

**Ministry of Health of Vietnam/National Institute
of Hygiene and Epidemiology
[Vietnam COVID19 Response Project, P174389]**

**[Draft/Version for Negotiations]
ENVIRONMENTAL and SOCIAL
COMMITMENT PLAN (ESCP)**

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ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL COMMITMENT PLAN

1. The Socialist Republic of Vietnam (hereinafter the Recipient) will implement the Vietnam COVID Response Project (the **Project**), with the involvement of the National Institute of Health and Epidemiology and the Center for Research and Production of Vaccines and Biologicals (POLYVAC). The International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (hereinafter the Bank) 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, 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 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/*or delegate(s)* 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/*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 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>Six-monthly</i>	The National Institute of Hygiene and Epidemiology
ESS 1: ASSESSMENT AND MANAGEMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL RISKS AND IMPACTS			
1.1	ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE: The National Institute of Health and Epidemiology shall establish and maintain a Project Management Unit with qualified staff and resources to support management of ESHS risks and impacts of the Project including the appointment of one Environmental focal person and one Social focal person. The PMU will also support the management of ESHS risks and impacts for project activities implemented by POLYVAC.	<i>An environmental and a social focal person appointed before the carrying out of Project activities.</i> <i>PMU maintained throughout Project implementation</i>	The National Institute of Hygiene and Epidemiology
1.2	ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL ASSESSMENT/MANAGEMENT PLANS AND INSTRUMENTS/ CONTRACTORS a. Assess the environmental and social risks and impacts of proposed Project activities, in accordance with the Environmental and Social Management Plan (ESMP) 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. 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 ESMP, the ESHGs, and other relevant Good International Industry Practice (GIIP) including the WHO guidelines on bio-safety for laboratories in a manner acceptable to the Bank. 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.	a. Before the carrying out of the relevant Project activities. b. Before the carrying out of the relevant Project activities, and thereafter throughout the carrying out of such activities. c. Before launching the procurement process for the relevant Project activities, and thereafter throughout the carrying out of such activities.	The National Institute of Hygiene and Epidemiology and POLYVAC

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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"> Any activity requiring land acquisition/use restriction or involuntary resettlement as defined under ESS5 or adverse impacts on cultural heritage under ESS8. Any activity which would lead to adverse impacts on natural habitats (primarily associated with medical waste disposal). Any activity requiring Free, Prior, and Informed Consent (FPIC) under ESS7. All the other excluded activities will be set out in the ESMP of the Project. 	During the assessment process conducted under action 1.2.a. above.	<i>National Institute for Hygiene and Epidemiology</i>
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 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. The Recipient will prepare and implement a Project specific LMP which will specify details mentioned above.</p>	<p>LMP prepared as part of the ESMP before the implementation of Project activities</p> <p>All E requirements set out in this action 2.1 implemented throughout Project implementation.</p>	<i>National Institute for Hygiene and Epidemiology and POLYVAC</i>
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. No activities requiring land acquisition or resettlement will be carried out.		

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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		
Not relevant.		
ESS 9: FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARIES		
Not relevant		
ESS 10: STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT AND INFORMATION DISCLOSURE		
10.1	STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT PLAN: Prepare, disclose, adopt, and implement a Stakeholder Engagement Plan (SEP) consistent with ESS10, in a manner acceptable to the Bank.	A draft SEP was already prepared and disclosed and shall be updated and re-disclosed prior to the commencement of Project activities <i>National Institute of Health and Epidemiology</i>
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. <i>National Institute of Health and Epidemiology</i>
CAPACITY SUPPORT (TRAINING)		