

Republic of Mali

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MALI COVID-19 EMERGENCY RESPONSE PROJECT

**ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL COMMITMENT PLAN
(ESCP)**

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1. The Republic of Mali will implement the COVID-19 EMERGENCY RESPONSE PROJECT, through the Ministry of Health and Social Affairs (MHSA). The International Development Association (hereinafter the Association) has agreed to provide financing for the Project.
2. The Republic of Mali will ensure that the activities financed by the project comply with the requirements of the Environmental and Social Framework (ESF). This Environmental and Social Commitment Plan (ESCP) sets out material measures and actions, provides guidance for the preparation of specific documents or plans as well as the timeline for their preparation and/or update.
3. The Republic of Mali is responsible for compliance with all requirements of the ESF as reflected in this ESCP regardless which Ministry, agency or unit referenced in paragraph 1 is responsible.
4. Implementation of the material measures and actions set out in this ESCP will be monitored and reported to the Association by the Republic of Mali as outlined in the ESCP and the conditions of the Legal Agreement. The Association will support the implementation and monitor and assess progress and completion of the ESCP during implementation of the Project.
5. As agreed by the Association and the Republic of Mali, 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 Republic of Mali will agree to the changes with the Association 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 Association and the Republic of Mali. The Republic of Mali will promptly disclose the updated ESCP per the requirements of the ESF.
6. Where Project changes, unforeseen circumstances or Project performance result in changes to the risks and impacts during Project implementation, the Republic of Mali 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 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 grievance log.	<i>Quarterly throughout project implementation</i>	<i>Ministry of Health and Social Affairs</i>
ESS 1: ASSESSMENT AND MANAGEMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL RISKS AND IMPACTS			
1.1	ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE: The Ministry of Health and Social Affairs shall maintain the existing PIU established for the implementation of the REDISSE III Project with adequate and qualified staff and resources to support management of ESHS risks and impacts of the Project and compliance with the ESF, including the hiring or appointment of a dedicated environmental and social (E&S) specialists in the PIU to ensure adequate ESHS risk identification, management and reporting. A third-party entity may be required to support implementation monitoring and evaluation.	The PIU should be maintained throughout Project implementation with both a full-time environmental and social specialist. Any additional specialists such as the communication specialists for the implementation of the SEP shall be hired no later than one month after Project effectiveness.	<i>Ministry of Health and Social Affairs</i>

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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 and ensure that individuals or groups who, because of their particular circumstances may be disadvantaged or vulnerable also have access to the development benefits resulting from the Project, in accordance with the Environmental and Social Management Framework (ESMF) prepared for REDISSE III and updated for this Project. The ESMF will include an Infection Control and Waste Management Plan (ICWMP) and guidance regarding how to assess SEA/H risks and mitigation measures during implementation.</p> <p>b. Assess, prepare, disclose, adopt and implement any environmental and social management plans or other instruments required to guide the implementation of the Project activities in accordance with the ESSs including the ESMF, ESHGs, and other relevant Good International Industry Practice (GIIP) including the WHO guidelines on the Disposal of Medical Waste in a manner acceptable to the Association.</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 including any measures intended to prevent SEA/H.</p>	<p>a. ESMF will be updated no later than 30 days after Project effectiveness. E&S risks and impacts must be assessed and managed consistent with ESS1 for any activities that will be implemented before the updated ESMF is finalized and disclosed.</p> <p>b. Plans or instruments prepared before start of the relevant Project activities and thereafter implemented 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><i>Ministry of Health and Social Affairs</i></p>
<p>1.3 EXCLUSIONS: Exclude the following type of activities as ineligible for financing under the Project:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Any activities that involve any permanent or temporary land acquisition, land use restriction and/or involuntary resettlement; • All the other excluded activities set out in the ESMF of the Project. 		

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ESS 2: LABOR AND WORKING CONDITIONS		

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<p>2.1 LABOR MANAGEMENT: The Project shall be carried out in accordance with the requirements of ESS2, 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 shall prepare a Labor Management Procedure (LMP) which will include an accessible and functional GRM for project workers.</p>	<p>The LMP will be prepared and disclosed before engaging project workers in the carrying out of Project activities. The LMP shall be maintained, implemented, monitored and evaluated throughout Project implementation. All other measures specified shall also be implemented throughout the Project implementation period.</p>	<p><i>Ministry of Health and Social Affairs</i></p>
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 medical healthcare waste management plan and ESMF will be updated as needed during implementation.</p>	<p>Throughout Project implementation.</p>	<p><i>Ministry of Health and Social Affairs</i></p>
ESS 4: COMMUNITY HEALTH AND SAFETY		
<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 potential use of security personnel; and prevent and respond to sexual exploitation and abuse, and sexual harassment (SEA/H).</p>	<p>A Community Health and Safety Plan (CHSP) will be included in the updated ESMF and updated as needed during Project implementation. The updated ESMF will also include guidance regarding the assessment of SEA/H risks and mitigation measures.</p>	<p><i>Ministry of Health and Social Affairs</i></p>
ESS 5: LAND ACQUISITION, RESTRICTIONS ON LAND USE AND INVOLUNTARY RESETTLEMENT		
<p>Not currently relevant.</p>		
ESS 6: BIODIVERSITY CONSERVATION AND SUSTAINABLE MANAGEMENT OF LIVING NATURAL RESOURCES		
<p>Not currently relevant.</p>		
ESS 7: INDIGENOUS PEOPLES/SUB-SAHARAN AFRICAN HISTORICALLY UNDERSERVED TRADITIONAL LOCAL COMMUNITIES		
<p>Not currently relevant.</p>		
ESS 8: CULTURAL HERITAGE		
<p>Not currently relevant.</p>		
ESS 9: FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARIES		
<p>Not currently relevant.</p>		
ESS 10: STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT AND INFORMATION DISCLOSURE		

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10.1	STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT PLAN: Prepare, disclose, adopt and implement a Stakeholder Engagement Plan (SEP) consistent with ESS10, and in line with WHO provisions “Risk communication and community engagement (RCCE) readiness and response to the 2019 novel coronavirus (2019-nCoV)” (January 26, 2020), in a manner acceptable to the Association.	A draft SEP has been prepared and disclosed. It will be further updated and disclosed no later than 30 days after Project effectiveness. The SEP shall be implemented throughout Project implementation.	<i>Ministry of Health and Social Affairs</i>
10.2	GRIEVANCE MECHANISM: An accessible and functional project GRM will be established to receive and facilitate the resolution of concerns and grievances in relation to the Project as outlined in the SEP and consistent with ESS10, in a manner acceptable to the Association. Adequate resources will be provided for the establishment and operation of the GRM.	Project GRM will be established and functional prior to the carrying out of any project activities and will be maintained throughout project implementation.	<i>Ministry of Health and Social Affairs</i>
CAPACITY SUPPORT (TRAINING)			
	Provide training to health workers and surface technicians regarding environmental risks and waste management. Provide training to complaint management committees on GRM management and follow up. Provide training to staff of health delivery facilities regarding the adequate use of personal protection equipment and diagnosis, care and notification of positive COVID-19 cases.	A comprehensive training plan will be prepared within 30 days of Project effectiveness. It will be implemented immediately and throughout Project implementation.	<i>Ministry of Health and Social Affairs</i>