

**Republic of Turkey
Ministry of Health
Turkey Emergency COVID-19 Response Project
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**Final
ENVIRONMENTAL and SOCIAL
COMMITMENT PLAN (ESCP)**

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1. The Republic of Turkey (hereinafter the Borrower) will implement the Turkey Emergency COVID-19 Response Project (the **Project**) with the involvement of the Ministry of Health (MOH). The International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (hereinafter the Bank) has agreed to provide financing for the Project.
2. The Borrower 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 Borrower is responsible for compliance with all requirements of the ESCP even when implementation of specific measures and actions is conducted by the Ministry referenced in 1. above.
4. Implementation of the material measures and actions set out in this ESCP will be monitored and reported to the Bank by the Borrower 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 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, through the MOH as its delegate, 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 the Borrower/ or delegate(s). The Borrower/ or delegate(s) 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 Borrower 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 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.	Quarterly, throughout Project implementation.	MOH PMSU
ESS 1: ASSESSMENT AND MANAGEMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL RISKS AND IMPACTS			
1.1	ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE: The MOH shall maintain a Project Management Support Unit (PMSU) with qualified staff and resources to support management of ESHS risks and impacts of the Project including one environmental and one social specialist to be assigned.	One environmental and one social specialist shall be assigned/hired within 30 days after the Effective Date. Activities that might commence earlier than appointment of ES staff of the PMSU, will be managed by the existing PMSU staff, and the staff of relevant departments of MOH PMSU maintained throughout Project implementation	MOH PMSU

MATERIAL MEASURES AND ACTIONS		TIMEFRAME	RESPONSIBLE ENTITY/AUTHORITY
1.2	<p>ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL ASSESSMENT/MANAGEMENT PLANS AND INSTRUMENTS/ CONTRACTORS</p> <p>a. Assess the environmental and social risks and impacts of proposed Project activities, in accordance with the 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, including the ESMF, the Infection Control and Waste Management Plan (ICWMP), Labor Management Plan (LMP) and Stakeholder Engagement Plan),, the EHSs, and other relevant Good International Industry Practice (GIIP) including the relevant WHO guidance on COVID-19 response, in a manner acceptable to the Bank.</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. Before the carrying out of the relevant Project activities, and within 30 days after the Effective Date. Until the Project E&S instruments are approved, the Project will apply the WHO standards on COVID-19 response in a manner consistent with ESS1.</p> <p>b. Before the carrying out of the relevant Project activities, within 30 days after the Effective Date, 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>	MOH PMSU

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1.3	<p>EXCLUSIONS: Exclude the following types 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 on the environment • Activities that may have significant adverse social impacts and may give rise to significant social conflict • Activities that may involve resettlement or land acquisition/use restriction or adverse impacts on cultural heritage 	During the assessment process conducted under action 1.2.a. above.	MOH PMSU

ESS 2: LABOR AND WORKING CONDITIONS

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2.1 LABOR MANAGEMENT: 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, 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.	Throughout Project implementation.	MOH PMSU
ESS 3: RESOURCE EFFICIENCY AND POLLUTION PREVENTION AND MANAGEMENT		
	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.	
ESS 4: COMMUNITY HEALTH AND SAFETY		
	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; and prevent and respond to sexual exploitation and abuse, and sexual harassment.	
ESS 5: LAND ACQUISITION, RESTRICTIONS ON LAND USE AND INVOLUNTARY RESETTLEMENT		
	Not relevant.	
ESS 6: BIODIVERSITY CONSERVATION AND SUSTAINABLE MANAGEMENT OF LIVING NATURAL RESOURCES		
	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		

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10.1	<p>STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT PLAN: Update, disclose, adopt, and implement a Stakeholder Engagement Plan (SEP) consistent with ESS10, in a manner acceptable to the Bank.</p>	<p>A preliminary draft SEP was already prepared and disclosed and shall be updated no later than 30 days following the Effective Date. The SEP shall be implemented throughout the Project implementation period.</p>	<p>MOH PMSU</p>
10.2	<p>GRIEVANCE MECHANISM: Maintain and operate a grievance mechanism, as described in the SEP.</p> <p>Accessible GM 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.</p>	<p>Throughout Project implementation.</p>	<p>MOH PMSU</p>
CAPACITY SUPPORT (TRAINING)			
	<p>Training to health workers on COVID – 19 prevention and treatment protocols</p>	<p>Throughout Project implementation</p>	<p>MOH PMSU</p>