

Kyrgyz Republic

**Primary Health Care Quality Improvement
Program
Additional Financing
(P178856)**

(IPF component)

[Draft]

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

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ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL COMMITMENT PLAN

1. The Kyrgyz Republic (hereinafter, “**the Recipient**”) implements the Primary Health Care Quality Improvement Program (hereinafter, “**the Program**”¹), with the involvement of the Ministry of Health (MoH) and the Mandatory Health Insurance Fund (**MHIF**²) of the Kyrgyz Republic (hereinafter, “the Ministry of Health”), as stipulated in the Financing Agreement. The International Development Association (hereinafter, “**the Association**”) has agreed to provide financing for the Project (P178856), as stipulated in the mentioned Agreement.
2. The Additional Financing to the Program is being processed as an Investment Project Financing Component (**the IPF Component**) and shall hence comply with the requirements of the World Bank Environmental and Social Framework (ESF) standards and requirements specified and referred to in this ESCP.
3. The Ministry of Health shall ensure the Program’s implementation in accordance with the Environmental and Social Standards (ESS) and this Environmental and Social Commitment Plan (ESCP) in the satisfactory manner for the Association. The ESCP is a part of the Financing Agreement. Unless otherwise defined in this ESCP, capitalized terms used herein shall have the meanings ascribed to them in the referred agreement.
4. Without limitation to the foregoing, this ESCP sets out practical measures and actions that the Ministry Health of the Kyrgyz Republic shall carry out or cause to be carried out, including, as applicable, the timeframes of the actions and measures, institutional, staffing, training, monitoring, and reporting arrangements, and grievance management. The ESCP also sets out the environmental and social (E&S) instruments that shall be prepared, adopted and implemented under the Project, all of which shall be subject to prior consultation and disclosure, consistent with the respective ESS, and in form and substance, and in a manner acceptable to the Association. Once adopted, such E&S instruments may be revised from time to time with prior to written agreement by the Association.
5. As agreed by the Association and the Ministry of Health, this ESCP may be revised from time to time during IPF Component of the Program implementation to reflect adaptive management of IPF Component of the Program changes and unforeseen circumstances or in response to assessment of IPF Component of the Program performance indicators. In such circumstances, the Ministry of Health and the Association will agree to update the ESCP to reflect such changes through the exchange of letters signed between the Association and the Ministry of Health. The Ministry of Health will promptly disclose the updated ESCP on its website.

¹ As once the Additional Finance becomes effective, it becomes part of the Parent Program, “The Program” refers to the Primary Health Care Quality Improvement Program, including the Additional Financing.

² The MHIF is under the MoH but has a separate budget.

MATERIAL MEASURES AND ACTIONS		TIMEFRAME	RESPONSIBLE ENTITY
MONITORING AND REPORTING			
A	<p>REGULAR REPORTING</p> <p>Prepare and submit to the Association regular monitoring reports on the environmental, social, health, and safety (ESHS) performance of the IPF Component of the Program, including but not limited to stakeholder engagement activities and the grievances log.</p>	<p>Submit six-monthly reports to the Association throughout the implementation of the IPF Component of the Program, starting from the Effective Date. Submit each report to the Association no later than ten (10) days after the end of each reporting period.</p>	MoH
B	<p>INCIDENTS AND ACCIDENTS</p> <p>Promptly notify the Association of any incident or accident related to the IPF Component of the Program which has, or is likely to have, a significant adverse effect on the environment, the affected communities, the public or workers, including, inter alia, cases of sexual exploitation and abuse (SEA), sexual harassment (SH), and accidents that result in death, serious or multiple injuries. Provide sufficient detail regarding the scope, severity, and possible causes of 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/or supervising firm, as appropriate.</p> <p>Subsequently, at the Association's request, prepare a report on the incident or accident and propose any measures to address it and prevent its recurrence.</p>	<p>Notify the Association no later than 48 hours after learning of the incident or accident.</p> <p>Provide subsequent reports to the Association within a timeframe acceptable to the Association</p>	MoH
C	<p>CONTRACTORS MONTHLY REPORTS</p> <p>Require contractors and supervising firms to provide monthly monitoring reports on ESHS performance in accordance with the metrics specified in the respective bidding documents and contracts and submit such reports to the Association.</p>	<p>Reports will be prepared on a monthly basis as annexes to the reports to be submitted under action A above.</p>	MoH
ESS 1: ASSESSMENT AND MANAGEMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL RISKS AND IMPACTS			

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1.1	<p>ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE</p> <p>The Ministry of Health (MoH) shall maintain qualified personnel and resources in the line departments and affiliated institutes, as well as the Mandatory Health Insurance Fund (MHIF) to support the management of ESHS risks and impacts of the IPF Component of the Program, including environmental, social, and medical waste management specialists. The Department of Strategic Planning shall carry out the oversight and coordination role with support from a Program coordinator to be hired for the purpose.</p>	<p>The MoH qualified personnel including Environmental, social and medical waste management specialists shall be maintained throughout the IPF Component of the Program implementation.</p> <p>A Program coordinator will be hired by the effective date of the project.</p>	MoH

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<p>1.2 ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL ASSESSMENT/MANAGEMENT PLANS AND INSTRUMENTS/ CONTRACTORS</p> <p>Assess the environmental, health and safety, and social risks and impacts of proposed activities of the IPF Component of the Program in accordance with ESS1. Assessment includes ensuring that individuals or groups who, because of their particular circumstances, may be disadvantaged or vulnerable have access to the development benefits resulting from the IPF Component of the Program. Subsequently;</p> <p>a. Prepare, as relevant, Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) and/or Operation Manuals (OMs) for the safe installation, operation, and maintenance of medical diagnostic and laboratory equipment and waste transportation vehicles.</p> <p>b. Prepare and implement an Environmental and Social Management Plan checklist for any minor renovation works required as part of the installation of the equipment financed under the IPF Component in health facilities, laboratories, healthcare waste processing rooms, or other identified locations.</p> <p>c. Incorporate the relevant aspects of the ESMPs checklists and procurement of medical equipment and waste transportation vehicles, including, inter alia, any Labor & Working Condition requirements (ESS2), and any other ESHS measures, into the procurement documents and contracts with contractors. All contracts, including civil works, shall include industry-standard Codes of Conduct, including measures to prevent Sexual Exploitation and Abuse /Sexual Harassment (SEA/SH).</p> <p>d. Monitor contractors' compliance with the ESHS specifications in their contracts.</p>	<p>a. SOPs and/or OMs shall be prepared before the operation and maintenance of the equipment and vehicles and thereafter implemented throughout the IPF Component of the Program implementation.</p> <p>b. ESMP checklist shall be prepared, disclosed, and adopted before beginning any renovation works and thereafter implemented throughout the IPF Component of the Program implementation.</p> <p>c. Before launching the procurement process for the relevant activities of the IPF Component of the Program.</p> <p>d. Throughout the implementation of respective contracts for the respective activities of the IPF Component of the Program.</p>	<p>MoH</p>

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1.3	<p>TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE</p> <p>Ensure that consultancies, capacity building, training, and outputs of any technical assistance activities provided under the IPF Component of the Program are carried out in accordance with terms of reference (ToRs) acceptable to the Association that incorporate the relevant requirements of the ESSs.</p>	<p>All ToRs of the technical assistance activities of the IPF Component of the Program consistent with the relevant ESF standards shall be prepared and approved by the association prior to the commencement of related activities.</p>	MoH
1.4	<p>MANAGEMENT OF CONTRACTORS</p> <p>Incorporate the relevant aspects of the ESCP, including, inter alia, the relevant E&S instruments, the Labor Management Procedures, and code of conduct, into the ESHS specifications of the procurement documents and contracts with contractors. Thereafter ensure that the contractors comply and cause subcontractors, as relevant, to comply with the ESHS specifications of their respective contracts.</p>	<p>Prior to the preparation of all procurement documents and prior to the signing of respective contracts with contractors</p> <p>Supervise contractors' compliance throughout the Project implementation.</p>	MoH

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ESS 2: LABOR AND WORKING CONDITIONS			
2.1	<p>LABOR MANAGEMENT</p> <p>The IPF Component of the Program 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 Workers, including contracted workers, ensure that the GM is equipped or adapted to address Sexual Exploitation and Abuse and Sexual Harassment (SEA/SH) allegations and incorporate labor requirements and standard Codes of Conduct to prevent SEA/SH into the ESHS specifications of the procurement documents and contracts.</p>	Throughout the IPF Component of the Program implementation.	MoH
ESS 3: RESOURCE EFFICIENCY AND POLLUTION PREVENTION AND MANAGEMENT			
3.1	Incorporate measures for the management of the healthcare waste and other types of hazardous and non-hazardous waste into the E&S instruments and the bidding documents, consistent with ESS3.	Throughout the IPF Component of the Program implementation.	MoH
3.2	Adopt the Infection Control and Medical Waste Management Plan developed by the MoH (under the Emergency COVID-19 Project) to guide the safe handling and disposal of medical waste associated with the IPF activities.	Throughout the implementation of the IPF Component of the Program.	MoH
ESS 4: COMMUNITY HEALTH AND SAFETY			
4.1	Ensure that contracts, including installation works, contain measures to (i) minimize the potential for community exposure to communicable diseases from inadequate handling and disposal of medical and health care waste, accidental spillage; (ii) 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 IPF Component of the Program; and (iii) prevent and respond to sexual exploitation and abuse, and sexual harassment (SEA/SH).	Throughout the implementation of the IPF Component of the Program.	MoH
ESS 5: LAND ACQUISITION, RESTRICTIONS ON LAND USE AND INVOLUNTARY RESETTLEMENT			
	Not relevant.		
ESS 6: BIODIVERSITY CONSERVATION AND SUSTAINABLE MANAGEMENT OF LIVING NATURAL RESOURCES			
	Not relevant.		
ESS 7: INDIGENOUS PEOPLES/SUB-SAHARAN AFRICAN HISTORICALLY UNDERSERVED TRADITIONAL LOCAL COMMUNITIES			
	Not relevant.		
ESS 8: CULTURAL HERITAGE			
	Not relevant.		

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ESS 9: FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARIES			
Not relevant.			
ESS 10: STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT AND INFORMATION DISCLOSURE			
10.1	<p>STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT PLAN PREPARATION AND IMPLEMENTATION</p> <p>Regular stakeholder engagement is embedded in the program design and will be done to meet the PDO and its implementation. Various stakeholders such as other government departments, CSOs, and patients, including women, old age patients, etc will be engaged and consulted throughout the implementation of the IPF Component activities following ESS10 provisions. The modes and frequency of engagement will be determined by the needs of the program and its AF. Information about the project will be made available to stakeholders through MoH websites and other means of communication and already established mechanisms of sharing information and seeking feedback. The MoH will submit regular information on stakeholder engagement activities undertaken during the reporting period and their outcomes.</p>	Throughout the implementation of the IPF Component of the Program implementation and reported bi-annually.	MoH
10.2	<p>GRIEVANCE MECHANISM</p> <p>Establish, publicize, maintain, and operate an accessible grievance mechanism to receive and facilitate resolution of concerns and grievances in relation to the IPF Component of the Program, promptly and effectively, in a transparent manner that is culturally appropriate and readily accessible to all Project-affected parties, at no cost and without retribution, including concerns and grievances filed anonymously, in a manner consistent with ESS 10.</p> <p>The grievance mechanism shall be equipped to receive, register, and facilitate the resolution of SEA/SH complaints, including through the referral of survivors to relevant gender-based violence service providers, all in a safe, confidential, and survivor-centered manner.</p>	GM is established by MoH prior to the commencement of the IPF Component of the Program activities and thereafter maintained and operated throughout the IPF Component of the Program implementation.	MoH
CAPACITY SUPPORT (TRAINING)			

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<p>MoH and other relevant implementing staff and contractors responsible for the IPF Component of the Program are to receive training on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Waste Management and Disposal - Occupational, health, and safety - Community health and safety - Code of Conduct, SEA/SH prevention measures - Labor working conditions and ESHS 	<p>Initial training must be completed no later than 30 days after the Effectiveness Date, and subsequent training will be carried out when new team members join, throughout the implementation of IPF Component of the Program</p>	<p>MoH</p>