

# **Palestinian Liberation Organization (for the benefit of the Palestinian Authority)**

**Gaza wastewater Management Sustainability Project  
Project ID no: P168295**

## **ENVIRONMENTAL and SOCIAL COMMITMENT PLAN (ESCP)**

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1. The Palestine Liberation Organization (for the benefit of the Palestinian Authority) (the Recipient) is implementing the Gaza Wastewater Management Sustainability Project -WMSP-" hereinafter (the Project) with the involvement of Palestinian Water Authority (PWA). Project Management Unit (PMU) housed in PWA, established to implement the project. 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 a summary of the material measures and actions, as well as the timing for each of these.
3. The Recipient will also comply with the provisions of any other Social documents required under the ESF and referred to in this ESCP, such as the Environmental and Social Management Plan (ESMP), Environmental and Social Audit (ESA), Stakeholder Engagement Plan (SEP), Contractors-Environmental and Social Management Plans (CESMPs), the Operation Manual, and Labor Management Procedure (LMP) that includes guidelines and mitigation measures and the timelines specified in those documents.
4. The Recipient is responsible for compliance with all requirements of the ESCP even when implementation of specific measures and actions is conducted by PWA.
5. 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.
6. 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 the Project changes and unforeseen circumstances or in response to assessment of the Project performance conducted under the ESCP itself. In such circumstances, the Recipient 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 Recipient who will promptly disclose the updated ESCP. The updated ESCP may also specify the funding necessary for completion of a measure or action.
7. Where Project changes, unforeseen circumstances, or Project performance result in changes to the risks and impacts during Project implementation, the Recipient will 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	<p><b>REGULAR REPORTING</b></p> <p>The Recipient shall prepare and submit regular environmental and social monitoring reports on compliance status of the project implementation, in accordance with legal agreement, including the requirements of ESCP, and ESSs.</p> <p>More elaborates aspects of monitoring and reporting will be provided in the agreed ESF instruments (such as ESMP, ESA, SEP, CESMP, OM, and LMP). The scope and outline of the progress and monitoring report will be agreed upon with the Association within the first three months after project effectiveness.</p>	Quarterly	<p>PWA</p> <p>Funding from the Project budget</p>

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B	<p><b>INCIDENTS AND ACCIDENTS</b></p> <p>Inform the Association about any incident or accident caused by or affecting Project implementation which has had or is likely to have a significant adverse impact on the workers, communities, the public, or the natural environment. The following will be given ultimate priority:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Notify the Association within 24 hours of any incident or accident related to the Project or that has, or could have a significant adverse effect on the environment, the affected communities, the public, or the workers included, for example, occupational accidents that could result in death or serious injury, cases of GBV or violence against minors, injuries, falls, vehicle accidents, electrocution, and uncontrolled electricity supply problems;</li> <li>• Provide sufficient details regarding the incident or accident, and indicate immediate measures taken to address it;</li> <li>• Prepare a report of the causes of the incident and submit it to the Association, detailing summary findings of the Root Cause Analysis (RCA);</li> <li>• An incident register will be maintained at all construction sites, throughout the duration of the works.</li> </ul>	<p>Promptly after taking notice of the incident or accident from PETL/DISCOs/contractors, but no later than one calendar day from its occurrence</p> <p>Any incident or accident shall be notified immediately by the involved parties to the Association after occurrence. Fatalities will be reported within 24 hours after occurrence.</p> <p>The details regarding the incident or accident will be provide no later than 48 hours after the initial notification</p> <p>RCA will be submitted no later than 10 days after the initial notification</p>	<p>PWA</p> <p>Funding from the Project budget</p>
C	<p><b>CONTRACTORS MONTHLY REPORTS</b></p> <p>The Recipient shall prepare monthly monitoring reports. Such reports shall be submitted to the Association by the Recipient upon request.</p>	<p>Monthly</p>	<p>PWA</p>
<p><b>ESS 1: ASSESSMENT AND MANAGEMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL RISKS AND IMPACTS</b></p>			

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1.1	<p><b>ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE</b> PWA shall be responsible for following up the implementation of the environmental and social considerations stated in the ESF instruments.</p> <p>PWA shall establish and maintain an organizational structure with qualified staff and resources to support management of E&amp;S risks and impacts.</p> <p>PWA shall assign an Environmental and Social Officer (ESO) and an Occupational Health and Safety Officer (OHSO).</p>	ESO shall be selected within three months after appraisal and no later than by Project effectiveness	PWA Funding from Project budget
1.2	<p><b>ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL ASSESSMENT</b> Updated ESMP and ESA as needed, at the detailed design stage of the Project.</p> <p>Require contractor to prepare contractor Environmental and Social Management Plan (CESMP) in alignment with the ESMP and ESA prepared by PWA</p>	<p>Prior to initiating of subproject and maintained throughout Project implementation</p> <p>Submission – within one month from contract signing and before implementation – throughout Project Implementation</p>	PWA
1.3	<p><b>MANAGEMENT TOOLS AND INSTRUMENTS</b> Prepare Project Operational Manual (POM) in alignment in line with the ESMP and ESA.</p> <p>Prepare Traffic Management Plan (TMP) in alignment in line with the ESMP and ESA, where needed.</p>	Prior to initiating of subproject and maintained throughout Project implementation	PWA

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1.4	<p><b>MANAGEMENT OF CONTRACTORS</b></p> <p>Incorporate the relevant E&amp;S requirements including ESHS specifications in the procurement/bidding documents. Ensure that these requirements are incorporated in Civil works and installation of equipment contracts and that the contractor comply with the ESHS specifications of his respective contracts.</p>	During preparation of bidding documents	PWA
1.5	<p><b>PERMIT, CONSENTS AND AUTHORIZATIONS:</b></p> <p>Obtain or assist in obtaining, as appropriate, the permits, consents and authorizations that are applicable to the Project from relevant national authorities and the Israeli COGAT for equipment and chemicals entry.</p> <p>Comply or cause to comply, as appropriate, with the conditions established in these permits, consents and authorizations.</p> <p>Ensure all suppliers for equipment and raw-materials are authorized.</p>	Prior to procurement of equipment or bidding of construction works that require permits, consents, authorizations	PWA
<b>ESS 2: LABOR AND WORKING CONDITIONS</b>			
2.1	<p><b>LABOR MANAGEMENT PROCEDURES:</b></p> <p>Update, adopt, and implement the LMP that have been developed for the Project</p>	Maintained and updated if necessary throughout the Project implementation	PWA
2.2	<p><b>GRIEVANCE MECHANISM FOR PROJECT WORKERS</b></p> <p>Ensure contractors establish, maintain, and operate a grievance mechanism for Project workers, as described in the LMP and GRM.</p> <p>Develop manual for GRM.</p>	Before the start of the project. Customize and updated throughout the Project implementation	PWA
2.3	<p><b>OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH AND SAFETY (OHS) MEASURES</b></p> <p>Prepare, adopt, and implement occupational, health and safety (OHS) manual specified in the ESMP and ESA acceptable to the Association.</p>	Prior to publication of bidding document and the Project construction works	PWA

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2.4	<p><b>EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE:</b> Prepare as part of the manual for OHS measures on emergency preparedness and response and ensure coordination with measures under 4.5.</p>	Prior to initiating construction. Maintained throughout the Project implementation	Contractor
2.5	<p><b>PROJECT WORKERS TRAINING:</b> Require contractors to design and deliver training for Project's workers in hygiene, health and safety, sexual transmitted diseases, GBV and SEA.</p>	Prior to initiating construction and maintained throughout the Project implementation	Contractor
<b>ESS 3: RESOURCE EFFICIENCY AND POLLUTION PREVENTION AND MANAGEMENT</b>			
3.1	<p><b>RESOURCE EFFICIENCY AND POLLUTION PREVENTION AND MANAGEMENT:</b> Adhere to resource recovery measures and management of wastes and hazardous materials as required in the ESMP and the ESA.</p>	Prior Project effectiveness and maintained throughout the Project implementation and life.	Contractor Funding from the Project budget
<b>ESS 4: COMMUNITY HEALTH AND SAFETY</b>			
4.1	<p><b>TRAFFIC AND ROAD SAFETY:</b> Adopt and implement measures and actions to assess and manage traffic and road safety risks as required in the ESMP and the ESA and prepare Traffic Management Plan, where needed.</p>		Contractor
4.2	<p><b>COMMUNITY HEALTH AND SAFETY:</b> Prepare, adopt, and implement measures and action to assess and manage specific risks and impacts to the community arising from Project activities.  Initiate awareness campaign to inform communities surrounding the Project about the risks.</p>	Prior to initiating construction and maintained throughout the Project implementation	Contractor
4.3	<p><b>GBV AND SEA RISKS:</b> Prepare, adopt, and implement a stand-alone GBV Action Plan, to assess and manage the risks of GBV and sexual exploitation and abuse (SEA) as identified in LMP and SEP.</p>	Prior to initiating of subproject and maintained throughout Project implementation.	PWA

4.4	<b>GBV AND SEA RISKS DURING PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION:</b> Monitor the awareness raising sessions (in 4.2, above).  Integrate GRM for GBV and SEA to track complaints related to GBV and SEA identified in LMP and SEP.	Prior to initiating of subproject and maintained throughout Project implementation.	PWA
4.5	<b>EMERGENCY RESPONSE MEASURES:</b> Adopt, implement and monitor emergency response measures prepared in ESMP.	Prior to initiating construction and maintained throughout the Project implementation	Contractor
4.6	<b>SECURITY PERSONNEL:</b> Prepare, adopt, and implement a stand-alone Security Personnel Management Plan consistent with the requirements of ESS4, in a manner acceptable to the Association.	Prior to initiating construction and maintained throughout the Project implementation	PWA
<b>ESS 5: LAND ACQUISITION, RESTRICTIONS ON LAND USE AND INVOLUNTARY RESETTLEMENT</b>			
5.1	<b>RESETTLEMENT PLANS:</b> Not relevant for this project. There are no locations where land acquisition or resettlement is required.  In case there will be any impact on land site-specific Resettlement Plan (RP) will be prepared.		
5.2	<b>GRIEVANCE MECHANISM:</b> Not relevant for this project		
<b>ESS 6: BIODIVERSITY CONSERVATION AND SUSTAINABLE MANAGEMENT OF LIVING NATURAL RESOURCES</b>			
6.1	<b>BIODIVERSITY RISKS AND IMPACTS:</b> Not relevant for this project.	Prior to initiating construction and maintained throughout the Project implementation	
<b>ESS 7: INDIGENOUS PEOPLES/SUB-SAHARAN AFRICAN HISTORICALLY UNDERSERVED TRADITIONAL LOCAL COMMUNITIES</b>			
7.1	<b>INDIGENOUS PEOPLES PLAN:</b> Not relevant for this project.		
7.2	<b>GRIEVANCE MECHANISM:</b> Not relevant for this project.		
<b>ESS 8: CULTURAL HERITAGE</b>			



8.1	<p><b>CHANCE FINDS:</b> Develop and document 'Chance Finds procedure' that will detail what the construction contractors must do in case valuable artefacts or culturally valuable materials are found. Such procedure will be included in all contracts relating to construction of the Project.</p> <p>Ensure relevant workers are trained in the requirements of the procedure prior to ground disturbance.</p>	Prior to initiating construction and maintained throughout the Project	PWA
<b>ESS 9: FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARIES</b>			
9.1	Not relevant for this project. No actions under the Project related to Financial Intermediaries.		
<b>ESS 10: STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT AND INFORMATION DISCLOSURE</b>			
10.1	<p><b>SEP PREPARATION AND IMPLEMENTATION:</b> Adopt, implement and update the Stakeholder Engagement Plan (SEP) which was prepared for the Project in accordance with the terms of the ESF and ESS 10.</p>	SEP was prepared and disclosed on by appraisal	PWA
10.2	<p><b>PROJECT GRIEVANCE MECHANISM:</b> Prepare, adopt, maintain and operate a grievance mechanism, as described in the LMP and SEP.</p>	Prior Project effectiveness and maintained throughout the Project implementation and life	PWA
<b>CAPACITY SUPPORT (TRAINING)</b>			
CS1	Social monitoring and reporting		
CS2	Use of personal Protective Equipment (PPE)		
CS3	Emergency Preparedness and Response		
CS4	OHS including emergency prevention and preparedness and response arrangements to emergency situations		
CS5	Environmental and social awareness		
CS6	GBV, SEA, and communicable diseases		
CS7	Environment and social monitoring and reporting		