

Ministry of Health of the Republic of Moldova

Modernization and Improvement of Rehabilitation Services Project P180306

Draft ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL COMMITMENT PLAN (ESCP)

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ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL COMMITMENT PLAN

1. The Republic of Moldova, Ministry of Health (the Recipient) will implement the Modernization and Improvement of Rehabilitation Services Project (the Project), with the involvement of the Ministry of Health, as set out in the Loan Agreement and the Project Agreement. The World Bank has agreed to provide the original financing (P180306) for the Project, as set out in the referred agreement(s).
2. The Recipient shall ensure that the Project is carried out in accordance with the Environmental and Social Standards (ESSs) and this Environmental and Social Commitment Plan (ESCP), in a manner acceptable to the World Bank. The ESCP is a part of the Loan Agreement and the Project Agreement. Unless otherwise defined in this ESCP, capitalized terms used in this ESCP have the meanings ascribed to them in the referred agreement(s).
3. Without limitation to the foregoing, this ESCP sets out material measures and actions that the Recipient shall carry out or cause to be carried out, including, as applicable, the timeframes of the actions and measures, institutional, staffing, training, monitoring and reporting arrangements, and grievance management. The ESCP also sets out the environmental and social (E&S) instruments that shall be adopted and implemented under the Project, all of which shall be subject to prior consultation and disclosure, consistent with the ESS, and in form and substance, and in a manner acceptable to the World Bank. Once adopted, said E&S instruments may be revised from time to time with prior written agreement by the World Bank.
4. As agreed by the World Bank and the Recipient, this ESCP will be revised from time to time if necessary, during Project implementation, to reflect adaptive management of Project changes and unforeseen circumstances or in response to Project performance. In such circumstances, the Recipient through Ministry of Health and the World Bank agree to update the ESCP to reflect these changes through an exchange of letters signed between the World Bank and the Recipient, Minister of Health. The Recipient shall promptly disclose the updated ESCP.

| MATERIAL MEASURES AND ACTIONS | | TIMEFRAME | RESPONSIBLE ENTITY |
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| MONITORING AND REPORTING | | | |
| A | REGULAR REPORTING Prepare and submit to the World Bank regular monitoring reports on the environmental, social, health and safety (ESHS) performance of the Project, including but not limited to the implementation of the ESCP, status of preparation and implementation of E&S instruments required under the ESCP, stakeholder engagement activities, and functioning of the grievance mechanism(s). | Submit six-monthly reports to the World Bank throughout Project implementation, commencing after the Effective Date. Submit each report to the World Bank no later than 30 days after the end of each reporting period]. | <i>Ministry of Health Project Implementation Unit (MOH PIU)</i> |
| B | INCIDENTS AND ACCIDENTS Promptly notify the World Bank of any incident or accident related to the Project which has, or is likely to have, a significant adverse effect on the environment, the affected communities, the public or workers, including, inter alia, cases of sexual exploitation and abuse (SEA), sexual harassment (SH), and accidents that result in death, serious or multiple injury. Provide sufficient detail regarding the scope, severity, and possible causes of the incident or accident, indicating immediate measures taken or that are planned to be taken to address it, and any information provided by any contractor and/or supervising firm, as appropriate. Subsequently, at the World Bank's request, prepare a report on the incident or accident and propose any measures to address it and prevent its recurrence. | Notify the World Bank no later than 48 hours after learning of the major incident or accident. Provide subsequent report to the World Bank within a timeframe acceptable to the World Bank. | MOH PIU |
| C | CONTRACTORS' MONTHLY REPORTS Require contractors and supervising firms to provide monthly monitoring reports to the PIU on ESHS performance in accordance with the metrics specified in the respective bidding documents and contracts and submit such reports to the World Bank. | Submit the six monthly progress reports to the World Bank summarizing key progress and issues as annexes to the reports to be submitted under action A above. | MOH PIU |
| ESS 1: ASSESSMENT AND MANAGEMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL RISKS AND IMPACTS | | | |
| 1.1 | ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE Maintain a PIU within Ministry of Health with qualified staff and resources to support management of ESHS risks and impacts of the Project including an environmental specialist and a social specialist. | Maintain a PIU as set out in the Loan Agreement. Hire or appoint the Financial Management and Environmental and Social Safeguards specialists no later than project effectiveness, and thereafter maintain these positions throughout Project implementation. | MOH |
| 1.2 | ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL INSTRUMENTS 1. Adopt and implement an Environmental and Social Management Framework (ESMF) for the Project, consistent with the relevant ESSs. | | MOH PIU |

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| | <p>2. Adopt and implement site-specific Environmental and Social Management Plans (ESMP) for infrastructure/works under Part/Component One, and Three consistent with the ESMF and relevant ESSs.</p> <p>3. Cause NAPH to adopt and implement the site-specific Environmental and Social Management Plans (ESMP), as set out in the ESMF. The proposed subprojects described in the exclusion list set out in the ESMF shall be ineligible to receive financing under the Project.</p> | <p>1. Adopt the ESMF no later than 30 days after the project effectiveness date, and thereafter implement the ESMF throughout Project implementation.</p> <p>2. Adopt the ESMP before launching the bidding process for the respective activities.</p> <p>3. Ensure that NAPH complies to the ESHS specifications prior to the carrying out of Project activity that requires the adoption of ESMP. Once adopted, implement the respective ESMP throughout Project implementation.</p> | |
| 1.3 | <p>MANAGEMENT OF CONTRACTORS</p> <p>Incorporate the relevant aspects of the ESCP, including, inter alia, the relevant E&S instruments, the Labor Management Procedures, and code of conduct, into the ESHS specifications of the procurement documents and contracts with contractors and supervising firms. Thereafter ensure that the contractors and supervising firms comply and cause subcontractors to comply with the ESHS specifications of their respective contracts. Contractors will submit C-ESMPs prior to the start of the construction works for the approval of the PIU.</p> | <p>As part of the preparation of procurement documents and respective contracts.</p> <p>Supervise contractors throughout Project implementation.</p> | MOH PIU |
| 1.4 | <p>TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE</p> <p>Ensure that the consultancies, studies, capacity building, training, and any other technical assistance activities under the Project, including, inter alia, the development of centers of excellence, specialized departments, guidelines, protocols and training under Part/Component One and Two are carried out in accordance with terms of reference acceptable to the World Bank, that are consistent with the ESSs. Thereafter ensure that the outputs of such activities comply with the terms of reference.</p> | Throughout Project implementation. | |
| ESS 2: LABOR AND WORKING CONDITIONS | | | |
| 2.1 | <p>LABOR MANAGEMENT PROCEDURES</p> | <p>Adopt the LMP no later than 30 days after the project effectiveness date, and thereafter implement the LMP throughout Project implementation].</p> | MOH PIU |

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| | Adopt and implement the Labor Management Procedures (LMP) for the Project, including, inter alia, provisions on working conditions, management of workers relationships, occupational health and safety (including personal protective equipment, and emergency preparedness and response), code of conduct (including relating to SEA and SH), forced labor, child labor, grievance arrangements for Project workers, and applicable requirements for contractors, subcontractors, and supervising firms. | | |
| 2.2 | GRIEVANCE MECHANISM FOR PROJECT WORKERS Establish and operate a grievance mechanism for Project workers, as described in the LMP and consistent with ESS2. | Establish grievance mechanism prior engaging Project workers and thereafter maintain and operate it throughout Project implementation. | MOH PIU |
| ESS 3: RESOURCE EFFICIENCY AND POLLUTION PREVENTION AND MANAGEMENT | | | |
| 3.1 | WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN Adopt and implement a Waste Management Plan (WMP), to manage hazardous and non-hazardous wastes, consistent with ESS3. | Adopt the WMP as part of the ESMP before launching the bidding process for the respective activities. , and thereafter implement the WMP throughout Project implementation. | MOH PIU |
| 3.2 | RESOURCE EFFICIENCY AND POLLUTION PREVENTION AND MANAGEMENT Incorporate resource efficiency and pollution prevention and management measures in the ESMP to be prepared under action 1.2 above. | Same timeframe as for the adoption and implementation of the ESMP | MOH PIU |
| ESS 4: COMMUNITY HEALTH AND SAFETY | | | |
| 4.1 | TRAFFIC AND ROAD SAFETY Incorporate measures to manage traffic and road safety risks as required in the ESMP to be prepared under action 1.2 above. | Same timeframe as for the adoption and implementation of the ESMP. | MOH PIU |
| 4.2 | COMMUNITY HEALTH AND SAFETY Assess and manage specific risks and impacts to the community arising from Project activities and include mitigation measures in the ESMPs including principles of universal access for design of rehabilitation actions under Part/Component One to be prepared in accordance with the ESMF. | Same timeframe as for the adoption and implementation of the ESMPs. | MOH PIU |
| 4.3 | SEA AND SH RISKS Adopt and implement a SEA/SH actions including codes of conduct, and social protection guidelines for healthcare workers as part of the ESMF and LMP, to assess and manage the risks of SEA and SH. | Adopt the SEA/SH actions before prior to commencement of works and thereafter implement the SEA/SH actions throughout Project implementation. | MOH PIU |
| ESS 5: LAND ACQUISITION, RESTRICTIONS ON LAND USE AND INVOLUNTARY RESETTLEMENT | | | |
| | Not relevant | | |
| ESS 6: BIODIVERSITY CONSERVATION AND SUSTAINABLE MANAGEMENT OF LIVING NATURAL RESOURCES | | | |
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| ESS 7: INDIGENOUS PEOPLES/SUB-SAHARAN AFRICAN HISTORICALLY UNDERSERVED TRADITIONAL LOCAL COMMUNITIES | | | |
| | Not relevant | | |
| ESS 8: CULTURAL HERITAGE | | | |
| 8.1 | CHANCE FINDS Describe and implement the chance finds procedures as part of the ESMP of the Project. | Same timeframe as for the adoption and implementation of the ESMP | MOH PIU |
| ESS 9: FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARIES | | | |
| | Not relevant. | | |
| ESS 10: STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT AND INFORMATION DISCLOSURE | | | |
| 10.1 | STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT PLAN PREPARATION AND IMPLEMENTATION Adopt and implement a Stakeholder Engagement Plan (SEP) for the Project, consistent with ESS10, which shall include measures to, inter alia, provide stakeholders with timely, relevant, understandable and accessible information, and consult with them in a culturally appropriate manner, which is free of manipulation, interference, coercion, discrimination and intimidation. | Adopt the SEP no later than 30 days after the project effectiveness date and thereafter implement the SEP throughout Project implementation. | MOH PIU |
| 10.2 | PROJECT GRIEVANCE MECHANISM Establish, publicize, maintain, and operate an accessible grievance mechanism, to receive and facilitate resolution of concerns and grievances in relation to the Project, promptly and effectively, in a transparent manner that is culturally appropriate and readily accessible to all Project-affected parties, at no cost and without retribution, including concerns and grievances filed anonymously, in a manner consistent with ESS10. The grievance mechanism shall be equipped to receive, register, and facilitate the resolution of SEA/SH complaints, including through the referral of survivors to relevant gender-based violence service providers, all in a safe, confidential, and survivor-centered manner. | Establish the grievance mechanism prior to project effectiveness date, and thereafter maintain and operate the mechanism throughout Project implementation. | MOH PIU |
| CAPACITY SUPPORT | | | |
| CS1 | Training to be provided to PIU staff, stakeholders, communities, Project workers] on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • stakeholder mapping and engagement • specific aspects of environmental and social assessment • emergency preparedness and response • community health and safety including SEA and SH and training on codes of conduct for healthcare workers | No later than 60 business days after the Effective Date and periodically with the addition of new Project team members join the project throughout implementation. | World Bank |
| CS2 | Training for Project workers on occupational health and safety and environmental protection | No later than 30 days after the contracting of the project workers. | MOH PIU |