

REDUCTION OF LANDSLIDE VULNERABILITY BY MITIGATION MEASURES PROJECT

Site Specific Environmental and Social Management Plan

Site No. 160 Failed Slope between culvert no. 18/3 and 18/5 of Galagedara Rambukkana (B122) Road

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Abbreviations

AIIB Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank

CEA Central Environmental Authority

DFC Department of Forest Conservation

DS Divisional Secretary

DWLC Department of Wild Life Conservation

EH & S Environmental Health & Social

E&SU of PMU Environmental & Social Unit of Project Management Unit

ESMF Environmental and Social Management Framework

SSE&SMP Site Specific Environmental and Social Management Plan

ESMP Environmental and Social Management Plan

GN Grama Niladhari

GOSL Government of Sri Lanka

GSMB Geological Surveys & Mines Bureau

NBRO National Building Research Organization
PRDA Provincial Road Development Authority

RHS Right Hand Side
LHS Left Hand Side

1. Introduction

1.1 Project overview

The Government of Sri Lanka has received a loan from the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB) for mitigating/rectifying unstable slopes in high-risk areas especially in 13 districts of 06 provinces of the country under the Reduction of Landslide Vulnerability by Mitigation Measures Project (RLVMMP). The project requires to be implemented in accordance with environmental and social safeguards and mandates of the AIIB and that of Sri Lanka. Considering the nature of project actions and its implementation, an Environmental and Social Management Framework (ESMF) has been prepared as required by the AIIB environmental and social safeguard policy.

The purpose of the Environmental and Social Management Framework (ESMF) is to provide a guide for application of AIIB safeguards and national environmental and social mandates during the implementation of project actions. The project implementing agency (NBRO) is expected to ensure implementation of environmental and social management plans prepared under the ESMF during all phases of project implementation so that the impacts on the environment and community are minimum.

During the scoping exercise it was revealed that the environmental & social setting, and health & safety conditions are more site specific, and require to be addressed specific to site conditions. Therefore, the ESMF has recommended site specific environmental and social assessments followed by Site Specific Environmental and Social Management Plans (SSE&SMP) for each site. The SSE&SMP gives planning, design, construction and operation phase environmental, social, and health & safety management measures to be considered in the project Implementation.

This is the site specific environmental and social management plan for **Failed Slope between culvert No. 18/3 and 18/5 of Galagedara - Rambukkana (B22) Road** selected for mitigation under RLVMMP. This plan has been prepared by an in-depth environmental and social assessment to:

- i. Identify sensitive environmental and social elements in the project influence area
- ii. Identify significant environmental and social impacts due to project actions
- iii. Propose mitigation measures
- iv. Decide appropriate environmental and social monitoring requirements specific to this project
- v. Study relevant environmental regulations and procedures to be followed during project implementation specific to the site

1.2 Intended users

The document provides an in-depth insight into site specific environmental and social issues associated with the proposed project and the mitigation measures and intends to be used by landslide mitigation design team, the PMU and the contractor in the implementation of Environmental and Social Management component of the project. The SSE&SMP is published on the project website (https://rlvmmp.lk/) and can be viewed by wide range of interested parties (public, stakeholder organizations) can be utilized by the contractors for the project and will form the basis of site-specific management plans that will be prepared by the contractors as part of their Site Specific Environmental and Social Management Action Plans (SSE-SMAP) prior to commencing works.

2. Description of the project

2.1 Name of the project

Rectification of Site No. 160 Kandy District, for Failed Slope between culvert no. 18/3 and 18/5 of Galagedara - Rambukkana (B122) Road

2.2 Location details

The proposed mitigation site falls under No. 332 Dedunupitiya Pahala GN division of Hataraliyadda DS division, Kandy District, Central Province.

GPS references of the site-7.3317166°N and 80.42838889°E

Nearest town and accessibility to the site – Hataraliyadda

Hataraliyadda town is about 6.9 km from the site. The site can be accessed via Rambukkana - Galagedara Road (B 122) (Ref. fig. 1).

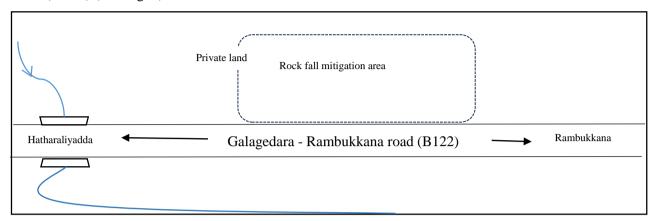


Figure 1: Road map showing the accessibility to the site

2.3 Topography and land ownership

The proposed mitigation site is located in between culvert No.18/3 and 18/5, at the RHS of Rambukkana Hataraliyadda Road. The failed slope section is located in a sloppy terrain of private cultivated lands where the natural slope has been cut for the road construction. The slope failure has been emerged left hand side in the upslope of the road including the road section and the reservation area. The elevation of the area is nearly 589 m. The extent of site proposed to be mitigated is about 300 m². The land ownership of the upslope land is private and the road reservation is owned by Road Development Authority. A natural stream called "Galgediyangala Ela" is flowing at the downslope.

Refer figure 2, 3; Google image of the proposed landslide mitigation site, the surrounding environmental features and service infrastructure.



Figure 2: Google image of the proposed landslide mitigation site, the surrounding environmental features and service infrastructure.

2.4 Meteorology of the area

Annual average rainfall – 239.05 mm Annual temperature – 21.35 – 30.69 °C (Source: weatherandclimate.com)

3. Landslide hazard incident details

3.1 Account of incident

Ground instability and the slope failures were developed in 2015 after the road constructed and the major slope failures have reported in 2019 with the heavy rainfall. Due to the slope failure entire road was blocked due to fallen rocks and debris. The area is highly potential for cutting failure and slope failures along the road.

Refer Fig 3: cross sections, land use, risk elements and the photographs of special features of the location.

3.2 Effects and consequences of landslide

With the failed soil mass in 2019, rocks/debris had extended towards the road obstructing completely its passage for commuters and vehicle transportation for a day. It had blocked the access to Rambukkana and Hatharaliyadda area. The slope failure had damaged the road; cracks formed and electricity supply lines of the Ceylon Electricity Board. No any causalities or physical damages to the houses were reported.

3.3 Description of any remedial measures already undertaken to reduce the potential risk

There are no any remedial measures already undertaken to reduce the potential risk

3.4 Evacuations

There are no risk houses to be evacuated.

3.5 Resettlement (progress)

There are no risk houses to be resettled.

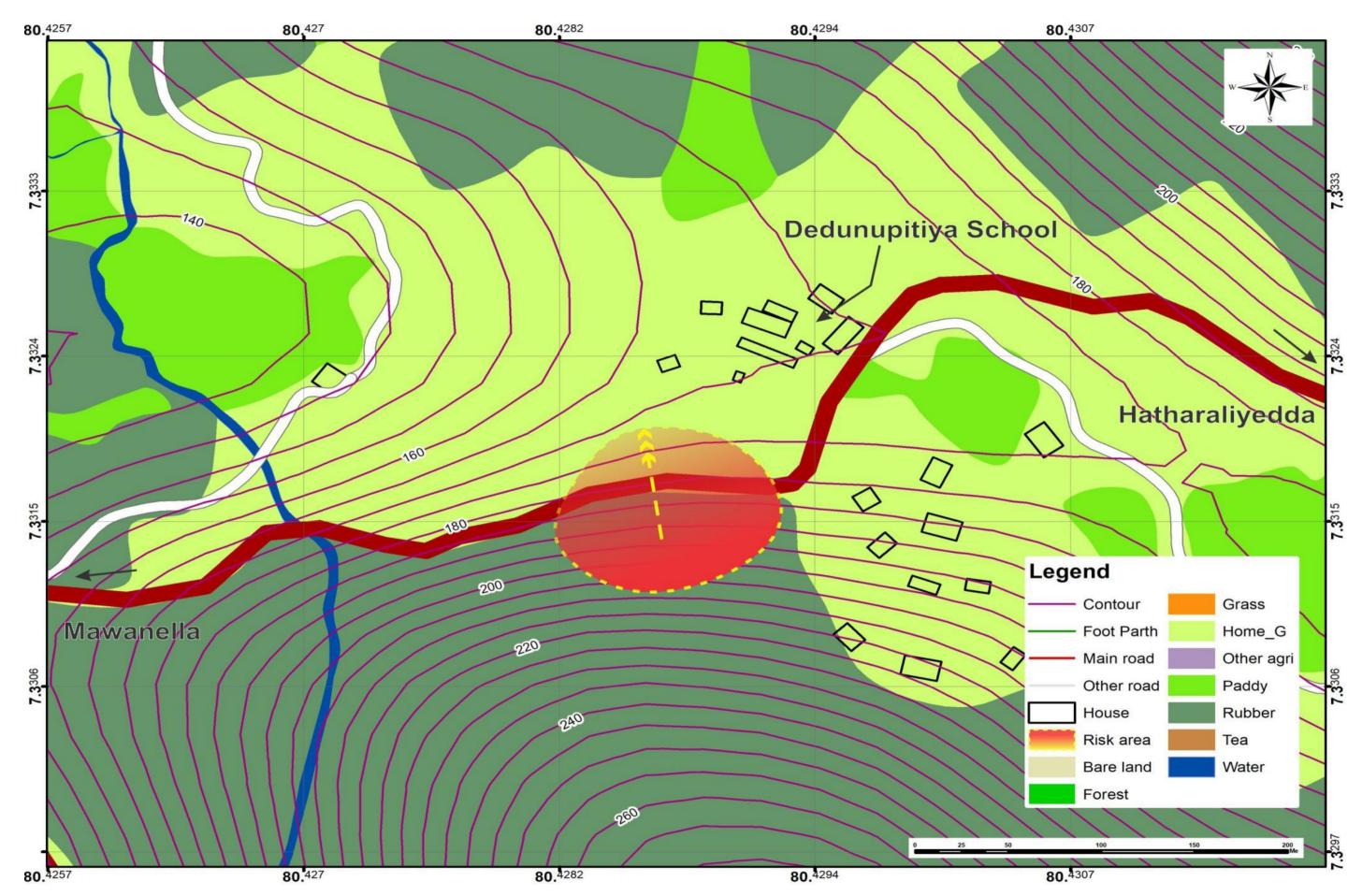


Figure 3: Land use and risk elements of the location

4. Description of the area of the landslide/slope failure and areas adjacent to the landslide and current level of risk

4.1 Area of the landslide

The area of the slope failure is located in an area where the slope had been cut to provide space to build the road Rambukkana Hatharaliyadda (B122) road between culvert No. 18/3 and 18/5. The upslope area is dominated by tree species such as Jak, Kenda (<u>Macaranga peltata</u>), Kithul (<u>Caryota urens</u>), Sapu (<u>Magnolia champaca</u>), Mahogani (<u>Swietenia macrophylla</u>), Arica Nut (<u>Areca catechu</u>) etc. Further upslope, there are cinnamon trees, Thekka (<u>Tectona grandis</u>) and rubber plantations. Two houses are located in the upslope unstable risk area. Large rock boulders can be observed in the upslope area and are sparely dispersed. A natural water stream called "Galgediyangala Ela" is flowing at the downslope area parallel to the road. A 33000V high tension power supply line is running parallel to the road. The damaged road is the main access road to Hatharaliyadda from Rambukkana area which provides the facilities and access to the public.

4.2 Areas adjacent to the landslide

The surrounding downslope of the unstable slope section contains mostly rubber plantations owned by private owners. A school named "Dedunupitiya Maha Vidyalaya" is located adjacent to the slope failure. The school is consisting with 450 students, 38 teachers and 3 non-academic staff. There are many famous and tourist attractive places around the unstable area. Pinnawala Elephant Orphanage, Pinnawala Zooetc. Both local and foreign tourists visit these places using this main road. Refer Fig 3: Land use and risk elements of the location

4.3 Current level of risk

This instability will be activated again with the upcoming rains and that the road will be blocked as well as the blocking of the "Galgediyangala Ela" stream may lead to a temporary flood and it may develop into a debris flow. During rainy season it poses a high risk on the commuters and vehicle transportation in the road due to potential risk of the slope failure. The unstable slope section imposes a high risk on the residents of the upslope houses.

If the site is not rectified to prevent future failures, the slope failure with soil masses would disturb all functions of the vehicle transportation between Hatharaliyadda and Rambukkana. The residents nearby, commuters, pedestrians, school population, tourists and their livelihood activities would be at risk due to this unstable slope section. Also, the crop economic activities such as cinnamon cutting, rubber cutting and the *Tectona grandis* tree cultivation and their felling activities would be difficult and risk due the unstable slope. Also, during future failures, it would limit the continuous functions of the road between Hatharaliyadda and Rambukkana. as this is the main access way to Kandy, the obstruction of accessibility may pose a significant impact on life line facilities, services and related economic activities including the transactions.

5. Description of the works envisaged under the project

Based on the observation, the following rectification measures are proposed for site to maintain required slope stability.

Since presence of complex geological and geomorphological nature at referred location, the potential failure of the rock fall or rock slide shall be properly identified and justified. The proposed design must critical failure mechanism for rectification.

Detached boulders resting on the slope should be removed using rock-breaking or controlled blasting techniques, ensuring that debris removal is conducted safety without endangering road users (B122)

To prevent further collapse of unstable rock segments from the exposed bedrock, it is recommended to the rope hooking in the necessary sections. The area to be covered by this mitigation is around 300m².

Improving the surface drainage of the cut slope should also be implemented. Construction of a surface drainage network with cascade drains should be constructed to convey the intercepted surface water towards the lower slope.

It is recommended to construct a gravity retaining wall to rectify the unstable slope at culvert number 18/5. Proposed height of the wall is 3m with length of 110m.

6. Brief description on the surrounding environment with special reference to sensitive elements that may be affected by the project actions

The elements and services at risk during the project implementation are;

- i. Hatharaliyadda and Rambukkana Road (B122) between culvert No. 18/3 and 18/5
- ii. Commuters and pedestrians
- iii. Nearby residents
- iv. "Galgediyangala Ela" stream
- v. Rubber, Cinnamon and Tectona grandis cultivation and harvesting activities
- vi. Current services, economic and tourism activities of the area

(Ref. Fig.4 Sensitive elements that may be affected by the project actions)



Figure 4a: Downslope area with debris deposit



Figure 4b:Downslope area



Figure 4c:Risk high tension electricity lines



Figure 4d: Damaged road section



Figure 4e: Unstable rock boulders at the upslope

Figure 4f: house located next to the mitigation area



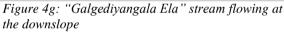




Figure 4h: Dedunupitiya Maha Vidyalaya located near to the mitigation area (towards Hatharaliyadda)

Figure 4: Sensitive elements that may be affected by the project actions

7. Identification of social and environmental impacts and risks related to the works

7.1 Positive impacts

- The objective of this project is to ensure that further occurrence of slope failure will be prevented to an acceptable level for the upslope unstable land section and road section. The Central province of the country is considered by many to be one of the most scenic area in Sri Lanka. This area has population centers such as Kandy and tourist destinations. The proposed project will significantly enhance safety of the road for commuters, school children, nearby residents, tourists and pedestrians during rainy season and will allow keeping the road open throughout the year. The remediation may secure the cost of road rehabilitation from future slope failures and road damages in the area.
- Tourism activities and other life line activities of people in the area will be benefited largely by this mitigation.
- "Galgediyangala Ela" stream will not be affected by debris depositions of slope failures.
- Main income of the occupants in the area is from cultivation at the affected slope area. Hence
 the project will enhance the cultivation of commercial crops and there by household economic
 activities will be benefited.

7.2 Negative impacts

The mitigation works are generally confined to already failed land area. Therefore, negative impacts are much localized and also limited to construction period.

Table 1: Negative impacts and their level of significance

Impacts during the construction period	Level of Significance
7.2.1 Hydrological and water Quality impacts	
7.2.1.1 Impacts of the drainage pattern of the area	
Disruption to existing surface and sub-surface drainage pattern in the area is envisaged with the project implementation. The mitigation works in this site will focus on the drainage improvement. Therefore, during rainy season heavy flow of water is expected to be generated and would be accumulated between the road and the slope. The water inundation of the existing drainages may be expected. Increase of water through the unstable slope may intensify the risk of slope failures of the unstable section.	Highly Significant
7.2.1.2 Water pollution and impacts on surface water quality	
During the slope excavation, removal of debris can generate high sediment laden runoff there could be a possibility that contaminated runoff may pollute the water within the stream flowing at the downslope area. Improper disposal of oils and other harmful substances/contaminants from machinery, leakages from temporary storage tanks, solid waste and wastewater disposal/dumping could occur causing adverse impacts on quality of the water. However, during rainy season, the rainwater running through the disturbed slope tends to pick up sediment, oil and other pollutants generated during construction can contaminate the water of the stream.	Highly Significant
7.2.1.3 Erosional impacts and stream bed alterations	
The project activities will open the slope for surface erosion during the construction phase. The existing surface and sub-surface drainage pattern in the area will be disrupted during construction phase. Therefore, the erosional impacts are highly significant due to a stream is located close proximity to the mitigation area.	Highly Significant
7.2.1.4 Open defecation and waterborne infections	
As site is located close to stream and rubber, cinnamon and teak plantations, possibility of open defecation is high. Faecal contamination of water of the stream or runoff water flow will be expected during construction due to open defecation of the contractor's workforce as the area consists thick vegetation cover.	Highly Significant
7.2.1.5 Impacts on the downstream water uses	
The construction activities will be carried out on slopes with thick soil overburden consisting of both residual and colluvium soils. Therefore, the slope will be prone to erosion during land clearing and land reshaping phase. This may increase the sediment load in stream which at present has clean water, and affect the users at down slope areas.	Highly Significant
7.2.1.6 Impacts on ground water table and ground water quality	
Addition or mixing of construction materials including cements, grout materials with subsurface water flows will cause temporary water quality degradation and accumulation of unwanted substances. During the construction period, the hazardous waste from chemical substances, waste water from the construction activities and discharge of waste matter from onsite septic systems would cause adverse impacts on the ground water quality as the water of the natural stream may use by the residents. Due to the mitigatory activities carried out in the slope area, the ground water quality and spring water quality will be impacted or there will be a possibility for the ground water table draw down.	Highly Significant
7.2.1.7 Impacts on water or wetlands	
Improper disposal of oils and other harmful substances/contaminants from machinery, leakages from temporary storage tanks, solid waste and wastewater disposal/dumping from workers' sites could occur causing adverse impacts on quality of the water in the natural stream that may use to fulfill the water requirement of nearby residents.	Significant
7.2.2 Environmental Impacts	

7.2.2.1 Noise and vibration impacts	
Noise and vibration are expected from construction equipment. The pedestrians, commuters on roads and nearby school children will also have an effect from noise and vibration. The commuters on the road and the residents nearby will be exposed to high noise during heavy noise generating activities, such as operating loading and unloading of materials, movement of machinery in addition to above mentioned construction works.	Highly Significant
7.2.2.2 Air pollution impacts	
Construction activities that contribute to air pollution include: land clearing, operation of diesel engines, demolition and burning. Operating vehicles at high speed under dry weather conditions can increase such pollution. Improper handling and transferring of materials can also generate dust. Improper storage of materials can potentially generate dust if not properly covered. During construction, it generates high levels of dust typically from concrete, cement, wood, stone, and silica. The road is used heavily for vehicles moving (buses, bicycles, lorries, trucks, tippers, three wheels). The air pollution may have significant impact on the commuters and pedestrians. The air pollution impacts from the construction are locally significant during dry periods for commuters, nearby residents and school children.	Highly Significant
7.2.2.3 Solid waste disposal issues	
Haphazard disposal of solid waste; various types of waste such as litter, food waste, construction waste will be generated and may store or dispose on site. The littering and hap hazard storage and disposal of solid waste in and around the site will create inconveniences to the commuters, pedestrians, nearby residents, children of the school. It can block the drainages to make breeding grounds for water borne diseases. Waste can pollute the soil, and leave various environmental impacts if proper disposal mechanism is not in place during the construction period.	Highly Significant
7.2.2.4 Explosive hazards and hazardous materials	
Since the affected area has large rock boulders, explosives may be used if the rock blasting is envisaged. If the rock blasting is envisaged, it may pose risk due to unsafe use. If these operations are to be done on affected slopes the risk of improper use of explosive and accidents from rock fragments are significant. The impact is considered as highly significant because there are large rock boulders can be seen at the upslope. 7.2.3 Biological /Ecological Impacts	Highly Significant
7.2.3.1 Effects of important wildlife habitats	
There are no forested/ wild-life reservation areas within the project influence area with high biodiversity.	Insignificant
7.2.3.2 Effects on Fauna & Flora	T
Majority of the trees found in the area are not endemic, threatened and identified in the red list of IUCN.	Insignificant
7.2.4 Social and Economic Impacts	
7.2.4.1 Impacts on agriculture within the area to be remedied/ immediately to the site	
There are cinnamon, teak and rubber cultivation within the area to be remedied and large rubber estate immediately adjacent to unstable slope area. During the construction period, this land use pattern may be affected by disposal of spoil and debris or parking machineries and their oil leakages.	Highly Significant
7.2.4.2 Cracks in the houses/road due to vibration impacts	
The unstable land is located adjacent to a road. The B122 road is running close to the site. Vibrations can create cracks on the road too. Two houses are located within the close proximity of the proposed mitigation site. Therefore, vibration impact on the upslope mitigation areas are significant. During the construction heavy machinery will be used and the vibration can widen the cracks and may create new ones.	Significant

7.2.4.3 Loosing access to land and future development activities	
The land where the project activities are envisaged belongs to private land and the road reservation of RDA. The mitigation works will be concentrated on both upslope and down slope of the road. This area is a mainly cultivated lands, there will be some impacts to the land owner with regard to loosing access to the land (during construction) and loss to valuable use of the crop cultivation. In contrary, remediation works in the upslope will increase the stability of the boundary and protect the land from future failures.	Highly Significant
7.2.4.4 Impacts on livelihood/ business and income activities	
The crop cultivation immediately adjacent to the unstable land would be affected during the construction period. Cultivation is the main income source of nearby families; therefore, it would be highly impacted during the construction period.	Highly Significant
7.2.4.5 Impacts on service provision (water supply, sewage, electricity)	
There are community water supply lines and electricity supply lines which are located within the unstable area to be impacted by the construction period.	Highly Significant
7.2.4.6 Effect due to loss of infrastructure and safety	
During construction phase the main road from Hatharaliyadda to Rambukkana road will be obstructed by frequently moving machinery, loaders, trucks etc. as the access road is very narrow. Therefore, most of the heavy machinery, trucks and loaders can obstruct the vehicle transportation, pedestrian passage and cause traffic during peak times specially in school times.	Highly Significant
7.2.4.7 Work camps and lay-down site requirements	
The camp site will be selected in the neighbourhood of community. If proper camp management is not in place, it may result several labour issues, social issues with community, conflicts for shared resources with the community, nuisances, and management of waste etc. If temporary camps are built in the close proximity of the site, management of solid waste and sewage will be an issue.	Significant
7.2.4.8 Relations between workers and staff/ people living in the vicinity of	
the site and possibility of disputes	
The construction workers at this site will be from different social backgrounds and from different geographical areas often under poverty. Usually, they are with poor educational and social background. Such communities may have a wide range of social issues to cause dis-stress on the neighbouring community and the workers of the project. Although the workers who would engage in such issues will be rare, even few possibilities cannot be ignored.	Highly Significant
7.2.4.9 Workers safety during construction	
The workers may be exposed to risk from falling. Fatal injuries may occur if the slope fails. The risk of slope failure is aggravated during the rainy season. This risk is highly significant. Risk of hazard from vehicle and construction machinery accidents is highly significant at this site. Contractor may engage under age workers (children) for construction work, which is risky and can results serious accidents and injuries.	Highly Significant
7.2.4.10 Safety to the public from construction activities: High risk for	
commuters	
During construction phase the road will be obstructed by the frequently moving machinery, loaders, trucks etc. As most of the mitigation works are to be carried out in limited space on slopes the heavy machinery, the trucks and loaders etc. can obstruct the commuter / pedestrian passage and may pose high risk on their life. There is a risk of falling loose rocks on the road during excavations and removal of rocks posing risk on the commuters.	Highly Significant
The same risk at a high level will be there for the residents and houses located in upslope as they will be exposed to a longer duration to this risk during the construction phase. Therefore, the risk on them is highly significant.	

7.2.4.11 Impacts on transport infrastructure (especially temporary loss of road or rail access, risks of traffic congestion) The traffic due to full/partial road closure may obstruct the smooth flow of vehicles during the week days, in office hours, school times, on holy days, season of tourists. This will cause nuisance to pedestrians and commuters.	Highly Significant
7.2.4.12 Areas used for businesses, agriculture or other within the area to be remediated There are cultivation lands in the upslope within the area to be remediated would be impacted due to the construction activities.	Highly Significant
7.2.4.13 Areas used for businesses, agriculture or other immediately adjacent to the site There are rubber cultivation lands in the down slope area immediately adjacent to the site owned by the private owners. They also would be impacted but the impact will be locally significant only for construction period.	Significant
7.2.4.14 Need for people to enter or cross the site Excavation machinery, loaders, trucks etc. will be used in the area used to access in to the unstable slope area. There is no special need for commuters and neighbouring community to enter the site for other purposes. Construction may use materials such as metal aggregates, steel etc. which can be injurious under improper storage and handling. However, unauthorized entry of ordinary people may occur due to intentional or unintentional purposes and they may be at risk due to operating machinery, vehicles, electricity, and may be blasting materials.	Highly Significant

8. Site Specific Risk Analysis

Table 2: Site specific risk analysis

Risk	Affected group	Risk level
1. Facing accidents when working close to the road	Workers	Very high
2. Transporting materials and machineries	Workers/ Commuters/ nearby residents	Very high
3. Throw out disposals (litter, bottles, and food) to the construction site and nearby area	Workers Commuters/ nearby residents	Very high
4. Facing accidents during constructions at night time	Workers	Very high
5. Accidents from the construction activities and materials placed close to the road	Commuters / nearby residents	Very high
6. Injuries due to rock particles due to explosions/ blasting	Workers/ Commuters/ nearby residents	Very High
7. Rock fall from the unstable area	Workers/Commuters/ nearby residents	High
8. Work with electrified supply lines	Workers	High
9. Site Working – Working in poor visibility	Workers	High
10. Lone Working	Workers	High
11. Emergency evacuation	Workers Commuters/ nearby residents	High
12. Extreme weather conditions (wind, rain etc.)	Workers	High

9. Significant Environmental and Social Impacts

Environmental, social impacts or risks that will require special attention on the part of NBRO.

9.1 Priority Health and Safety Issues. Specific H&S concerns that require measures that go beyond the standard contractual requirements for contractors

The health and safety issues pertinent to this site is significant as the workers have to work on an unstable slope with a risk of falling. Such common E & HS issues have been discussed in the **ESMF**. Worker safety requirement in the construction site is more detailed under 2003 5: Safety equipment and clothing in the section 2003: Working conditions and community health and safety in the Bidding document.

9.2 Child labour & forced labour

Child labor & Forced labor is detailed under 2003.3 under section 2003: Working conditions and community health and safety in the Bidding document.

10. Environmental Social Management Plan (ESMP)

Measures to manage and or mitigate the impacts and risk. Especially the significant impacts and risks identified in sections 7 & 8. This section will include the specific recommendations and requirements of the ESMP for design stage, construction phase and maintenance operation phase.

10.1 Resettlement action plan

There is no project-based resettlement in this site.

10.2Evacuation of people

Project based evacuations are not required for this site.

10.3Procedure for removal of damaged structures, facilities infrastructure (consent from owners to remove the articles)

This risk may not be triggered in this site.

10.4 Requirement for compensation for loss of property /uses due to project actions

This risk may not be triggered in this site.

10.5 Public awareness and education- needed for following areas

- i. Programs to inform and educate people in the vicinity and the owners and workers of the cultivation lands about the risks posed by unstable land section
- ii. Requirement for special awareness for commuters and the people/school children and their parents passing through the area using the road with potentially high-risk during construction phase and early warning.

10.6 Design based Environmental/Social Management considerations

The site is located in an aesthetically beautiful, environmentally sensitive natural environment in the rural setup. Hence, following environmentally and socially significant design considerations are recommended.

Table 3: Design stage Environmental & Social considerations

	Recommended level
Design feature	of consideration for
	this site

 i. Natural resource management and resource optimized designs Project specific designs should be considered to eliminate mass clearing of vegetation and minimum number of removals of grown tree species. Sufficient emphasis should be made to consider conservation of trees if important tree species are found. 	Very High
ii. Site Planning	
During site planning it is necessary to be cautious on possible re-activation of landslide with rock fall. Also, the site is located in a very limited space of a slope with a road. The vehicle parking sites, material storage and temporary shelters etc. should not be installed in the danger zones of the slides. It is very necessary to keep trained flagman or safety officer during the construction period and proper communication between contractor's workforce and the other responsible officials should be maintained.	Very High
iii. Habitat connectivity and animal trails	
If large fractions of vegetation are required to be cleared in ecologically fragile habitats as for permanent structures or for access, or if deep drains etc. are to be made the designs should include habitat connectivity features, animal trails and vegetation strips and etc. even if the impacts are localized.	High
iv. Conservation of water resources	
If involves extraction of water both surface and sub-surface. The water extracted is in relatively good quality. In a well thought design this extracted water can be conveyed in such a manner that the water can be accessed by wild fauna as well as the neighboring communities for bathing and other domestic purposes.	High
v. Interruption to water supplies	
If the water in the mitigated slope is used as a source for individual or community water supply, the chance the water source can be affected by the mitigation work is high due to water table draw down. Also, there is a there is a natural stream located within the upslope of the site providing drinking water for the nearby community. In such instances the design should include alternative source of water for the community (temporary/or permanent).	Very High
vi. Aesthetically compatible design considerations	
The designs in aesthetically sensitive environments should consider structures that blend with natural environment to keep the visual pollution to minimum. As the tourism industry is one of the major economic growth points for the project area, greening could be used in construction activities to develop the area as a tourist attraction. Service of landscape architect may be important for the design of suitable mitigation structures.	Very High
vii. Consideration of green environmental features	
As many of the mitigatory works are carried out in ecologically sensitive habitats, it is recommended to consider green environmental designs as much as possible in the designs e.g.: use of local vegetation species for erosion control, combination of plants to sustain species diversity in the environment, avoiding inclusion of potentially invasive species & etc.	Very High
viii. Conservation of social and cultural features	
The local cultures and heritages are strengthened by their close connections to the natural environment that sustains them. Therefore, the project actions should be carried out considering local culture and social aspects, providing opportunities to reinforce them during the project actions.	Low
ix. Workers/ commuters and community safety	
Due to the close proximity to the roads people may face accidents specially the workforce during the construction phase. Unauthorized entry and ignorance may cause severe accidents around the site. Activation of slides or ground subsidence may occur during construction phase and may pose threat to workers of RDA, passengers and commuters. Therefore, design-based safety consideration such as beams, safety nets etc. should be considered.	Very high
etc. Should be considered.	

x. Erosion control structures	
In drainage management, water is extracted and conveyed to nearby stream often through culverts. During rainy season the flow in these drainage structures can be significantly high and this may cause stream bed erosion. Hence the design should adequately consider flow speed breakers to reduce erosive flows entering natural streams. This should be an inclusive part of the design if there are streams and culverts in the proximity of the mitigation site.	High
xi. Low post maintenance and operation designs	
The mitigation should consider passive techniques such as gravity drains for drainage management. Correct pipe diameters, pore diameters and laying angles should be considered to avoid clogging of drains. Low maintenance structures and designs such as designs to withstand erosive forces, sediment trapping systems etch should be considered if drain water is expected be directed to natural streams. The materials used for structures and should be chosen carefully so as to withstand weather conditions with high durability. Designs should specially consider corrosion prevention techniques if steel structures are used.	Very High

10.7 Mitigation of impacts during the construction phase

10.7.1Construction contractors' requirement to comply with environmental and social management during the construction phase

Measures to manage and to mitigate the environmental and social impacts are generally common to all landslide mitigation sites. Such impacts are largely attributed to activities in the construction phase. The mitigation of impacts therefore becomes an obligation of construction contractor. NBRO has prepared a comprehensive document on "contractors' requirement to comply with Environmental and Social Health and Safety (ES & HS) management during the construction phase" to be included in construction contractors' bid document. The main sections are summarized below (Table 4) indicating the degree of relevancy for this site. For details ESMP for construction contractors should be referred.

Table 4: Contractor requirement to comply with ES & HS

Reference No. as	Item	Relevant to the project
per construction		
contractor's		
obligation to ESMP		
2002. Environmental	and Social Monitoring	
2002.2 1)	Storage on site	Highly Relevant (road reservation)
2002.2 2)	Noise and Vibration	Highly relevant (commuters,
		pedestrians)
2002.2 3)	Cracks and damages to the buildings	Relevant
2002.2 4)	Disposal of waste	Relevant
2002.2 5)	Disposal of refuse	Highly relevant (road reservation)
2002.2 6)	Dust control	Highly Relevant (commuters,
·		pedestrians)
2002.2 7)	Transport of Construction materials and waste	Relevant
2002.2 8)	Water	Relevant
2002.2 9)	Flora and Fauna	Relevant
2002.2 10)	Physical and cultural resources	Not relevant
2002.2 11)	Soil Erosion	Relevant
2002.2 12)	Soil Contamination	Relevant
2002.2 13)	Borrowing Earth	Relevant
2002.2 14)	Quarry Operations	Not relevant
2002.2 15)	Maintenance vehicles and Machinery	Relevant
2002.2 16)	Disruption to public	Highly relevant (community nearby)
2002.2 17)	Utilities and roadside amenities	Highly relevant (road)
2002.2 18)	Visual environment enhancement	Highly relevant (Aesthetically sensitive
		road section)

2002-5.	Baseline surveys (air, water, noise, vibration,	Refer site specific monitoring plan				
Environmental	crack surveys)					
Monitoring	Surveys during construction (air, water, noise,	Refer site specific monitoring plan				
	vibration, crack surveys)					
	Surveys during operation phase	Refer site specific monitoring plan				
	Reporting and maintenance of records	Relevant				
2003. Working Cond	tions and Community Health and Safety					
2003.2	Safety organization and communication	Highly relevant (unsafe slope,				
		commuters, heavy machinery)				
2003.3	Child Labor and Forced Labor	Relevant				
2003.4	Safety reports and notification of accidents	Highly relevant				
2003.5	Safety Equipment and Clothing	Highly relevant				
2003.6	Safety inspections	Highly relevant				
2003.7	First Aid Facilities	Highly relevant				
2003.8	Health and safety information and training	Highly relevant				
2003.9	Plant equipment and qualified personnel	Relevant				
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Relevant: The section is relevant to the site as a common ESMP applicable to any site

Highly relevant: The contractor should pay special emphasis in the preparation of environmental method statements to ensure that the relevant ESMP is implemented specific to the site

Possibly relevant: This ESMP will be triggered if the site come across with relevant aspect during project implementation

Not relevant: The section may not be relevant to this site under disclosed conditions

Optional: require to be implement if needed only

Refer site specific monitoring plan: Contractor is obliged to carry out monitoring as specified in the site specific

monitoring plan

Reference: Contractors Obligation for implementation of ESMP

10.7.2 Site Specific mitigation

Given below are the site-specific mitigation measures that the project is expected to implement during the construction period.

Table 5: Site specific ES & HS mitigation measures

Mitigation item	Project implementation phase	Responsibility
i. Minimize erosional impacts during construction It is recommended that mitigation works involved with site clearance, slope reshaping, removal of debris etc. are avoided during rainy season. Therefore, it is imperative that site works in upslope mitigation are carried out in the dry season and avoid such activities	Site preparation & construction	Construction Contractor
on upslope area in the wet season as much as possible. This should be considered in project planning stage. Silt traps should be introduced to cut down sediment laden runoff.		
ii. Invasive species Should be avoided in using vegetative erosion control structures. Native plants in the local environment should be chosen for vegetative control. The species used for vegetative control measures need approval from the Department of Wildlife Conservation & Department of Forest.	Construction	Construction Contractor
iii. Impacts on transport infrastructure (especially temporary loss of road or rail access, risks of traffic congestion) A good traffic control should be implemented in the construction stage. As there is a school adjacent to the site proper road safety measures should be included with warning signs and permanent trained watchmen, luminous sign boards indicating slope instability	Construction	Construction Contractor and

risk and road obstruction signs, night lamps etc. are strongly		
recommended at this site.		
iv. Priority Health and Safety Issues		
As the workers in the site have to work in high risk conditions, it is imperative to implement recommendations given in section 2003 of contractors' obligation on ESMP under "working conditions and community health and safety". These recommendations should be followed carefully in a proper organization and safety monitoring system. i. Prepare a special Occupational Health and Safety Management Plan prior to commencement of construction activities ii. A good warning system and full-time watchmen is highly recommended for this site for both worker and commuter safety. iii. Safety barriers and safety nets should be installed at places of risk to protect workers and commuters from boulder falling risk Adoption of standard worker safety methods iv. Provision of personal protective equipment (PPE) such as safety boots, helmets, protective clothing goggle etc. v. Provision of training and awareness programs to employees vi. Conducting hazard analysis and plan/provide adequate mitigation measures for such hazards identified, prior to carrying out major construction activities vii. If the wasp nest is in the vicinity, it is mandatory to use evacuation centers for ensure of workers' safety viii. Additionally, work should be discontinued for sufficient time period during rainy period as working on unstable land	Construction	PMU Construction Contractor
will be highly risky in the rainy season	G: O	
ix. Throw out disposals (litter, bottles, and food) to the construction site from the commuters.	Site preparation & construction	Construction Contractor
Put up the safety sign boards prior to the construction site indicating people at work. The commuters should be aware about the construction activities through notices erected before reaching the proposed mitigation site.		
x. Injuries due to rock particles due to explosions/ blasting	Construction	Construction
Minimize all blasting activities during peak times of school and making awareness announcements through the blasting period. Establish an emergency accidents preparedness plan for their injuries due to rock particles due to explosions/ blasting.		Contractor
xi. Minimize erosional impacts during construction	Site preparation &	Construction
It is recommended that mitigation works involved with site clearance, slope reshaping, removal of debris etc. are avoided during rainy season. Therefore, it is imperative that site works in slope mitigation are carried out in the dry season and avoid such activities on slope area in the wet season as much as possible. This should be considered in project planning stage. Silt traps should be introduced to cut down sediment laden runoff.	construction	Contractor

xxii. Snake bites and toxic insect management and emergency	Construction	Construction
management by accidents		Contractor
Proper emergency management system for snake bites and toxic ants		
(include awareness on snake bites, safety shoes while at work, first		
aid on a snake bite, hospitalization and admission to correct hospital		
where snake bite management facilities are available) should be		
introduced.		
Accidents are common in these kinds of sites. Proper emergency		
management unit for other accidents (first aids facilities, safety items,		
hospitalization facilities and transportation facilities) should be		
maintained for this site.		

10.7.3 Monitoring requirements specific to the site

Following monitoring plan is strongly emphasized during the construction phase specific to this site. In addition to this, monitoring procedure indicated in the contractors' obligation to ESMP should also be implemented by construction contractor. The contractor is expected to indicate in the bid the ESMP procedure to be implemented along with relevant proofs of his competency. The cost for ESMP will require to be indicated as a separate pay item. The environmental and social management method statement is expected to be submitted by the selected construction contractor and to be approved by the PMU unit.

Table 6: Environmental and Social monitoring plan; construction phase

M	onitoring	Parameter	Frequency					
	quirement							
i.	Baseline	Water quality (Stream)	Once*					
	monitoring	Pre-construction crack survey (houses)	Once*					
		Ground vibration	Once*					
		Air quality: particulate matter	Once*					
		Background noise measurement	Once*					
ii.	During construction	Water quality (Stream)	If noticeable water quality impairment due to sediment laden runoff					
		Crack survey for the risk buildings	If noticeable displacement is observed during construction **					
		Ground vibration	During operation of drilling machinery, boring works, or any works that generate ground vibrations*					
		Construction noise	Once a month during heavy noise generation times *					
		Air quality particulate matter	Once a month *					
iii.	Vehicular Emission	All machinery/vehicles operational should hav applicable - should be checked by the site ES						
iv.	Monitoring agency	* A competent independent monitoring agenc Authority for all parameters except crack surv	eys					
-	Reporting	**Crack surveys should be conducted by com	National Environmental (ambient water quality)					
٧.	requirements	regulations, no.01 of 2019	(ambient water quanty)					
	requirements	Pre-construction crack survey of the high-	sigh huildings Drafassional raport					
			rds on vibration for the Machinery, Construction					
		activities and Vehicular movements, CEA	as on vibration for the Machinery, Construction					
		,						
			Background noise measurement –Extraordinary Gazette No.924.1, May 23,1996, CEA Air quality particulate matter- The National Ambient Air Quality standards stipulated under					
			st 15, 2008 -Central Environmental Authority of					

11. Labour management

Sound worker-management relationships, treating workers in the project fairly and providing safe and healthy working conditions is required. Responsibility is lies with the PMU and the construction contractor.

The Objectives are;

- To promote safety and health at work.
- To promote the fair treatment, nondiscrimination and equal opportunity of project workers.
- To protect project workers, including vulnerable workers such as women, persons with disabilities, children and migrant workers, contracted workers, community workers and primary supply workers, as appropriate.
- To prevent the use of all forms of forced labor and child labor.
- To support the principles of freedom of association and collective bargaining of project workers in a manner consistent with national laws.
- To provide project workers with accessible means to raise workplace concerns.

12. Preventive measures for COVID-19 that was issued by Sri Lankan national health authority

COVID-19, the novel Corona-virus infection has not been totally eradicated in the world. Therefore, to prevent/ control of the spread of infection also to prevent panic situations in the event of detecting a suspected case, all contractors are required to develop a COVID-19 Preparedness plan and need implementing in the site as per the "Health and Safety Guidelines for Sri Lankan Construction Sites to be adopted during COVID 19 outbreak" Guidelines given by Construction Industry Development Authority CIDA 29th April 2020.

13. Public and Stakeholder Consultations -the public consultations that have been and/or will be held

13.1 Public Consultations

Mr, K.D.P.Rathna, the owner of a upslope house near to mitigation area was visited during the field visit and made him aware of the mitigation project and the funding mechanism. He stated that the mitigation works are appreciable and expressed their willingness to the project.

13.2 Stakeholders involved in the consultations any recommendations or agreements reached in the consultations (Refer Annexure II)

Consultation with Mrs. S.M.P. Samarathunga, Principlal of Dedunupitiya Maha Vidyalaya Consultation with and the GN officer of Dedunupitiya Pahalawas informed about the project works and they showed positive feedback on the project.

14. Clearances, no objection, consent and approvals required for the implementation of the project

Table 7: Clearances, no objection, consent and approvals

Requirement / Approval / Institution	Relevance to the project
14.1 Project implementation	

Approval from the District Secretariat	The approvals will be required and the proposals need to be presented at the District Coordinating Committee, to which chief minister and stakeholder agencies in the district will also participate. The Officer of PMU will present the project, disclose the project details and various concerns including environmental and social issues will be discussed at this meeting. The issues arrived will be addressed in the ESMP, the decisions and recommendations taken up at this meeting will be considered in the ESMP.
Approval from the planning committee	The approval from the planning committee of the Hatharaliyadda Pradeshiya Sabha.
14.2 Approval from the state lands o	wners relevant to the project
Central Environmental Authority	Consent from District Central Environmental Authority is required as Kandy District is under the sensitive area under Soil Conservation Act 25 of 1951.
Department of Forest Department of Wildlife Conservation	As there is no forest reservations and wildlife habitats; Department of Forest and Department of Wildlife Conservation approvals are not needed
Geological Surveys and Mines Bureau	Approval will be obtained for extraction of materials, transportation and disposal of earth, rocks and mineral debris. (If necessary, only).
Hatharaliyadda Divisional Secretariat	Approvals from Hatharaliyadda Divisional Secretariat will be obtained for the disposal of waste and plant litter.
Ceylon Electricity Board	Approvals from regional office of Ceylon Electricity Board will be required for power supply for site operation.
National Plant Quarantine Service	Approval from Additional Director National Plant Quarantine Service Katunayake for Director General of Agriculture under the Plant Protect Act No. 35 of 1999 Plant or seed if needed for bio—Project Managed slope mitigation shall be imported into Sri Lanka under the authority and in accordance with the conditions, of a plant importation permit issued.
14.3 Consent/ no objection/ legally be	ound agreement from the private land ownerships
Land owner (RDA & private owners)	Signing a legally bound agreement between the land owner and the project implementing authority allowing no-objection to remove the structures, access the land, implement construction works, and engage in long-term maintenance works

The tentative timeline for getting approval is given in the table 7.

Table 8: Tentative timeline for getting approvals

Approvals	Month 1				Month 2			
	W1	W2	W3	W4	W1	W2	W3	W4
Project implementation								
Approval from the District Secretariat								
Submission of application								
Project briefing								
Respond to comments								
Approvals				_				
Approval from planning committee								
Submission of application								
Project briefing		_						
Respond to comments					_			
Approvals								

Approval from state land owners RDA Submission of application Respond to comments Approvals	-	_		
Other approvals GSMB				
Ministry of Defense (Depends on the requirement)				
Consent/ no objection from the land ownership (RDA and Private owners)				

15. Grievance redress mechanism for this site

The PMU ES officer is responsible for establishing the grievance redress mechanism for this site for impact communities. (Reference: Environmental and Social Management Framework for recommended procedure for establishment of grievance redress mechanism).

16. Information disclosure

It is the responsibility of the PMU to disclose the ES information to following agencies and organizations by indicated modes as a minimum as given in the following table.

Table 9: Proposed scheme of information disclosure

Information	Proposed agencies	Mode of information disclosure
i. Project plan (site	District CEA, District Secretariat,	Meetings, District coordination
details, design,	Divisional secretary, RDA, Other district	committee, submission of relevant
implementation	levels Agencies, NBRO district office,	report to sign agreements, approvals
arrangements)	AIIB	and consents.
ii. Environmental and	District CEA, AIIB,	Meetings, District Coordination
Social Management plan		Committee, submission of relevant
		report to sign agreements, approvals
		and consents
iii. Monitoring reports	District CEA, AIIB and relevant parties as	Progress meetings, special meetings,
(baseline and during	appropriate	submission of relevant reports
construction)		
iv. Site inspections for	District CEA, RDA, Divisional secretary,	Written and verbal communications,
environmental	Police, State Land Owners, Grama	submission of relevant reports
conformance workers	Niladhari, District Office NBRO, AIIB and	
health and safety	relevant parties as appropriate	
v. Decisions taken and	District CEA, RDA, Divisional secretary,	Meetings, submission of relevant
progress review meetings	Police, State Land Owners, Grama	reports
pertinent to ES matters	Niladhari, District Office NBRO, AIIB and	
	relevant parties as appropriate	
vi. Grievance redress	Relevant parties, AIIB	Meetings, written and verbal
mechanism		communications

Table 10: Level of information gathered through consulting institutions

Date	Institution	Person contacted for information
20/11/2024	Dedunupitiya Maha Vidyalaya	Mrs. S.M.P. Samarathunga, Principle Dedunupitiya Maha Vidyalaya
20/11/2024	Hatharaliyadda Divisional Secretariat	GN Officer of Dedunupitiya pahala GN Division 0740589661

Annexure I: Images of the site condition and the consultation



Consultation with nearby residents



Consultation with GN Officer of Dedunupitiya Pahala GN division



Consultation with Mr. K.D.P Rathna; upslope risk house owner



Consultation with Mrs. S.M.P. Samarathunga, Principle of Dedunupitiya Maha Vidyalaya

Annexure II: Report on the Stakeholder Consultation: Kandy District

Institution	Name and designation of the contact officer	Concerns raised
Central Environmental Authority	Provincial Director, Central Environmental Authority Central Province.	 ✓ Under the Soil Conservation Act 25 of 1951 of National Resource Management Centre, kandy District has been gazetted as a sensitive area. ✓ Under this gazette any development is not allowed irrespective of the magnitude of the project. ✓ In a disaster this is not needed. ✓ Landslide mitigation projects are not considered projects prescribed in the Gazette. ✓ The Basic Information Questionnaire (BIQ) is needed to fill for the project and submit the application ✓ As the proposed project (mitigation) intends to reduce the risk from landslide for an emergency action CEA approval is not needed considering the priority of the project. ✓ Before project commence a request indicating the mitigation sites need. ✓ If the project is carried out in a sensitive area, even not within a prescribed project, consideration of sensitive area will govern the process.

Road	Chief	✓ This area is under the jurisdiction of Kandy District RDA office	
Development	Engineer	✓ The RDA has no objection and states the mitigation is very much needed.	
Authority		✓ Other concerns raised	
		 A proper handing over of the project is required after the mitigation 	
		RDA will do the maintenance after mitigation	
		It is emphasized that during the construction the contractor should use	
		Personal Protective Equipment	
		 At all times, the contractor shall provide safe and convenient passage for 	
		vehicles, pedestrians, and traffic safety measures, barricades, flagmen and for	
		the night work, lights and illumination should be provided.	
		✓ It is also stated that Construction waste/ excavated materials should not be a	
		nuisance to public/commuters	

Annexure III: Proposed procedure for obtaining approvals from state land owners and environmental agencies.

1. Proposed procedure by RDA for approval for implementation of landslide mitigation projects in RDA reservation areas

- The design to be accepted by the RDA: The project implementing agency should submit detailed design report to RDA with a formal request on nature of approvals required. PMU should prepare above documents and should submit the documents to RDA regional office.
- ii. RDA regional office will evaluate the proposal and may call for project briefing. The PMU should provide necessary briefing as appropriate
- iii. On the approval by RDA an agreement will be signed between RDA and Project implementing agency to access the site, erect structures, and implement mitigation works.
- iv. A condition that would include is
 - A proper handing over of the project is required after the mitigation
 - RDA will do the maintenance after mitigation
 - It is emphasized that during the construction the contractor should use Personal Protective Equipment
 - At all times, the contractor shall provide safe and convenient passage for vehicles, pedestrians, and traffic safety measures, barricades, flagmen and for the night work, lights and illumination should be provided.
 - Construction waste/ excavated materials should not be a nuisance to public/commuters

Annexure IV: Study team

Name	Designation	Position in the study
SAMS Dissanayake	Senior Scientist/ESSD/NBRO	Senior Environmental Scientist
PrabathLiyanaarachchi	Scientist/ ESSD/NBRO	Environmental scientist, GIS/ Demographic
		data collection /survey, Report preparation
Ranil Jayawardhana	Field Assistant	Assistant - data collection for the SSESMP

Annexure: List of references

- 1. Contractor's obligations for Generic Environmental and Social Management Plan- Sri Lanka Landslide Mitigation Project-AIIB
- 2. Environmental and Social Management Framework-Sri Lanka Landslide Mitigation Project AIIB
- 3. Resettlement Planning Framework- Sri Lanka Landslide Mitigation Project -AIIB

- 4. Felling Trees (Control) Act by Ministry of Agriculture, Rural Economic Affairs, Livestock Development, Irrigation and Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Development
- 5. Census and Statistical Report (2012), Department of Census and Statistics