



EAST AFRICAN CRUDE OIL PIPELINE (EACOP) PROJECT GENERAL PROJECT UPDATE – BRIEF

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The East African Crude Oil Pipeline (EACOP¹) is a private sector led project owned by an independent Pipeline Company that will be established and will enter into agreements with the host governments² (Uganda and Tanzania). The State Parties are required to execute HGAs in order to implement the Intergovernmental Agreement for the EACOP System which was signed between the United Republic of Tanzania and the Republic of Uganda on the 25th May 2017.

The shareholders of the Pipeline Company are expected to be the Government of the Republic of Uganda, through the Uganda National Oil Company (UNOC), the Tanzania Petroleum Development Corporation (TPDC), representing the Government of the United Republic of Tanzania and the two upstream international oil companies; TOTAL and CNOOC.

The EACOP Pipeline Company will be the owner of the pipeline facilities³ and provide the oil transportation service; it will not actually own the oil that is being shipped through its facilities. The Pipeline Company will have the responsibility to build the pipeline and thereafter to operate it, ensuring the long-term safety and uninterrupted availability of the pipeline.

Environmental Social and Impact Assessments (ESIA) were conducted in Uganda and Tanzania respectively in order to develop adequate mitigations plans as per the legal requirement in both countries and International Financing Standards. The ESIA reports are subject to disclosure and consultation with public⁴ and other stakeholders as per respective regulations and are then approved⁵ by the relevant Government Authorities and uploaded onto the EACOP website.

The EACOP ESIA's studied all protected areas and sites of biodiversity interest as well as the social risks of the development and designed mitigation measures for all potential impacts with the objective of safeguarding livelihoods, species and habitats for both countries as well as reinstating the pipeline corridor to achieve No Net Loss in Natural Habitats and a Net Gain in Critical Habitats. The ESIA, Critical Habitat Assessment and Human Rights Impact Assessment have been undertaken in accordance with both

¹ The East Africa Crude Oil Pipeline is a 1,443 km crude oil export infrastructure that will run from Kabaale -Hoima in Uganda to the Chongoleani Peninsula – Tanga in Tanzania. It comprises of a 24 Inch, insulated, buried pipeline, six pumping stations (2 in Uganda and 4 in Tanzania) two pressure reduction stations both in Tanzania and a marine export terminal. The viscous and waxy nature of Uganda's oil requires that the crude is shipped at a minimum temperature of 50 Degrees Celsius (50°), the optimal viscosity for it to flow. To maintain this operating temperature, the pipeline will be electrically heated, making the EACOP the longest electrically heat traced pipeline in the world.

² Host Government Agreements (HGA) have been initialled between Total and the Government of Uganda on Sept. 11th 2020 and the Government of Tanzania on October 26th 2020.

³ A pipeline provides a well-established and safe system for the long-term export of oil. In addition, design specifications for pipeline systems are supported by robust international standards. A buried pipeline system provides the most efficient and dependable method of transport while minimising Environmental and Social (E&S) impacts during the operational phase

⁴ [Uganda ESIA Report](#) & [Tanzania ESIA Report](#). (Also, in a flash)

⁵ Total East Africa Midstream B.V. (TEAM B.V.) Environmental Impact Assessment Certificate for the EACOP Project activities in [Tanzania](#) and [Uganda](#) have been issued.

Tanzanian and Ugandan national laws and regulations, the 8 International Finance Corporation (IFC) Performance Standards.

The Project is assessing and evaluating participation in programmes in collaboration with other conservation stakeholders that promote Net Gain which include both terrestrial and marine aspects aimed at ensuring the specific species and habitats are in a better condition after the Project implementation than before as well as promoting community livelihood restoration.

The Pipeline development will comply with national and IFC Performance Standards and follow the Total Group environmental commitments for sustainable and responsible operations on reduction of greenhouse gas emission (scope 1 and 2) and pollution prevention. This includes having pollution prevention management, oil spill response and waste management plans in place at all stages of the construction and operation.

Land will be required to construct and operate the Pipeline and its related facilities. The Project follows key steps to be able to acquire land that include stakeholder engagement, asset inventory and valuation, socioeconomic surveys, land delineation surveys etc. These steps follow Tanzanian laws and regulations but also the IFC Performance Standards.

It is the intention of the Project to make compensation payments, on behalf of the Government in line with the legally mandated time frames and International Financing Standards. No access to land for construction of the pipeline will occur prior to payment of compensation to the eligible parties.

Compensation will be paid for losses as a result of physical and/or economic displacement, based on rates validated by the Government's Chief Valuer and in compliance with national regulations and IFC Performance Standards. In Tanzania, The Project required land will be acquired on permanent basis by the Government and leased to the EACOP Project.

The Priority Areas (PAs), Pipeline and Above Ground Installations (AGIs) Resettlement Action Plans (RAPs) for each of the eight regions crossed have been finalized, submitted to the Government of Tanzania and disclosed to the public.⁶

The EACOP project is committed to offering livelihood restoration measures to Project Affected Persons (PAPs) to ensure standards of living are as a minimum restored to pre-Project levels and improved where possible, All landowners and users living along the pipeline corridor will be treated with respect and compensated according to full replacement value. Engagement with all stakeholders is based on the principles of participation, respect for human rights, protection of vulnerable groups, non-discrimination, empowerment, transparency and accountability.

The Project encourages all stakeholders to register their grievances through their respective Community Relations Officers (CROs), toll free numbers⁷, Project and Project Contractors' offices as well as local authority offices. These grievances could be specific incident/s, whether perceived or actual, including alleged damage, impact or dissatisfaction that has occurred as a result of the Project's or Contractors' actions. The grievance mechanism is transparent, documented and shared with stakeholders.

The East African Crude Oil Pipeline will unlock East Africa's Potential by attracting investors to explore opportunities in the region. The Project will result in an over 60% Increase in Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) in Uganda and Tanzania during the construction phase. Its success will be founded on the positive collaboration and understanding of all stakeholders.

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⁶ [English Resettlement Action Plans](#) and [Swahili Executive Summaries and Chapter Six](#). (Also in a flash)

⁷ Tanzania - 0800 780 068 & Uganda - 0800 216 600



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