

**The Government of Guinea Bissau
Ministry of Health**

**The Additional Financing for the Guinea Bissau
COVID-19 Vaccine Project**

**[Draft/~~Negotiated~~/Revised]
ENVIRONMENTAL and SOCIAL
COMMITMENT PLAN (ESCP)**

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ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL COMMITMENT PLAN

1. The Republic of Guinea Bissau (hereinafter the Recipient) shall implement the Guinea Bissau Covid-19 Vaccine Project (the **Project**), with the involvement of the Office of the High Commissioner of COVID-19 and the Ministry of Public Health (MINSAP). The International Development Association (hereinafter the Association) has agreed to provide financing for the Project.
2. The Recipient shall 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 shall 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 shall 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 shall agree to the changes with the Association and shall update the ESCP to reflect such changes. Agreement on changes to the ESCP shall be documented through the exchange of letters signed between the Association and the Recipient. The Recipient 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 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	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 as well as management of mitigation measures for risks related to sexual exploitation and abuse (SEA) and sexual harassment (SH), as outlined under the SEAH Prevention and Response Action Plan (SEAH AP) for the project.	Starting from the Effective Date, quarterly reports shall be submitted no later than 3 weeks after the end of each reporting period, throughout Project implementation.	PIU at the Ministry of Public Health
B	INCIDENTS AND ACCIDENTS: Promptly notify the Association 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, any COVID outbreak in the Project area, and without limitation any allegation of sexual exploitation, abuse and harassment (SEAH) Provide sufficient detail regarding the incident or accident, while ensuring confidentiality especially for SEAH related incidents, 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.	Notify the Bank within 48 hours after learning of the incident or accident. A report would be provided within a timeframe acceptable to the Association, as requested.	PIU at the Ministry of Public Health
ESS 1: ASSESSMENT AND MANAGEMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL RISKS AND IMPACTS			
1.1	ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE: The project shall be implemented by the existing PIU in the Ministry of Public Health, responsible for the Maternal Health and REDISSE projects. The PIU will hire a social Specialist to support the management of environmental and social risks and impacts of this Project. Regarding the alternative implementation arrangements with UN system organizations (WHO, UNICEF, UNDP) will require the organizations to comply with the Environmental and Social Commitment Plan (ESCP) and its related ESF instruments.	Throughout Project implementation	PIU at the Ministry of Public Health

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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 risks in accordance with Environmental and Social Management Framework (ESMF) including Infection Control and Medical Waste Management Plan (ICWMP) and site-specific ESMPs to be prepared, disclosed and adopted for the Project, the ESSs, the Environmental, Health and Safety Guidelines (EHSGs), and other relevant Good International Industry Practice (GIIP), including relevant WHO guidelines.</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 ESMF, the EHSGs, and other relevant Good International Industry Practice (GIIP) including the WHO guidelines 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, including, as relevant, with regards to vaccines.</p> <p>c. Incorporate the relevant aspects of this ESCP, including, inter alia, the ESMF, any environmental and social management plans or other instruments, such as site-specific Environmental and Social Management Plans (ESMP) and Infection Control and Medical Waste Management Plan (ICWMP), labor management procedures, 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>a. The ESMF of the parent project shall be updated, disclosed, consulted and adopted before the Effective Date; Assessments shall be conducted before the carrying out of the relevant Project activities.</p> <p>b. Plans/instruments shall be prepared, disclosed, consulted, and adopted before the carrying out of the relevant Project activities, and thereafter implemented throughout the carrying out of such activities.</p> <p>c. 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.</p> <p>d. Before the carrying out of the relevant Project activities, and thereafter implemented throughout the carrying out of such activities.</p>	<p>PIU at the Ministry of Public Health</p>

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1.3	<p>EXCLUSIONS: The following types of activities are ineligible for financing under the Project:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Activities causing long-term, permanent and/or irreversible damage in the environment (e.g. loss, degradation and fragmentation of habitats) • Activities that have high probability of causing serious adverse effects to human health and/or the environment not related to treatment of COVID-19 cases • Activities that may give rise to social conflicts • Activities that involve involuntarily permanent resettlement, land acquisition/use restriction and adverse impacts on cultural heritage. • All the other excluded activities set out in the ESMF of the Project. 	During the assessment process conducted under action 1.2.a. above	PIU at the Ministry of Public Health
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 including through, inter alia, , implementing adequate occupational health and safety measures (including personal protective equipment, emergency preparedness and response measures, as well as relevant measures to mitigate risk of SEAH on the worksite and within the community, such as codes of conducts including clauses and sanctions against SEAH behaviors, setting out grievance mechanisms for Project workers, which will likewise include specific procedures to address workplace SH claims, and incorporating labor requirements into the ESHS specifications of the procurement documents and contracts with contractors and supervising firms, including briefing sessions for all project workers, including military personnel, on SEAH risks and codes of conduct expectations before starting work through project implementation. These requirements are outlined in the Labor Management Procedures (LMP).</p>	The LMP as part of the ESMF shall be updated, approved and disclosed by the Effective Date. The LMP shall be implemented throughout Project implementation.	PIU at the Ministry of Public Health
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: carry out the purchase, storage, transportation and handling of vaccines (including, ultra-cold chain management) in a safe manner and in accordance with the EHSs, 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.	Throughout Project Implementation	PIU at the Ministry of Public Health
ESS 4: COMMUNITY HEALTH AND SAFETY			

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4.1	<p>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; 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, including mitigation measures to address SEA/SH; and mitigate, prevent, and respond to risks related to SEA and SH.</p>	Throughout Project Implementation	PIU at the Ministry of Public Health
4.2	<p>Involvement of Military Personnel</p> <p>As of August 2021, the Director of Military Health Services and the Staff of the Armed Forces is a member of the COVID-19 Vaccination Technical Working Group to support the vaccination campaign to scale-up vaccination coverage. The Military Health Services has a hospital and healthcare workers that can support the vaccination activities in numerous vaccination centers in the health regions of SAB and Biombo. As stated in the project's updated Stakeholder Engagement Plan, the Military has also provided support to transport of vaccines. The Recipient will ensure that the Military Health Services personnel follow a strict code of conduct in accordance with the requirements of ESS4 and in a manner acceptable to the Association.</p>		
ESS 5: LAND ACQUISITION, RESTRICTIONS ON LAND USE AND INVOLUNTARY RESETTLEMENT			
	Not relevant		
ESS 6: BIODIVERSITY CONSERVATION AND SUSTAINABLE MANAGEMENT OF LIVING NATURAL RESOURCES			
	Relevant aspects of this standard shall be considered, as needed, under action 1.2 above and in a manner acceptable to the Association.		
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, consult, adopt and implement a Stakeholder Engagement Plan (SEP) consistent with 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. The SEP should make provisions for independent consultations with women, and other vulnerable groups as needed, in safe and enabling spaces with same-sex facilitators.</p>	The SEP was updated before appraisal and shall be implemented throughout Project implementation.	PIU at the Ministry of Public Health
10.3	<p>GRIEVANCE MECHANISM: An accessible grievance mechanism has been established and publicized under the Health Sector and REDISSE projects and shall continue to receive and facilitate resolution of concerns and grievances in relation to the Project, 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>The grievance mechanism shall also receive, register and address concerns and grievances related to SEA and SH in an ethical, safe, and confidential manner, including through the timely referral of survivors to appropriate gender-based violence service providers.</p> <p>The grievance mechanism shall also receive, register and address concerns arising from unintended health consequences after vaccination especially those resulting in serious adverse effects.</p>	Throughout Project implementation.	PIU at the Ministry of Public Health
CAPACITY SUPPORT (TRAINING)			
CS1	<p>PIU and other relevant implementing support staff responsible for the Project to receive training on the Project's ESHS plans and instruments, fair, equitable and inclusive access and allocation of Project benefits including with regards to vaccines, and the roles and responsibilities of different key agencies in the ESF implementation. This training shall likewise address mitigation, prevention, and response to SEAH-related risks and ensure that project personnel have adequate information to address these claims safely and confidentially.</p>	Throughout Project Implementation	PIU at the Ministry of Public Health