

Republic of Belarus

Belarus Emergency COVID-19 Response Project (P173828)

ENVIRONMENTAL and SOCIAL COMMITMENT PLAN (ESCP)

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1. The Republic of Belarus (the **Recipient**) will implement the Belarus Emergency COVID-19 Response Project (the **Project**), with the involvement of the Ministry of Health (**MOH**). The International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (hereinafter **the Bank**) has agreed to provide financing for the Project.
2. The Receptient 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 Receptient is responsible for compliance with all requirements of the ESCP even when implementation of specific measures and actions is conducted by the Ministryreferenced 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 Receptient 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 the implementation of the Project.
5. As agreed by the Bank and the Receptient, 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 Receptient shall 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 Receptient. The Receptient 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 Recipient 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, stakeholder engagement activities and grievances log.	<i>Quarterly throughout Project implementation</i>	<i>MOH</i>
ESS 1: ASSESSMENT AND MANAGEMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL RISKS AND IMPACTS			
1.1	ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE: Ministry of Health (MOH) shall maintain the PIU with qualified staff and resources to support the management of ESHS risks and impacts of the Project including environmental and social risk management specialists.	<i>PIU to hire additional environmental specialist and social specialist not later than 30 days after Effectiveness Date. Said specialists shall be retained throughout Project implementation.</i>	<i>MOH</i>
1.2	<p>ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL ASSESSMENT/MANAGEMENT PLANS AND INSTRUMENTS/ CONTRACTORS</p> <p>a. Assess the environmental and social risks and impacts of proposed Project activities in accordance with ESS1 and the Environmental and Social Management Framework (ESMF) to be prepared, disclosed and adopted for the Project. The ESMF will include a template for Infection Control and Medical Waste Management Plan (ICWMP), 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 for all participating in the project Emergency Centers (ECs) and laboratories an Infection Control and Medical Waste Management Plan (ICWMP,) and any other 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 ESHGs, and other relevant Good International Industry Practice (GIIP) including relevant WHO guidelines, in a manner acceptable to the [Bank/Association.</p> <p>c. Incorporate the relevant aspects of this ESCP, including ICWMP, ESS2 requirements, and any other required ESHS measures, into the ESHS specifications of the procurement documents and contracts with contractors. Thereafter ensure that the contractors comply with the ESHS specifications of their respective contracts.</p>	<p>a. The ESMF to be prepared, disclosed and adopted prior to the commencement of Project activities.</p> <p>b. Before the carrying out of the relevant Project activities, and thereafter implemented throughout the implementation of such activities.</p> <p>c. Before launching the procurement process for the relevant Project activities and thereafter ensure that contractors comply with the ESHS specifications in their contracts through their involvement in the respective Project activities.</p>	<p><i>MOH</i></p> <p><i>MOH</i></p> <p><i>MOH</i></p>

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1.3	<p>EXCLUSIONS: Exclude the following type of activities as ineligible for financing under the Project:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> [specify the most relevant exclusions contained in the ESMF]. All the other excluded activities set out in the ESMF of the Project. 	During the assessment process conducted under action 1.2.a. above.	[Indicate responsible entity]

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ESS 2: LABOR AND WORKING CONDITIONS			
2.1	<p>LABOR MANAGEMENT:</p> <p>a. 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> <p>b. The Borrower shall prepare and implement Labor Management Procedures (LMP)</p> <p>c. The necessary protocols for treating patients and handling medical waste, disinfectant protocols, regular testing of healthcare workers, requirements for proper disposal of sharps, along with the environmental health and safety guidelines for staff and necessary Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), will be included in the Infection Control and Medical Waste Management Plan (ICWMP) to be adopted by and then implemented by ECs and laboratories participating in the Project.</p>	<p>a) Throughout Project implementation.</p> <p>b) ESMF, to be prepared no later than one month after the Effectiveness Date/LMP to be prepared before engaging project workers in the implementation of Project activities</p> <p>c) Throughout Project Implementation</p>	MOH
ESS 3: RESOURCE EFFICIENCY AND POLLUTION PREVENTION AND MANAGEMENT			

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<p>a. 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.</p> <p>b. Ensure requirements for water, air, etc., used in ECs, and labs are implemented as specified in the ICWMP and the requirements of National Sanitary Hygienic Service and WHO environmental infection control guidelines in a manner consistent with ESS3.</p>	<p>a. Throughout implementation. Project</p> <p>b. Throughout implementation. Project</p>	<p>MOH</p> <p>MOH</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; prevent and respond to sexual exploitation and abuse, and sexual harassment; and manage labor influx appropriately.</p> <p>Ensure the ECs and laboratories participating in the Project follow the requirements and procedures specified in the ICWMP regarding medical wastes management to prevent the infectious microorganism to be introduced into the environment.</p> <p>The Borrower will ensure that any security personnel engaged in the construction activities associated with the project will follow strict rules of engagement, code of conduct, and avoid any escalation.</p>	<p>Throughout Project implementation.</p> <p>Throughout Project implementation.</p>	<p>MOH</p> <p>MOH</p>
ESS 5: LAND ACQUISITION, RESTRICTIONS ON LAND USE AND INVOLUNTARY RESETTLEMENT Not relevant		
ESS 6: BIODIVERSITY CONSERVATION AND SUSTAINABLE MANAGEMENT OF LIVING NATURAL RESOURCES Not relevant		

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ESS 7: INDIGENOUS PEOPLES/SUB-SAHARAN AFRICAN HISTORICALLY UNDERSERVED TRADITIONAL LOCAL COMMUNITIES			
Not relevant			
ESS 8: CULTURAL HERITAGE			
Not relevant			
ESS 9: FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARIES			
Not relevant			
ESS 10: STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT AND INFORMATION DISCLOSURE			
10.1	STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT PLAN: Prepare, disclose, adopt, and implement a Stakeholder Engagement Plan (SEP) consistent with ESS10, in a manner acceptable to the Bank.	A draft SEP was already prepared and disclosed and shall be updated, disclosed and adopted not later than 30 days after the Effective Date. The SEP shall be implemented throughout the Project implementation period.	MOH
10.3	GRIEVANCE MECHANISM: 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.	Throughout Project implementation.	MOH
CAPACITY SUPPORT (TRAINING)			
	Training topics for personnel involved in Project implementation will include among others: <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 • WHO guidelines on quarantine and National Sanitary Regulations and Norms 	Throughout Project implementation.	MOH