

Republic of Tunisia

Tunisia Additional Financing COVID-19 Response Project (Vaccines) P175785

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ENVIRONMENTAL and SOCIAL COMMITMENT PLAN (ESCP)

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1. The Republic of Tunisia (hereinafter the Borrower) shall implement the Additional Financing for the Tunisia COVID-19 Response (Vaccines) Project (the **Project**), with the involvement of the Ministry of Health. The International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (*hereinafter the Bank*) has agreed to provide financing for the Project.
2. The Borrower shall carry out the Project in accordance with the Environmental and Social Standards (ESSs). To this end, this Environmental and Social Commitment Plan (ESCP) sets out material measures and actions to be carried out or caused to be carried out by the Borrower, including the timeframes of the actions and measures, institutional, staffing, training, monitoring and reporting arrangements, grievance management and the environmental and social assessments and instruments to be prepared or updated, disclosed, consulted, adopted and implemented under the ESCP and the ESSs, all in a manner acceptable to the Bank.
3. Implementation of the material measures and actions set out in this ESCP shall be monitored and reported to the Bank by the Borrower as required by the ESCP and the provisions of the Loan Agreement.
4. As agreed by the Bank and the Borrower, 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 Borrower shall agree to the changes with the Bank and will update the ESCP to reflect such changes. Agreement on changes to the ESCP shall be documented through the exchange of letters signed between the Bank and the Borrower. The Borrower shall 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, the Borrower shall provide additional funds, if needed, to implement actions and measures to address such risks and impacts. If 60 days prior to the Closing Date, the Bank determines that there are measures and actions specified in the ESCP which will not be completed by the Closing Date, the Borrower shall: (a) not later than 30 days before the Closing Date, prepare and present to the Bank, an action plan satisfactory to the Bank on the outstanding measures and actions, including a timetable and budget allocation for such measures and actions (which action plan shall be deemed to be considered an amendment of the ESCP); and (b) thereafter, carry out said action plan in accordance with its terms and in a manner acceptable to the Bank.

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MONITORING AND REPORTING			
A	REGULAR REPORTING: Prepare and submit to the Bank 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.	<i>Starting from the Effective Date, six-monthly reports shall be submitted no later than 30 days after the end of each reporting period, throughout Project implementation.</i>	<i>Ministry of Health of Tunisia</i>
B	INCIDENT REPORTING. Promptly notify the Bank of any incident or accident related to the AF Project which has, or is likely to have, a significant adverse effect on the environment, the affected communities, the public or workers . Provide sufficient detail regarding 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 supervising entity, as appropriate. Subsequently, as per the Bank’s request, prepare a report on the incident or accident and propose any measures to prevent its recurrence.	<i>Notify the Bank immediately within 48 hours after learning of the incident or accident.</i> <i>A detailed report would be subsequently submitted to the Bank within a reasonable timeframe acceptable to the Bank, as requested.</i>	<i>Ministry of Health of Tunisia</i>
ESS 1: ASSESSMENT AND MANAGEMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL RISKS AND IMPACTS			
1.1	ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE: The Borrower, through the Ministry of Health, shall maintain and strengthen its Project Implementation Unit of the Parent Project to support the management of ESHS risks and impacts of the Project, by including a focal point for environmental and social risk, a focal point for communications and stakeholder engagement and recruiting appropriate specialists in communication, stakeholder engagement and environmental and social risks as required.	<i>Nominate the environmental and social risk management focal point and nominate the stakeholder engagement focal point prior to Project Effective Date. Recruit communication and stakeholder engagement specialists prior to the start of the vaccination campaign. The PIU and its E&S and stakeholder engagement focal points and specialists shall be maintained throughout Project implementation.</i>	<i>Ministry of Health of Tunisia</i>

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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 not already included in the <i>Environmental and Social Management Framework (ESMF)</i>, prepared pursuant to the provisions of the Parent Project¹ (P173945) and to be updated, consulted and adopted to cover the activities of the additional financing Project in line with the ESSs, the national COVID-19 vaccination strategy, the Environmental and Safety Guidelines (EHSGs), WHO guidelines and recommendations. .</p> <p>b. Prepare, revise, 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 updated ESMF, the national strategic documents, the EHSGs, and other relevant Good International Industry Practice (GIIP) including the WHO SAGE value framework for the allocation and Prioritization for COVID-19 vaccination or the CDC Interim Vaccination Playbook, in a manner acceptable to the Bank to, inter alia, ensure access to and allocation of Project benefits in a fair, equitable and inclusive manner, taking into account the needs of individuals or groups who, because of their particular circumstances, may be disadvantaged or vulnerable, such as individuals with disabilities or living in remote areas.</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>d. Adopt procedures, protocols and/or other measures to ensure Project beneficiaries that receive vaccines under the Project do so under a program that does not include forced vaccination and is acceptable to the Bank, as set out in the ESMF.</p> <p>e. Ensure that any activity financed retroactively comply with the current and updated ESMF, LMP, and SEP as relevant and the ESSs.</p>	<p>a. <i>ESMF shall be updated and disclosed prior to the Effective Date .</i></p> <p>b. <i>Plans/instruments shall be prepared, disclosed, consulted and adopted before the carrying out of the relevant Project activities, and thereafter throughout the carrying out of such activities.</i></p> <p>c. <i>The relevant ESHS measures shall be incorporated into the procurement documents before launching the procurement process for the relevant Project activities, and shall thereafter complied with throughout the carrying out of such activities. d. Before the administration of vaccines.</i></p> <p>d. <i>Before the carrying out of the relevant Project activities, and thereafter implemented throughout the carrying out of such activities.</i></p> <p>e. <i>Throughout the implementation of activities financed retroactively.</i></p>	<p><i>Ministry of Health of Tunisia</i></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 have permanent and/or irreversible long-term negative effects (e.g. major loss of natural habitat) • Activities with a high probability of serious adverse effects on human health and/or the environment unrelated to the treatment of COVID-19 cases • Activities that can have major social impacts and that could give rise to major social conflicts that are unrelated to the treatment of COVID-19 cases • Activities likely to involve permanent resettlement or land acquisition or that can have a negative impact on cultural heritage • All the other excluded activities set out in the updated ESMF of the Project. 	<p>During the assessment process conducted under action 1.2.a. above.</p>	<p><i>Ministry of Health of Tunisia</i></p>
<p>1.4 CONTINGENT EMERGENCY RESPONSE FINANCING</p> <p>a. Ensure that the <i>CERC Manual</i> includes a description of the ESHS assessment and management arrangements including a CERC-ESMF to be included in the CERC Manual for the implementation of the <i>CERC component</i>, in accordance with the ESSs.</p> <p>b. Prepare, disclose, consult and adopt any environmental and social (E&S) management plans or instruments which may be required for activities under the <i>CERC</i>, in accordance with the <i>CERC Manual and CERC-ESMF</i> and the ESSs, and thereafter implement the measures and actions required under said E&S management plans or instruments, within the timeframes specified in said E&S management plans or instruments.</p>	<p>a) The adoption of the CERC Manual in form and substance acceptable to the Bank is a withdrawal condition under Section III.B. 1 (b)(iv) of Schedule 2 of the Loan Agreement</p> <p>b) The E&S management plans or instruments shall be prepared, disclosed, consulted, and thereafter adopted before the carrying out of the relevant Project activities under the CERC. The E&S management plans or instruments shall be implemented in accordance with their terms, throughout Project implementation.</p>	<p><i>Ministry of Health of Tunisia</i></p>
<p>ESS 2: LABOR AND WORKING CONDITIONS</p>		

¹ <https://documents.worldbank.org/en/publication/documents-reports/documentdetail/551811601060656183/environmental-and-social-management-framework-esmf-tunisia-covid-19-response-project-p173945>

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<p>2.1 LABOR MANAGEMENT:</p> <p>a. Update, disclose and implement the Labor Management Procedures of the Parent Project² to account for the activities of the additional financing Project and/or prepare specific instruments.</p> <p>b. The Project shall be carried out in accordance with the applicable requirements of ESS2, as set out in the Updated Labor Management Procedures (LMP) to be adopted for the Project, in a manner acceptable to the Bank, 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, firms and primary suppliers.</p>	<p>a. The LMP shall be updated prior to the Effective Date and maintained throughout Project implementation.</p> <p>b. Throughout Project implementation.</p>	<p><i>Ministry of Health of Tunisia</i></p>
ESS 3: RESOURCE EFFICIENCY AND POLLUTION PREVENTION AND MANAGEMENT		
<p>a. Relevant aspects of this standard shall be considered, as needed, under action 1.2 above, including, inter alia, 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 ESHGs, and other relevant GIIP including relevant WHO guidelines; and adequately manage and dispose of health care wastes (including, vaccines) and other types of hazardous and non-hazardous wastes.</p> <p>b. All facilities benefiting of the materials, equipment and acquisition financed by the Project shall prepare, adopt, disclose and implement an infectious control and waste management plan (ICWMP), as set out in the updated ESMF, that comply with the requirements of ESS3.</p>	<p>a. throughout Project implementation.</p> <p>b. The ICWMPs shall be adopted prior to the start of the vaccination campaign in the respective facilities, and maintained throughout Project implementation</p>	<p><i>Ministry of Health of Tunisia</i></p>
ESS 4: COMMUNITY HEALTH AND SAFETY		

² <https://documents.worldbank.org/en/publication/documents-reports/documentdetail/362511601060672576/labor-management-procedures-tunisia-covid-19-response-project-p173945>

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4.1	Relevant aspects of this standard shall be considered, as needed, under action 1.2 above as per the current and updated Environmental and Social Frameworks (ESMFs) (depending on the activity), including, inter alia, measures to: minimize the potential for community exposure to communicable diseases and hazardous waste; 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.	Throughout Project implementation.	<i>Ministry of Health of Tunisia</i>
4.2	<p>USE OF MILITARY OR SECURITY PERSONNEL: The following measures shall be adopted, to ensure that the engagement of military personnel for provision of security to Project workers, sites and/or assets, is carried out in accordance with the ESSs:</p> <p>a. Assess the risks and impacts of engagement of the military personnel, as part of the assessment referred to in action 1.2 a) above, and implement measures to manage such risks and impacts, guided by the principles of proportionality and GIIP, and by applicable law, in relation to rules of conduct, training, equipping, and monitoring of such military personnel;</p> <p>b. Ensure that the stakeholder engagement activities under the Stakeholder Engagement Plan (SEP) include a communication strategy on the involvement of military personnel under the Project;</p> <p>c. Ensure that any concerns or grievances regarding the conduct of military personnel are received, monitored, documented (taking into account the need to protect confidentiality), resolved through the Project's grievance mechanism (see action 10.2 below) and reported to the Bank no later than 48 hours after being received;</p>	a) Assessment carried out in the same timeframe than action 1.2 a) above and <i>any required measures shall be adopted before deploying military personnel under the Project and thereafter implemented throughout Project implementation and thereafter implemented throughout Project implementation</i>].	<i>Ministry of Health of Tunisia</i>
ESS 5: LAND ACQUISITION, RESTRICTIONS ON LAND USE AND INVOLUNTARY RESETTLEMENT			
	Not relevant		
ESS 6: BIODIVERSITY CONSERVATION AND SUSTAINABLE MANAGEMENT OF LIVING NATURAL RESOURCES			

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	Not relevant		
ESS 7: INDIGENOUS PEOPLES/SUB-SAHARAN AFRICAN HISTORICALLY UNDERSERVED TRADITIONAL LOCAL COMMUNITIES			
	Not relevant		
ESS 8: CULTURAL HERITAGE			
	Not relevant		
ESS 9: FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARIES			
	Not relevant		
ESS 10: STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT AND INFORMATION DISCLOSURE			
10.1	<p>STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT PLAN:</p> <p>a. Update, disclose, adopt, and implement a stand-alone Stakeholder Engagement Plan (SEP) specific to the Project (vaccination purchase and deployment activities) consistent with the Stakeholder Engagement Plan disclosed for the Parent Project and ESS10, which shall include measures to, inter alia, provide stakeholders with timely, relevant, understandable and accessible information, and consult with them in a culturally appropriate manner, which is free of manipulation, interference, coercion, discrimination and intimidation.</p>	<p><i>a .The preliminary SEP has been disclosed prior to appraisal. ³ The SEP will be updated prior to effectiveness and regularly as relevant. The SEP shall be implemented throughout project implementation.</i></p>	Ministry of Health of Tunisia

³ Link to the disclosed SEP

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10.2	<p>GRIEVANCE MECHANISM:</p> <p>a. The Borrower shall establish a grievance mechanism dedicated to receive, facilitate and resolve concerns and grievances associated with the activities of the additional financing Project, as described in the SEP referred to in action 10.1a. above. This mechanism shall be established, publicized and operated 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 ESS10.</p> <p>b. The grievance mechanism of the Parent Project shall be maintained to address complaints associated with the activities of the Parent Project.</p> <p>c. Both grievance mechanisms shall also receive, register and address concerns and grievances related to sexual exploitation and abuse, sexual harassment in a safe and confidential manner, including through the referral of survivors to gender-based violence service providers.</p> <p>d. The grievance mechanism for the additional financing Project shall also receive, register and address concerns arising from unintended health consequences after vaccination especially those resulting in serious adverse effects.</p>	<p>a. <i>Prior to the start of vaccine deployment.</i></p> <p>b. <i>Throughout Project implementation</i></p> <p>c. <i>Throughout Project implementation</i></p> <p>d. <i>Throughout Project implementation</i></p>	<p><i>Ministry of Health of Tunisia</i></p>
CAPACITY SUPPORT (TRAINING)			
CS1	<p>Project Management Unit and other relevant implementing support staff responsible for the Project to receive training on the Project's ESHS instruments, fair, equitable and inclusive access and allocation of Project benefits, the vaccine administration procedures, information to be provided to the vaccine beneficiaries, and the roles and responsibilities of different key agencies in the ESF implementation.</p>	<p>Within 60 days of the Effective Date and as new Project team members join the Project throughout implementation.</p>	<p><i>Ministry of Health of Tunisia</i></p>