



REPUBLIC OF CÔTE D'IVOIRE

MINISTRY OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND HYGIENE AND UNIVERSAL HEALTH
COVERAGE



STRATEGIC PURCHASING PROJECT AND ALIGNMENT OF RESOURCES AND
KNOWLEDGE IN HEALTH PROJECT

PROJECT TO SUPPORT THE NATIONAL RESPONSE PLAN TO THE COVID-19
(PA COVID-19)
SECOND ADDITIONAL FINANCING

ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL COMMITMENT PLAN

PROVISIONAL VERSION



November 20, 2021

1. The Republic of Côte d'Ivoire (referred to as "the Recipient"), who is currently implementing the Project in support of the National Response Plan against COVID-19 (*le Projet Appui au Plan National de Riposte à la COVID-19, PA COVID-19*) in Côte d'Ivoire-P173813 (the Project), as well as the activities to be supported under the second Additional Financing (*Financement Additionnel, 2nd AF P176257*) to the Project. The operational response to COVID-19 is led by the Director General of Health and Public Hygiene (*Directeur Général de la Santé et de l'Hygiène Publique, DGSHP*) under the authority of the Minister of Health and Public Hygiene (*Ministre de la Santé et de l'Hygiène Publique, MSHP*) with the participation of certain structures such as the National Institute of Public Hygiene (*l'Institut national d'Hygiène Publique, INHP*), the Service of Infectious and Tropical Diseases (*le Service des Maladies Infectieuses et Tropicales, SMIT*), the Health districts, health programs such as the Directorate of Coordination of the Expanded Program on Immunization (*Direction de Coordination du Programme Elargi de Vaccination, DC-PEV*) and health facilities. The Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB) and the International Development Association (referred to as **the Association**) have agreed to continue financing the Parent Project (PP) through the 2nd AF as per co financing framework agreement signed between both institutions on April 13, 2016.
2. The Recipient will implement concrete measures and actions required to ensure that the AF is executed in accordance with the Environmental and Social Standards. This Environmental and Social Commitment Plan (ESCP) describes the timetable for the implementation of these concrete measures and actions. The eventual documents or specific plans required by the Environmental and Social Framework (ESF) and referred to in the current ESCP, notably the Environmental and Social Management Framework (ESMF), the Environmental and Social Management Plan (ESMP), the Labour Management Procedures (LMP), the Stakeholder Engagement Plan (SEP), the Health Care Waste Management Plan (HCWMP) and the Grievance Mechanism (GM), as well as the deadlines specified in these documents.
3. The implementation of the concrete measures and actions set out in the current ESCP will be monitored and reported on by the Recipient to the Association, in accordance with the requirements of the ESCP and the terms of the Financial Agreement, while the Association will monitor and evaluate progress and the achievement of the concrete measures and actions throughout the implementation of the Project.
4. As agreed by the Association and the Recipient, the current ESCP may be revised from time to time during the implementation of the Project to reflect the adaptive management of changes and unforeseen circumstances that may arise during the course of the Project or in response to the evaluation of Project performance conducted under the ESCP. Under such circumstances, the Recipient and the Association will agree on the changes and will revise the ESCP accordingly. The agreement on the changes to the ESCP will be certified by the exchange of letters signed between the Association and the Recipient. The Recipient shall publish, without delay, the updated ESCP.

5. When changes that have occurred during the course of the Project, unforeseen circumstances or the performance of the Project bring about a change in the risks and impacts during Project implementation, the Recipient shall provide additional funds, if necessary, for the implementation of actions and measures to address these risks and impacts, which may include (i) environmental, health and safety impacts, (ii) labor influx, (iii) risks of natural resource degradation and pollution of the air, soil and water matrix, (iv) risks of disruption of free movement and socioeconomic activities, social unrest and conflicts, (v) risks to the health and safety of the population (spread of the epidemic in the community and among workers, Adverse Events Following Immunization (AEFI), accidents related to project's activities, health risks related to poor management of medical waste, risks of sexual abuse and exploitation, sexual harassment, rape, etc.), and (vi) risks related to child labor.

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MONITORING AND REPORTING			
A.	<p>REGULAR REPORTS:</p> <p>The Recipient, through its World Bank Health Project Coordinating Unit, (<i>l'Unité de Coordonation des Projets Santé de la Banque Mondiale</i>; l'UCPS-BM), will be responsible for preparing and submitting to the Association regular monitoring reports on the implementation of the measures presented in the ESCP and on projects' environmental, social, health and safety (ESHS) performance, including, but not limited to, stakeholder's engagement activities, management of the AEFI's and the Grievance Mechanism.</p>	<p>Quarterly during the implementation of the Project, at the same time as reports on the progress of the Project. No later than 20 days after the end of the corresponding quarter.</p>	UCPS-BM.
B.	<p>INCIDENTS AND ACCIDENTS</p> <p>The Recipient will immediately inform the Association of any incident or accident related to the implementation of the project or affecting the project, or likely to have a significant negative impact on the environment, the affected communities, the public or those working on the project, including environmental, social, health, hygiene and safety (ESSHS) issues, AEFIs, risks of sexual exploitation and abuse or harassment, (<i>SEA/SH</i>), and working conditions.</p> <p>The Recipient shall promptly provide details in a manner acceptable to the Association, regarding the incident or accident, indicating all immediate measures taken to address it, as well as any information provided by a provider and regulatory bodies, as applicable.</p>	<p>Immediately inform the Association through the TTL, within 24 to 48 hours of the major incident or accident.</p> <p>Minor incidents will be reflected in the quarterly report submitted to the Bank.</p> <p>Provide an incident report within a time frame acceptable to the Association. This reporting system will be in effect throughout the Project.</p>	UCPS-BM

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ESS 1: ASSESSMENT AND MANAGEMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL RISKS AND IMPACTS		
<p>1.1 ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE:</p> <p>UCPS-BM, set up for the Parent Project (PP) and the first AF will oversee the management of E&S risks related to the second AF. The unit has qualified staff and resources to support the management of the project's ESHS risks and impacts, including the Environmental Safeguard Specialist, the Social Safeguard Specialist, the Monitoring and Evaluation Specialist and the Communication Specialist. The vaccinology specialist already recruited for the first AF and made available to the DC-PEV will continue to provide support to the UCPS-BM in the implementation of the second AF activities.</p> <p>The UCPS-WB will also engage specialized organizations of the United Nations system or national or international NGOs to support project activities. PIU will ensure that these organizations follow the ESMF project and comply with all the relevant ESS.</p> <p>UCPS-WB will contact MSHP partners, who are providing technical support to the project, particularly in immunization such as UNICEF and WHO. The UCPS-BM will ensure that these organizations comply with the provisions of the project's ESCP and abide by national legislation and all the relevant ESS.</p>	<p>Key PP staff must be maintained throughout the implementation of the FA, especially specialists in environmental and social safeguards.</p>	<p>MSHP</p>
<p>1.2 ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL ASSESSMENT / MANAGEMENT PLANS AND INSTRUMENTS</p>		

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Assess the environmental and social risks and impacts of the proposed project activities in line with the ESS; the Environment, Health and Safety Guidelines (EHSG), the PP, ESMF, LMP and GBV/SEA/SH Action Plan; and other relevant International Good Industrial Practices (GIIP), including relevant WHO guidelines; b. Update environmental and social management plans or other instruments based on updated WHO guidance on immunization against COVID-19, including updating the ESMF, LMP and SEA/HAV of the 1st AF. c. Prepare, disclose, consult, adopt, and implement all plans, instruments, or other environmental and social management measures necessary for the specific project activities on the basis of the assessment process, in accordance with the ESMF, EHSG, and other industry practices (GIIP), including the WHO Fair Allocation Framework, WHO Guidelines on Risk Communication and Community Engagement, Migrant Camps, and Camp Environments; Guidance for schools, workplaces, and institutions; Reduction of animal-to-human transmission; Infection protection and control/WASH; National laboratories, among others, to ensure access to and distribution of project benefits in a fair, equitable, and inclusive manner, taking into account the needs of individuals or groups, which because of their circumstances, may be disadvantaged or vulnerable, including, as relevant, with respect to vaccines. d. Incorporate relevant aspects of this ESCP, including, but not limited to, any environmental and social management plans, ESS 2 requirements and any other environmental, social, health and safety (ESSS) requirements, into ESSS specifications prescribed in procurement documents and contracts with entrepreneurs and supervisory firms (Control Offices). Subsequently, ensure that contractors and supervising offices comply with the ESSS specifications in their respective contracts. e. Adopt procedures, protocols and/or other measures to ensure that the different targets receiving the vaccine under the AF have been well informed and do so freely, with informed consent and in a manner acceptable to the Association, as outlined in the ESMF. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. The evaluation must be conducted prior to the completion of the pertinent project activities; b. The ESMF, LMP, HWMP and SEA/SH Action Plan of the 1st AF will be updated and effectively disclosed prior to effectiveness and implemented throughout the course of the project. c. The plans/instruments must be prepared, disclosed, consulted and adapted prior to the completion of the relevant project activities and then implemented throughout the completion of these activities. d. Relevant ESHS measures must be incorporated into the procurement documents prior to the initiation of the procurement process for the pertinent project activities and must then be adhered to throughout the implementation of these activities. e. Prior to, and throughout the realization of pertinent project activities. 	UCPS-BM
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<p>1.3 EXCLUSIONS :</p> <p>Exclude the following types of activities as ineligible for funding under the Project:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Activities likely to cause long-term, permanent and/or irreversible harmful effects (e.g. loss of important natural habitat, displacement of populations); b. Activities that have a high probability of causing serious harmful effects to human health and/or the environment and that are not related to the treatment of COVID-19 cases; c. Activities that are likely to have significant negative social repercussions and may lead to significant social conflict or social exclusion of a category of persons or groups of persons; d. Activities that may affect the land or rights of persons or groups of persons, including vulnerable groups (persons with disabilities, ethnic minorities, persons with low purchasing power, displaced persons, etc.), which may result in economic or physical displacement due to land acquisition or negative effects on cultural heritage; e. All other excluded activities as defined in the Project's ESMF. 	<p>These exclusions are applied as part of the evaluation process carried out under actions 1.2.a., 1.2b and 1.2.c above.</p>	<p>UCPS-BM</p>

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ESS 2: EMPLOYMENT AND WORKING CONDITIONS		
<p>2.1. LABOR MANAGEMENT:</p> <p>Revise the Labor Management Procedures (LMP) developed for the 1st AF, complying with national regulations and ESS2 guidelines. The Project will be executed in compliance with the applicable requirements of ESS 2, in a manner acceptable to the Association, including (i) implementation of the LMP as defined in the report developed for this purpose, (ii) implementation of adequate occupational health and safety measures (including emergency preparedness and response measures), (iii) the establishment of complaint handling provisions for Project workers, and (iv) the incorporation of the labor requirements into the ESSS specifications prescribed in the procurement documents and contracts with entrepreneurs and Control Offices.</p>	<p>The LMP of the 1st AF will be updated, cleared, and disclosed by effectiveness.</p> <p>Throughout the implementation of the Project.</p> <p>Revise PP labor management procedures based on WHO guidelines and good international practice before the project appraisal.</p>	<p>UCPS-BM; General Directorate of Labor / Ministry of Employment and Social Affairs; Youth employment agency.</p>
<p>2.2. Workers' Grievance Mechanism (GM)</p> <p>Ensure that Project contractors and subcontractors prepare and maintain a GM on any matter related to work or employment on the Project, which will be readily available to Project workers and will comply with ESS 2.</p>	<p>Prior to the start of the implementation of activities.</p> <p>Throughout the project execution period.</p>	<p>UCPS-BM</p>
<p>2.3. EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE</p> <p>Ensure that project contractors or subcontractors prepare and implement an emergency preparedness and response plan within the framework of the Contractor's ESMP or Environmental, Health and Safety and ensure coordination with the measures referred to in section 2.5 below.</p>	<p>Before the work begins.</p>	<p>- UCPS-BM</p>

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ESS 3: RATIONAL USE OF RESOURCES, PREVENTION AND MANAGEMENT OF POLLUTION			
3.1.	The pertinent aspects of this standard will be addressed, as needed, under action 1.2 above, including, inter alia, measures to: conduct vaccine procurement, storage, transport and handling (including ultra-cold chain management) in a safe manner and in accordance with EHS and other relevant GIIP, including relevant WHO guidelines; and properly manage and dispose of medical waste (including vaccines) and other types of hazardous and non-hazardous waste.	Before the work begins. Throughout the project implementation period.	UCPS-BM
ESS 4: HEALTH AND SAFETY OF POPULATIONS			
4.1.	HEALTH AND SAFETY OF POPULATIONS The pertinent aspects of this standard will be addressed, as appropriate, in action 1.2 above, including, but not limited to, measures to : (i) minimize the risk of exposure of populations to communicable diseases and respond to emergencies, (ii) monitor and appropriately manage all cases of AEFIs, (iii) ensure that individuals or groups of individuals who, because of their particular circumstances, may be disadvantaged or vulnerable, have access to the development benefits resulting from the Project ; (iv) manage the risks associated with the employment of security personnel; (v) manage the risks associated with the influx of labor; and (vi) prevent and respond to sexual exploitation and abuse and sexual harassment.	Before the work begins. Throughout the project implementation period.	UCPS-BM
ESS 5: LAND ACQUISITION, LAND USE RESTRICTIONS AND INVOLUNTARY RESETTLEMENT			
	Not relevant		
ESS 6: BIODIVERSITY CONSERVATION AND SUSTAINABLE MANAGEMENT OF BIOLOGICAL NATURAL RESOURCES			
	Non Relevant		

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ESS 7: HISTORICALLY DISADVANTAGED INDIGENOUS PEOPLES/TRADITIONAL LOCAL COMMUNITIES IN SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA			
	Non relevant		
ESS 8 : CULTURAL HERITAGE			
	Relevant aspects of this standard will be considered, as appropriate, under action 1.2 above.		
ESS 9 : FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARIES			
	Not relevant		
ESS 10: STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT AND INFORMATION DISCLOSURE			
10.1.	STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT PLAN: Update, publish and implement the first AF's Stakeholder Engagement Plan (SEP) in accordance with ESS10, which will include measures to, inter alia, provide stakeholders with timely, relevant, understandable, and accessible information and consult with them in an appropriate manner, without manipulation, interference, coercion, discrimination and intimidation.	A SEP was developed for the first AF and published. This SEP has been updated before project appraisal. The SEP shall be implemented throughout the execution of the Project.	UCPS-BM
10.2.	Grievance Mechanism Use the Grievance Mechanism (GM) set up under the first AF. Accessible mechanisms of investigation for complaints will be made available to the public to receive and facilitate the resolution of Project-related concerns and complaints, including health complaints (AEFIs) and SEA/SH, in accordance with ESS 4 and ESS 10, in a manner acceptable to the Association.	Throughout the implementation of the Project.	UCPS-BM

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CAPACITY BUILDING (TRAINING)		
<p>The project implementing unit and other relevant implementation support staff responsible for the project will receive training on the project's ESHS plans and instruments, fair, equitable and inclusive access and benefit allocation, including vaccines, and the roles and responsibilities of the different key agencies in the implementation of the ESS. These include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Communication Strategy on COVID-19 Infection Prevention and Control (IPC) Recommendations; Risk Communication Strategy and Community Engagement; IPC recommendations to COVID-19; Laboratory biosafety advice related to COVID-19; Collection and transport of samples for screening purposes; Standard precautions for patients with COVID-19; Risk Communication and Community Engagement; WHO and CDC Africa guidelines for quarantine including case management; AEFI detection, monitoring and management. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ A detailed training plan will be prepared no later than 30 days after the Effectiveness Date. ▪ The detailed training plan will be implemented immediately and throughout the implementation of the Project. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ MSHP in coordination with the Association; ▪ UCPS-BM

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. ESS N°1: Assessment and management of environmental and social risks and impacts; b. ESS N°2: Employment and working conditions; c. ESS N°3: Rational use of resources and pollution prevention and management; d. ESS N°4: Health and safety of populations; e. ESS N°10: Stakeholder engagement and information; f. Content of the Environmental and Social Commitment Plan (ESCP); g. Content of the Stakeholder Engagement Plan (SEP). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Technical Services, l'UCPS-BM, Territorial Collectivities and local NGOs. ▪ Prior to the start of Project activities. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ UCPS-BM; ▪ The recruitment of Consultants can be envisaged to accompany UCPS-BM.

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<p>Specific modules for staff involved in the implementation of the project:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Occupational Hygiene, Health, and Safety (<i>Hygiène, Santé, et Sécurité au Travail</i>, HSST) ; b. Personal Protective Equipment; c. Workplace Risk Management; d. AEFI Management; e. Workplace accident prevention; f. Health and safety rules; g. Management of medical waste (solid and liquid) including vaccination waste. <p>Complaint Management:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Types of mechanism; b. Registration and processing procedure; c. Level of treatment, types of instances and composition. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Health personnel, Social Services, l'UCPS-BM, Technical Services, local communities, civil society, local NGOs; <p>Prior to the start of Project activities.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ MSHP in coordination with UCPS-BM
<p>Violence on the communities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Legislation on GBV in Côte d'Ivoire; b. Awareness and measures to prevent and mitigate the risks of GBV; c. Content and Sanctions of the Codes of Conduct (CoC); d. Management of GBV / SEA / SH survivors; e. Complaint Management; f. Activities and target audiences will be defined in the GBV Action Plan. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Communities, NGOs, civil society, l'UCPS-BM, local communities and Technical Services. ▪ Prior to the start of Project activities. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ UCPS-BM; ▪ Recruitment of a specialized NGO or Consultants may be necessary to provide these trainings.

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<p>Introduction to risk and emergency situations management:</p> <p>a. Types of emergencies.</p> <p>b. Emergencies Management.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Health/social personnel, l'UCPS-BM, Technical Services, local communities, civil society, local NGOs ▪ Prior to the start of Project activities and throughout Project implementation. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ UCPS-BM ; ▪ Recruitment of a specialized NGO or Consultants may be necessary to provide these trainings.