

**MONGOLIA COVID-19 EMERGENCY RESPONSE AND HEALTH SYSTEM
PREPAREDNESS PROJECT (P173799).**

[Draft/Version for Negotiations]

**ENVIRONMENTAL and SOCIAL
COMMITMENT PLAN (ESCP)**

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1. **Mongolia** (hereinafter the Recipient) will implement the COVID-19 Emergency Response and Health System Preparedness Project (the **Project**), with the involvement of the Ministry of Health (MoH). The International Development Association (hereinafter the **Association**) has agreed to provide financing for the Project.
2. The Recipient 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 Recipient 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 Association by the Recipient 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.
5. As agreed by the Association and the Recipient, 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 Recipient/ *or delegate(s)* 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 the Recipient/ *or delegate(s)*. The Recipient/ *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 Recipient 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 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.	Quarterly throughout Project implementation	MoH
ESS 1: ASSESSMENT AND MANAGEMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL RISKS AND IMPACTS			
1.1	ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE: The Ministry of Health shall establish and maintain a Project Implementation Unit with qualified staff and resources to support management of ESHS risks and impacts of the Project including (i) a community engagement specialist experienced in working with poor, vulnerable and remotely located communities; (ii) facility health and safety specialist; and (iii) environmental health specialist	Key staff to be appointed prior to commencement of Project activities and maintained throughout Project implementation 1. Community engagement specialist 2. Facility health and safety specialist 3. Environmental health specialist	MoH

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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, in accordance an Environmental & Social Management Plan (ESMP) to be prepared and cleared by the Association prior to commencement of Project activities. This ESMP will include measures 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, the EHSs, and other relevant Good International Industry Practice (GIIP) including the WHO guidelines on Risk Communication and Community Engagement, Migrant camps and camp-like settings; Guidance for schools, workplaces & institutions; Reduction of transmission from animals to humans; Infection protection and control/WASH; National Laboratories, 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. ESMP to be prepared prior to commencement of Project activities. 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>MoH</p>

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1.3	<p>EXCLUSIONS: The following type of activities shall not be eligible for finance 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 • Activities that have high probability of causing serious adverse effects to human health and/or the environment other than during 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, • Activities that may involve permanent resettlement or land acquisition or adverse impacts on cultural heritage • All the other excluded activities set out in the ESMP of the Project. 	These exclusions shall be applied as part of the assessment process conducted under action 1.2.a. above	MoH
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), 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.	MoH
2.2	The Recipient shall prepare, adopt and implement a Labor Management Plan (LMP) to be cleared by the Bank.	LMP to be adopted before engaging project workers in Project activities and thereafter implemented throughout Project implementation	MoH
2.3	The Recipient shall implement adequate occupational health and safety measures (including emergency preparedness and response measures) in line with the ESMF, the applicable requirements of ESS2, the ESHGs and other relevant GIIP including the WHO guidelines on COVID19 in all facilities, including laboratories, quarantine and isolation centers, and screening posts.	Throughout Project implementation	MoH
2.4	The Recipient shall ensure that all health workers adhere to the WHO Code of Ethics and Professional conduct.	Throughout Project implementation	MoH
2.5	The Recipient shall establish a grievance hotline and assignment of focal points to address these grievances within MoH.	Throughout Project implementation	MoH

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2.6	The Recipient will prohibit child labor (any person under the age of 18) due to the hazardous work situation.	Throughout Project implementation	MoH
ESS 3: RESOURCE EFFICIENCY AND POLLUTION PREVENTION AND MANAGEMENT			
3.1	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			
4.1	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			
5.1	Relevant aspects of this standard shall be considered, as needed, under action 1.2 above.	Throughout Project implementation	MoH
5.2	The Project will not involve resettlement or land acquisition. In case land acquisition would be necessary, plans would be developed in accordance with ESS5 to the satisfaction of the WB prior to commencement of any land acquisition.	Throughout Project implementation	MoH
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			
	Relevant aspects of this standard shall be considered, as needed, under action 1.2 above.		
ESS 8: CULTURAL HERITAGE			
	Relevant aspects of this standard shall be considered, as needed, under action 1.2 above.		
ESS 9: FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARIES			
	Not relevant		
ESS 10: STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT AND INFORMATION DISCLOSURE			
10.1	STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT PLAN: Update, disclose, adopt, and implement a Stakeholder Engagement Plan (SEP) consistent with ESS10, in a manner acceptable to the Association.	The draft SEP shall be updated and disclosed no later than 30 days following the Effective Date. The SEP shall be implemented throughout the Project duration.	MoH

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10.2	<p>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 Association.</p>	Throughout Project implementation.	<i>MoH</i>
CAPACITY SUPPORT (TRAINING)			
	<p>Training topics for personnel involved in the implementation of Project activities 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 • Risk communication and community engagement • Medical and hazardous waste management 	Throughout Project implementation	MoH