

Burkina Faso

BURKINA FASO COVID₁₉ PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE PROJECT (P173858)

ENVIRONMENTAL and SOCIAL COMMITMENT PLAN (ESCP)

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1. Burkina Faso (hereinafter the Recipient) will implement the Burkina Faso COVID-19 Preparedness and Response Project (the **Project**) with the involvement of the Ministry of Health. 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.
3. The Recipient is responsible for compliance with all requirements of this ESCP even when implementation of specific measures and actions is conducted by the Ministry referenced in paragraph 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
MONITORING AND REPORTING			
A	REGULAR REPORTING: 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 grievance log.	Quarterly during the Project's implementation in conjunction with the Project's progress reports.	Ministry of Health through the Project Implementation Unit (PIU)
ESS 1: ASSESSMENT AND MANAGEMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL RISKS AND IMPACTS			
1.1	ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE: The MoH shall, throughout Project implementation, maintain the PIU for Health Services Reinforcement Project (Projet de renforcement des services de santé -PRSS) that will also serve as the PIU for the COVID-19 Emergency Response Project. In addition to the PRSS PIU Coordinator and the environmental specialist already hired by the PIU, additional qualified staff and resources to support effective management of ESHS risks and impacts of this Project will be hired for the PIU.	The PIU will hire a qualified full-time social specialist no later than 30 days after Project effectiveness. The full-time communication specialist for PRSS will be assigned to this Project immediately.	Ministry of Health-PIU

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<p>1.2 ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL ASSESSMENT/MANAGEMENT PLANS AND INSTRUMENTS/ CONTRACTORS</p> <p>a. Assess the environmental and social risks and impacts of proposed Project activities, including Sexual Exploitation and Abuse and Sexual Harassment (SEA/SH) risks and security risks, in accordance with an Environmental and Social Management Framework (ESMF) to be prepared, disclosed and adopted for the Project, 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 EHSs, and other relevant Good International Industry Practice (GIIP) including relevant WHO guidelines on COVID19 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.</p> <p>d. Update environmental and social management plans or other instruments based on updated guidance by WHO on COVID19.</p>	<p>a. ESMF to be prepared, disclosed and adopted not later than 30 days after Project effectiveness. E&S risks and impacts must be assessed and managed consistent with ESS1 for any activities that will be implemented before the ESMF is finalized and disclosed. The environmental specialist of the PRSS will be responsible for the implementation, monitoring and reporting of the E&S risks and management including preparing the ESMF, ICMWMP and LMP until the other specialists are hired by the PIU.</p> <p>b. Plans or instruments prepared before start of the relevant Project activities, and thereafter implemented 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>d. Throughout Project implementation.</p>	<p>PIU E&S specialists</p>

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<p>1.3 EXCLUSIONS: Exclude the following type of activities as ineligible for financing under the Project:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Activities that may cause long term, permanent and/or irreversible (e.g. loss of major natural habitat) adverse impacts • Activities that have high probability of causing serious adverse effects to human health and/or the environment not related to treatment of COVID19 cases • Activities that may have significant adverse social impacts and may give rise to significant social conflict or social exclusion for category of person or groups of persons • Activities that may affect lands, livelihoods or rights of people or group of people including vulnerable groups (people with disabilities, ethnic minorities, internally displaced persons, etc.), that may involve economical or physical displacement through land acquisition or adverse impacts on cultural heritage • All the other excluded activities set out in the ESMF of the Project. 	<p>During the assessment process conducted under action 1.2.a. above.</p>	<p>PIU team including E&S Specialists</p>
ESS 2: LABOR AND WORKING CONDITIONS		
<p>2.1 LABOR MANAGEMENT: 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 Recipient shall prepare and implement Labor Management Procedures in accordance with ESS2.</p>	<p>LMP to be prepared before engaging project workers in Project activities, and to be updated and revised periodically as necessary and implemented throughout Project implementation. All other measures specified under this action 2.1 to be implemented throughout the Project implementation period.</p>	<p>PIU team including E&S Specialists</p>
ESS 3: RESOURCE EFFICIENCY AND POLLUTION PREVENTION AND MANAGEMENT		
<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>		
ESS 4: COMMUNITY HEALTH AND SAFETY		

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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 (SEA) and sexual harassment (SH). A Community Health and Safety Plan (CHSP) will be included in the ESMF and updated as needed during Project implementation. The ESMF will also include guidance regarding the assessment of SEA/SH risks and mitigation measures and the procedures for a Security Risk Assessment (SRA) if needed.	Throughout Project implementation	Ministry of Health PIU team including E&S Specialists
ESS 5: LAND ACQUISITION, RESTRICTIONS ON LAND USE AND INVOLUNTARY RESETTLEMENT			
	Not currently relevant.		
ESS 6: BIODIVERSITY CONSERVATION AND SUSTAINABLE MANAGEMENT OF LIVING NATURAL RESOURCES			
	Not currently relevant.		
ESS 7: INDIGENOUS PEOPLES/SUB-SAHARAN AFRICAN HISTORICALLY UNDERSERVED TRADITIONAL LOCAL COMMUNITIES			
	Not currently relevant.		
ESS 8: CULTURAL HERITAGE			
	Not currently relevant.		
ESS 9: FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARIES			
	Not currently relevant.		
ESS 10: STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT AND INFORMATION DISCLOSURE			
10.1	STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT PLAN: Update, disclose and implement the Stakeholder Engagement Plan (SEP) consistent with ESS10, in a manner acceptable to the Association.	A draft SEP was prepared and disclosed and shall be updated no later than 30 days following the Effective Date. The SEP shall be implemented throughout Project implementation.	PIU team including E&S Specialists
10.2	GRIEVANCE MECHANISM: 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.	PIU team including E&S Specialists
CAPACITY SUPPORT (TRAINING)			

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<p>Improve capacity of PIU by providing: i) training for PIU staff, health workers and other stakeholders such as surface technicians regarding E&S risks and waste management; ii) training on GRM for complaint management committees; iii) training to staff of health delivery facilities including other workers on the adequate use of personal protection equipment and on diagnosis, care and notification of positive COVID-19 cases; and iv) SEA/SH. The recruitment of a specialized NGO may be necessary to provide some of this training.</p>	<p>A comprehensive training plan will be prepared no later than 30 days after the Effective Date. It will be implemented immediately and throughout Project implementation.</p>	<p>PIU and E&S specialists Communication specialists</p>