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Kosovo Green Citizen Action (P179084)

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ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL COMMITMENT PLAN (ESCP)

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1. The Balkan Green Foundation (BGF) will implement the **Partnerships for Green Transition Project** (P179084) (the **Project**), with the involvement of the following two partner organizations: Lëvizja FOL (FOL) and Open Data Kosovo (ODK), as set out in the GPSA Grant Agreement. The International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (hereinafter the *Bank*), through the provision of a GPSA Grant, has agreed to provide financing for the Project.
2. The BGF 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 BGF is responsible for compliance with all requirements of the ESCP even when implementation of specific measures and actions is conducted by the other partner organizations or stakeholders.
4. Implementation of the material measures and actions set out in this ESCP will be monitored and reported to the *Bank* by the BGF as required by the ESCP and the conditions of the legal agreement, and the *Bank* will monitor and assess progress and completion of the material measures and actions throughout implementation of the Project.
5. As agreed by the *Bank* and the Balkan Green Foundation (BGF), 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 Project performance conducted under the ESCP itself. Agreement on changes to the ESCP will be documented through the exchange of letters signed between the *Bank* and the BGF. The BGF shall 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 BGF shall provide additional funds, if needed, to implement actions and measures to address such risks and impacts, which may include environmental, labor, and health, and safety risks.

MATERIAL MEASURES AND ACTIONS		TIMEFRAME	RESPONSIBLE ENTITY
MONITORING AND REPORTING			
A	REGULAR REPORTING: Prepare and submit to the Bank regular monitoring reports on the implementation of the ESCP, including, but not limited to, stakeholder engagement activities and grievances log.	Submit biannual reports to the Bank throughout Project implementation, commencing after the Effective Date. Submit each report to the Bank no later than 10 days after the end of each reporting period.	<i>BGF/FOL/ODK</i>
B	INCIDENTS AND ACCIDENTS: Promptly notify the Bank of any incident or accident related to the Project 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. 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. Subsequently, at the Bank's request, prepare a report on the incident or accident and propose any measures to address it and prevent its recurrence.	Notify the Bank no later than 48 hours after learning of the incident or accident. Provide subsequent reports to the Bank within a timeframe acceptable to the Bank.	<i>BGF/FOL/ODK</i>
ESS 1: ASSESSMENT AND MANAGEMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL RISKS AND IMPACTS			
1.1	ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE: A consortium of CSO appoints a focal person to oversee social and environmental issues and mitigate potential social and environmental risks in line with the ESF.	Appoint the focal person prior to project effectiveness, and thereafter maintain this position throughout Project implementation.	<i>BGF/FOL/ODK</i>
1.2	ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL ASSESSMENT/MANAGEMENT PLANS AND INSTRUMENTS/ CONTRACTORS: a. Address and mitigate the risks and impacts from small scale civil works for an installation of two solar panels in accordance with Environmental Management Plan Checklist to be prepared, by the contractor in accordance with the Environmental, Health and Safety Guidelines (EHSGs), and other relevant Good International Industry Practice (GIIP), including relevant WHO guidelines. b. Incorporate the relevant aspects of ESHS into the specifications of the procurement documents and contract with the contractor. Thereafter ensure that the contractor complies with the ESHS specifications.	EMP checklist will be prepared before the carrying out of the relevant Project activities, and thereafter implemented throughout the carrying out of such activities. As part of the preparation of procurement documents and respective contracts.	<i>Contractor</i> <i>BGF/FOL/ODK</i>
ESS 2: LABOR AND WORKING CONDITIONS			

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2.1	The project shall be carried out in accordance with the applicable requirements of ESS2, in a manner acceptable to the Bank, including through, inter alia, ensuring that BGF strictly follows the Bank’s procurement guidelines on the employment of consultants, incorporating GM and ESHS aspects into specifications of the procurement documents and contracts, implementing adequate occupational health and safety measures (including emergency preparedness and response measures), and establishing and maintaining GM.	Throughout project implementation.	BGF/FOL/ODK
2.2	BGF shall develop and maintain a project-specific grievance mechanism as well as a workers’ grievance mechanism for PIU consultants and assign focal person to adequately address these grievances. BGF shall also verify that all other contracted consultants (such as IT consultants) have workers’ GM in place prior to their engagement.	Throughout project implementation.	BGF/FOL/ODK
2.3	BGF shall implement adequate occupational health and safety measures (including emergency preparedness and response measures) in line with ESS2 and WHO guidelines on COVID19.	Throughout project implementation.	BGF/FOL/ODK
ESS 3: RESOURCE EFFICIENCY AND POLLUTION PREVENTION AND MANAGEMENT			
This standard is not relevant for the suggested project interventions			
ESS 4: COMMUNITY HEALTH AND SAFETY			
4.1	COMMUNITY HEALTH AND SAFETY: BGF shall ensure that measures in line with the ESF, WHO, and national guidelines on COVID-19 are put in place to prevent or minimize the spread of COVID-19 to the community.	Throughout project implementation.	BGF/FOL/ODK
4.2	The relevant aspects of ESHS will be incorporated into the specifications of the procurement documents and contract with contractor for works for an installation of solar panels. Thereafter ensure that the contractors comply with the ESHS specifications.	As part of the preparation of procurement documents and respective contracts and health and safety will be monitored throughout the implementation of the works.	BGF/FOL/ODK
4.3	GBV and SEA-SH RISKS: The consortium shall implement relevant SEA/SH prevention and mitigation measures, including ensuring that the project’s grievance mechanism is adequately equipped to receive, register, and facilitate the resolution of SEA/SH complaints.	Throughout project implementation.	BGF/FOL/ODK
ESS 5: LAND ACQUISITION, RESTRICTIONS ON LAND USE AND INVOLUNTARY RESETTLEMENT			
This standard is not relevant for the suggested project interventions.			
ESS 6: BIODIVERSITY CONSERVATION AND SUSTAINABLE MANAGEMENT OF LIVING NATURAL RESOURCES			
This standard is not relevant for the suggested project interventions.			
ESS 7: INDIGENOUS PEOPLES/SUB-SAHARAN AFRICAN HISTORICALLY UNDERSERVED TRADITIONAL LOCAL COMMUNITIES			
There are no known distinct social and cultural groups as covered by ESS7 residing in Kosovo. Thus, this standard is not applicable.			
ESS 8: CULTURAL HERITAGE			
This standard is not relevant for the suggested project interventions.			

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ESS 9: FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARIES			
This standard is not relevant for this project.			
ESS 10: STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT AND INFORMATION DISCLOSURE			
10.1	STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT: Prepare, disclose, adopt, and implement a Stakeholder Engagement Plan (SEP) focusing particularly on ensuring accessibility and inclusion of vulnerable groups, consistent with ESS10 and 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 SEP will be prepared prior to project appraisal.	BGF/FOL/ODK
10.2	PROJECT GRIEVANCE MECHANISM: Accessible grievance arrangements shall be made publicly available to receive and facilitate the resolution of concerns and grievances in relation to the project, consistent with ESS10.	Throughout project implementation.	BGF/FOL/ODK
CAPACITY SUPPORT			
WB E&S team will support the consortium in identifying, managing and reporting social and environmental risks in line with the ESF.		During project preparation and during project implementation, as needed.	The World Bank E&S Team