



# 6<sup>th</sup> ADB Business Opportunities Fair

ADB General Requirements:

Environment and Social Safeguards

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# Why Have a Safeguard Policy?

Infrastructure development projects - Intended to benefit large numbers of people.

- *But*, can pose severe economic, social and environmental risks unless *well managed*
- *Potential impacts* affected communities including *disproportionate impacts* on poor and vulnerable groups

# Example of Chimalkhedhi Village



# ADB Safeguard Policy Statement (2009)

- 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

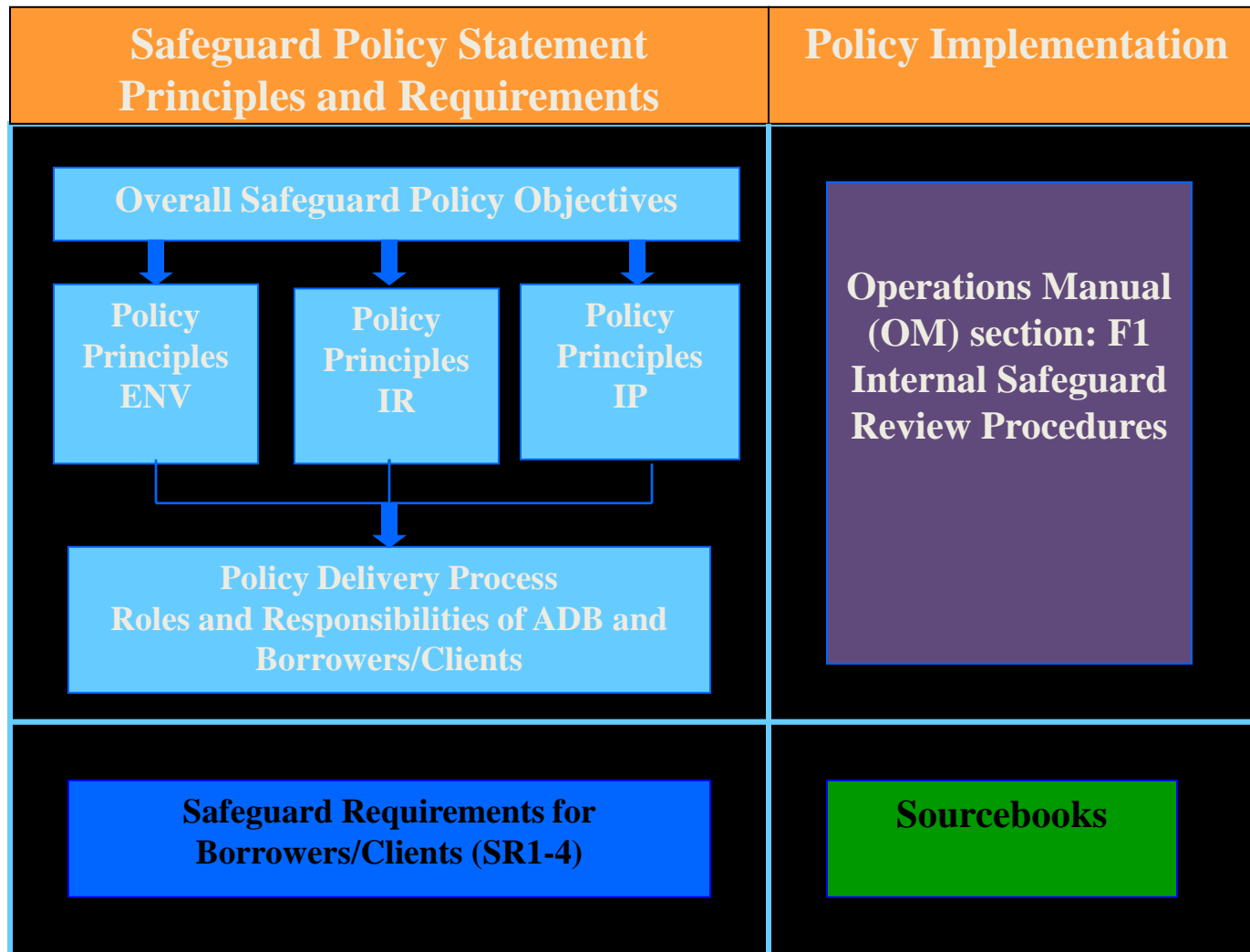
# Policy objectives

- **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,
- Includes 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



# Key Products

- Environment Impact Assessments
- Initial Environment Assessments
- Environmental Assessment Review Framework
- Environment Management Plans
- Resettlement Plans
- Resettlement Frameworks
- Indigenous Peoples Frameworks
- Indigenous Peoples Plans
- Environmental And Social Management System
- Country Safeguard Systems



# Some Key Activities

- Due Diligence
- Social Impact Assessments
- Safeguard Cumulative Impact Assessments
- Biodiversity Assessments
- Socio-Economic Analysis
- Climate Risk Modelling
- Safeguard Systems Analysis and Support
- Equivalence and Acceptability

# 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

# More Information:

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