

**Government of the Republic of Burundi/Ministry  
of Health and the Fight against AIDS  
Burundi COVID-19 Preparedness and Response  
Project (P173845)**

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

**April 1, 2020**

## ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL COMMITMENT PLAN

1. The Republic of Burundi, (the **Recipient**), will implement the Burundi COVID-19 Preparedness and Response Project (the **Project**), with the involvement of the Ministry of Health and the Fight Against AIDS. 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 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 the Fight against AIDS (MoHFAIDS)/ Burundi COVID-19 Preparedness and Response Project - PIU
<b>ESS 1: ASSESSMENT AND MANAGEMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL RISKS AND IMPACTS</b>			
1.1	<p><b>ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE:</b></p> <p>a. The Ministry of Health shall maintain the MoH Project Technical Unit (PTU), which has oversight over World Bank-financed health projects with qualified staff and resources to support management of environmental, social, health, and safety (ESHS) risks and impacts of the Project. The PTU currently has one environmental specialist and one social risk management specialist. One additional environmental and social specialist is under recruitment through the Investing in Early Years and Fertility Project (P165253), which is managed by the same PTU.</p> <p>b. The COVID-19 project also will hire on a short-term basis an Environmental and Social Specialist currently working for the Burundi PIU of the Great Lakes Trade Facility project (P155329) to provide early support to the COVID-19 project with monitoring of environmental and social risks management.</p> <p>c. Deliver capacity strengthening activities, as necessary, to the E&amp;S specialists, to ensure they will be immediately operational to address the requirements of the ESF in terms of E&amp;S risks and impacts management, including GBV/SEA/SH risks.</p>	<p>a. The Project will add an additional short-term Environment and Social Specialist to the team within 30 days after the Effective Date, drawn from the PIU of the Great Lakes Trade Facilitation Project (P155329), to support Project E&amp;S needs during early stages of the Project.</p> <p>b. An additional E&amp;S specialist under recruitment by the project PIU will be recruited within 30 days after the Effective Date. The PIU will be maintained throughout Project implementation.</p> <p>c. Throughout Project implementation.</p>	(MoHFAIDS)/Burundi COVID-19 Preparedness and Response Project - PIU

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<p>1.2 <b>ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL ASSESSMENT/MANAGEMENT PLANS AND INSTRUMENTS/ CONTRACTORS</b></p> <p>a. Assess the environmental and social risks and impacts of proposed Project activities, including risks of gender-based violence (GBV), which encompass sexual exploitation and abuse (SEA) and sexual harassment (SH), in accordance with ESS1, the Environmental and Social Management Framework (ESMF) to be prepared, disclosed and adopted for the Project, and the Good Practice Note on Addressing SEA/SH in Investment Projects Financing Involving Major Civil Works (GPN SEA/SH), to ensure that individuals or groups who, because of their specific circumstances, may be disadvantaged or vulnerable, have access to the development benefits resulting from the Project. A labor management procedure (LMP), including environment, social, health, and safety (ESHS) measures and an Infection Control and Waste Management Plan (ICWMP) will be included in the ESMF.</p> <p>b. Prepare, disclose, adopt, and implement any other environmental and social management plans or other instruments required for the respective Project activities based on the assessment process, including the ICWMP and GBV/SEA/SH Action Plan, in accordance with the ESSs, the ESMF, the ESHGs, the GPN SEA/SH and other relevant Good International Industry Practice (GIIP) including the WHO guidelines on COVID-19 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, including the GBV/SEA/SH Action Plan, ICWMP, 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 to be prepared no later than two months after the Effective date. 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>	<p>(MoHFAIDS)/Burundi COVID-19 Preparedness and Response Project - PIU</p>

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<p>1.3 <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) adverse impacts</li> <li>• Activities that have high probability of causing serious adverse effects to human health and/or the environment not related to 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 group/minorities,</li> <li>• Activities that may involve permanent resettlement or land acquisition or adverse impacts on cultural heritage</li> <li>• Activities which would require Free, Prior, Informed Consent (FPIC).</li> <li>• All the other excluded activities set out in the ESMF of the Project.</li> </ul>	<p>During the assessment process conducted under action 1.2.a. above.</p>	<p>(MoHFAIDS)/Burundi COVID-19 Preparedness and Response Project - PIU</p>
<p><b>ESS 2: LABOR AND WORKING CONDITIONS</b></p>		
<p>2.1 <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 the LMP and adequate occupational health and safety (OHS) measures (including emergency preparedness and response measures), setting out grievance arrangements for Project workers, as well as codes of conduct that likewise address GBV/SEA/SH, and incorporating labor requirements into the ESHS specifications of the procurement documents and contracts with contractors and supervising firms. including specific provisions that address GBV/SEA/SH-related risks. .</p>	<p>Initial LMP will be completed before engaging project workers in relevant Project activities, and to updated and revised periodically as necessary; LMP and other measures specified in action 2.1 to be implemented throughout Project implementation.</p>	<p>(MoHFAIDS)/Burundi COVID-19 Preparedness and Response Project - PIU</p>
<p><b>ESS 3: RESOURCE EFFICIENCY AND POLLUTION PREVENTION AND MANAGEMENT</b></p>		
<p>3.1</p>	<p>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>ESS 4: COMMUNITY HEALTH AND SAFETY</b></p>		

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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; manage the risks of labor influx; and prevent and respond to GBV/SEA/SH.		
<b>ESS 5: LAND ACQUISITION, RESTRICTIONS ON LAND USE AND INVOLUNTARY RESETTLEMENT</b>		
5.1 Not currently relevant. In the event that any proposed Project activity involves potential risks and impacts related to this standard, relevant aspects of this standard shall be considered, as needed, under action 1.2 above.		
<b>ESS 6: BIODIVERSITY CONSERVATION AND SUSTAINABLE MANAGEMENT OF LIVING NATURAL RESOURCES</b>		
6.1 Not currently relevant.		
<b>ESS 7: INDIGENOUS PEOPLES/SUB-SAHARAN AFRICAN HISTORICALLY UNDERSERVED TRADITIONAL LOCAL COMMUNITIES</b>		
7.1 Relevant aspects of this standard shall be considered, as needed, under action 1.2 above.		
7.2 The Recipient will ensure that such Sub-Saharan African Historically Underserved Traditional Local Communities (SSAHUTLC) are appropriately informed and can share in the benefits of the project in an inclusive and culturally appropriate manner (i.e. prevention and treatment) with provisions included in the ESMF/ESMP and SEP.	Throughout Project implementation.	(MoHFAIDS)/Burundi COVID-19 Preparedness and Response Project - PIU
7.3 In case SSAHUTLC communities would be addressed by quarantine provisions, site-specific approaches would be prepared in accordance with the ESMF/ESMP and SEP to ensure adequate consideration of their specific cultural needs, to the satisfaction of the Bank.	Throughout Project implementation.	(MoHFAIDS)/Burundi COVID-19 Preparedness and Response Project - PIU
<b>ESS 8: CULTURAL HERITAGE</b>		
8.1 Not currently relevant. In the event that any proposed Project activity involves potential risks and impacts related to this standard, relevant aspects of this standard shall be considered, as needed, under action 1.2 above.		
<b>ESS 9: FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARIES</b>		
9.1 Not relevant.		
<b>ESS 10: STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT AND INFORMATION DISCLOSURE</b>		
10.1 <b>STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT PLAN:</b> Prepare, disclose, adopt, and implement a Stakeholder Engagement Plan (SEP) consistent with ESS10, in a manner acceptable to the Association. The SEP will be updated via the inclusion of the risk communication and community engagement (RCCE) strategy, to be prepared under the project in line with WHO provisions “Risk communication and community engagement (RCCE) readiness and response to the 2019 novel coronavirus (2019-nCoV)” (January 26, 2020)	A draft SEP was already prepared and disclosed and shall be updated and disclosed within 2 months after the Effective Date. The SEP shall be implemented throughout the Project implementation period.	(MoHFAIDS)/Burundi COVID-19 Preparedness and Response Project - PIU

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<p>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. Without limitation to the foregoing, the Recipient will establish a project-wide grievance redress mechanism (GRM), including specific procedures to treat GBV/SEA/SH complaints ethically, safely, and confidentially, with assignment of properly trained focal points to address these grievances within MoH. The GRM will adopt reporting and complaint procedures as well as an accountability and response framework that are designed to handle GBV/SEA/SH complaints appropriately and ethically and in accordance with guiding principles for survivor care.</p>	<p>Throughout Project implementation.</p>	<p>(MoHFAIDS)/Burundi COVID-19 Preparedness and Response Project - PIU</p>
<p><b>CAPACITY SUPPORT (TRAINING)</b></p>		
<p>Training topics for personnel involved in Project implementation will among others include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Communication strategy on COVID-19 Infection Prevention and Control Recommendations</li> <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>• Occupational Health and Safety (OHS)</li> <li>• GBV/SEA/SH Action Plan, content and sanctions of CoCs addressing GBV/SEA/SH, and GRM procedures established to handle GBV/SEA/SH-related complaints for project (i.e. importance, objectives, content, how to prepare it, who implements it, and how to ensure a GRM sensitive to GBV/SEA/SH risks and complaints)</li> </ul>	<p>Throughout Project implementation.</p>	<p>(MoHFAIDS)/Burundi COVID-19 Preparedness and Response Project - PIU</p>