

WHO

Yemen COVID-19 Response Project (P173862)

[Draft/Version for Negotiations]
**ENVIRONMENTAL and SOCIAL
COMMITMENT PLAN (ESCP)**

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1. World Health Organization (hereinafter the WHO) will implement the Yemen COVID-19 Response Project (P173862). The *International Development Association* (hereinafter the Association) has agreed to provide financing for the Project.
2. The WHO 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. Implementation of the material measures and actions set out in this ESCP will be monitored and reported to the Bank by the WHO 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.
4. As agreed by the Bank and WHO, 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, WHO will agree to the changes with the Bank 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 Bank and WHO. WHO will promptly disclose the updated ESCP.
5. Where Project changes, unforeseen circumstances, or Project performance result in changes to the risks and impacts during Project implementation, WHO 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 [Bank/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.	Every 6 months as part of the technical progress report	WHO
ESS 1: ASSESSMENT AND MANAGEMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL RISKS AND IMPACTS			
1.1	ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE: The WHO shall establish and maintain a project management unit with qualified staff and resources to support management of ESHS risks and impacts of the project including an environmental and a social expert.	Environmental Expert and Social Expert appointed one month after the Effective Date of the Project. The project management unit, including the Experts, should be maintained throughout Project implementation	WHO

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<p>1.2 ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL ASSESSMENT/MANAGEMENT PLANS AND INSTRUMENTS/ CONTRACTORS</p> <p>a. Update and disclose Environmental and Social Management Framework (ESMF) which was prepared under the EHNP. The updated ESMF will incorporate measures related to the Project’s Contingent Emergency Response Component, 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. Update and disclose Infection and Contagious Medical Waste Management Plan (ICMWMP) which was prepared under the EHNP and 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, in accordance with the ESSs, the ESMF, the EHSGs, and other relevant Good International Industry Practice (GIIP) including the WHO “Operational Planning Guidelines to Support Country Preparedness and Response”, annexed to the WHO “COVID-19 Strategic Preparedness and Response Plan” (February 12, 2020) 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 and supervising firms. Thereafter ensure that the contractors and supervising firms comply with the ESHS specifications of their respective contracts.</p>	<p>a. Updated ESMF to be prepared within one month after project effectiveness. and implemented throughout Project implementation; 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>WHO</p>

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1.3	<p>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 adverse impacts (e.g. loss of major natural habitat) • New constructions or expansions that may involve permanent resettlement or land acquisition or adverse impacts on cultural heritage • Activities that have high probability of causing serious adverse effects to human health and/or the environment not related to treatment of COVID-19 cases • Activities that may have significant adverse social impacts and may give rise to significant social conflict • Activities that may affect lands or rights of indigenous people or other vulnerable minorities, <p>All the other excluded activities set out in the <i>ESMF</i> of the Project.</p>	During the assessment process conducted under action 1.2.a. above.	WHO
ESS 2: LABOR AND WORKING CONDITIONS			
2.1	<p>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), prohibiting child labor (for children under 18) due to the hazardous work environment, 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.	WHO
2.2	<p>The Borrower shall implement the above measures in accordance with Labor Management Procedures (LMP) to be adopted for the Project and WHO guidelines on COVID-19 in all facilities, including laboratories, quarantine and isolation centers, and screening posts, in a manner acceptable to the Association and consistent with ESS2.</p>	LMP adopted prior to engagement of project workers in Project activities, and all other actions implemented throughout Project implementation.	
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 and use of resources (water, air, etc.) in accordance with ESS3, the ESHGs, and other relevant Good International Industry Practice (GIIP) including relevant WHO guidelines in a manner satisfactory to the Bank.</p>		
ESS 4: COMMUNITY HEALTH AND SAFETY			

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	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 sexual exploitation and abuse, and sexual harassment.		
ESS 5: LAND ACQUISITION, RESTRICTIONS ON LAND USE AND INVOLUNTARY RESETTLEMENT			
	NA		
ESS 6: BIODIVERSITY CONSERVATION AND SUSTAINABLE MANAGEMENT OF LIVING NATURAL RESOURCES			
	Relevant aspects of this standard shall be considered, as needed, under action 1.2 above.		
ESS 7: INDIGENOUS PEOPLES/SUB-SAHARAN AFRICAN HISTORICALLY UNDERSERVED TRADITIONAL LOCAL COMMUNITIES			
	NA		
ESS 8: CULTURAL HERITAGE			
	NA		
ESS 9: FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARIES			
	NA		
ESS 10: STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT AND INFORMATION DISCLOSURE			
10.1	STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT PLAN: Update, adopt, and implement the preliminary Stakeholder Engagement Plan (SEP) which was already prepared and disclosed in line with the WHO guidance on “Risk communication and community engagement (RCCE) readiness and response to the 2019 novel coronavirus (2019-nCoV)” (January 26, 2020), and consistent with ESS10, in a manner acceptable to the Association].	A preliminary SEP was already prepared and disclosed and shall be updated within two months after the Effective Date and throughout the project implementation. The SEP shall be implemented and updated throughout the Project implementation period.	WHO
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 [Bank/Association].	Throughout Project implementation.	WHO
CAPACITY SUPPORT (TRAINING)			

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<p>Training topics for personnel involved in Project implementation will among others include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - COVID-19 Infection Prevention and Control Recommendations - Laboratory biosafety guidance related to the COVID-19 - Specimen collection and shipment - Standard precautions for COVID-19 patients - Security management plan. - Toolbox talks on OHS related to workers in construction sites on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o On-site risk identification and mitigation o Use of PPEs o Emergency Prevention and Preparedness - Grievance redress mechanism for workers - Gender based violence – sexual exploitation and abuse (SEA) 		<p>WHO</p>