Gender Impacts of Sakhalin and BTC Pipeline Projects: Document Assessment

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Sakhalin II Phase 2

- US $20 billion project
- Transporting liquefied natural gas through pristine wilderness
- Involuntarily resettled: 56 households
- EBRD investment: $125 million
- Sakhalin Energy Investment Company LTD (SEIC)
- Huge influx of foreign, young, male construction workers
- Project life cycle: 1994-2014
Baku-Tbilisi-Ceyhan (BTC) Pipeline

- $3.6 billion project
- Pipeline extends through Azerbaijan, Georgia and Turkey
- Involuntarily resettled: 18,000 people
- BTC Company
- IFC: $250 million
- EBRD: $250 million
- 22,000 workers at peak
- Project complete
Gender and Poverty

- Because of gender inequality, projects effect women and men differently.
- Women and men often react to stress in different ways; men often abuse drugs and become violent.
- EBRD, IFC, SEIC and BTC must anticipate and prevent harmful impacts on women such as prostitution and HIV/AIDS.
Gender Assessment

- Assessed EBRD, IFC, SEIC and BTC documents for treatment of gender issues in:
  1. consultations
  2. construction workers and community relations
  3. employment generation
  4. resettlement
  5. infrastructure and resources
1. Consultations

- Women’s concerns not addressed
- Majority of respondents male heads of household
- Inadequate representation of women’s groups in consultation
- Failure to report gender of participants
2. Construction Workers and Community Relations

Sakhalin & BTC:
- Recognize but fail to prevent increase in HIV/AIDS
- Ignore sexual exploitation, trafficking and violence against women
3. Job Creation

- High poverty and unemployment, especially for women
- Limited job opportunities for women
- No special protections for female employees
4. Resettlement

- Gender completely ignored in Sakhalin
- BTC identifies women as vulnerable but protections are highly inadequate
5. Loss of Infrastructure & Resources

- Increased stress on local infrastructure
- Resource degradation
- Failure to mitigate losses or compensate for damages
Conclusions

- BTC and SEIC fail to adequately identify and mitigate the negative impacts on women
- EBRD and IFC financing contradicts their own claims to promote sustainable growth and reduce poverty
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- Map of BTC pipeline: http://www.homestead.com/prosites-kazakhembus/map-btc.gif