefits	Concern that PAPs may not benefit from the Project.	Local Area Development Plan (LADP) prepared and publicly disclosed



Date	Type of activities	Topics discussed	Main issues and concerns raised	Response provided
15 September 2021	Consultation with villagers of Ibambiro	Employment opportunities Land registration Compensation	Raised concerns regarding: The availability of jobs for women and local communities more generally. Land registration and compensation procedures. Land conflicts between different heirs and management of compensation on land shared between different family members.	ESIA documentation – including ESMP, which includes employment targets for women) and RAP which includes mechanism for managing land conflicts, to be publicly disclosed.
16 September 2021	Consultation of Kaboya Village, Kamanyola			
28 September 2021	Consultation on property valuation process with PAPs and establishment of RCs in Gatebe	Property valuation	Explanation of the property valuation process to PAPs and establishment of resettlement committees	ESIA documentation – including RAP (including information on valuation process and resettlement committees) to be publicly disclosed.
	Consultation on property valuation process with PAPs and establishment of RCs in Nyagahanga		Explanation of the property valuation process to PAPs and establishment of resettlement committees	
30 September 2021	Training on roles and responsibilities of RCs and documentation of grievances of Nzahaha RC members	Resettlement Committees Grievance mechanism	Presentation of the resettlement committee's role and responsibilities and discussion on existing grievances	ESIA documentation – including RAP (including information resettlement committees and grievance mechanism) to be publicly disclosed.
1-2 October 2021	Meetings with the Resettlement Committees in Bugarama and Nzahaha (respectively located in Gatebe and Nyagahanga)	Land acquisition Compensation	Raised concerns regarding: The fact that the 10 m strip of land closest to the river have not been considered due to a new environmental law, even though people cultivate on it. According to national law, land taken over 5% should be acquired fully but many people are instead remaining with very small plots. Mistakes in official land titles which have counted less land than existing in reality. Non-payment of compensation for people without a land title. Payment of compensation on land shared amongst family members. Landowners will claim the compensation for the crops which will be shared with farmers farming under nyiragabura.	ESIA documentation – including RAP (including information in land acquisition, eligibility and compensation) to be publicly disclosed.
21-22 October 2021	Training of PAP Committees in DRC (locality not specified)	Land acquisition Project benefits	Fear of increased vulnerability due to loss of lands, fear that project will not benefit Nyangezi and Kamanyola, fear that PAPs will not benefit from employment opportunities.	ESIA documentation – including RAP to be publicly disclosed. Local Area Development Plan (LADP) prepared and publicly disclosed
7 October 2021	Discussion on grievances and complaints with RC of Bugarama	Existing grievances	Discussion on existing grievances and complaints	Lessons learnt from past grievances used in the Project RAP
15 October 2021				



Date	Type of activities	Topics discussed	Main issues and concerns raised	Response provided
20 October 2021	Discussion on grievances and complaints with RC of Nzahaha	Existing grievances	Discussion on existing grievances and complaints	Lessons learnt from past grievances used in the Project RAP
21-22 October 2021	Training of RCs from Ibambiro and Kaboya + establishment of a coordination committee with role of overseeing sub-committees	Existing grievances	Discussion on existing grievances and complaints	Lessons learnt from past grievances used in the Project RAP
November 2021	Meeting with Sud Kivu authorities	Catchment soil erosion Compensation	Concern about erosion risks and lack of trees, and about timely payment of compensations.	ESIA documentation to be publicly disclosed. CIA chapter addresses catchment soil erosion issue. Lessons learnt from past grievances used in the Project RAP.
30 November 2021	Discussion with PAPs and local leaders in Nzahaha and Bugarama on land and property valuation process	Property valuation	Explanation of the property valuation process	ESIA documentation – including RAP, which includes information on the property valuation process to be publicly disclosed.
1-2 December 2021	Meeting with Ibambiro Resettlement Committee	Land-related conflicts Land evaluation process	Raised problem of land-related conflicts over land delimitation during land evaluation process, difficulty accessing some lands due to the lack of roads.	ESIA documentation – including RAP, which includes information on the property valuation process to be publicly disclosed.
2022-2023 ESIA, SEP and RAP (REL)				
7 January 2022	Consultation with PAPs in Karhongo and Kamanyola	Project progress Stakeholder Engagement	General update on the project and upcoming consultation activities	ESIA documentation including a Stakeholder Engagement Plan to be publicly disclosed
12 January 2022	Consultation with PAPs in Bugarama and Nzahaha to resolve grievances	Past grievances	Discussion on existing grievances and complaints	Lessons learnt from past grievances used in the Project RAP
24 January 2022	Consultation meeting between EGL and PAPs from Kamanyola and Karhongo, to discuss their appreciation of the land and property valuation processes	Property valuation	Gathering of PAPs' feedback on the property valuation process.	ESIA documentation – including RAP, which includes information on the property valuation process to be publicly disclosed.
25 January 2022	Consultation meeting between EGL and PAPs in Bugarama from Bugarama and Nzahaha Sector to discuss their appreciation of the land and property valuation process	Property valuation	Gathering of PAPs' feedback on the property valuation process.	ESIA documentation – including RAP, which includes information on the property valuation process to be publicly disclosed.



Date	Type of activities	Topics discussed	Main issues and concerns raised	Response provided
11 February 2022	Consultation between PAPs from Bugarama and Nzahaha Sectors to update them on progress of the project.	Project progress	Discussed mechanisms in place for PAPs to stay informed on project developments.	ESIA documentation including a Stakeholder Engagement Plan to be publicly disclosed
17 February 2022	Meeting in Ibambiro with PAPs from Karhongo to update them on progress of the project.	Project progress	Discussed mechanisms in place for PAPs to stay informed on project developments.	ESIA documentation including a Stakeholder Engagement Plan to be publicly disclosed
18 February 2022	Meeting with local authorities and resettlement committees in Nyangezi and Kamanyola	Stakeholder Engagement	Conduction of a community assessment to collect views and opinions from local leaders and stakeholders towards the preparation of a Stakeholder Engagement Plan.	ESIA documentation including a Stakeholder Engagement Plan to be publicly disclosed
18 February 2022	Meeting with local authorities and resettlement committees in Bugarama	Project progress Compensation	Update of the Project's progress, discussion on land acquisition and clarification on compensation entitlements and conditions.	ESIA documentation including a RAP, including information on land acquisition, entitlement, eligibility and compensation to be publicly disclosed
22 February 2022	Meeting with the resettlement committee members and PAPs in Nzahaha Sector	Project progress Compensation	Update of the Project's progress, discussion on land acquisition and clarification on compensation entitlements and conditions.	ESIA documentation including a RAP, including information on land acquisition, entitlement, eligibility and compensation to be publicly disclosed
March 2022	Stakeholders' Satisfaction Assessment, including PAPs from both DRC and Rwanda.	Stakeholder Engagement Past grievances	Identified issues regarding: Inadequate tools in place to collect feedback from PAPs. Insufficient dissemination of information on the Project and results of different studies which have been undertaken. Lack of regular engagement with PAPs to inform them on progress and important dates. Dissatisfaction of PAPs with length of compensation process.	ESIA documentation including a Stakeholder Engagement Plan to be publicly disclosed. Lessons learnt from past grievances used in the Project RAP.
23 March 2022	Meeting with the resettlement committee members of Nzahaha	Election of Resettlement Committee members	Fixing the date for the election of committee members	N/A
28 March 2022	Meeting with the resettlement committee in Bugarama	Past grievances	Addressing grievances	Lessons learnt from past grievances used in the Project RAP.
04 April 2022	Meeting with resettlement committee members and PAPs from Nyagahanga and Nyenji villages.	Election of Resettlement Committee members	Electing new members of the resettlement committee	N/A
21 April 2022	Meeting with the resettlement committees of Bugarama and Nzahaha, local authorities, EGL, REL and the JIU	Property valuation	Discussion on the land and property valuation process, outlining successes, challenges and lessons learnt	Lessons learnt from past grievances used in the Project RAP.



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26 April 2022	Meeting with resettlement committees and local authorities from Kamanyola (Kayenge and Kafunda)	Compensation Past grievance	Identifying the banks that will be used to pay compensation. Resolution of grievances.	Lessons learnt from past grievances used in the Project RAP.
28 April 2022	Meeting with resettlement committees and local authorities from Nyangezi (Ibambiro and Ruduha)	Compensation Past grievance	Identifying the banks that will be used to pay compensation. Resolution of grievances.	Lessons learnt from past grievances used in the Project RAP.
13 May 2022	Meeting with PAPs and resettlement committee members in Nyange Cell	Compensation Land titles	Discussion on compensation entitlements and administrative support for the provision of land titles	ESIA documentation including a RAP, including information on land acquisition, entitlement, eligibility and compensation and assistance for obtaining land titles to be publicly disclosed
20 May 2022	Meeting with PAPs and resettlement committee members in Nyagahanga	Compensation Land titles	Discussion on compensation entitlements and administrative support for the provision of land titles	ESIA documentation including a RAP, including information on land acquisition, entitlement, eligibility and compensation and assistance for obtaining land titles to be publicly disclosed
23 May 2022	Meeting with PAPs and resettlement committee members in Ruganzu	Compensation Land titles	Discussion on compensation entitlements and administrative support for the provision of land titles	ESIA documentation including a RAP, including information on land acquisition, entitlement, eligibility and compensation and assistance for obtaining land titles to be publicly disclosed
28 May 2022	Meeting with resettlement committees and local authorities from Kamanyola (Kayenge and Kafunda)	Compensation Eligibility	Validation of compensation files by the PAPs before compensation. Discussion on the treatment of files for affected people who died before compensation.	ESIA documentation including a RAP, including information on land acquisition, entitlement, eligibility and to be publicly disclosed
30 May 2022	Meeting with resettlement committees and local authorities from Nyangezi (Ibambiro and Ruduha)	Compensation Eligibility	Validation of compensation files by the PAPs before compensation. Discussion on the treatment of files for affected people who died before compensation.	ESIA documentation including a RAP, including information on land acquisition, entitlement, eligibility and to be publicly disclosed
08 June 2022	Meeting with resettlement committees and local authorities in Nachirhongwe, Ruduha, Kayenge and Manda	Past grievances	Resolution of grievances and discussion on compensation payments.	Lessons learnt from past grievances used in the Project RAP.
28 June 2022	Meeting with resettlement committees and local authorities in Nachirhongwe, Ruduha, Kayenge and Manda	Past grievances	Discussing challenges affecting PAPs in the Project area	Lessons learnt from past grievances used in the Project RAP.



Date	Type of activities	Topics discussed	Main issues and concerns raised	Response provided
29 June 2022 – 01 July 2022	Meeting with PAPs and One Stop Centre Staff in Gihundwe Sector	Compensation Land titles	Facilitation of land title transfers by PAPs	ESIA documentation including a RAP, including information on land acquisition, entitlement, eligibility and compensation and assistance for obtaining land titles to be publicly disclosed
06 July 2022	Meeting with PAPs and local authorities	Compensation Land titles	Provision of support and information on the documentation required for the land transfer process and provision of land titles.	ESIA documentation including a RAP, including information on land acquisition, entitlement, eligibility and compensation and assistance for obtaining land titles to be publicly disclosed
06 July 2022	Meeting with PAPs and local authorities	Compensation Land titles	Provision of support and information on the documentation required for the land transfer process and provision of land titles.	ESIA documentation including a RAP, including information on land acquisition, entitlement, eligibility and compensation and assistance for obtaining land titles to be publicly disclosed
28 July 2022	Meeting with resettlement committees and local authorities in Kamanyola and Nyagezi	Technical studies	Discussion on the activities planned by Tiger Engineering in Manda	N/A
03 August 2022	Meeting with resettlement committee members and local authorities in Bugarama	Project progress	Provision of feedback on the decisions taken at the meeting in Nairobi	N/A
04 August 2022	Meeting with resettlement committee members and local authorities in Nzahaha	Project progress	Provision of feedback on the decisions taken at the meeting in Nairobi	N/A
05 August 2022	Meeting with resettlement committees and local authorities in Nyagezi (Nachirhongwe and Ruduha)	Compensation	Sensitisation of resettlement committee members on the compensation process	ESIA documentation including a RAP, including information on land acquisition, entitlement, eligibility and compensation to be publicly disclosed
06 August 2022	Meeting with resettlement committees and local authorities in Kamanyola (Kayenge and Manda)	Compensation	Sensitisation of resettlement committee members on the compensation process	ESIA documentation including a RAP, including information on land acquisition, entitlement, eligibility and compensation to be publicly disclosed
25 August 2022	Meeting with resettlement committees and local authorities in Nyagezi (Nachirhongwe and Ruduha)	Project progress	Provision of feedback on the decisions taken at the meeting in Nairobi	N/A
26 August 2022	Meeting with resettlement committees and local authorities in Kamanyola (Kayenge and Manda)	Project progress	Provision of feedback on the decisions taken at the meeting in Nairobi	N/A



Date	Type of activities	Topics discussed	Main issues and concerns raised	Response provided
7 October 2022	Meeting with resettlement committees in Nyagezi (Ruduha and Bujenjere)	HMP	Evaluation of the existence of the batwa community in the Project area and evaluation of their socioeconomic condition.	HMPDP to be prepared and publicly disclosed
7 November 2022 – 11 November 2022	Meeting with the DRC Interministerial Commission, EGL and REL	Project progress	Progress report and tour of the Project area	N/A
29 November 2022	Meeting with General Director of Water Resources	Project progress Hydrological data	Update on the progress of the Project and clarification on the lack of expected impacts downstream in Burundi Provision of information on additional hydrological data collection	N/A
29 November 2022	Meeting with Chief Warden of Rusizi National Park in Burundi	Project progress Hydrological data	Update on the progress of the Project and clarification on the lack of expected impacts downstream in Burundi Provision of information on additional hydrological data collection	N/A
1 December 2022 – 8 December 2022	Meeting with Land Affairs Officials from Walungu Territory	Land acquisition	Verification of the lands to be acquired for the Project	N/A
11 January 2023	Meeting with the resettlement committees of Kamanyola (Manda, Bugabo, Kafunda, Douane)	Compensation Past grievances	Discussion on compensation packages and challenges in the area	Lessons learnt from past grievances used in the Project RAP.
18 January 2023	Meeting with Nzahaha senior officials (Executive secretary of sector and Social Affairs as well as Murya and Nyenji Executive Secretaries), the Social Advisor from Fitchner and Project Steering committee members	Stakeholder engagement	Consultation of Project-affected people to assess how they have been consulted, involved and informed throughout the Project's implementation	ESIA documentation including a Stakeholder Engagement Plan to be publicly disclosed
18 January 2023	Meeting with Bugarama senior officials (Social Affairs and Executive Secretary), the Social Advisor from Fitchner and Project Steering committee members	Stakeholder engagement	Consultation of Project-affected people to assess how they have been consulted, involved and informed throughout the Project's implementation	ESIA documentation including a Stakeholder Engagement Plan to be publicly disclosed
25 January 2023 – 28 January 2023	Meeting with IGEBU General Director and Director of Hydrometeorology in Gitega Head Office of IGEBU (Burundian Institute of Geography)	Project progress Hydrological data	Update on Project progress and request of partnership to collect hydrology data through IGEBU stations in the Rusizi National Park	N/A



Date	Type of activities	Topics discussed	Main issues and concerns raised	Response provided
15 March 2023	Meeting with resettlement committee members in Murya Cell	Past grievance	Resolution of grievances	ESIA documentation including a RAP, including information on land acquisition, entitlement, eligibility and compensation to be publicly disclosed
23 March 2023 – 25 March 2023	Meeting with resettlement committee members in Kamanyola and Karhongo and the donors	Land acquisition Compensation	Discussion on the land acquisition and compensation process	ESIA documentation including a RAP, including information on land acquisition, entitlement, eligibility and compensation to be publicly disclosed
23 March 2023 – 25 March 2023	Meeting with resettlement committee members in Kamanyola and Karhongo and the donors	Land acquisition Compensation	Discussion on the land acquisition and compensation process	ESIA documentation including a RAP, including information on land acquisition, entitlement, eligibility and compensation to be publicly disclosed
1 June 2023	Meeting with resettlement committee members and Bugarama and Nzahaha	Land acquisition Compensation	Update on the progress of the land acquisition and compensation process	ESIA documentation including a RAP, including information on land acquisition, entitlement, eligibility and compensation to be publicly disclosed
2 June 2023	Meeting with resettlement committee members from Kamanyola and Karhongo	Land acquisition Compensation	Update on the progress of the land acquisition and compensation process	ESIA documentation including a RAP, including information on land acquisition, entitlement, eligibility and compensation to be publicly disclosed



6.3.2.1 Stakeholder Engagement conducted during the 2022 Socioeconomic Surveys

A Stakeholder Engagement during the Qualitative Socioeconomic Surveys

In 2022, SLR also carried out a qualitative socioeconomic survey of the populations inhabiting the villages around the Project's footprint or utilising / owning resources which will be impacted by the Project. The qualitative social survey was undertaken from the 19 January to 2 February 2022. The activities of stakeholder engagement carried out as part of the qualitative survey consisted of:

- Informal discussions with economically and physically displaced people, aimed at understanding their resilience, plans for the future and perception of the Project's stakeholder engagements to date.
- Informal discussions with people who may lose access, to some extent, to natural resources which may be impacted by the project, such as wood collection, medical plants collection and domestic water usage.
- Informal discussions with people who will lose income opportunities as a consequence of land acquisition (land-based wage workers).
- Focus groups with women, men, vulnerable people and local authorities in the Rwandan villages of Nyagahanga, Ryagashyitsi, Ruganzo, Gatebe, Mwaro, Gombaniro and Mubombo, to discuss land acquisition impacts on local livelihoods.
- Focus groups with women, men, vulnerable people and local authorities in the Rwandan villages of Kayenge, Bugano, Kafunda, Nachihembe, Nachirongwe, Ibambiro, Bujenjere and Ruduha, to discuss land acquisition impacts on local livelihoods.
- Formal interviews with local authorities and agronomists to better understand the impact of land acquisitions on land tenure and farming dynamics.

The numbers of people interviewed in DRC and Rwanda, disaggregated by gender, village and interview type are shown Table 6-4.

Table 6-4 - People Interviewed in DRC and Rwanda for the Qualitative Social Survey in 2022

Sector	Cell	Village	Total number of people	No. of women interviewed	No. of men interviewed	Interview type
Rwanda						
Nzahaha	Murya	Nyagahanga	13	4	9	Focus groups
		Ryagashitsi	9	4	5	Focus groups
		Gatchuriro	20	1	1	Murya Cell Office
				9	9	Batwas focus group
		Reach from reservoir to powerhouse	6	3	3	Informal discussions
	Nyenji	Ruganzo	14	6	8	Focus groups
		Rugunga	1	-	1	Cell Executive Interview
	Rwinziki	Murambi	2	-	1	Sector Agronomist
				-	1	Health Centre Interview
	Karenge	Gishoma	1	-	1	Head of cooperative interview
Bugarama	Nyange	Nyange Cell Riverside	6	4	2	Informal discussion
		Gatebe	11	5	6	Focus groups
	Pera	Kabsunzu	10	4	6	Focus groups
		Bugarama	5	-	1	Executive of Pera Cell
				-	1	Director of health centre
				-	1	Executive of Nyange Cell
				-	1	Sector Agronomist



Sector	Cell	Village	Total number of people	No. of women interviewed	No. of men Interviewed	Interview type
	Ryankana			-	1	Director of Rice Cooperative
		Mwaro	10	5	5	Focus groups
		Ryankana Cell riverside	10	5	5	Informal discussion
		Mubombo	22	6	15	Focus group
				-	1	Head of Ryankana Cell
		Gombaniri	29	15	14	Focus group
Rwinbogo	Kabajoba	Mushaka	1	1	-	Health centre interview
Total for Rwanda.			180	78	102	
DRC						
Kamanyola	Ngweshe	Bugano	24	2	-	Informal discussion
				9	13	Focus groups
		Kayenge	23	9	11	Focus groups
				-	3	Health Centre
		Kafunda	22	11	9	Focus groups
				2	-	Informal discussion
		Nachihembe	20	10	10	Focus groups
		Rubumba	5	4	1	Health Centre
Downstream riverside	6	2	4	Informal discussion		
Karhongo	Ishamba	Rushebeyi	19	6	13	Focus groups
		Ibambiro	29	10	14	Focus groups
				-	5	Health Centre
		Nachirongwe	23	9	14	Focus groups
		Bujenjeri	22	10	12	Focus groups
		Ruduha	22	-	3	Health Centre
6	13			Focus groups		
Total for DRC			215	90	125	
Grand Total (Rwanda and DRC)			395	168	227	

B Stakeholder Engagement during the Quantitative Socioeconomic Survey

A quantitative socio-economic survey of households affected by the Project's land take in DRC and Rwanda was carried out 28 January 2022 to 10 February 2022 as part of the resettlement process. The survey aimed at collecting socio-economic information on the physically and economically displaced households in DRC and Rwanda by surveying 601 representative household (27% of all affected households).

The survey consisted of a socio-economic questionnaire (See ANNEX E-2) administered using electronic forms on smartphones. The objective of the survey was to collect socio-economic information on the physically and economically displaced households in DRC and Rwanda, which had been identified in 2022 through a preliminary census. The information collected was related to:

- The demographic profile of the surveyed population, including nationality, ethnicity (in the case of DRC only), language, education, religion, age and gender.
- Current livelihood strategies, types of income generating activities, levels of cash circulating in the economy and existing financial management and risk sharing institutions.
- Land owning and renting trends.
- Access to and use of natural resources.

Six hundred and one (601) households were randomly selected for the survey. This represents a sample of 27% of the affected households, as indicated in the table below. While all physically



displaced households were purposely included in the survey, the remaining economically displaced households were randomly selected from the census's database.

Table 6-5 Distribution of Households Surveyed During the Quantitative Households' Survey (2022)

Groupement (DRC) / Sector (Rwanda)	Number of Affected Households	Number of Surveyed Households	Sample Size
DRC			
Kamanyola	599	190	32%
Karhongo	947	208	22%
Total	1,546	398	26%
Rwanda			
Bugarama	367	60	16%
Nzahah	336	143	43%
Total	703	203	29%
DRC and Rwanda Total			
Total	2,249	601	27%

C Summary of Concerns Raised by Local Communities during the Socioeconomic Surveys

During the qualitative socio-economic survey, villagers raised a number of concerns about the land acquisition process and the consequences that this may have on their livelihoods. The constraints mentioned by the consulted populations were:

- Fear that they would be unable to afford buying new land after the losses due to land acquisition.
- Fear that men would take control of the money from compensation (expressed by women only).
- Fear that compensation money would not cover the costs of moving away, finding new land and either re-building a house or cultivating new crops.
- Fear of being left with the least fertile lands.
- Fear of losing income while trying to find new lands to cultivate.
- Fear of their house or part of their field not being counted (especially the 50m riverside stretch that they are not allowed to cultivate on).

The RAP has taken into account the above concerns and will be publicly disclosed locally. The RAP defines measures and entitlements addressing these concerns.

6.3.2.2 Recap of Stakeholder Engagement with Historically Marginalised /Batwa Communities

A Engagement Conducted by REL in 2023

As part of the project Social and Environmental Assessment to prepare the ESIA and RAP for the Ruzizi III Regional Hydroelectric Power Project, Ruzizi Energy LTD (REL) has collected additional information about the Batwa community in the project area, in Rwanda and DRC.

A.1 Interview with an Historically Marginalized Family

REL conducted an interview with the only one Historically marginalized family impacted by the project in Rwanda. The interview took place with the Historically Marginalized Family and the Social Economic Development Officer of the Cell the 9th of February 2022 in the Ryagashyitsi village, Murya Cell, Nzahaha Sector (Rwanda). The objective of the interview was to assess the living conditions of this impacted Historically Marginalized Family.



A.2 Interviews with Batwa communities

To collect additional information about the Batwa community in the project area, individual interviews were conducted with nine chiefs of households from Batwa population in Bujenjere and eight others in Ruduha both in Nyangezi cluster, in DRC. Three focus groups were conducted, one in Kamanyola, one in Ruduha, and another one in Bujenjere Nyangezi. All the interviews were conducted the 7 and the 12 October 2022. The interviews have gathered additional information on the socio-economic life of the Historically Marginalized People.

B Engagement Conducted by Anthropolinks in the Frame of the Study of Historically Marginalised People in 2023

Intensive Interviews and focus group discussions were conducted in Swahili in DRC and in Kinyarwanda in Rwanda in April 2024. Interviews have also been conducted with local authority and civil society. A total of 17 interviews have been realized (7 in DRC and 8 in Rwanda).

Table 6-6 Engagement conducted with Historically Marginalised People in DRC and Rwanda

Date	Location	Participants	Number of participants
DRC - Walungu Territory, chefferie Ngweshe,			
18/04/2023	Kamanyola Groupement Ruguengué village	Women of the Twa community	Around 50 persons (women and young girls)
18/04/2023	Kamanyola Groupement Ruguengué village	Men of the Twa community	Around 50 persons (men)
18/04/2023	Kamanyola Groupement Groupement office	Resettlement committee members of Kafunda	11 persons (3 women)
18/04/2023	Kamanyola Groupement Groupement office	Local authorities: Groupement chief and secretary Heads of services for social development, environment and agriculture Ruguengue village head	6 persons
19/04/2023	Karhongo Groupement Nyangezi town	Local authorities: Groupement chief A local NGO representative Resettlement committee coordinator Member of Twa community Member of the Badjinji communiy	5 persons
19/04/2023	Karhongo Groupement Roduha town. Batwa households from Natshirongue and Ibambiro also present.	Local authorities: Groupement chief A local NGO representative Resettlement committee coordinator Member of Twa community Member of the Badjinji communiy	15-20 persons
20/04/2023	Karhongo Groupement Bujenjere village	Batwa people	10 persons (majority of women)
21/04/2023	Kamanyola Groupement Kamanyola town	Kapupu Diwa Mutimanwa, Leader of Indigenous people in DRC Members of several NGOs	1 persons (majority of women)
Rwanda			
19/04/2023	Nzahaha sector	Philippe Ngilende (Social Affairs)	1
19/04/2023	Nzahaha sector	Resettlement committee of Nzahaha sector	6 (3 women, 3 men)
19/04/2023	Nzahaha sector	Samson, HMP from Gachuriro, affected by the Project	1
20/04/2023	Nzahaha sector, Murja cell, Gucuriro village	HMP	7 HMP
20/04/2023	Bugarama sector, Bugarama town	Resettlement committee of Bugarama sector	6 +1 President and vice-president of the Resettlement



Date	Location	Participants	Number of participants
			committee and four members.
20/04/2023	Nyange cell, Bugarama sector, Bugarama town	HMP from Nyange cell	4 (3 women, 1 old man)
21/04/2023	Nzahaha sector, Butambamo cell, Ryarusaro vilage	HMP community of Butambamo cell	6 HMP
21/04/2023	Nyakarenzo sector, Kabuya cell, Mujeroro village	HMP community of Kabuya cell	More than 40

6.3.2.3 Recap of Stakeholder Engagement During the Cumulative Impact Assessment

A Engagement with Institutional Stakeholders

Several institutional stakeholders were met in 2022 during the preparation of the draft Cumulative Impact Assessment (CIA). The purpose of the meetings was to inform the stakeholders of the ongoing ESIA process and interim findings of the assessment, and to collect secondary data and give stakeholders the opportunity to inform the ESIA team of their expectations and concerns. Institutional stakeholders encountered, topics discussed, and feedback are summarised in Table 6-7.

Table 6-7 Engagement with Institutional Stakeholders

Stakeholder	Date	Country
Regidesco	22 Feb. 2022	Burundi
Office Burundais pour la Protection de l'Environnement (OBPE)	22 Feb. 2022	Burundi
Lake Kivu and Ruzizi River Basin Authority (ABAKIR)	25 Feb. 2022	Rwanda
Société Nationale d'Electricité (SNEL)	28 Feb. 2022	DRC
Société Internationale d'Electricité des pays des Grands Lacs (SINELAC)	28 Feb. 2022	DRC
Département de Biologie ISP Bukavu	28 Feb. 2022	DRC
Rwanda Energy Group (REG)	2 March 2022	Rwanda

B Engagement with Communities during the Social Baseline Survey

Potentially affected communities in DRC and Rwanda were given the opportunity to express concerns about the Project and potential impacts and risks during the social survey conducted in January and February 2022. Communities in Burundi were not engaged because no land acquisition is planned in Burundi. In addition, the ESIA has assessed that the incremental impacts on river hydrology, sediment transport and bank erosion in Burundi from hydropeaking operation of Ruzizi III will not be significant compared to the alterations caused by ~50 years of hydropeaking mode of operation of Ruzizi-I and -II.



C Meetings with Rusizi National Park Authorities

In addition to the meeting held in 2022, a second meeting was held 18 June 2024.

D Focus Group Discussions with Communities

To involve communities in the CIA process, a series of consultations were organised in May 2024. The consultations were in the form of Focus Group Discussions (FGDs). The purpose of the consultations was to inform the communities of the Project activities and to initiate discussions on themes and topics that are of concern to the people. The FGDs were organised in villages near the Ruzizi River in Rwanda, DRC and Burundi. In each village a FGD with both men and women, and with women only were organised. The duration of each FGD was 60-90 minutes, and there were about 8 participants of varying ages and positions in the village participating. The villages, country and dates of the FGDs are provided in Table 6-8 and more details provided in Chapter 12 Cumulative Impact Assessment.

Table 6-8 List of FGDs with Communities

Country	Village	Date of FGD	N° participants	
			Male	Female
Rwanda	Kabeza / Bugarama sector / Rusizi District	17 May 2024	6	5
	Nyangahanga / Nzahaha sector / Rusizi District	17 May 2024	3	5
DRC	Kafunda village / Nyangezi / groupement Kashenyi	23 May 2024	7	8
	Nacihembe village / Kamanyola / groupement Karhongo	24 May 2024	6	5
Burundi	Cibitoke	18 June 2024	3	3



6.4 Future Consultation Programme

A calendar for future consultations with the communities surrounding the Project has been outlined in the Stakeholder Engagement Plan (see Vol. III Annexes). It includes provisions for the consultation meetings, provision of information material (notice boards, flyers etc.), media communication and public disclosure of Project information (studies as well as progress reports).

6.4.1 Summary of Stakeholder Engagement Plan

A summary version of the Stakeholder Engagement Plan matrix for future engagement is provide in Table 6-9.

Table 6-9 Summary of Future Stakeholder Engagement

Stakeholder	Information Material	Timeframe / Frequency	Location
Direct stakeholders			
Project Affected People	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community meetings • Information Kits: (Flyers, banners, etc.) • Notice Board • Audio-visual materials • Social media • Radio and Television program • Website • Megaphones 	Annually	Project affected villages
Members of resettlement committees	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community meetings • Information Kits: (Flyers, banners, etc.) • Notice Board • Audio-visual materials • Social media • Radio and Television program 	Annually	Project affected villages
Local authorities in the project area in Rwanda and DRC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community meetings • Social media • Electronic newsletter • Website 	Annually	Offices of authorities
Public in the Project area	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consultation meeting • Information Kits: (Flyers, banners, etc.) • Notice Board • Audio-visual materials • Social media • Radio and Television program • Website • Quarterly and annual progress report • Electronic newsletter 	Annually	Villages in the project area
Civil societies in the Project zone	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consultation meetings • Social media • Electronic newsletter • Website 	Annually	To be determined with the civil societies
Women associations in the Project zone	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community meetings • Information Kits: (Flyers, banners, etc.) • Notice Board • Audio-visual materials • Social media • Radio and Television program 	Annually	Villages in the project area



Stakeholder	Information Material	Timeframe / Frequency	Location
Indirect stakeholders in DRC			
The leadership of South Kivu Province	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consultation meeting • Website • Quarterly and annual progress report • Electronic newsletter • Audio-visual materials • Social media • Radio and Television program 	Annually	Offices of the leadership
Ministries of the Provincial Government of South Kivu/DRC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consultation meeting • Website • Quarterly and annual progress report • Electronic newsletter • Audio-visual materials • Social media • Radio and Television program 	Annually	Offices of the ministries
National Society of Electricity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consultation meeting • Website • Quarterly and annual progress report • Electronic newsletter • Audio-visual materials • Social media • Radio and Television program 	Annually	Offices of the National Society of Electricity
DRC Media in Bukavu, Karhongo and Kamanyola	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Media briefing • Press releases • Invitation to provide coverage in events • Website • Audio-visual materials • Social media 	Annually	To be determined with the stakeholder
Indirect stakeholders in Burundi			
Commune Rugombo Province Cibitoke	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consultation meeting • Letters • REL Website • Information Kits: (Flyers, banners, roll-up banners, etc.) • Electronic newsletter • Audio-visual materials • Social media • Radio and Television program 	Annually	Offices of commune authorities
Different ministries in Burundi	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consultation meeting • Website • Quarterly and annual progress report • Electronic newsletter • Audio-visual materials • Social media • Radio and Television program 	Annually	Offices of the ministries
Burundian Office of Revenues	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consultation meeting • Website • Quarterly and annual progress report • Electronic newsletter • Audio-visual materials • Social media • Radio and Television program 	Annually	Ministry's offices



Stakeholder	Information Material	Timeframe / Frequency	Location
REGIDESO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consultation meeting • Website • Quarterly and annual progress report • Electronic newsletter • Audio-visual materials • Social media • Radio and Television program 	Annually	Offices of REGIDESO
Media in Cibitoki Province, Communica Rugombo	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Media briefing • Press releases • Invitation to provide coverage in events • Website • Audio-visual materials • Social media 	Annually	To be determined with the stakeholder
Indirect stakeholders in Rwanda			
Leadership in Western Province	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consultation meeting • Website • Quarterly and annual progress report • Electronic newsletter • Audio-visual materials • Social media 	Annually	Offices of the leadership
Ministries and Agencies in Rwanda	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consultation meeting • Website • Quarterly and annual progress report • Electronic newsletter • Audio-visual materials • Social media • Radio and Television program 	Annually	Offices of the ministries
Media in Rwanda specifically in Western Province, Rusizi District	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Media briefing • Press releases • Invitation to provide coverage in events • Website • Social media 	Annually	To be determined with the stakeholder

6.4.2 RAP Engagement Programme

The engagement programme for the implementation of the RAP is not included in the SEP. It will consist of the following activities:

- Disclose the compensation and assistance packages outlined in the RAP to the affected households and local authorities involved in the RAP process.
- Establish and operate the Grievance Redress Mechanism (GRM) (see Figure 6-1).
- Discuss with the affected households the assistance measures defined in this RAP.
- Announce the date of the payment of compensation payment and departure from the acquired land.
- Explain when, how, for how long the RAP will be publicly disclosed.

Table 6-10 below lists the stakeholder engagement actions which will be performed during the RAP implementation.

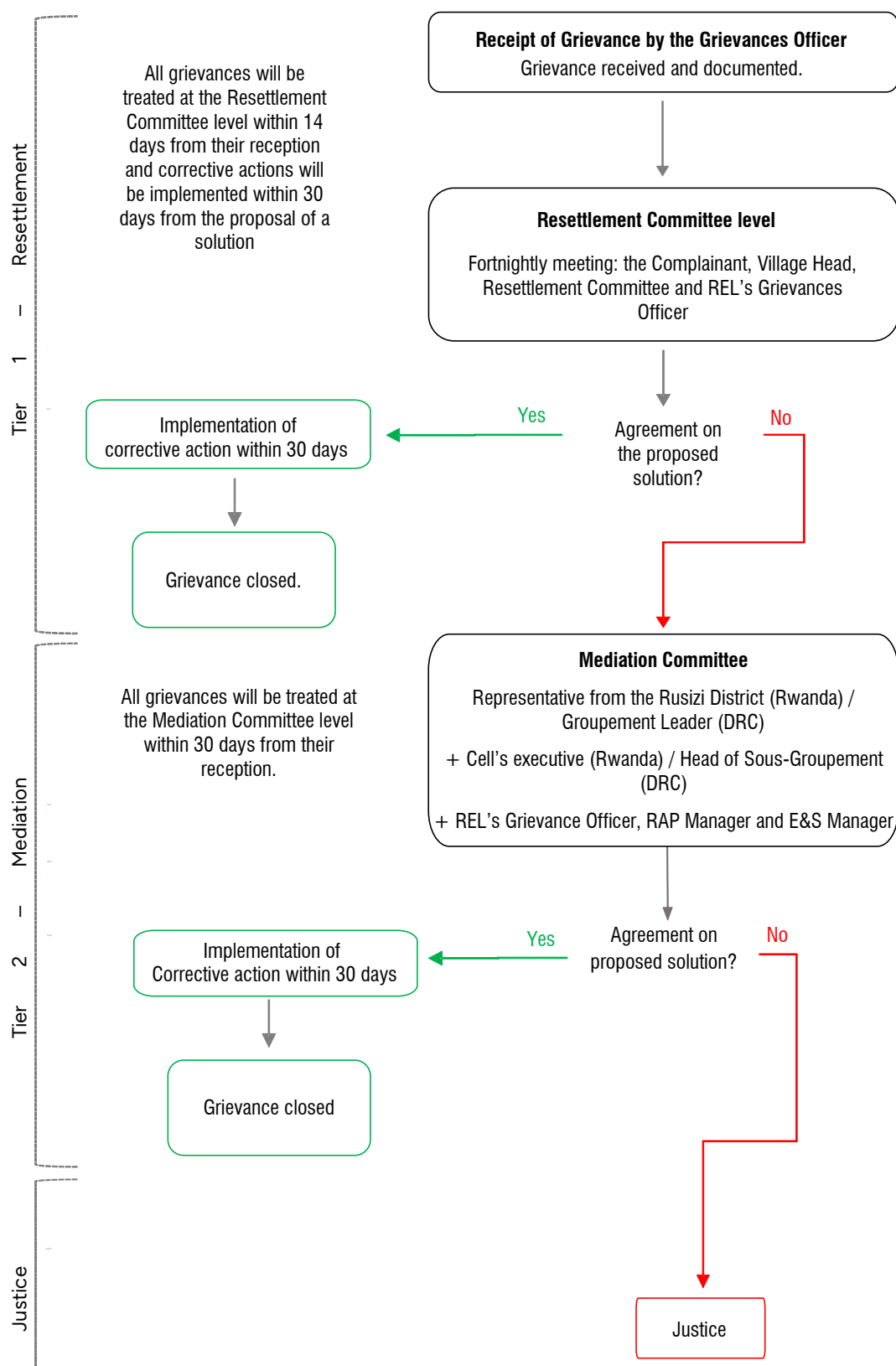


Figure 6-1 - Grievance Redress Mechanism



Table 6-10 Stakeholder Engagement Actions during the RAP Implementation (TBC)

Steps	Action	Responsibility
1	Provision of information/training to PAPs including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Financial management of compensation fees. • Effective cohabitation to limit conflicts in families. • Introduction to livelihood restoration programs. 	RAP Officer
2	Community meetings with Resettlement Committees to discuss and resolve grievances.	Resettlement Committees
3	Community meetings with PAPs to provide updates on project activities, present compensation packages and the grievances redress mechanism.	RAP Officer
1	Specific focus groups with women and vulnerable households will be performed to ensure that all information has been suitably communicated and that their concerns and opinions are heard.	RAP Consultant / RAP Officer RAP Officer
	Meetings to present entitlements, compensation packages and the grievance redress system to all local authorities in the villages where PAPs are present, including (i) village heads and (ii) sous-groupement heads (DRC) / cell executive secretaries (Rwanda)	
2	Discussion with physically displaced PAPs to set up support measures for the resettlement process	RAP Consultant
	Discussion with physically displaced vulnerable households to define additional assistance measures for resettlement	
3	Discussion with economically displaced households to define livelihood restoration activities	RAP Consultant
4	Engagement of Resettlement Committees and Mediation Committees to set up the GRM	RAP Officer
5	Announcement of the compensation payment date, at a 15-day minimum notice	RAP Officer
6	Announcement of the date of the departure from the acquired land, at a 3-month minimum notice	RAP Officer
7	Implementation of assistance measures during the physical displacement of both vulnerable and non-vulnerable households	NGO / RAP Officer
8	Regular engagement during the provision of livelihood restoration activities	NGO / RAP Officer

6.4.3 Specific Measures for Vulnerable Groups

Some vulnerable individuals may require additional support to ensure that they are able to receive, understand and respond to project-related information in an appropriate way. Table 6-11 lists all groups that may require specific communication channels to receive information on land acquisition and resettlement, alongside the measures that will be implemented to ensure fair and appropriate engagement. These categories of vulnerability were defined during the qualitative socioeconomic survey in 2022 in collaboration with the local population, according to the findings of targeted discussions and workshops on vulnerability. Chapter 8 of the ESIA presents in more detail the methodology used to consult vulnerable people and to identify vulnerability criteria which apply to the local context of the Project area.



Table 6-11 Specific Engagement Measures to Support Vulnerable PAPs

Vulnerable PAP	Potential Issues Encountered	Supporting Measure
PAPs with visual impairment	Unable to read information on land acquisition	One-on-one discussion with RAP Officer and out loud reading of useful written information.
PAPs with hearing impairment	Unable to (i) join public meetings or focus groups on the land acquisition and resettlement process and (ii) understand information provided	Ensure that a non-disabled person able to communicate non-verbally is accompanying the person at all times during any interaction with project-related parties. If literate, provide written information on all crucial communication with the PAP
PAPs with speaking impairment	Unable to express themselves during any interaction with project-related stakeholders	If literate, provide a piece of paper during public meetings, to ensure that the person will be able to write down questions and comments that will be specifically addressed throughout the discussion If illiterate, ensure that a representative chosen by the individual from within the family or, if unavailable, from an NGO, is available at all times to speak for the PAP and protect his / her interests
PAP with mental disability	Unable to understand Project-related information or to express himself / herself about fears or wishes related to the Project	Ensure that a representative chosen by the individual from within the family or, if unavailable, from an NGO, is available at all times to protect the PAP's interests and communicate information to the rest of the family
PAP with physical impairment (difficult or impossible to walk)	Unable to freely and comfortably join public consultations and grievance redress meetings	Provide transportation with a Project vehicle to all meetings where the presence of the PAP is required
PAPs living over a 45-minute walk to any location for public consultation or private meeting	Unable to join public consultations and grievance redress meetings without losing considerable time from a day's work	Project to set up an appropriate vehicle to transport PAPs to the location of meetings if more distance than a 45-minute walk
Woman-headed households	Many be unable to join meetings due to responsibility taking care of young or multiple children	See Table 6-12
Pregnant women (household heads and household head spouses)	In order to protect the child's and mother's health, the PAP should not walk to reach any events	See Table 6-12
Historically Marginalised / Batwa PAPs	May feel intimidated to join public meetings or to express their thoughts about the Project	Have a community-specific focus group to identify their issues and potential problems during the resettlement process Prepare a Historically Marginalised People Development Plan (HMPDP) in a consultative process, ensuring that special measures are put in place to promote the community's participation in Project activities
Landless PAPs	May need additional information and supporting accessing land in a secure and permanent way	Have a focus group with all landless PAPs, training them on the process to gain a land title, gender-based inequalities in land access



6.4.4 Specific Gender-related Measures

Women may experience different forms of complications in trying to access Project-related information and to express their fears and wishes regarding the land acquisition and resettlement process. In order to ensure that all women involved, not only female household heads, will be suitably consulted and supported throughout the process, Table 6-12 summarises specific engagement measures which will be taken by the Project.

Table 6-12 Specific Engagement Measures to Support Female PAPs

Potential Issues Encountered	Support Measure
Women-headed households may be unable to join meetings due to their responsibility taking care of young or multiple children	Project to (i) make contact in advance to the household head to ensure that she is aware of the meeting and that she can leave the children with a trusted person and (ii) maximise participation by choosing a location for the meeting which is easily accessible for women.
Pregnant women should not walk to reach any public or individual meetings with project stakeholders, in order to protect her own and the child's health	Project to provide vehicle transportation to all pregnant household heads and all pregnant female spouses that may wish to attend meetings (see Below).
Female spouses of household heads may not have access to the appropriate information through their husbands	<p>Project to provide a female-led and female only focus group with all spouses of household heads, alongside female household heads, to explain the compensation and resettlement process.</p> <p>Project to provide a training session for all spouses of household heads, alongside female household heads, to empower women on (i) shared and balanced management of compensation money, (ii) engagement of women in domestic decision-making for resettlement options</p>

6.5 Disclosure of the ESIA Documentation

The ESIA documentation will be publicly disclosed:

- Environmental and Social Impact Assessment (ESIA)
- Resettlement Action Plan (RAP)
- Resettlement Policy Framework (RPF) for quarries and borrow areas
- Gender-Based Violence and Harassment (GBVH) Action Plan
- Environmental and Social Management Plan (ESMP)
- Environmental and Social Commitments Plan (ESCP)
- Watershed and Transboundary Coordination / Dialogue