EcoSec Executive brief on

[Country] – [Subject]

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* There are two versions of the Brief template: one for Assessments/Monitoring and one for Reviews/Evaluations/Case Studies. **This version is for Reviews/Evaluations/Case Studies**.
* This template can be a short version of a programme or activity report such as a post-distribution/intervention report or review or evaluation exercise, or a dedicated study.
* All text denoted in [ ] in both the headers and footers should be replaced as relevant to this paper. For example [SUBJECT] should be replaced by the type of exercise or topic (e.g. MEI Programme Review, Evaluation of Livestock Intervention, etc.), etc.

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# Context and scope

The context and scope should be no more than one to two paragraphs and include:

* Introductory paragraph that gives information on the context (ongoing/past/anticipated crisis in the country) and what triggered an EcoSec response (uncovered needs, previous presence etc.).
* Brief background on EcoSec ongoing or past programmes (beyond the one(s) being evaluated or described in the case study), areas, type and number of beneficiaries and timing.
* Provide similar information on the programme(s) being evaluated or described in the case study
* Purpose and objective of the EcoSec response being reviewed or of the case study, including the rationale and type(s) of programme and activities, target population and the expected short-term and mid-term outcomes.
* Indicate the main objective of the review/evaluation/case study and briefly describe the methods in the table in green below.

How was the review/evaluation/case study conducted? Provide brief information on the data collection and analysis methods including where relevant:

Data collection methods (secondary data analysis, monitoring with household surveys, key informant interviews, group discussions, etc.)

Dates/time frames and locations covered by the exercise

If primary data collection was used, specify the sampling methodology and how locations and sampling units/sources of information were chosen.

# What economic security changes did the programme make?

This section is an overview of the programme results, including:

* Changes in terms of food consumption, food production, income, living conditions, capacities of service providers (depending on the programme). Estimate when possible the extent of changes and their sustainability.
* Who benefitted from improvements to the different components of economic security and to their overall livelihoods? Was success equivalent for all the target beneficiaries or have some groups benefitted more or less than others?
* Did non-targeted people or groups benefit from the programme?
* Were there unintended effects, either positive (e.g. social integration) or negative (e.g. rent of land has increased after set-up of irrigation system), for beneficiaries and/or for non-beneficiaries?

Figure 1 –Tables, charts and information graphics can be an effective way of highlighting outcomes of programming/activities. A caption may or may not be necessary to guide the users on the information in the table. For example, here the caption could state, “Results of short-term objectives.”

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| **Objective 1: Increase household income by 10%** | **Objective 2: Increase household purchasing power so that households are less reliant on assistance and debt** | |
| 75% of beneficiary households (548 households) increased their household income by 20%  15% (110 households) increased their income by 10% | 95% of beneficiary households (694 households) reported that their purchasing power (ratio of income to expenditures) increased as a result of the programme | 50% of beneficiary households (365 households) who had debt reported that they were able to start repaying their debt with their increase in income |

# What were the main factors of success?

Provide an overview of the key factors that made the programme successful and effective, including but not limited to those related to:

* Efficiency of the process (inputs, activities, cost, etc.)
* Timeliness of the response
* Relevance to identified needs
* Participation of the beneficiaries and accountability mechanisms
* Synergy with other ICRC activities or with programmes by other institutions/agencies
* Expected or unexpected longer term results
* Etc.

# What were the main constraints?

Provide an overview of the main constraints affecting any of the aforementioned success factors, and how they were addressed/corrective actions taken. Constraints could be:

* Operational constraints (physical access, logistical delays, etc.)
* Political constraints (acceptance, resumption of conflict or displacement, etc.)
* Natural constraints (climate related, etc.)
* Etc.

# What are the lessons learnt and recommendations?

This section (in one paragraph) brings together the information from the previous sections highlighting the key lessons learnt, particularly those relating to:

* Programme planning including programme design, beneficiary targeting and communication/accountability
* The success of the programme
* Key constraints and how they were addressed

Finally, in the second paragraph, conclusions are drawn on with recommendations explicitly listed in the table below.

**Recommendations**

Specify if EcoSec should continue with the current programme (extension or continuation of programme/activities) in its current state

Specify if the current programme/activities should continue, however be adapted according to the results of the review and the recommendations for adaptions

Specify if the current programme/activity should address a different population group, either a different vulnerable group in the same area or extended to another area

Specify if further needs are required to be addressed either by ICRC or others

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