

**Government of Burkina Faso
Ministry of Health**

**COVID-19 PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE
PROJECT (P173858)**

Additional Financing - P177535

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

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ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL COMMITMENT PLAN

1. Burkina Faso (hereinafter referred to as the "**Recipient**") will implement the Additional Financing for the COVID-19 Preparedness and Response Project (hereinafter referred to as the **Project**) through the Ministry of Health. The International Development Association (hereinafter referred to as the **Association**) has agreed to provide additional financing for the Project.
2. The Beneficiary will implement the project in accordance with the environmental and social standards (ESS). For this purpose, this Environmental and Social Commitment Plan (ESCP) defines the concrete measures and actions to be carried out or caused to be carried out by the Recipient, including the timeframes of the actions and measures, institutional, staffing, training, monitoring and the reporting arrangements, grievance management and the environmental and social assessment and instruments to be prepared or to be updated, disclosed, consulted upon, adopted and implemented under the ESCP and the ESSs, all in the manner acceptable to the Association.
3. Implementation of the material measures and actions set out in this ESCP shall be monitored and reported to the Association by the Recipient as required by the ESCP and the provisions of the Financing Agreement.
4. As agreed by the Association and the Recipient, this ESCP may be revised from time to time during the implementation of the Project, in a manner that reflects the adaptive management of changes or unforeseen situations that may occur under the Project, as of result of an evaluation of the performance of the Project carried out under the ESCP itself. In such situations, the Recipient shall agree to these changes and revise the ESCP accordingly. The agreement on the amendments to the PEES shall be attested by the exchange of letters signed between the Association and the Recipient. The Recipient shall immediately disclose the revised ESCP.
5. Where the performance of the Project, unforeseen situations, or changes in the Project result in changes in risks and effects during the implementation of the Project, the Recipient shall provide additional funds, if needed, for the implementation of actions and measures to deal with these risks and impacts. They may include environmental, health, and safety impacts; community health and safety risks due to increased risk of exposure to COVID-19 virus and poor management of medical waste and the possible use of military and/or security personnel; social risks relating to accessibility and inclusion, social conflict arising due to the limited availability of the vaccines; and risks of sexual abuse and exploitation and sexual harassment (SEA/SH), among others.

MATERIAL MEASURES AND ACTIONS		CALENDAR	RESPONSIBLE ENTITY/AUTHORITY
MONITORING AND REPORTS			
A	<p>REGULAR REPORTS</p> <p>The Recipient will prepare and submit through the Project Implementation Unit (PIU), quarterly and annual monitoring reports on the Environmental and social component, indicating the state of compliance with the measures presented in the ESCP, particularly with regard to the preparation of environmental and social safeguard instruments under the ESCP, stakeholder engagement activities and the registration of complaints.</p>	<p>Monitoring reports will be prepared on a quarterly basis. These reports will be sent to the Association, at the latest, on the 5th of the month following the end of the quarter.</p> <p>A compilation of these reports shall be made annually and submitted to the Association no later than January 10 following the previous year. These quarterly and annual reports will be produced throughout the implementation of the project in coordination with the project progress and results report.</p>	<p>Ministry of Health (MoH) through the PIU</p>
B	<p>INCIDENTS AND ACCIDENTS</p> <p>The Recipient shall promptly inform the Association of any incident or accident related to the Project that has, or is likely to have, a significant adverse impact on the environment, affected communities, the public, or workers, including any COVID-19 outbreak in the Project workforce and abuse and sexual harassment (SEA/SH) related to the Project. The Recipient shall provide sufficient detail in a manner acceptable to the Association, regarding the incident or accident, indicating any immediate measures taken or that are planned to address it, as well as any information provided by a provider and regulatory agencies, if applicable. Thereafter, at the request of the Association, the Recipient shall prepare a report on the incident or accident and propose any measures to prevent its recurrence.</p> <p>The notification shall include as much information as possible about the incident(s) or accident(s) in question and shall indicate the measures taken without delay to address them and shall include information made available by any supplier or provider and by the supervising entity as appropriate.</p> <p>A standard incident or accident notification form will be sent to all suppliers and service providers.</p>	<p>Incidents and accidents must be reported immediately to the Association in writing within 48 hours of becoming aware of them, or within 24 hours in the event of a fatality.</p> <p>This reporting system will be in effect throughout the implementation of the project.</p>	<p>MoH-PIU</p>

ESS 1: ASSESSMENT AND MANAGEMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL RISKS AND IMPACTS			
1.1	<p>ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE</p> <p>The Ministry of Health will maintain the PIU staffed with qualified personnel and sufficient resources to support the management of the environmental, social, health, and safety (ESHS) risks and impacts of the Project, including an environmental safeguard specialist and a social development specialist.</p>	<p>Environmental and social safeguard (E&S) specialists initially assigned to the parent project PMU may be retained after a satisfactory performance evaluation.</p> <p>In any case, the project must have qualified specialists in place no later than one month after Project Effectiveness.</p>	MoH-PIU
	<p>ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL ASSESSMENT/MANAGEMENT PLANS AND INSTRUMENTS/CONTRACTORS</p> <p>a. Assess the environmental and social risks and effects associated with the proposed Project activities in accordance with the parent Project's <i>Environmental and Social Management Framework (ESMF)</i> that will be used to implement the FA activities and that will be updated prior to the commencement of activities to reflect the proposed new activities under the AF. The revised ESMF will be disclosed, consulted and adopted in accordance with the NES, Environmental, Health and Safety (EHS) guidelines and other international good industry practices (GIIP), including relevant WHO guidelines, particularly to ensure that individuals or groups who, because of their particular circumstances, may be disadvantaged or vulnerable, have access to the benefits of project development. The ESMF will incorporate procedures, protocols, and/or other measures to ensure that project beneficiaries who receive vaccines under the project do so under a program that does not include forced immunization and is acceptable to the Bank.</p> <p>b. Update, publish, adopt and implement the following parent project tools and instruments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Environmental and Social Management Framework (ESMF), including an ESMP, an Action Plan for the fight against EAS/HS; ▪ Infection Control and Waste Management Plan (ICWMP); ▪ Stakeholder Engagement Plan (SEP); ▪ Labor Management Plan (LMP) ; ▪ Grievance Mechanism (GM). <p>Tools and instruments for assessment (frameworks and plans) and prevention/management of specific risks will be prepared as needed</p>	<p>a. The parent project's ESMF, ICWMP, SEP, and GM will be updated, disclosed, consulted, and adopted as necessary by Effective Date prior to the commencement of activities, and implemented throughout the project's implementation.</p> <p>b. Prior to the initiation of the procurement process for the relevant Project activities and thereafter throughout the Project activities.</p>	PIU E&S Specialists

	<p>(EAS/HS Action Plan), codes of conduct during project implementation.</p> <p>The Recipient will also update the Project Implementation Manual with a section "Environmental and Social Safeguards", which will describe in detail:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The role of environmental and social development specialists in drafting sections on environmental and social safeguards to be included in the TDR, DAO and works contracts; ▪ Minimum environmental and social clauses to be included in the TORs and procurement documents (including codes of conduct, fire, casualty and property insurance coordination, reporting and monitoring, complaint management mechanisms); ▪ environmental and social indicators to be included in the monitoring system; ▪ reports to be produced ▪ the deadlines. <p>c. Incorporate the relevant aspects of this ESCP, including, but not limited to, any environmental and social management plans or other instruments, the provisions of ESS 2, and any other required ESHS measures, into the ESHS specifications of the procurement documents and contracts with suppliers and contractors and supervising firms. Then ensure that suppliers and contractors and supervising firms comply with the ESHS specifications in their respective contracts.</p> <p>d. Ensure that the Project's consulting, feasibility studies, capacity building, training, and other technical assistance, including, but not limited to, all environmental and social assessments and environmental and social instruments, are conducted according to terms of reference acceptable to the Association that incorporate the relevant requirements of the ESS. Any results of such technical assistance activities, including, but not limited to, environmental and social assessments and environmental and social instruments, shall comply with the ESS.</p>	<p>c. Throughout the implementation of the project.</p>	
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1.3	<p>EXCLUSIONS</p> <p>Exclude the following types of activities as ineligible to be funding under the Project:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Activities that have a high probability of causing serious adverse human health and/or environmental effects not related to COVID 19 case management and vaccination; • Activities that may have significant negative social effects and may result in significant social conflict; • Activities that may affect the lands or rights of indigenous peoples or other vulnerable minorities; • Activities that may involve permanent relocation or land acquisition or adverse impacts on cultural heritage; • All other excluded activities outlined in the project's ESMF. 	<p>During the assessment or screening process conducted under Action 1.2.a. above.</p>	<p>PIU team including E&S Specialists</p>
ESS 2: LABOR AND WORKING CONDITIONS			
2.1	<p>LABOR MANAGEMENT</p> <p>The Project shall be carried out in accordance with the applicable provisions of ESS 2 , in a manner acceptable to the Association, including the implementation of adequate occupational health and safety measures (including emergency preparedness and response measures), measures that address EAS/HS at work, establishing complaint management mechanisms for Project workers, and incorporating applicable labor provisions, including the ICWMP, EAS/HS Plan into the ESHS specifications of procurement documents and contracts with contractors and supervising firms. Update, disclose, consult, and adopt labor management procedures prepared for the parent project to address specific project risks.</p>	<p>The LMP for the parent project has been prepared adopted and disclosed.</p> <p>The LPM will be updated as required, disclosed, consulted and adopted by Effective Date and prior to the commencement of relevant project activities.</p> <p>Throughout the implementation of the Project.</p>	<p>PIU team including E&S Specialists</p>

MATERIAL MEASURES AND ACTIONS		CALENDAR	RESPONSIBLE ENTITY/AUTHORITY
ESS 3: RATIONAL USE OF RESOURCES AND POLLUTION PREVENTION AND MANAGEMENT			
	<p>Relevant aspects of this standard will be considered, as appropriate, under Action 1.2 above, including, but not limited to: procuring, storing, transporting, and handling vaccines (including cold chain management) in a safe manner, including those of WHO; and taking measures to manage biomedical and other types of hazardous and non-hazardous waste.</p>	<p>The parent project's ICWMP will be updated, disclosed, consulted and adopted by Effective Date and prior to the commencement of relevant project activities.</p> <p>Throughout the implementation of the project.</p>	<p>PMU</p>
ESS 4: COMMUNITY HEALTH AND SAFETY			
	<p>Relevant aspects of this standard will be considered, as appropriate, under Action 1.2 above, including, but not limited to, measures to minimize the risk of exposure of the population to communicable diseases; ensuring that individuals or groups who, because of their particular circumstances, may be disadvantaged or vulnerable, have access to the development benefits of the Project; managing the risks associated with labor influx; and preventing and addressing sexual exploitation and abuse and sexual harassment with an updated EAS/HS Plan in accordance with the ESMF.</p> <p>Use of security force is not anticipated for the implementation of this AF. In case any activity requests involvement of security personnel, the Recipient will ensure, where appropriate, that suppliers / service providers requiring security services for their personnel and assets can:- Prioritize the use of existing security services;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Prioritize the use of existing security services in the project area; - Use public security services (gendarmes or national police), ensure the signing of a formal agreement, including clauses respecting the code of conduct; - Confirm, before hiring them and during the implementation of the project, that the security personnel have received satisfactory training from the Association; - Sign a formal agreement including clauses respecting the code of conduct in accordance with the requirements of ESS4 and in a manner acceptable to the Association. Prior to engaging military or security personnel to protect project workers or assets, the Recipient will ensure that: (i) their past performance has been properly vetted to ensure that such personnel have not engaged in illegal or threatening behavior, including but not limited to gender-based violence or excessive use of force; and (ii) that personnel have received appropriate training, including in the use of force and proper conduct, in a manner acceptable to the 	<p>The prepared EAS/HS Plan was adopted in May 2021.</p> <p>The ESA/HS Plan will be updated, disclosed, consulted and adopted by the Effective Date and prior to the implementation of relevant Project activities.</p> <p>Prior to the mobilization of public security services, then applied throughout the implementation of the project.</p> <p>Prior to the recruitment of security personnel, the agreements (including the clauses of compliance with the code of conduct) are applied throughout the implementation of the project</p> <p>Throughout the implementation of the project.</p>	<p>MoH PIU team including E&S Specialists</p>

	<p>Association and further described in the Project Operations Manual.</p> <p>The Government will immediately investigate all allegations of unlawful or threatening acts by military or security personnel deployed to protect Project personnel and assets, and take the necessary steps (or urge relevant parties to take them) to prevent any repetition of such acts and if necessary to report these acts to the competent authorities.</p> <p>Government security personnel deployed to provide security or other services as part of implementing activities related to the Project shall be managed in a manner consistent with the requirements of ESS4 and acceptable to the Association.</p>		
ESS 5: LAND ACQUISITION, LAND USE RESTRICTIONS AND INVOLUNTARY RELOCATION			
	Not relevant		
ESS 6: PRESERVATION OF BIODIVERSITY AND SUSTAINABLE MANAGEMENT OF NATURAL BIOLOGICAL RESOURCES			
	Not Relevant		
ESS 7: HISTORICALLY DEFAULTED INDIGENOUS PEOPLES/TRADITIONAL LOCAL COMMUNITIES OF SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA			
	Not relevant		
ESS 8 : CULTURAL HERITAGE			
	Relevant aspects of this standard will be discussed, as appropriate, under Action 1.2 above. The ESMF should include measures for "chance finds" of archaeological objects or other cultural heritage.	Throughout the implementation of the project	PIU team including E&S Specialists
ESS 9: FINANCIAL INTERMEDIATES			
	Not relevant		
CONCRETE MEASURES AND ACTIONS		CALENDAR	RESPONSIBLE ENTITY/AUTHORITY
ESS 10: STAKEHOLDER ACTIVATION AND INFORMATION			
10.1	<p>STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT PLAN</p> <p>Update, publish, adopt, and implement a Stakeholder Engagement Plan (SEP) in accordance with the provisions of ESS 10 in a manner acceptable to the Association that includes measures to, among other things, provide stakeholders with relevant, understandable, and accessible information in a timely manner, and to consult with them in a culturally appropriate manner, free from manipulation, interference, coercion, discrimination, or intimidation</p>	<p>The SEP was prepared and published in April 2020 for the Parent Project and will be updated and disclosed by the client by the Effective date.</p> <p>The SEP will be implemented throughout the implementation of the Project.</p>	PIU team including E&S Specialists

<p>10.2</p>	<p>GRIEVANCE MECHANISM (GM)</p> <p>The accessible grievance mechanism that was established under the parent project will be evaluated as part of the SEP update process to ensure that the current GM includes requirements for potential AF risks and impacts. This mechanism will consider additional E&S risks associated with the AF activities, particularly measures accessible to potential new stakeholders and additional EAS/HS sensitive measures related to immunization aspects. The Project GM will be published, maintained, and operated to receive and facilitate the resolution of complaints and grievances associated with the Project in a timely and efficient manner that is transparent, culturally appropriate, and easily accessible to all Project-affected parties at no cost and without retribution, including anonymously filed concerns and grievances, in accordance with ESS 10 and in a manner acceptable to the Association.</p> <p>The GM must also receive, record, and address concerns and grievances related to SEA/HS in a safe and confidential manner, including referring survivors to gender-based violence service providers.</p> <p>The GM must also receive, record, and address concerns related to unintended health consequences after vaccination, particularly those resulting in serious adverse events. State regulations specify that free publicly funded medical care will be provided to individuals who experience adverse events after COVID- 19 vaccination.</p>	<p>A Grievance Mechanism has been prepared and applicable under the parent project since May 2020 and will be updated disclosed, consulted and adopted by the Effective Date.</p>	<p>PIU team including E&S Specialists</p>
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CONCRETE MEASURES AND ACTIONS		CALENDAR	RESPONSIBLE ENTITY/AUTHORITY
CAPACITY BUILDING (TRAINING)			
	<p>Training topics for staff involved in the implementation of the project will include, but are not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vaccination risk management for infection prevention and control; • Management of Clinical Adverse Reactions; • Management (storage, handling...) of vaccines; • • Risk Communication and Community Engagement; • WHO guidelines on the management of COVID-19, including vaccination; • Complaint Management ; • Prevention and Mitigation of Gender-Based Violence; • Roles and responsibilities of the different key agencies in the implementation of the ESMF; and • Strategy for equitable and inclusive access and allocation of project benefits. 	<p>Throughout the implementation of the Project, with the addition of new members of the project team.</p>	<p>PIU team including E&S Specialists Communications Specialists</p>