

Environment and Social Safeguards

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Why Have a Safeguard Policy?

While infrastructure development projects are intended to benefit large numbers of people, unless *well managed*, they can pose severe economic, social and environmental risks on affected communities and affect the poor and vulnerable groups *disproportionately*

Example of Chimalkhedhi Village



Key Message

- ADB's environmental and social safeguards are a cornerstone of our support to *inclusive economic growth* and *environmentally sustainable growth*
- We commit to the *full implementation* of the safeguard policy, and work with our borrowers and other stakeholders (including our consultants) to put the policy principles and requirements into practice

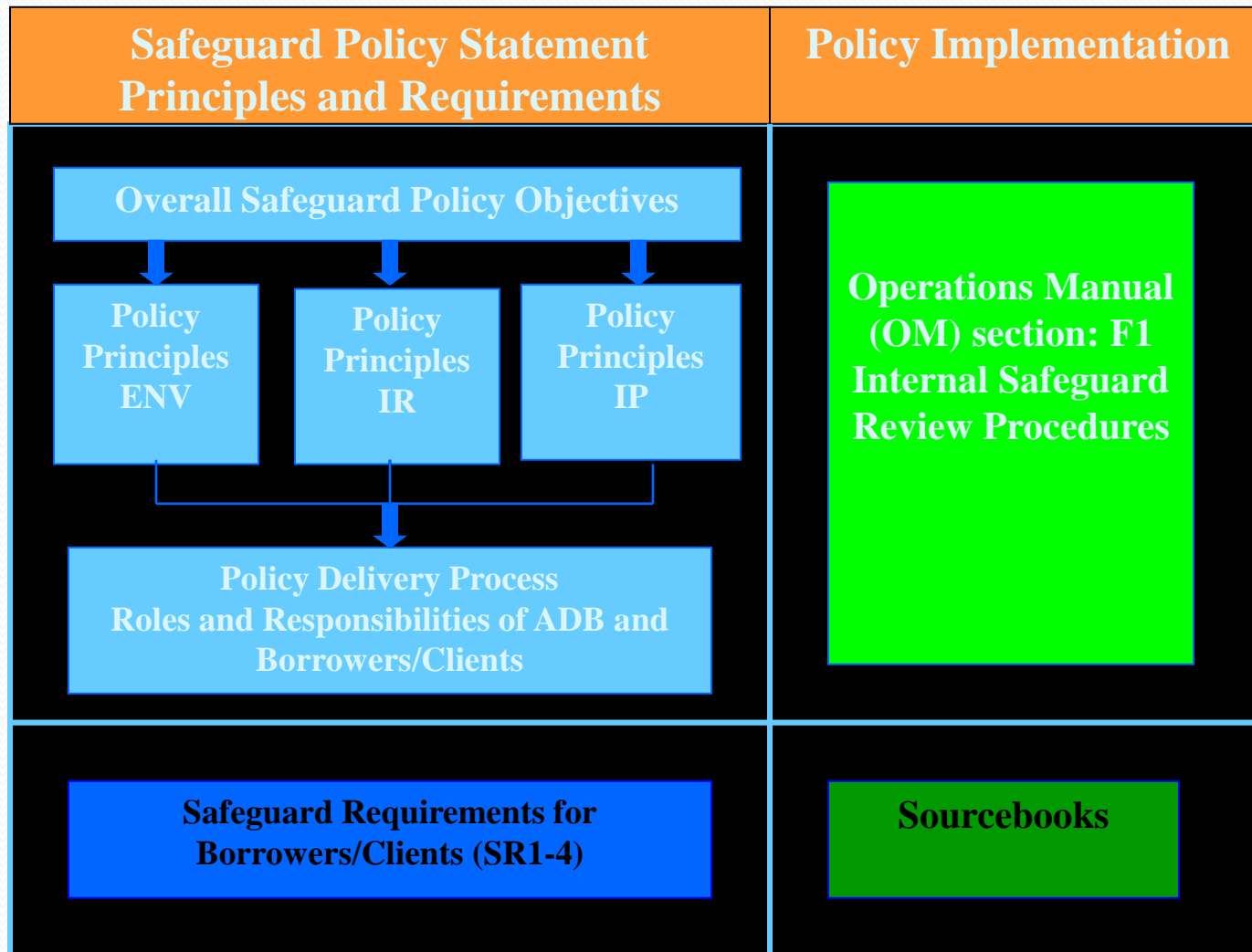
Policy objectives

- **Avoid** adverse impacts of projects on the environment and affected people, *where possible*;
- **Minimize, mitigate, and/or compensate** for adverse project impacts on the environment and affected people *when avoidance is not possible*;
- **Improve** living standard of displaced poor and vulnerable DPs
- Help borrowers/clients to **strengthen their safeguard systems** and develop the capacity to manage environmental and social risks.

Policy Scope

- The safeguard policy statement applies to *all* ADB-financed and/or ADB-administered sovereign and non-sovereign projects, *and their components* regardless of the source of financing, including investment projects funded by a loan; and/or a grant; and/or other means, such as equity and/or guarantees

Policy Structure & Key Policy Features



Practical Issues

- Project Integration – Internal and External
- Position Overlaps
- Plan Correctly (Gantt Chart)
- Meaningful Consultation (Resources)
- Use Improved Tools – E-surveys, GIS, Photos
- Accountability & Quality
- **USE YOUR HEAD!**

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