

**United Nations Children Fund (UNICEF)
South Sudan COVID-19 Emergency Response and
Health Systems Preparedness Project
Second Additional Financing (P180277)**

**For Negotiations
ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL
COMMITMENT PLAN**

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1. UNICEF will implement the Second Additional Financing to the South Sudan COVID-19 Emergency Response and Health Systems Preparedness Project (the Project) as set out in the Financing Agreement. The International Development Association (the Association) has agreed to provide financing for the Project as set out in the financing as set out in referred agreement. The Project provides continued support for essential health services to Upper Nile and Jonglei which has been provided under the Provision of Essential Health Services Project (PEHSP), augmented by COVID19 vaccination support throughout the country, and a focus on health facilities impacted by recent flooding events.
2. Under the World Bank Environmental and Social Framework (ESF), the Association and UNICEF are required to agree on an Environmental and Social Commitment Plan (ESCP) that sets out material measures and actions required for the Project to meet the Environmental and Social Standards (ESSs). Accordingly, the Association and UNICEF agree to this ESCP for purposes of implementing the Project.
3. UNICEF shall comply with this ESCP and any other environmental and social documents required under the ESF, including but not limited to the Environmental and Social Management Framework (ESMF), Environmental and Social Management Plans (ESMPs) and Stakeholder Engagement Plans (SEPs), and the timelines specified in those environmental and social documents as relevant to each Project component. UNICEF shall implement these material measures and actions as spelled out in the ESMF and other E&S documents and with the financing provided under the Project.
4. UNICEF is responsible for compliance with all requirements of the ESCP even when implementation of specific measures and actions is conducted by implementing partners (IPs).
5. Implementation of the material measures and actions set out in this ESCP shall be monitored and reported to the Association by UNICEF as part of UNICEF's monitoring and reporting requirements in the legal agreements, and the Association will monitor and assess progress and completion of the material measures and actions throughout implementation of the Project.
6. As agreed by the Association and UNICEF, 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, UNICEF 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 UNICEF and the updated ESCP shall promptly be disclosed in country and on UNICEF's and the Association's website.
7. Where Project changes, unforeseen circumstances, or Project performance result in changes to the risks and impacts during project implementation, UNICEF may re-allocate Project funds, as agreed with the Association, and/or undertake additional funds mobilization efforts, if needed, to be able to implement actions and measures to address such risks and impacts including decisions on funding for any extra cost originated by unforeseen circumstances.

MATERIAL MEASURES AND ACTIONS		TIMEFRAME	RESPONSIBLE ENTITY
MONITORING AND REPORTING			
A	<p>REGULAR REPORTING</p> <p>UNICEF shall 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 the implementation of the ESCP, stakeholder engagement activities and functioning of the grievance mechanisms.</p>	<p>Every 6 months as part of the Project’s technical progress report, starting from the Project Effective Date.</p>	UNICEF
B	<p>INCIDENTS AND ACCIDENTS</p> <p>UNICEF shall promptly notify the Association of any incident or accident related to or having an impact on the Project which has, or is likely to have, a significant adverse effect on the environment, the affected communities, the public or workers.</p> <p>Incidents and accidents subject to reporting under this provision shall be reported to the Association in accordance with the Project Security and Significant Event Management Framework (SSEMF) dated September 25, 2020 and any subsequent amendment to which the Association and UNICEF may jointly agree in writing.</p>	<p>Notify the Association as soon as reasonably practicable, but no later than five calendar days after UNICEF becomes aware of the occurrence of the incident or accident.</p> <p>No later than 30 days after UNICEF becomes aware of an incident or accident, UNICEF shall provide the Association with a summary report including a root cause analysis.</p>	UNICEF
ESS 1: ASSESSMENT AND MANAGEMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL RISKS AND IMPACTS			
1.1	<p>ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE</p> <p>UNICEF shall continue to maintain the existing management structure of the AF1. UNICEF has identified the technical support required to implement the ESMF. It shall continue to maintain the organizational and staffing structure to enable the implementation of the Project in compliance with the ESF, this ESCP, and the E&S instruments adopted under the Project (including SEP and ESMF with annexes).</p> <p>UNICEF shall continue to train implementing partners once they are selected to ensure that they comply with these E&S instruments. Basic capacity on environmental and social risk management shall be a selection criterion in the procurement process for new partners, if applicable. UNICEF shall continue to train implementing partners on the ESMF and other risk management instruments.</p>	<p>Prior to any physical activity on the ground by UNICEF or its implementing partners, and maintained throughout Project implementation.</p>	UNICEF

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1.2	<p>MANAGEMENT TOOLS AND INSTRUMENTS</p> <p>To the satisfaction of the Association, implement the Environmental and Social Instruments (Environmental and Social Management Framework (ESMF) including its annexes: Labor Management Plan, GBV Assessment and Action Plan, and Generic Medical Waste Management Plan) as well as the SEP developed and adopted under AF1 as required by ESS1 and in accordance with UNICEF’s rules and regulations and the relevant South Sudan national laws. The ESMF as an omnibus document contains and shall continue to contain specific E&S instruments as outlined below, such as the LMP.</p>	The ESMF and other ESF instruments shall be applied throughout Project implementation to all relevant Project activities before they are carried out.	UNICEF
1.3	<p>MANAGEMENT OF CONTRACTORS</p> <p>All requirements of the ESCP, ESMF and other E&S instruments shall be incorporated by reference in UNICEF’s standard agreements with contractors/implementing partners and form part of the performance monitoring of the contractor/implementing partner. Such requirements shall be extended by UNICEF’s contractors/implementing partners to all subcontractors.</p>	Throughout Project implementation, relevant ESCP, ESMF, and E&S instrument requirements shall be integrated in the preparation of all Project procurement activity documents.	UNICEF
1.4.	<p>CONTINGENT EMERGENCY RESPONSE COMPONENT (CERC) FINANCING</p> <p>(a) Maintain a chapter in the ESMF to outline CERC provisions (see 1.2 for ESMF timeline).</p> <p>(b) Update the ESMF upon CERC activation, as necessary to reflect CERC activities.</p> <p>(c) Carry out CERC activities in accordance with the ESMF.</p>	<p>(a) See ESMF timeline under 1.2</p> <p>(b) Prior to any CERC activations under the Project.</p> <p>(c) Throughout implementation of CERC activities</p>	UNICEF
1.5	<p>ACCESS TO VACCINATION</p> <p>Include in the vaccine rollout plan detailed provisions to ensure the inclusion of vulnerable and disadvantaged groups in line with WHO guidelines and the ESMF.</p>	Prior to rollout of vaccine deployment on the ground.	UNICEF
ESS 2: LABOR AND WORKING CONDITIONS			

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2.1	<p>LABOR MANAGEMENT PROCEDURES</p> <p>The Project shall be carried out in accordance with the applicable requirements of ESS2, in a manner acceptable to the Association. Fully implement the Labour Management Procedures (LMP) developed for the AF1 including incorporation of measures into procurement documents. Such requirements shall be complied by UNICEF's contractors/implementing partners and extended to all subcontractors.</p>	Implement LMP throughout Project implementation.	UNICEF
2.2	<p>GRIEVANCE MECHANISM FOR PROJECT WORKERS</p> <p>Maintain and operate a grievance mechanism for Project workers, as described in the LMP and consistent with ESS2. Grievance mechanism procedures for Project workers shall be spelled out in LMP.</p>	Maintain GRM throughout Project implementation.	UNICEF
2.3	<p>OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH AND SAFETY (OHS) MEASURES</p> <p>Implement occupational, health and safety (OHS) measures, including security and emergency preparedness and response, based on World Bank Group ESHS Guidelines, as part of the ESMF.</p>	Implement OHS measures of ESMF throughout Project implementation.	UNICEF
ESS 3: RESOURCE EFFICIENCY AND POLLUTION PREVENTION AND MANAGEMENT			
3.1	<p>MEDICAL WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN:</p> <p>Implement the Medical Waste Management Plan annexed to the ESMF as part of 3.2.</p>	The Medical Waste Management Plan shall be implemented and maintained throughout the Project.	UNICEF
3.2	<p>RESOURCE EFFICIENCY AND POLLUTION PREVENTION AND MANAGEMENT</p> <p>Relevant aspects of this standard shall be considered by the ESMF including: measures to carry out the purchase, storage, transportation and handling of vaccines (including, ultra-cold chain management) in a safe manner and in accordance with the good industry practice and relevant WHO guidelines; adequately manage and dispose of health care wastes (including, vaccines); sustainably manage construction-related waste generated during rehabilitation and construction activities, and other types of hazardous and non-hazardous wastes.</p>	Provisions under the ESMF shall be implemented and maintained throughout the Project.	UNICEF
ESS 4: COMMUNITY HEALTH AND SAFETY			

4.1	<p>TRAFFIC AND ROAD SAFETY</p> <p>Road safety management measures shall be adopted as part of the ESMF and the Security and Significant Event Management Framework (SSMEF) which also includes reporting on the following provisions of ESS4 below.</p>	<p>Provisions in the ESMF shall be implemented and maintained throughout Project implementation. The adopted SSMEF shall be updated if required in line with provisions under 1.2.</p>	UNICEF
4.2	<p>COMMUNITY HEALTH AND SAFETY</p> <p>Relevant aspects of ESS 4 shall continue to be considered in the ESMF including measures to: minimize the potential for community exposure to communicable diseases; establish and implement appropriate quality management systems to manage the risks and the impacts that services provided and activities carried out under the Project may have on community health and safety; manage the risks of labour influx; and prevent and respond to sexual exploitation and abuse, and sexual harassment; and 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>Provisions in the ESMF shall be implemented and maintained throughout Project implementation.</p>	UNICEF
4.3	<p>GBV AND SEA RISKS</p> <p>Manage the risks of gender-based violence (GBV) and sexual exploitation and abuse (SEA) in accordance with the ESMF.</p> <p>Implement the stand-alone Gender-Based Violence Action Plan (GBV Action Plan) including incorporation of measures into procurement documents. Such requirements shall be extended by UNICEF to all contractors/implementing partners and subcontractors.</p>	<p>Provisions in the ESMF shall be implemented and maintained throughout Project implementation.</p>	UNICEF
4.4	<p>SECURITY PERSONNEL</p> <p>Military or other armed security personnel will not be involved in this Project. Other security risk management measures applicable to the Project shall be spelled out in the instrument in 4.5.</p> <p>For any unarmed guards engaged as part of the implementation of Project activities, UNICEF shall, with the respective implementing partner, and in accordance with ESS4 and UNICEF's standard contracting procedures:</p> <p>(a) Adopt and enforce appropriate standards, protocols and codes of conduct for the selection and engagement of such personnel, including to assess and mitigate, as relevant, the risks under ESS4 ¶¶ 24,</p>	<p>Prior to engagement or assignment of such personnel, and throughout Project implementation in line with provisions under 4.5.</p>	

	<p>26-27;</p> <p>(b) ensure that such personnel are deployed in accordance with the relevant requirements of ESSs, the ESMF, and the Security Management Plan under section 4.5 of this ESCP;</p> <p>(c) ensure that such personnel are adequately instructed and trained as set out in the Project Operational Manual, ESMF, and the Security Management Plan under section 4.5 of this ESCP; and</p> <p>(d) ensure that the SEP under section 10.1 of this ESCP references the involvement of such personnel under the Project, including the availability of the grievance redress mechanism under section 10.2; and</p> <p>(e) ensure that any concerns or grievances regarding the conduct of such personnel are received, monitored, documented (taking into account the need to protect confidentiality), resolved through the Project’s grievance mechanism under section 10.2 of this ESCP. Any such concerns or grievances that qualify as “significant event” shall be reported to the Association no later than five calendar days after being received, consistent with the reporting procedures under section B of this ESCP.</p>		
4.5	<p>SECURITY MANAGEMENT</p> <p>The security management plan (SMP) shall be implemented throughout the Project. The SMP, a summary of which is and shall remain included in the ESMF, shall contain all the procedures and protocols related to security for the Project, including the measures and protocol related to the use of security personnel under section 4.4 of this ESCP. It will build, as appropriate, on the SSEMF adopted under PEHSP.</p>	Provisions of the SMP shall be implemented and maintained throughout Project implementation.	UNICEF
4.6	<p>Personal Data Protection: Safeguard personal data of individuals as an essential aspect of protecting people’s lives, their physical and mental integrity, and their dignity under the UNICEF Policy on Personal Data Protection; take the appropriate measures, as defined by institutional guidelines, if any breach of the rules takes place.</p>	Throughout Project implementation.	UNICEF
<p>ESS 5: LAND ACQUISITION, RESTRICTIONS ON LAND USE AND INVOLUNTARY RESETTLEMENT</p>			
	Not relevant to this Project		
<p>ESS 6: BIODIVERSITY CONSERVATION AND SUSTAINABLE MANAGEMENT OF LIVING NATURAL RESOURCES</p>			
	To be considered, if relevant, under the ESMF in section 1.2.		

ESS 7: INDIGENOUS PEOPLES/SUB-SAHARAN AFRICAN HISTORICALLY UNDERSERVED TRADITIONAL LOCAL COMMUNITIES			
7.1	INDIGENOUS PEOPLES As most of South Sudan’s population fall under the definition of Indigenous Peoples outlined in ESS7, this Project shall comply with the provisions of ESS7. Respective assessments and provisions shall be included in the social assessment components of the ESMF as well as the overall design of the project to ensure culturally appropriate communication as well as access to culturally appropriate benefits.	The provisions of the ESMF shall be implemented and maintained throughout Project implementation.	UNICEF
7.2	GRIEVANCE MECHANISM Given it is envisioned that all Project beneficiaries are Indigenous Peoples, the grievance mechanism will be established under ESS10.	The grievance mechanism shall be maintained throughout Project implementation.	UNICEF
ESS 8: CULTURAL HERITAGE			
	Not relevant to this Project		
ESS 9: FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARIES			
	Not relevant to this Project		
ESS 10: STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT AND INFORMATION DISCLOSURE			
10.1	STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT PLAN PREPARATION AND IMPLEMENTATION The stakeholder engagement plan (SEP) shall be implemented.	Provisions of the SEP shall be implemented and maintained throughout Project implementation.	UNICEF
10.2	PROJECT GRIEVANCE MECHANISM: Maintain and operate a grievance mechanism, as described in the SEP. The GRM shall be culturally appropriate and readily accessible to all Project-affected parties including any traditionally disadvantaged, vulnerable or marginalized communities. The grievance mechanism shall also receive, register and address concerns and grievances related to sexual exploitation and abuse, and sexual harassment in a safe and confidential manner, including through the referral of survivors to gender- based violence service providers.	Operate and maintain the GRM throughout Project implementation.	UNICEF
CAPACITY SUPPORT (TRAINING)			

<p>CS1</p>	<p>All capacity building activities and trainings will be further detailed in the ESMF, trainings may be required in:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stakeholder engagement Occupational and Community Health and Safety Emergency preparedness and response GBV risk mitigation Prevention and reporting of SEA/SH Grievance Management Labour management procedures Management of medical waste and disposal of sharps Security Management Significant Event reporting and management COVID-19 Infection prevention and control Standard precautions for COVID-19 patients Risk communication and community engagement Waste disposal plan for wasted vaccine vials, used sharps and any used batteries, solar panels, or unused/spilt fuel oil used for refrigeration Cold chain management Vaccine safety surveillance 	<p>Throughout Project implementation</p>	<p>UNICEF</p>
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