

**Government of Egypt-Ministry of Health and  
Population  
Egypt COVID-19 Emergency Response (P173912)**

**[Draft/Version for Negotiations]  
ENVIRONMENTAL and SOCIAL  
COMMITMENT PLAN (ESCP)**

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## ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL COMMITMENT PLAN

1. Government of Egypt (hereinafter the Borrower) will implement the *Egypt COVID-19 Emergency Response Project* (the **Project**), with the involvement of the Ministry of Health and Population. The *[International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (hereinafter the Bank)]* has agreed to provide financing for the Project.
2. The Borrower 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 Borrower is responsible for compliance with all requirements of the ESCP even when implementation of specific measures and actions is conducted by the Ministry, agency or unit referenced in 1. above.
4. Implementation of the material measures and actions set out in this ESCP will 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/ 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 Borrower/ or *delegate(s)*. The Borrower/ 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 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
<b>MONITORING AND REPORTING</b>			
A	<b>REGULAR REPORTING:</b> 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, stakeholder engagement activities and grievances log.	Every six-months during the Project's implementation in conjunction with the Project's progress reports	<i>Ministry of Health and Population through the PMU</i>
<b>ESS 1: ASSESSMENT AND MANAGEMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL RISKS AND IMPACTS</b>			
a. 1. 1	b. ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE: The ministry of health and population shall establish and maintain a project Management unit (PMU) with qualified staff and resources to support management of ESHS risks and impacts of the Project including Environmental/infection prevention control specialist, and Social/communication specialist.	c. The PMU Environmental/infection prevention control specialist, and Social/communication specialist will be assigned to the project within one month after the Project Effectiveness Date and maintained throughout Project implementation.	d. Ministry of Health and Population through the PMU

<p>1.2</p>	<p><b>ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL ASSESSMENT/MANAGEMENT PLANS AND INSTRUMENTS/ CONTRACTORS</b></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. The ESMF will include a Medical Waste Management Plan (MWMP) and Infection prevention and control (IPC) measures that are aligned with the WBG EHS guideline for healthcare facilities, WHO updated guidelines including but not limited to, (Infection Prevention and Control guidance for Long-Term Care Facilities in the context of COVID-19, Infection Prevention and Control for the safe management of a dead body in the context of COVID-19, Water, sanitation, hygiene, and waste management for the COVID-19 virus and Safe management of wastes from health-care activities). It will also set the guidance for selection of waste transports and disposal contractors for the facilities financed by 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 EHSs, and other relevant Good International Industry Practice (GIIP) including [the WHO evolving guidelines on Safe management of wastes from health-care activities, guidance on water, sanitation and waste management for COVID-19, Laboratory testing for coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) in suspected human cases. laboratory biosafety related to 2019-nCoV. and Infection Prevention and Control guidance for Long-Term Care in a manner acceptable to the Bank.</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. Include in the ESMF provisions for environmental and social risk management for the Contingent Emergency Response Component (CERC) should it be activated during project implementation. If the ESMF measures of the Project do not fit the type of activities and their environmental and social risks of the CERC, an Addendum to the ESMF</p>	<p>a. ESMF to be prepared, disclosed and adopted no later than 1 month after the Effectiveness Date and prior to commencement of relevant Project activities. Assessments to be conducted prior to 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. CERC provisions included in the ESMF prepared within 1 month after the Effectiveness Date. Addendum, if needed, prepared within 30 days of CERC activation.</p> <p>e. The national comprehensive COVID-19 response plan will include a chapter on addressing the E&amp;S risks associated with implementing the plan, before issuing the plan.</p>	<p><i>Ministry of Health and Population through the PMU</i></p>
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	would be prepared to address CERC-activities risks. e. Integrate environmental and social objectives into the national comprehensive COVID-19 response plan in alignment with the ESF relevant standards.		
1.3	a. Ensure the eligible retroactive financing to meet the following conditions: i) adequate training is provided on the use of goods and supplies; ii) adequate waste management systems is in place.	Starting from procurement of goods and supplies under the retroactive financing to full E&S instrument is approved and disclosed.	<i>Ministry of Health and Population through the PMU</i>

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1.3	<b>EXCLUSIONS:</b> Exclude the following type of activities as ineligible for financing under the Project: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Civil works that include construction of new facilities or rehabilitation of existing ones</li> <li>• Activities that have high probability of causing serious adverse effects to human health and/or the environment</li> <li>• Activities that may have significant adverse social impacts and may give rise to significant social conflict</li> <li>• Activities that may involve permanent resettlement or land acquisition or adverse impacts on cultural heritage</li> <li>• All the other excluded activities that will be set out in the amended ESMF of the Project.</li> </ul>	During the assessment process conducted under action 1.2.a. above.	<i>Ministry of Health and Population through the PMU</i>

ESS 2: LABOR AND WORKING CONDITIONS			
2.1	<b>LABOR MANAGEMENT:</b> 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. These requirements will be outlined in the ESMF and Labor Management Procedures.	Labor Management Procedures shall be prepared, disclosed and adopted as part of the ESMF, no later than 30 days after the Effectiveness Date and before the carrying out of the relevant Project activities.  All measures specified in this action 2.1 shall be implemented throughout the Project implementation period.	<i>Ministry of Health and Population through the PMU</i>

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2.2	<b>OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH AND SAFETY (OHS) MEASURES:</b> Adopt, implement and update the Occupational Health and Safety (OHS) measures in line with the ESMF, LMP, Infection Prevention & Waste Management Plan (IPC&WMP) and WHO guidelines on COVID-19 in a manner acceptable to the Bank.	The IPC&WMP will be prepared, disclosed and adopted as part of the ESMF, no later than 30 days after the Effectiveness Date and before the carrying out of the relevant Project activities.  All measures specified in this action 2.2 shall be implemented throughout the Project implementation period.	<i>Ministry of Health and Population through the PMU</i>
2.3	Provide training for (i) healthcare workers including first responders on IPC measures to prevent the spread of COVID-19 among them and (ii) specialized medical teams on in COVID-19 case management according to the WHO protocols	All measures specified in this action 2.2 shall be implemented throughout the Project implementation period.	<i>Ministry of Health and Population through the PMU</i>
<b>ESS 3: RESOURCE EFFICIENCY AND POLLUTION PREVENTION AND MANAGEMENT</b>			
	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.		
<b>ESS 4: COMMUNITY HEALTH AND SAFETY</b>			
	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.		
<b>ESS 5: LAND ACQUISITION, RESTRICTIONS ON LAND USE AND INVOLUNTARY RESETTLEMENT</b>			
	Not currently relevant.		
<b>ESS 6: BIODIVERSITY CONSERVATION AND SUSTAINABLE MANAGEMENT OF LIVING NATURAL RESOURCES</b>			
	Not currently relevant.		
<b>ESS 7: INDIGENOUS PEOPLES/SUB-SAHARAN AFRICAN HISTORICALLY UNDERSERVED TRADITIONAL LOCAL COMMUNITIES</b>			
	Not currently relevant.		
<b>ESS 8: CULTURAL HERITAGE</b>			
	Not currently relevant.		
<b>ESS 9: FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARIES</b>			
	Not currently relevant.		
<b>ESS 10: STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT AND INFORMATION DISCLOSURE</b>			
10.1	<b>STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT PLAN:</b> Update, disclose and implement the preliminary Stakeholder Engagement Plan (SEP) consistent with ESS10, in a manner acceptable to the Bank.	Update, disclose, and adopt the preliminary SEP no later than 1 month after the Effectiveness Date, and implement the SEP throughout the Project implementation period.	<i>Ministry of Health and Population through the PMU</i>

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10.1	<b>STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT INFORMATION AND DISCLOSURE:</b> Adopt measures as set out in amended ESMF, to ensure that the carrying out of Project activities includes stakeholder engagement and information disclosure consistent with ESS10, in a manner acceptable to the Bank.	Throughout Project implementation.	<i>Ministry of Health and Population through the PMU</i>
10.2	<b>GRIEVANCE MECHANISM:</b> 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 Bank included in the Project's Stakeholder Engagement Plan throughout Project implementation.	Adopt the GRM for the Project within 30 days of the Effectiveness Date, and implement and update the GRM and all requirements under this action 10.2 throughout the Project implementation period.	<i>Ministry of Health and Population through the PMU</i>
<b>CAPACITY SUPPORT (TRAINING)</b>			
A.	Provide capacity support including training for PMU staff based on identified need to support the management of ESHS risks and impacts of the Project	Throughout Project implementation	<i>Ministry of Health and Population through the PMU in coordination with the Bank</i>