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FREE, PRIOR AND INFORMED CONSENT

Free, Prior and Informed Consent (FPIC) is a process of seeking consent of indigenous communities on project design and implementation in their traditional habitats/ancestral territories.



FPIC

FREE

- Voluntary.
- Without coercion, intimidation or manipulation.

PRIOR

- Sufficiently in advance before the commencement of project implementation.
- Time provided to understand, access, and analyze information.

INFORMED

- Accessible, clear, consistent, transparent.
- Objective information covering expected project benefits as well as potential risks.
- Delivered in local language and in a culturally appropriate way.

CONSENT

- 'Yes' or 'No' or 'Yes with Conditions'.
- Not a one-off process, can be given or withheld in phases.

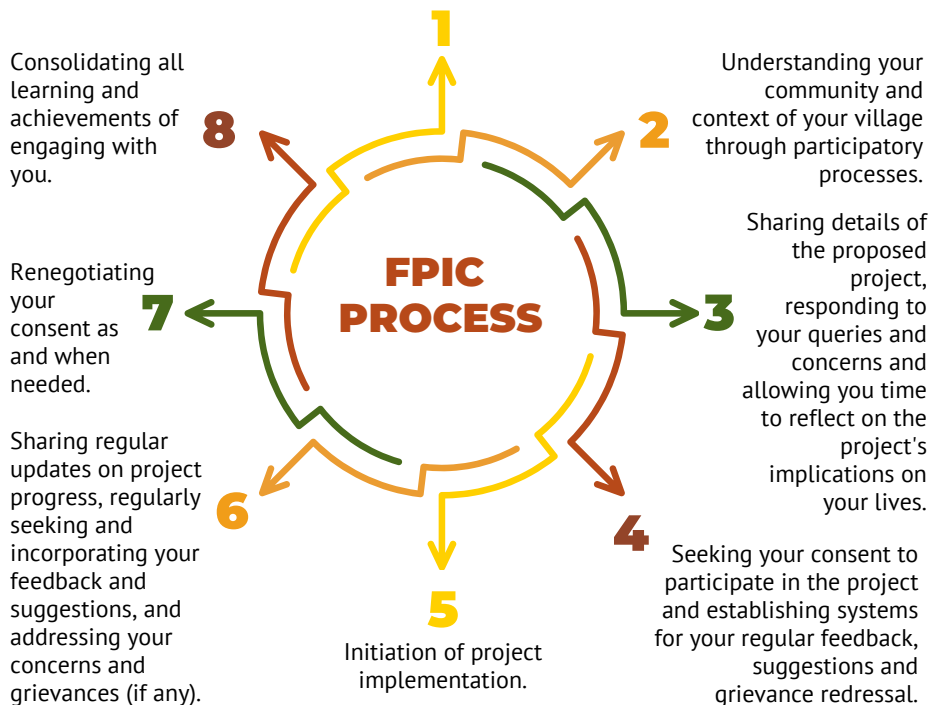
WHY IS FPIC IMPORTANT TO YOU?

To understand different aspects of the proposed project.

To reflect on its implications on your life and decide whether you want to be a part of it or not.

To share your priorities, concerns, feedback and grievances, and address them through a mutually agreed-upon mechanism.

Dialogue with your leaders and representatives.



NOTE

- FPIC is your right and it cannot be imposed upon you.
- You can withhold or renegotiate your consent at any stage of the project period.
- You can use the details below to share and redress your grievances.

WHY IS YOUR CONSENT IMPORTANT TO US?

To know you better and build a trustworthy relationship with you for the project.

To learn from your rich traditional knowledge and expertise and use them to enhance the outcomes of the project.

To use the learning and achievements of engaging with you to design effective future projects with other Scheduled Tribe communities.

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