

**World Health Organization (WHO)
South Sudan COVID-19 Emergency Response and
Health Systems Preparedness Project**

**ENVIRONMENTAL and SOCIAL
COMMITMENT PLAN**

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1. WHO will implement one component of the South Sudan COVID-19 Emergency Response and Health Systems Preparedness Project (the Project). The International Development Association (the Association) has agreed to provide financing for the Project. WHO will build on its ongoing support to and engage directly with the MoH to develop the capacity of the government, and provide technical support specifically in the areas of: (i) strengthening the national surveillance system through dissemination and training in Integrated Disease Surveillance and Response guidelines and tools at the national and county-levels as well as development of data reporting and management systems at the national and state levels for real-time reporting; and (ii) developing integrated human health and animal health policies to prevent health emergencies through development of One Health Plan that addresses preparedness and response to priority zoonotic diseases identified and formalization of a platform at the national and state levels to implement the plan.
2. Under the World Bank Environmental and Social Framework (“ESF”), the Association and WHO are required to agree on an Environmental and Social Commitment Plan (“ESCP”) that sets out material standard measures and actions required for the Project to meet Environmental and Social Standards. Accordingly, the Association and WHO agree to this ESCP for purposes of implementing the Project.
3. WHO will implement the Project in accordance with this ESCP, which is consistent with WHO’s policies and procedures, and any other Environmental and Social instruments referenced herein.
4. To facilitate the implementation of the Project, WHO shall annex the ESCP to its contractual arrangements with each of the Implementing Partners and require the respective Implementing Partner to carry out its activities in accordance with the ESCP terms. Should an Implementing Partner refuse to accept to carry out its activities in accordance with the terms of the ESCP, and without limitation to obligations described in Section I.A 5 of Schedule 2 of the Financing Agreement, WHO shall inform the Association accordingly, and the parties shall consult on the next steps. Without limitation to any other reporting obligations under the Financing Agreement, WHO shall: (a) take all necessary and feasible actions monitor Implementing Partners’ compliance with the provisions of the ESCP; (b) promptly report to the Association any instances of Implementing Partners’ non-compliance that it becomes aware of; and (c) work with Implementing Partners to remedy such instances of non-compliance, all in accordance with WHO rules, policies and procedures, and in a manner satisfactory to the Association.
5. Implementation of the material measures and actions set out in this ESCP will be monitored and reported to the Association by WHO as part of WHO’s monitoring and reporting requirements in the legal agreements, and the Association will monitor and assess progress and completion of the material measures and actions throughout implementation of the Project.
6. As agreed by the Association and WHO, 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, WHO will agree to the changes with the Association 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 Association and WHO and the updated ESCP will promptly be disclosed in country and on WHO’s and the Association’s website.

MATERIAL MEASURES AND ACTIONS		TIMEFRAME	RESPONSIBLE ENTITY
MONITORING AND REPORTING			
A	<p>REGULAR REPORTING</p> <p>WHO will 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 grievance log.</p>	Every 6 months as part of the Project’s technical progress report, starting from the Effective Date.	WHO
B	<p>INCIDENTS AND ACCIDENTS</p> <p>WHO will promptly notify the Association of any Significant Event (as defined by the WHO- World Bank Financing Agreement).</p>	<p>Significant Events will be reported to the Association as soon as reasonably practicable, but no later than five calendar days after WHO becomes aware of the occurrence of a Significant Event.</p> <p>No later than 30 days after WHO becomes aware of a Significant Event, WHO will provide the Association with a summary report including a root cause analysis.</p>	WHO
ESS 1: ASSESSMENT AND MANAGEMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL RISKS AND IMPACTS			
1.1	<p>ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE</p> <p>WHO has defined its own respective management structures to implement the Project. It will ensure adequate staff with sufficient understanding of environmental and social risk in health operations to be included in technical assistance. In terms of security, WHO will rely on the UN framework established in case TA would be provided in a high risk environment.</p>	Ongoing	WHO
1.2	<p>MANAGEMENT OF CONTRACTORS</p> <p>The ESCP will be annexed to agreements with implementing partners and form part of the performance monitoring of the implementing partner.</p>	Throughout the Project, relevant ESF requirements would be included in the preparation of all Project procurement activity documents.	WHO
ESS 2: LABOR AND WORKING CONDITIONS			
2.1	<p>LABOR MANAGEMENT PROCEDURES</p> <p>WHO will outline, approve, and disclose Labour Management Procedures for the Project.</p>	Latest one month after effectiveness.	WHO

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2.2	GRIEVANCE MECHANISM FOR PROJECT WORKERS Establish, maintain, and operate a grievance mechanism for Project workers within WHO, in alignment with provisions outlined in the LMP and consistent with ESS2.	Throughout Project implementation	WHO
2.3	OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH AND SAFETY (OHS) MEASURES Follow occupational, health and safety (OHS) measures, including security, as outlined in the LMP in case of field-based work.	Throughout Project implementation	WHO
ESS 3: RESOURCE EFFICIENCY AND POLLUTION PREVENTION AND MANAGEMENT			
3.1	Not relevant to the Project component implemented by the WHO		
ESS 4: COMMUNITY HEALTH AND SAFETY			
4.3	GBV AND SEA RISKS WHO personnel in country adhere to the Sexual Exploitation and Abuse Prevention and Response – Policy and Procedures.	Throughout Project implementation	WHO
ESS 5: LAND ACQUISITION, RESTRICTIONS ON LAND USE AND INVOLUNTARY RESETTLEMENT			
	Not relevant to the Project component implemented by the WHO		
ESS 6: BIODIVERSITY CONSERVATION AND SUSTAINABLE MANAGEMENT OF LIVING NATURAL RESOURCES			
	Not relevant to the Project component implemented by the WHO		
ESS 7: INDIGENOUS PEOPLES/SUB-SAHARAN AFRICAN HISTORICALLY UNDERSERVED TRADITIONAL LOCAL COMMUNITIES			
7.1	In case the technical assistance would lead to policies and procedures addressing local communities, it will be ensured that they integrate local communities' specific needs in terms of communication and benefit sharing.	Throughout Project implementation	WHO
ESS 8: CULTURAL HERITAGE			
	Not relevant to this Project		
ESS 9: FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARIES			
	Not relevant to this Project		

ESS 10: STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT AND INFORMATION DISCLOSURE			
10.1	<p>STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT PLAN</p> <p>For any stakeholder engagement as part of the provision of technical assistance beyond the immediate cooperation with government counterparts, WHO will follow the provisions outlined in the UNICEF Stakeholder Engagement Plan (SEP) prepared and disclosed.</p>	Throughout Project Implementation	WHO
10.2	<p>PROJECT GRIEVANCE MECHANISM:</p> <p>In case of any concern on the WHO technical assistance, grievances can be raised by interested parties in writing directed towards the WHO Juba office as well as the World Bank.</p>	Throughout Project implementation.	WHO
10.3	<p>COVID19 and Infectious Diseases</p> <p>Any stakeholder engagement activity, e.g. with government counterparts, communities, development partners, etc. will comply with WHO guidelines on social distancing and other measures to support the containment of the pandemic.</p>	Throughout Project implementation.	WHO

CAPACITY SUPPORT (TRAINING)			
CS1	<p>Capacity building activities and trainings provided by WHO will include information to ensure alignment with the ESF provisions, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stakeholder engagement • Occupational and Community Health and Safety • Emergency preparedness and response • GBV risk mitigation • Prevention and reporting of SEA • Grievance Management • Labour management procedures • Management of medical waste and disposal of sharps; • Security Management • COVID-19 Infection prevention and control • Standard precautions for COVID-19 patients • Risk communication and community engagement • Waste disposal plan for wasted vaccine vials, used sharps and any used batteries, solar panels, or unused/split fuel oil used for refrigeration • Cold chain management • Vaccine safety surveillance 	Throughout Project implementation	WHO