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SESSION 3: ENTRY POINTS FOR GESI MAINSTREAMING

End-User Demand-Side-Management –

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The Advanced Electricity Metering Project

Physical Outputs:

Advanced electricity metering system development.

- (i) installation of 1 million meters with associated communication system, and
- (ii) meter data management (MDM) and billing systems.

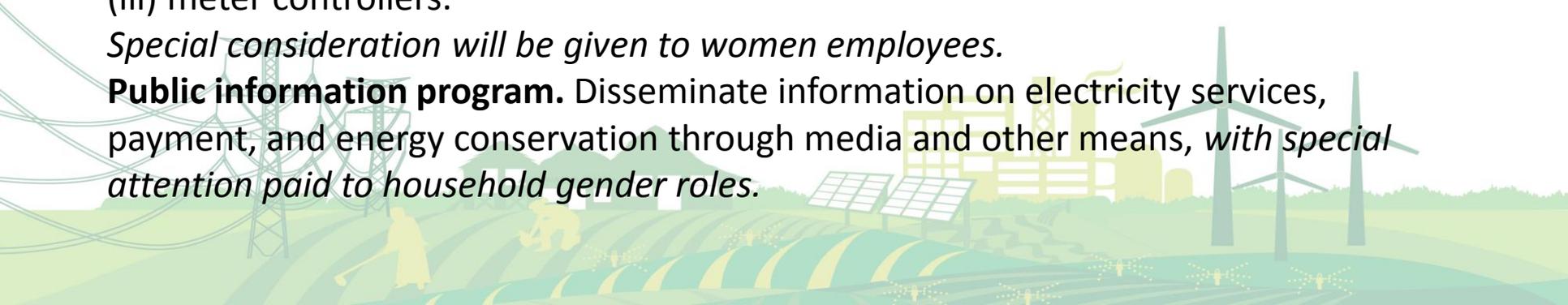
Non-Physical Outputs:

Training Uzbekenergo personnel.

Skills training for (i) staff that will install meters and create the customer database, (ii) operation and maintenance personnel and management at regional data-management and district service centers, and (iii) meter controllers.

Special consideration will be given to women employees.

Public information program. Disseminate information on electricity services, payment, and energy conservation through media and other means, *with special attention paid to household gender roles.*



Gender Action Plan

- All (80) women controllers/operators offered training and job opportunities at Uzbekenergo
 - 50% of district center staff are women
 - Customer services for end-users: 30 women core groups formed in project areas; 30 women leaders (1 of each core group) trained on energy efficiency, consumer rights
 - Strengthened gender mainstreaming capacity of Uzbekenergo.
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Current Status and What Next

- Project Implementation not yet. Detailed training needs assessment completed for female controllers in UZB.

Some findings: The matrix on the professional motivations shows that the majority of women controllers need professional and personnel development, and want to take part in the forthcoming trainings; previously only a few have benefited from such trainings;

What do they Expect: the majority of women controllers expect job protection, growth and positive contribution to development of utility.

- Similar Project in Pakistan Designed but different approach to supporting women empowerment:

Display Units provided at household level – house wife empowered with decisions such as (i) electricity bill, (ii) efficient usage of power, (iii) better day planning in countries/areas with energy shortage/outages, (iv) communication with utility, and (v) in future decide which plant to operate