

The Republic of Tunisia

MoPH

**COVID-19 Emergency Response
Project (P173945)**

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

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ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL COMMITMENT PLAN

1. The Republic of Tunisia (the **Borrower**) will implement the COVID-19 Emergency Response Project (the **Project**), with the involvement of the Ministry of Public Health (MoPH). The International Bank of Reconstruction and Development (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, 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 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 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. The Borrower 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.	First report after three months of Project implementation. The others quarterly throughout the Project implementation period.	MoPH, Tunisia
ESS 1: ASSESSMENT AND MANAGEMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL RISKS AND IMPACTS			
1.1	ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE: The MoPH through its Project Implementing Entity “ <i>Unité de gestion par objectif</i> ” (UGPO) shall be supported by qualified staff and resources to support the management of environmental and social risks and impacts of the Project including one Environmental and Social Focal Point and one Stakeholder Engagement Focal Point.	<i>One Environmental and Social Focal Point and Stakeholder Engagement Focal Point appointed by Project effectiveness. Additional expertise may be outsourced as needed. The PIU with the required qualified staff and resources should be maintained throughout Project implementation.</i>	MoPH, Tunisia

<p>1.2</p>	<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 ESS1 and the Environmental and Social Management Framework (ESMF) to be prepared, disclosed, adopted and implemented for the Project, including to ensure that individuals or groups who, because of their 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 ESMF, the ESHGs, and other relevant Good International Industry Practice (GIIP) including relevant WHO Guidelines 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 requirements, ESS2 requirements, and any other required ESHS measures, into the ESHS specifications of the procurement documents and contracts with contractors. Thereafter ensure that the contractors comply with the ESHS specifications of their respective contracts.</p> <p>d. For any laboratory and medical equipment, as well as supplies, procured and distributed, on or after January 31, 2020, the</p>	<p>a. The ESMF to be prepared within one month after the Effective Date. The operationalization of the ESMF shall be conducted before the distribution of the acquired material and before the carrying out of the relevant Project activities. Until the ESMF is adopted, the E&S risks and impacts of Project activities will be assessed and managed in accordance with the ESSs</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 Project implementation</p>	<p>MoPH, Tunisia</p>
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	Borrower will confirm that a waste management system is in place and functional as acceptable to the Bank in respective laboratories and healthcare facilities.		
1.3	<p>EXCLUSIONS: Exclude the following type of activities as ineligible for financing under the Project and will be reflected in the ESMF:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Activities that may cause long term, permanent and/or irreversible adverse impacts (e.g. loss of major natural habitat) • 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 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, including any works, that may involve resettlement or land acquisition/land use restrictions or adverse impacts on cultural heritage 	During the assessment process conducted under action 1.2.a. above.	MoPH, Tunisia
ESS 2: LABOR AND WORKING CONDITIONS			

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2.1	<p>a. 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</p> <p>The Borrower shall implement the above measures in accordance with Labor Management Procedures (LMP) annexed to the ESMF and World Health Organization (WHO) guidelines on COVID-19 in all facilities, including laboratories, quarantine and isolation centers, and screening posts, in a manner acceptable to the Bank and consistent with ESS2.</p> <p>b. For any laboratory and medical equipment, as well as supplies, procured and distributed, on or after January 31, 2020, the Borrower will confirm that healthcare staff and other workers using procured equipment and supplies have undergone necessary training as acceptable to the Bank including adequate occupational health and safety measures.</p>	<p>LMP adopted one month after Project effectiveness as part of ESMF.</p> <p>All other actions under ESS2 implemented throughout Project implementation.</p>	MoPH, Tunisia
ESS 3: RESOURCE EFFICIENCY AND POLLUTION PREVENTION AND MANAGEMENT			

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3.1	Relevant aspects of this standard shall be considered, as needed, under action 1.2 above, including, inter alia, measures to: manage Infection Control and health care wastes, and other types of hazardous and non-hazardous wastes and use of resources (water, air, etc.) in accordance with ESS3, the EHSs, and other relevant Good International Industry Practice (GIIP) including relevant WHO guidelines in a manner satisfactory to the Bank.	Throughout Project implementation.	MoPH, Tunisia
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 following the WHO technical guidance; 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; and 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.	Throughout Project implementation.	MoPH, Tunisia
ESS 5: LAND ACQUISITION, RESTRICTIONS ON LAND USE AND INVOLUNTARY RESETTLEMENT			
5.1	Not relevant.	N/A	N/A
ESS 6: BIODIVERSITY CONSERVATION AND SUSTAINABLE MANAGEMENT OF LIVING NATURAL RESOURCES			
6.1	Not relevant	N/A	N/A

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ESS 7: INDIGENOUS PEOPLES/SUB-SAHARAN AFRICAN HISTORICALLY UNDERSERVED TRADITIONAL LOCAL COMMUNITIES			
7.1	Not relevant	N/A	N/A
ESS 8: CULTURAL HERITAGE			
8.1	Not relevant	N/A	N/A
ESS 9: FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARIES			
	Not relevant	N/A	N/A
ESS 10: STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT AND INFORMATION DISCLOSURE			
10.1	STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT PLAN: Prepare, disclose, adopt and implement a Stakeholder Engagement Plan (SEP) in line with the disclosed draft SEP, Tunisia's " <i>Plan de Riposte au Risque d'introduction et de dissémination du SARS-CoV-2 en Tunisie 2P2R -19 (22/02/2020)</i> ", the WHO guidance on "Risk communication and community engagement (RCCE) readiness and response to the 2019 novel coronavirus (2019-nCoV)" (January 26, 2020), and consistent with ESS10, in a manner acceptable to the Bank.	A draft SEP was already prepared and disclosed and shall be updated one month after the Effective Date. The SEP shall be implemented throughout the Project implementation period.	MoPH, Tunisia
10.2	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 Bank.	Throughout Project implementation	MoPH, Tunisia

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CAPACITY SUPPORT (TRAINING)		
<p>Training topics for personnel involved in Project implementation 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 • WHO guidelines on quarantine including case management 	Throughout Project implementation.	MoPH, Tunisia