



# Turkmenistan

## COVID-19 Response Project (P175131)

[Draft]

### ENVIRONMENTAL and SOCIAL COMMITMENT PLAN (ESCP)

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1. Turkmenistan (the **Recipient**) will implement COVID-19 Response Project, with the involvement of the following Ministries/agencies/units: Ministry of Health and Medical Industry (**MoHMI**) and **UNDP (Project Implementing Entity or PIE)**. The International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (hereinafter the **Bank**) has agreed to provide financing for the Project.
2. The Recipient and PIE 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, agency or unit 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 Recipient and PIE 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 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 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 Recipient. The Recipient 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
<b>MONITORING AND REPORTING</b>			
A	<b>REGULAR REPORTING:</b> 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>Quarterly throughout Project Implementation</i>	<i>MoHMI/ PIE</i>
<b>ESS 1: ASSESSMENT AND MANAGEMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL RISKS AND IMPACTS</b>			
1.1	<b>ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE:</b> MOHMI will enlist PIE which in turn will provide implementation support on managing E&S aspects. PIE will maintain qualified staff and resources to support the management of ESHS risks and impacts of the Project including environmental and social risk management specialists; this includes one environmental specialist and one social/communications specialist.	<i>PIE will adequately be staffed for Project Implementation, including necessary environmental and social expertise within 30 days of Project Effectiveness.</i>  <i>Staff will be maintained throughout Project implementation.</i>	<i>MoHMI, / PIE</i>
1.2	<b>ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL ASSESSMENT/MANAGEMENT PLANS AND INSTRUMENTS/ CONTRACTORS</b> a. Assess the environmental and social risks and impacts of proposed Project activities in accordance with ESS1 and the Environmental and Social Management Framework (ESMF) prepared for the Project. The ESMF will include a template for Infection Control and Medical Waste Management Plans (ICWMP). Assessment includes ensuring 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. b. Prepare, disclose, adopt, and implement ICWMPs or other instruments required for the Project activities based on the assessment process, in accordance with the ESSs, the ESMF, the ESHGs, and other relevant Good International Industry Practice (GIIP) including relevant WHO Guidelines on COVID-19 in a manner acceptable to the Bank.	a. The ESMF is to be prepared prior commencement of Project activities. Screening under the ESMF shall be conducted before the carrying out of the respective Project activities. b. <i>ICWMPs or other instruments acceptable to the Bank should be prepared for relevant Project activities prior to carrying out of such activities, and thereafter throughout the carrying out of such activities.</i>	<i>MoHMI, / PIE</i>

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1.3	<p><b>EXCLUSIONS:</b> Exclude the following type of activities as ineligible for financing under the Project:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Causing long term, permanent and/or irreversible environmental or social impacts;</li> <li>• With a high probability of causing serious adverse effects to human health and/or the environment not related to COVID-19 treatment;</li> <li>• With significant adverse social impacts/ which may give rise to significant social conflict;</li> <li>• That may affect lands or rights of vulnerable minorities;</li> <li>• That may involve resettlement, land acquisition, or adverse impacts on cultural heritage;</li> <li>• Any other exclusions detailed in the ESMF.</li> </ul>	<i>During the assessment process conducted under action 1.2.a. above.</i>	MoHMI, /PIE
<b>ESS 2: LABOR AND WORKING CONDITIONS</b>			
2.1	<p><b>LABOR MANAGEMENT:</b> The Project shall be carried out in accordance with the applicable requirements of ESS 2, 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 consulting firms. Labor Management Procedures (LMP) reflecting the above requirements, shall be prepared as a part of POM, shall be valid for AF activities as well.</p>	<i>Throughout Project implementation.</i>	MoHMI, / PIE
<b>ESS 3: RESOURCE EFFICIENCY AND POLLUTION PREVENTION AND MANAGEMENT</b>			
	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.	<i>Throughout Project implementation.</i>	MoHMI, / PIE
<b>ESS 4: COMMUNITY HEALTH AND SAFETY</b>			
	Relevant aspects of this standard shall be considered, as needed, under action 1.2 above, including: minimizing exposure to disease; ensuring vulnerable parties' access to Project benefits; managing risks of security personnel and labor influx; and preventing/responding to sexual exploitation, abuse, or harassment.	<i>Throughout Project implementation.</i>	MoHMI, / PIE
<b>ESS 5: LAND ACQUISITION, RESTRICTIONS ON LAND USE AND INVOLUNTARY RESETTLEMENT</b>			
	Not considered currently relevant.		
<b>ESS 6: BIODIVERSITY CONSERVATION AND SUSTAINABLE MANAGEMENT OF LIVING NATURAL RESOURCES</b>			

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<b>ESS 7: INDIGENOUS PEOPLES/SUB-SAHARAN AFRICAN HISTORICALLY UNDERSERVED TRADITIONAL LOCAL COMMUNITIES</b>			
Not relevant.			
<b>ESS 8: CULTURAL HERITAGE</b>			
Not considered currently relevant.			
<b>ESS 9: FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARIES</b>			
Not relevant.			
<b>ESS 10: STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT AND INFORMATION DISCLOSURE</b>			
10.1	<b>STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT PLAN:</b> Prepare, disclose, adopt, and implement a Stakeholder Engagement Plan (SEP) consistent with ESS 10, in a manner acceptable to the Bank.	<i>A draft SEP was already prepared and disclosed.</i>  <i>SEP to be implemented throughout Project implementation and updated as required.</i>	MoHMI, /PIE
10.2	<b>GRIEVANCE MECHANISM:</b> Accessible grievance arrangements shall be made publicly available to receive and facilitate resolution of concerns and grievances in relation to the Project, consistent with ESS 10, in a manner acceptable to the Bank.	<i>Throughout Project implementation.</i>	MoHMI, /PIE
<b>CAPACITY SUPPORT (TRAINING)</b>			
	Training topics for personnel involved in Project implementation will among others include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>ESF training to all the stakeholders including the Health Ministry and PIE</u></li> <li>• COVID-19 Infection Prevention and Control Recommendations</li> <li>• Laboratory biosafety guidance related to the COVID-19</li> <li>• Medical waste management, use of incinerators</li> <li>• Specimen collection and shipment</li> <li>• Standard precautions for COVID-19 patients</li> <li>• Risk communication and community engagement</li> <li>• WHO guidelines on quarantine and Sanitary Regulations and Norms of the Republic of Turkmenistan</li> </ul>	<i>Throughout Project implementation.</i>	MoHMI, / PIE