

Bosnia and Herzegovina (BiH)

Bosnia and Herzegovina Emergency COVID-19 Project (P173809)

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ENVIRONMENTAL and SOCIAL COMMITMENT PLAN (ESCP)

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1. Council of Ministers of Bosnia and Herzegovina (hereinafter the **Borrower**) shall implement the COVID-19 Strategic Preparedness and Response Project (the **Project**), with the involvement of the following Ministries: the Republika Srpska (RS) Ministry of Health and Social Welfare (**MoHSW**), the Federal Ministry of Health (**FMOH**), and the Federal Ministry of Labor and Social Policy (**FMoLSP**). The International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (hereinafter the **Bank**) has agreed to provide financing for the Project.
2. The Borrower shall 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 Borrower is responsible for compliance with all requirements of the ESCP even when implementation of specific measures and actions is conducted by the Ministries referenced in 1. above.
4. Implementation of the material measures and actions set out in this ESCP shall be monitored and reported to the Bank by the Borrower as required by the ESCP and the conditions of the legal agreement, and the Bank will monitor and assess progress and completion of the material measures and actions throughout implementation of the Project.
5. As agreed by the Bank and the Borrower, 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 Borrower shall agree to the changes with the Bank and will update the ESCP to reflect such changes. Agreement on changes to the ESCP shall be documented through the exchange of letters signed between the Bank and the Borrower. The Borrower shall 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 Borrower 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			
A	REGULAR REPORTING: Prepare and submit to the 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 documents required under the ESCP, stakeholder engagement activities, functioning of the grievance mechanism(s).	Quarterly throughout Project implementation	In RS: PAFPID of the MoHSW In FBiH: PIU/PIT of the FMOH and FMOlSP
ESS 1: ASSESSMENT AND MANAGEMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL RISKS AND IMPACTS			
1.1	ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE: The RS Ministry of Health and Social Welfare, the Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina (FBiH) Ministry of Health and the Ministry of Labor and Social Policy shall establish and maintain units/departments responsible for project implementation, including relevant Project Implementation Team (PIT) with qualified staff and resources to support the management of ESHS risks and impacts of the Project including environmental and social risk management specialists. This includes the Planning, Analysis, Financing and Project Implementation Department (PAFPID) within the MoHSW in RS.	The PIU and PAFPID Environmental and Social Specialists shall be recruited prior to the carrying out of Project activities and shall thereafter be retained throughout Project implementation	In RS: PAFPID of the MoHSW In FBiH: FMOlSP and FMOH

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<p>1.2 ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL ASSESSMENT/MANAGEMENT PLANS AND INSTRUMENTS/ CONTRACTORS</p> <p>a. Prepare, disclose and adopt an Environmental and Social Management Framework (ESMF), and assess the environmental and social risks and impacts of proposed Project activities in accordance with ESS1 and the ESMF, 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 (ESMPs), Infection Control and Medical Waste Management Plans (ICWMPs) or other instruments required for the respective Project activities based on the assessment process, in accordance with the ESSs, the ESMF, and other relevant Good International Industry Practice (GIIP) including the WHO Country & Technical Guidance - Coronavirus disease (COVID-19) and the WHO Guidelines on Safe Management of Wastes from Health-Care Activities in a manner acceptable to the Bank.</p> <p>c. Incorporate the relevant aspects of this ESCP, including, inter alia, any ESMPs, ICWMPs and/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>a. The ESMF to be prepared and disclosed and adopted before the commencement of any of the relevant Project activities.</p> <p>b. Before the carrying out of the relevant Project activities, and thereafter throughout the implementation 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>In RS: PAFPID of the MoHSW In FBIH: PIU/PIT of the FMOH and FMoLSP</p>

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1.3	<p>EXCLUSIONS: The following type of activities shall not be eligible for financing under the Project:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Activities that may cause long term, permanent and/or irreversible (e.g. loss of major natural habitat) adverse impacts on the environment • Activities that may have significant adverse social impacts and may give rise to significant social conflict • Activities that may affect lands or rights of minorities, • Activities that may involve permanent resettlement or land acquisition or adverse impacts on cultural heritage • All the other excluded activities set out in the ESMF of the Project. 	These exclusions shall be applied as part of the assessment process conducted under action 1.2.a. above.	<p>In RS: PAFPID of the MoHSW In FBIH: PIU/PIT of the FMoH and FMoLSP</p>
ESS 2: LABOR AND WORKING CONDITIONS			
2.1	<p>LABOR MANAGEMENT: The Project shall be carried out in accordance with the applicable requirements of ESS2, in a manner acceptable to the Bank, 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.</p>	Throughout Project implementation.	<p>In RS: PAFPID of the MoHSW In FBIH: PIU/PIT of the FMoH and FMoLSP</p>
ESS 3: RESOURCE EFFICIENCY AND POLLUTION PREVENTION AND MANAGEMENT			
	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.		
ESS 4: COMMUNITY HEALTH AND SAFETY			
	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.		
ESS 5: LAND ACQUISITION, RESTRICTIONS ON LAND USE AND INVOLUNTARY RESETTLEMENT			
	Not considered currently relevant. All mobile health care facilities will either be located on vacant public or private land with written voluntary consent in accordance with principles of voluntary consent specified in ESS5.		
ESS 6: BIODIVERSITY CONSERVATION AND SUSTAINABLE MANAGEMENT OF LIVING NATURAL RESOURCES			
	Not relevant.		
ESS 7: INDIGENOUS PEOPLES/SUB-SAHARAN AFRICAN HISTORICALLY UNDERSERVED TRADITIONAL LOCAL COMMUNITIES			
	Not relevant.		

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ESS 8: CULTURAL HERITAGE			
Not considered currently relevant.			
ESS 9: FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARIES			
Not relevant.			
ESS 10: STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT AND INFORMATION DISCLOSURE			
10.1	STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT PLAN: Update, disclose, adopt, and implement a Stakeholder Engagement Plan (SEP) consistent with ESS10, in a manner acceptable to the Bank.	A draft SEP has already been prepared and disclosed. It will be further updated and disclosed again and adopted not later than 30 days after the Effective Date. The SEP will be implemented throughout the Project implementation period.	In RS: PAFPID of the MoHSW In FBIH: PIU/PIT of the FMoH and FMoLSP
10.2	GRIEVANCE MECHANISM: Accessible grievance mechanisms as defined in the SEP shall be established and 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 Bank.	Throughout Project implementation.	In RS: PAFPID of the MoHSW In FBIH: PIU/PIT of the FMoH and FMoLSP
CAPACITY SUPPORT (TRAINING)			
	<p><u>Training topics for personnel involved in Project implementation will among others include:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Training topics as per the WHO Country & Technical Guidance - Coronavirus disease (COVID-19) https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019/technical-guidance including but not limited to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - COVID-19 Infection Prevention and Control Recommendations - Laboratory biosafety guidance related to the COVID-19 - Specimen collection and shipment - Standard precautions for COVID-19 patients - Risk communication and community engagement - Establishment of quarantine • Training topics as per the WHO Guidelines on Safe Management of Wastes from Health-Care Activities https://apps.who.int/iris/bitstream/handle/10665/85349/9789241548564_eng.pdf;jsessionid=EE45FF4B510A5297A7DFF6030A3BED25?sequence=1 • Entity Sanitary Regulations and Norms 	Throughout Project implementation.	PAFPID of the MoHSW in RS, PIU/PIT of the FMoH and FMoLSP in FBIH in cooperation with the WHO experts or experts experienced in the relevant topics.