

**The Republic of Senegal  
Ministry of Health and Social Action**

# **Senegal COVID-19 Response Project (P173838)**

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

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## ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL COMMITMENT PLAN

1. The Senegal (the **Recipient**) will implement Senegal COVID-19 Response Project (the **Project**), with the involvement of the following ministries/agencies/units: Ministry of Health and Social Action; Ministry of Livestock and Animal Production; Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Equipment, Ministry of Environment and Sustainable Development; Ministry of Water and Sanitation. The International Development Association (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 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.
4. 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.
5. 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.
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
<b>MONITORING AND REPORTING</b>			
A	<b>REGULAR REPORTING:</b> 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, stakeholder engagement activities and grievances log.	Quarterly throughout the Project implementation period.	Ministry of Health and Social Action, Senegal
<b>ESS 1: ASSESSMENT AND MANAGEMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL RISKS AND IMPACTS</b>			
1.1	<b>ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE:</b> The Ministry of Health and Social Action shall establish and maintain a PCU with qualified staff and resources to support management of environmental and social risks and impacts of the Project including environmental and social risk management specialists.	<i>Health and safety specialist hired or appointed before the carrying out of Project activities and no later than one month after effectiveness. PCU maintained throughout Project implementation</i>	Ministry of Health and Social Action, Senegal

<p>1.2</p>	<p><b>ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL ASSESSMENT/MANAGEMENT PLANS AND INSTRUMENTS/ CONTRACTORS</b></p> <p>a. Assess the environmental and social risks and impacts of proposed surveillance, diagnostics and treatment activities, in accordance with the <i>Environmental and Social Management Framework (ESMF)</i>, 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, in a manner acceptable to the Association.</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 Update environmental and social management plans or other instruments based on updated guidance by WHO on COVID19</p> <p>d. Recruitment of one additional specialist in the PCU to monitor environmental and social aspects</p>	<p>a. ESMF with Medical Waste Management Plan will be prepared within one month of effectiveness.</p> <p>b. Screening shall be conducted before the carrying out of the respective Project activity.</p> <p>c. Plans or instruments prepared before launching the procurement process for the relevant activities, and thereafter implemented throughout the carrying out of such activities.</p> <p>d. Before launching the procurement process for the relevant activities and thereafter ensure that contractors comply with the ESHS specifications in their contracts through their involvement in the respective Project activities.</p>	<p>Ministry of Health and Social Action, Senegal</p>
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1.3	<p><b>EXCLUSIONS:</b> Exclude the following type of activities as ineligible for financing under the Project:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Activities that may cause long term, permanent and/or irreversible (e.g. loss of major natural habitat) impacts</li> <li>• Activities that have high probability of causing serious adverse effects to human health and/or the environment other than during treatment of COVID19 cases</li> <li>• Activities that may have significant adverse social impacts and may give rise to significant social conflict</li> <li>• Activities that may affect lands or rights of indigenous people or other vulnerable minorities,</li> <li>• Activities that may involve permanent resettlement or land acquisition or impacts on cultural heritage</li> <li>• All the other excluded activities set out in the ESMF of the Project.</li> </ul>	These exclusions shall be applied as part of the screening process conducted under action 1.2.a. above.	Ministry of Health and Social Action, Senegal
<b>ESS 2: LABOR AND WORKING CONDITIONS</b>			
2.1	<p><b>LABOR MANAGEMENT:</b> 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.</p>	Throughout Project implementation.	Ministry of Health and Social Action, Senegal
<b>ESS 3: RESOURCE EFFICIENCY AND POLLUTION PREVENTION AND MANAGEMENT</b>			
3.1	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.		
<b>ESS 4: COMMUNITY HEALTH AND SAFETY</b>			

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4.1	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; manage the risks of the use of security personnel; and prevent and respond to sexual exploitation and abuse, and sexual harassment.		
<b>ESS 5: LAND ACQUISITION, RESTRICTIONS ON LAND USE AND INVOLUNTARY RESETTLEMENT</b>			
5.1	Relevant aspects of this standard shall be considered, as needed, under action 1.2 above.	Throughout Project implementation.	Ministry of Health and Social Action, Senegal
<b>ESS 6: BIODIVERSITY CONSERVATION AND SUSTAINABLE MANAGEMENT OF LIVING NATURAL RESOURCES</b>			
6.1	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>			
7.1	Not relevant.		
<b>ESS 8: CULTURAL HERITAGE</b>			
8.1	Relevant aspects of this standard shall be considered, as needed, under action 1.2 above.		
<b>ESS 9: FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARIES</b>			
	Not relevant.		
<b>ESS 10: STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT AND INFORMATION DISCLOSURE</b>			
10.1	<b>STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT PLAN: Update</b> , disclose, adopt, and implement the Stakeholder Engagement Plan (SEP) consistent with ESS10, in a manner acceptable to the Association, which shall include, inter alia, measures to generate community trust and engagement in the carrying out of the Project activities.	A draft SEP has been prepared and disclosed and shall be updated within 1 months after the Effective Date.	Ministry of Health and Social Action, Senegal
10.2	<b>GRIEVANCE MECHANISM:</b> 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 Association.	Throughout Project implementation.	Ministry of Health and Social Action, Senegal

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<b>CAPACITY SUPPORT (TRAINING)</b>		
<p>Training topics will among others include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• COVID-19 Infection Prevention and Control Recommendations</li> <li>• Laboratory biosafety guidance related to the COVID-19</li> <li>• Specimen collection and shipment</li> <li>• Standard precautions for COVID-19 patients</li> <li>• Risk communication and community engagement</li> <li>• WHO and Africa CDC guidelines on quarantine including case management</li> <li>• Training on ESF requirements</li> </ul>	Throughout Project implementation.	Ministry of Health and Social Action, Senegal