

Georgia
Emergency COVID-19 Project

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

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1. Georgia (hereinafter the **Borrower**) shall implement the Georgia Emergency COVID-19 Project (the **Project**), with the involvement of the Ministry of IDPs from the Occupied Territories, Labor, Health and Social Affairs (MoILHSA). The International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (hereinafter the **Bank**) has agreed to provide financing for the Project.
2. The Borrower 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 Borrower 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 Bank by the Borrower as required by the ESCP and the conditions of the legal agreement, and the Bank shall 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 shall agree to the changes with the Bank and will update the ESCP to reflect such changes. Agreement on changes to the ESCP shall be documented through the exchange of letters signed between the Bank/ and the Borrower. The Borrower 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 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 the implementation of the ESCP, status of preparation and implementation of E&S documents required under the ESCP, stakeholder engagement activities, functioning of the grievance mechanism(s).	Quarterly beginning after the Effective Date and throughout Project implementation.	MoILHSA Project Implementation Unit (PIU)
ESS 1: ASSESSMENT AND MANAGEMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL RISKS AND IMPACTS			
1.1	ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE: The Project shall be carried out by the MoILHSA through the PIU established under it. The MoILHSA shall recruit and retain qualified staff in the PIU in numbers and with qualifications acceptable to the Bank and shall ensure that the PIU has sufficient resources to support management of ESHS risks and impacts of the Project. PIU staff shall include one environmental and one social standards specialist.	The PIU shall be established not later than one month after the Effective Date with adequate and qualified staff including one environmental and one social standards specialists who shall be hired not later than one month after the Effective Date and retained throughout Project implementation.	MoILHSA

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<p>1.2 ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL ASSESSMENT/MANAGEMENT PLANS AND INSTRUMENTS/ CONTRACTORS</p> <p>a. Prepare, disclose and adopt an Environmental and Social Management Framework (ESMF), and assess the environmental and social risks and impacts of proposed Project activities in accordance with ESSs and the ESMF, 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.</p> <p>b. Prepare, disclose, adopt, and implement any Environmental and Social Management Plans (ESMPs), Infection Control and Waste Management Plans (IC WMPs) and/or other instruments required for the respective Project activities based on the assessment process, in accordance with the ESSs, the ESMF, the Environmental, Health and Safety Guidelines of the World Bank Group, and relevant Good International Industry Practice (GIIP) including the WHO Country & Technical Guidance - Coronavirus disease (COVID-19) and the WHO Guidelines on Safe Management of Wastes from Health-Care Activities in a manner consistent with the ESSs and acceptable to the Bank.</p> <p>c. Incorporate the relevant aspects of this ESCP, including, inter alia, any ESMPs, ICWMPs and/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. ESMF to be prepared, disclosed and adopted before the carrying out of the relevant Project activities, not later than one month after the Effective Date. Until the ESMF and all Project E&S instruments are approved, the Project will apply the WHO standards on COVID-19 response in a manner consistent 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 the carrying out of such activities.</p>	<p>MoILHSA PIU</p>

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<p>1.3 EXCLUSIONS: The following types of activities shall not be eligible for financing under the Project:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Activities that may have significant adverse social impacts and may give rise to significant social conflict • Activities that may cause long term, permanent and/or irreversible (e.g. loss of major natural habitat) adverse impacts on the environment • Activities that may affect lands or rights of minorities, • Activities that may involve any resettlement or land acquisition/use restriction, or adverse impacts on cultural heritage <p>All the other excluded activities set out in the ESMF of the Project.</p>	<p>During the assessment process conducted under action 1.2.a. above.</p>	<p>MoILHSA PIU</p>
ESS 2: LABOR AND WORKING CONDITIONS		
<p>2.1 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 Borrower shall adopt and implement Labor Management Procedures (LMP) incorporating the applicable requirements of ESS2.</p>	<p>The draft LMP shall, as part of the ESMF will, be finalized not later than one month after the Effective Date and before the hiring of any Project workers. The LMP and all other measures specified in this action 2.1 shall be implemented throughout the Project implementation period.</p>	<p>MoILHSA PIU</p>
ESS 3: RESOURCE EFFICIENCY AND POLLUTION PREVENTION AND MANAGEMENT		
	<p>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.</p>	
ESS 4: COMMUNITY HEALTH AND SAFETY		
	<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; 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.</p>	
ESS 5: LAND ACQUISITION, RESTRICTIONS ON LAND USE AND INVOLUNTARY RESETTLEMENT		
	<p>Not relevant.</p>	

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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		
Not relevant.		
ESS 8: CULTURAL HERITAGE		
Not relevant.		
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 Bank.	The SEP will be updated, re-disclosed and adopted not later than one month after the Effective Date. The SEP will be continuously updated and implemented during Project implementation.	MoILHSA PIU
10.2 GRIEVANCE MECHANISM: Accessible grievance arrangements shall be made publicly available to receive and facilitate resolution of concerns and grievances related to the Project, in a manner consistent with ESS10, and acceptable to the Bank.	The GRM will be updated as part of the SEP and a hotline established not later than one month after of the Effective Date.	MoILHSA PIU
CAPACITY SUPPORT (TRAINING)		

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<p>Training topics for personnel involved in Project implementation will include, among others:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WHO Country & Technical Guidance - Coronavirus disease (COVID-19) https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019/technical-guidance including but not limited to: <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 - Establishment of quarantine • WHO Guidelines on Safe Management of Wastes from Health-Care Activities https://apps.who.int/iris/bitstream/handle/10665/85349/9789241548564_eng.pdf;jsessionid=EE45FF4B510A5297A7DFF6030A3BED25?sequence=1 • National sanitary norms and regulations. 	<p>Throughout Project implementation as applicable and before the start of site-specific Project activities.</p>	<p>MolHSA PIU</p>