



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 affect 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
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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
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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
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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**
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3. Job Creation

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

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

- Increased stress on local infrastructure
 - Resource degradation
 - Failure to mitigate losses or compensate for damages
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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 Sakhalin Island:
<http://www.sakhalin.environment.ru/en/>
 - Map of BTC pipeline:
<http://www.homestead.com/prosites-kazakhembus/map-btc.gif>
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