Key steps

Scoping

- Form an integrated assessment team, including impact assessment experts
- Confirm legislation and study requirements
- Identify area of influence
- Identify and engage communities
- Identify key project risks and impacts

Baseline studies

- Collect regional and local baseline
- Engage with project-affected communities

Impact assessment

- Analyse, describe and assess impacts
- Integrate with other specialists

Mitigation

 Suggest mitigation measures: practical, implementable, affordable

Management

- Develop social management and monitoring plan
- Integrate within companies and environmental impact assessment teams

Monitoring and engagement

• Implement a monitoring plan and engage with community on impacts and mitigation measures and adapt as required



It is important to get the assessment process right at the outset.