

**The Government of Guinea Bissau**

**GUINEA-BISSAU EMERGENCY FOOD SECURITY  
PROJECT P174336**

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

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## ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL COMMITMENT PLAN

1. The Government of Guinea Bissau (hereinafter the the **Recipient**) will implement the Guinea Bissau Emergency Food Security Project (the **Project**), with the involvement of the following Ministries/agencies/units: the Ministry of Agriculture. 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 material measures and actions, any specific documents or plans, as well as the timing for each of these.
3. The Recipient will also comply with the provisions of any other E&S documents required under the ESF and referred to in this ESCP, such as Environmental and Social Management Framework (ESMF), Environment and Social Impact Assessment (ESIA), Environmental and Social Management Plans (ESMP), and Stakeholder Engagement Plans (SEP), and the timelines specified in those E&S 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 the Ministry, agency or unit referenced in 1. above.
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 Project changes and unforeseen circumstances or in response to assessment of 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. The Recipient will promptly disclose the updated ESCP.
7. 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, which may include specify risks and impacts that are relevant to the Project, such as environmental, health, and safety impacts, labor influx, gender-based violence.

MATERIAL MEASURES AND ACTIONS		TIMEFRAME	RESPONSIBLE ENTITY/AUTHORITY
<b>MONITORING AND REPORTING</b>			
A	<p><b>REGULAR REPORTING</b></p> <p>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 the implementation of the ESCP, status of preparation and implementation of E&amp;S documents required under the ESCP, stakeholder engagement activities, functioning of the grievance mechanism(s).</p>	Quarterly and annual throughout Project implementation period.	Technical Coordination Unit (TCU) in the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development (MARD)
B	<p><b>INCIDENTS AND ACCIDENTS</b></p> <p>Promptly notify the Association of any incident or accident related to the Project which has, or is likely to have, a significant adverse effect on the environment, the affected communities, the public or workers including exploitation or abuse of vulnerable groups, large-scale deforestation, child labor, injuries to workers that require off-site medical attention, misuse or spills of pesticides, fatality, etc. Provide sufficient detail regarding the incident or accident, indicating immediate measures taken or that are planned to be taken to address it, and any information provided by any contractor and supervising entity, as appropriate. Subsequently, as per the Association’s request, prepare a report on the incident or accident and propose any measures to prevent its recurrence.</p>	<p>Notify the Bank within 48 hours after learning of the incident or accident</p> <p>An incident report including root-cause analysis and mitigation measures to be provided within 10 days to the Association.</p>	TCU in the MARD
C	<p><b>CONTRACTORS MONTHLY REPORTS</b></p> <p>In contracts for works using the Bank’s standard procurement documents, contractors are required to provide monthly monitoring reports to the Project Implementing Unit.</p>	Monthly reports to be submitted to the Bank by the Borrower upon request	TCU and Contractors
<b>ESS 1: ASSESSMENT AND MANAGEMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL RISKS AND IMPACTS</b>			
1.1	<p><b>ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE</b></p> <p>Establish and maintain Project Implementation Unit (PIU) with qualified coordinator and one full-time Environmental and Social specialist.</p>	PIU to be established including an environmental and social specialist before disbursement of the project components and maintained throughout the project lifetime.	TCU in the MARD

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1.2	<p><b>ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL ASSESSMENT</b></p> <p>a. Assess the environmental and social risks and impacts of proposed Project activities, in accordance with Environmental and Social Management Framework (ESMF), prepared pursuant to the provisions of the Financing Agreement, 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 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 ESHGs, and other relevant Good International Industry Practices (GIIP).</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>a. ESMF, acceptable to the Bank, to be adopted within 60 days of the Effective Date. No activities that have any potential environmental and social risks and impacts and that require screening under the ESMF will not be initiated within this period. Assessment to be conducted before 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>	TCU in the MARD
<b>ESS 2: LABOR AND WORKING CONDITIONS</b>			

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2.1	<p><b>LABOR MANAGEMENT PROCEDURES</b></p> <p>The Project shall be carried out in accordance with the applicable 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 LMP will also refer to will refer to best practices from the World Health Organization (WHO) guidelines, “Getting your workplace ready for COVID-19” in a manner acceptable to the Bank and consistent with ESS2.</p> <p>The Borrower will ensure that specific prohibitions will be enacted in the deployment of security personnel for the construction or other relevant activities, including no child labor and no forced labor. The procedures will include code of conduct with clear language about unacceptable behavior and sanctions for non-compliance, that will include any sexual exploitation and abuse (SEA) or sexual harassment (SH) of fellow workers or community members including any sexual relation with persons below age of 18 years old.</p>	<p>The LMP as part of the ESMF shall be approved and disclosed not later than 60 days after project effectiveness. The LMP and all measures specified in this action 2.1 shall be implemented throughout Project implementation.</p>	<p>TCU in the MARD</p>
2.2	<p><b>GRIEVANCE MECHANISM FOR PROJECT WORKERS</b></p> <p>Establish, maintain, and operate a grievance mechanism sensible to SEA/SH complaints for Project workers, as described in the LMP and consistent with ESS2 and national labor laws.</p>	<p>Adopt, implement and update the grievance redress mechanism throughout the implementation of the project.</p>	<p>TCU in the MARD</p>
2.3	<p><b>OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH AND SAFETY (OHS) MEASURES</b></p> <p>Adopt, implement and update occupational health and safety (OHS) measures, including measures to address the risks of Sexual Exploitation and Abuse/Sexual Harassment (SEA/SH), in a manner acceptable to the Association.</p>	<p>All the measures specified under action 2.3 will be implemented throughout the project implementation period.</p>	<p>TCU in the MARD</p>
2.4	<p><b>CHILD LABOR AND MINIMUM AGE</b></p> <p>Prohibit child labor (any person under the age of 18) due to the hazardous work situation.</p>	<p>Throughout Project implementation.</p>	<p>TCU in the MARD</p>
<p><b>ESS 3: RESOURCE EFFICIENCY AND POLLUTION PREVENTION AND MANAGEMENT</b></p>			

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Relevant aspects of this standard shall be considered under action 1.2 above, including, inter alia, measures to manage pesticides (Integrated Pest Management Plan) and wastes (Waste Management Plan)			
<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 manage traffic and road safety and the impacts of labor influx			
<b>ESS 5: LAND ACQUISITION, RESTRICTIONS ON LAND USE AND INVOLUNTARY RESETTLEMENT</b>			
At this point it is expected that any land requirements will be met through Voluntary Land Donations (VLDs) at the community level, which will be executed and documented according to the criteria and requirements of ESS 5.			
<b>ESS 6: BIODIVERSITY CONSERVATION AND SUSTAINABLE MANAGEMENT OF LIVING NATURAL RESOURCES</b>			
Relevant aspects of this standard shall be considered, as needed, under action 1.2 above.			
<b>ESS 7: INDIGENOUS PEOPLES/SUB-SAHARAN AFRICAN HISTORICALLY UNDERSERVED TRADITIONAL LOCAL COMMUNITIES</b>			
There are no IP/SSAHUTLCs in Guinea-Bissau.			
<b>ESS 8: CULTURAL HERITAGE [</b>			
8.1	<b>CHANCE FINDS:</b> Prepare, adopt, and implement the chance finds procedure described in the ESMF developed for the Project.	Throughout project implementation	TCU in the MARD
<b>ESS 9: FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARIES</b>			
Not relevant			
<b>ESS 10: STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT AND INFORMATION DISCLOSURE</b>			
10.1	<b>STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT PLAN PREPARATION AND IMPLEMENTATION</b> A draft SEP was prepared prior to appraisal and will be updated.	Update 60 days after effectiveness	TCU in the MARD
10.2	<b>PROJECT GRIEVANCE MECHANISM:</b> Prepare, adopt, maintain and operate a grievance mechanism, sensitive to SEA/SH complaints as described in the SEP.	60 days after effectiveness	TCU in the MARD
<b>CAPACITY SUPPORT (TRAINING)</b>			

CS1	Training topics for PIU and project workers involved in Project implementation will among others include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Risk communication and community engagement</li><li>• Community Health and Safety</li><li>• Labor management procedures</li><li>• SEA/SH mitigation</li></ul>		TCU in the MARD
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