

Republic of the Union of Myanmar

Ministry of Health and Sports
Department of Medical Services

MYANMAR COVID-19 Emergency Response Project (P173902)

Draft

ENVIRONMENTAL and SOCIAL COMMITMENT PLAN (ESCP)

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1. The Republic of the Union of Myanmar (hereinafter the Recipient) will implement the Myanmar COVID-19 Emergency Response Project (the **Project**), with the involvement of the Ministry of Health and Sports (MOHS) through its Department of Medical Services. The International Development Association (hereinafter the Association) has agreed to provide financing for the Project .
2. The Recipient will implement material measures and actions so that the Project is implemented in accordance with the Environmental and Social Standards (**ESSs**). This Environmental and Social Commitment Plan (ESCP) sets out material measures and actions, any specific documents or plans, as well as the timing for each of these.
3. The Recipient is responsible for compliance with all requirements of the ESCP even when implementation of specific measures and actions is conducted by the Ministry referenced in 1. above.
4. Implementation of the material measures and actions set out in this ESCP will be monitored and reported to the Association by the Recipient as required by the ESCP and the conditions of the legal agreement, and the Association will monitor and assess progress and completion of the material measures and actions throughout implementation of the Project.
5. As agreed by the Association and the Recipient, this ESCP may be revised from time to time during Project implementation, to reflect adaptive management of Project changes and unforeseen circumstances or in response to assessment of Project performance conducted under the ESCP itself. In such circumstances, the Recipient/ *or delegate(s)* will agree to the changes with the Bank and will update the ESCP to reflect such changes. Agreement on changes to the ESCP will be documented through the exchange of letters signed between the Bank and the Recipient/ *or delegate(s)*. The Recipient/ *or delegate(s)* will promptly disclose the updated ESCP.
6. Where Project changes, unforeseen circumstances, or Project performance result in changes to the risks and impacts during Project implementation, the Recipient shall provide additional funds, if needed, to implement actions and measures to address such risks and impacts.

MATERIAL MEASURES AND ACTIONS		TIMEFRAME	RESPONSIBLE ENTITY/AUTHORITY
MONITORING AND REPORTING			
	<p>REGULAR REPORTING: Prepare and submit to the Association regular monitoring reports on the environmental, social, health and safety (ESHS) performance of the Project, including but not limited to, stakeholder engagement activities and grievances log.</p>	<p>The Recipient will provide monitoring reports on a monthly, quarterly and semi-annual basis throughout Project implementation.</p>	<p><i>MOHS/Management Team</i></p>
ESS 1: ASSESSMENT AND MANAGEMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL RISKS AND IMPACTS			
1.1	<p>ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE: The Ministry of Health and Sports (MOHS) shall establish and maintain a Project Management Team with qualified staff and resources, including a lead technical specialist for Environment safeguards and one for Social safeguards to support management of ESHS risks and impacts of the Project including the requirements of the Environmental and Social Management Framework (ESMF), along with the LMP, HCWMP, and SOP to be included in the ESMF, and the Stakeholder Engagement Plan</p> <p>Each participating hospital shall designate a lead technical specialist responsible for oversight and implementation of medical waste management at their facility.</p>	<p>The MOHS will appoint, within 30 days after the Effective Date, lead technical specialist(s) on the Project Management Team to be responsible for oversight on all Project E&S requirements throughout the Project implementation period.</p> <p>Each participating hospital shall designate a lead technical specialist prior to receiving any equipment or supplies financed by the Project</p>	<p><i>MOHS/Management Team</i></p>

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<p>1.2 ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL ASSESSMENT/MANAGEMENT PLANS AND INSTRUMENTS/ CONTRACTORS</p> <p>a. Assess the environmental and social risks and impacts of proposed Project activities, in accordance with the Environmental and Social Management Framework (ESMF) to be prepared, disclosed and adopted for the Project, including to ensure that individuals or groups who, because of their particular circumstances, may be disadvantaged or vulnerable, have access to the development benefits resulting from the Project.</p> <p>b. Prepare, disclose, adopt, and implement any environmental and social management plans or other instruments required for the respective Project activities based on the assessment process, in accordance with the ESSs, the ESMF, the ESHGs, and other relevant Good International Industry Practice (GIIP) including the WHO guidelines on various aspects of COVID-19 infection control and stakeholder communications, in a manner acceptable to the Bank.¹</p> <p>c. Incorporate the relevant aspects of this ESCP, including, inter alia, any environmental and social management plans or other instruments, ESS2 requirements, and any other required ESHS measures, into the ESHS specifications of the procurement documents and contracts with contractors and supervising firms. Thereafter ensure that the contractors and supervising firms comply with the ESHS specifications of their respective contracts.</p> <p>d. The Recipient is committed to provide equitable and inclusive access to Project activities regardless of ethnicity, gender, citizenship, age, disability or mobility. To achieve this, the Recipient will jointly develop and implement referral guidelines/protocol for patients from IDP camps and/or EAO-controlled areas in close cooperation with respective EHP in those areas.</p>	<p>a. ESMF to be prepared within 30 days after the Effective Date and before implementation of any on ground activity, and assessment to be conducted before the carrying out of the relevant Project activities.</p> <p>b. Before the carrying out of the relevant Project activities, and thereafter throughout the carrying out of such activities.</p> <p>c. Before launching the procurement process for the relevant Project activities, and thereafter throughout the carrying out of such activities.</p> <p>d. Referral guidelines/protocol prepared as part of the ESMF within 30 days after the Effective Date and before implementation of any on ground activity</p>	<p><i>MOHS / Management team</i></p>

¹ See relevant WHO information at <https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019/technical-guidance/infection-prevention-and-control>

<https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019/technical-guidance/risk-communication-and-community-engagement>

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1.3	<p>EXCLUSIONS: The following types of activities are ineligible for financing under the Project:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Any activity requiring land acquisition, land use restriction or involuntary resettlement as defined under ESS5 or adverse impacts on cultural heritage under ESS8. Any activity which would lead to adverse impacts on natural habitats (primarily associated with medical waste disposal). Any activity requiring Free, Prior, and Informed Consent (FPIC) under ESS7. Activities that may have high adverse social impacts and may give rise to high social conflict. All the other excluded activities will be set out in the ESMF of the Project. 	During the assessment process conducted under action 1.2.a. above.	MOHS/Management team
ESS 2: LABOR AND WORKING CONDITIONS			
2.1	<p>LABOR MANAGEMENT: The Project shall be carried out in accordance with the applicable requirements of ESS 2 in a manner acceptable to the Association, including through, inter alia, implementing adequate occupational health and safety measures (including emergency preparedness and response measures), setting out grievance arrangements for Project workers, and incorporating labor requirements into the ESHS specifications of the procurement documents and contracts with contractors and supervising firms. The Recipient will prepare and implement project specific Labor Management Procedures (LMP) which will specify details mentioned above.</p>	<p>LMP prepared as part of the ESMF within 30 days after the Effective Date and before implementation of any on ground activity.</p> <p>LMP and other requirements specified in this action 2.1 will be implemented throughout Project implementation.</p>	MOHS/Management team
ESS 3: RESOURCE EFFICIENCY AND POLLUTION PREVENTION AND MANAGEMENT			
	<p>Relevant aspects of this standard shall be considered, as needed, under action 1.2 above, including, inter alia, measures to manage health care wastes and other types of hazardous and non-hazardous wastes. The Recipient will develop and apply a revised Health Care Waste Management Plan acceptable to the Association which will be executed as needed throughout the Project implementation.</p>		
ESS 4: COMMUNITY HEALTH AND SAFETY			

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<p>Relevant aspects of this standard shall be considered, as needed, under action 1.2 above including, inter alia, measures to: minimize the potential for community exposure to communicable diseases; ensure that individuals or groups who, because of their particular circumstances, may be disadvantaged or vulnerable, have access to the development benefits resulting from the Project; manage the risks of the use of security personnel; manage the risks of labor influx; and prevent and respond to sexual exploitation and abuse, and sexual harassment.</p>		
ESS 5: LAND ACQUISITION, RESTRICTIONS ON LAND USE AND INVOLUNTARY RESETTLEMENT		
<p>Not relevant.</p>		
ESS 6: BIODIVERSITY CONSERVATION AND SUSTAINABLE MANAGEMENT OF LIVING NATURAL RESOURCES		
<p>Relevant aspects of this standard shall be considered, as needed, under action 1.2 above.</p>		
ESS 7: INDIGENOUS PEOPLES/SUB-SAHARAN AFRICAN HISTORICALLY UNDERSERVED TRADITIONAL LOCAL COMMUNITIES		
<p>Relevant aspects of this standard shall be considered, as needed, under action 1.2 above.</p>		
ESS 8: CULTURAL HERITAGE		
<p>Relevant aspects of this standard shall be considered, as needed, under action 1.2 above.</p>		
ESS 9: FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARIES		
<p>Not relevant.</p>		
ESS 10: STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT AND INFORMATION DISCLOSURE		
<p>10.1 STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT PLAN: Prepare, disclose, adopt, and implement a Stakeholder Engagement Plan (SEP) consistent with ESS10, in a manner acceptable to the Association.</p>	<p>A draft SEP has been prepared and disclosed and shall be updated, no later than 30 days following the Effective Date. Through consultation with ethnic groups and their representatives and specifically Ethnic Health Providers, this revised SEP will also reflect a strategy specific to engagement with ethnic groups, including patient referral protocols.</p>	<p>MOHS/PIU</p>
<p>10.2 GRIEVANCE MECHANISM: Accessible grievance arrangements shall be made publicly available to receive and facilitate resolution of concerns and grievances in relation to the Project, consistent with ESS10, in a manner acceptable to the Association.</p>	<p>Throughout Project implementation</p>	<p>MOHS/PIU</p>
CAPACITY SUPPORT (TRAINING)		

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<p>A capacity assessment will be undertaken, and which will inform the development of the training and capacity building plans, including but not limited to training of health workers from the MOHS, private sector and EHPs, with regards to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) clinical management; (ii) infection prevention and control (IPC); (iii) health care waste management (HCWM); (iv) referral guidelines; (v) biosafety; and (vi) diagnosis and testing (vii) patient referral protocol to referral hospital 	<p>Throughout Project implementation.</p>	<p>MOHS</p>