

**Republic of El Salvador  
Ministry of Health (MINSAL)  
El Salvador COVID-19 Response Project (ID:  
P173872)**

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

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## ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL COMMITMENT PLAN

1. The Republic of El Salvador (hereinafter the Borrower), through the Ministry of Health (MoH), will implement the El Salvador COVID-19 Response Project (the Project). The International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (hereinafter the Bank) has agreed to provide financing for the Project.
2. The Borrower, through the MoH, 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 MoH.
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 MoH on behalf of the Borrower. MoH 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
<b>MONITORING AND REPORTING</b>			
	<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, medical waste management, occupational health and safety, stakeholder engagement activities and grievances logs.	Every six-months during the Project's implementation in conjunction with the Project Reports.	Project Coordination Unit (PCU) of the Ministry of Health (MoH)
<b>ESS 1: ASSESSMENT AND MANAGEMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL RISKS AND IMPACTS</b>			
1.1	<b>ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE:</b> MINSAL shall establish and maintain a Project Coordination Unit (PCU) with qualified staff and resources to support management of ESHS risks and impacts of the Project, including environmental and social specialists with qualifications and experience acceptable to the Bank.	An environmental specialist and a social specialist will be hired or assigned for the Project not later than thirty (30) days after the Effective Date and will be maintained throughout Project implementation.	MoH

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<p>1.2 <b>ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL ASSESSMENT/MANAGEMENT PLANS AND INSTRUMENTS/ CONTRACTORS</b></p> <p>a. Assess the environmental and social risks and impacts of proposed Project activities in accordance with the Environmental and Social Management Framework (ESMF), to be 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. Until the ESMF is approved, the environmental and social risks and impacts of the Project will be assessed and managed in a manner consistent with the ESSs.</p> <p>b. Prepare, disclose, adopt, and implement any environmental and social management plans (ESMPs) or other instruments required for the respective Project activities based on the assessment process, in accordance with the ESSs, the ESMF, the EHSs, 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 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 (as applicable) comply with the ESHS specifications of their respective contracts.</p>	<p>a. ESMF to be adopted, in a manner acceptable to the Bank, no later than one hundred (100) days after the Effective Date. Assessment to be conducted before the carrying out of the relevant Project activities.</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>MoH</p>

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1.3	<p><b>EXCLUSIONS:</b> Exclude the following types of activities as ineligible for financing under the Project:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Activities that may cause long term, permanent and/or irreversible (e.g. loss of major natural habitat) adverse impacts</li> <li>• 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</li> <li>• Activities that may have significant adverse social impacts and may give rise to significant social conflict</li> <li>• Activities that may involve resettlement or land acquisition/land use restriction or adverse impacts on cultural heritage</li> <li>• All the other excluded activities set out in the ESMF of the Project.</li> </ul>	During the assessment process conducted under action 1.2.a. above.	MoH
1.4	Provide medical and emergency services and supplies based on the urgency of the need, in line with the latest data related to the prevalence of the cases.	Throughout project implementation	MoH
1.5	The Borrower shall ensure that resources, including human and financial resources, are available to cover the incremental costs associated with the management of increased waste volumes, including biomedical waste, resulting from Project activities.	Throughout project implementation	MoH
<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 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) reflecting the above requirements.</p>	LMP to be adopted prior to engaging project workers in Project activities. All measures specified in this action 2.1 to be implemented throughout Project implementation.	MoH
<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.		
<b>ESS 4: COMMUNITY HEALTH AND SAFETY</b>			
	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.		
<b>ESS 5: LAND ACQUISITION, RESTRICTIONS ON LAND USE AND INVOLUNTARY RESETTLEMENT</b>			

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Not currently relevant.		
<b>/ESS 6: BIODIVERSITY CONSERVATION AND SUSTAINABLE MANAGEMENT OF LIVING NATURAL RESOURCES</b>		
Not currently relevant		
<b>ESS 7: INDIGENOUS PEOPLES/SUB-SAHARAN AFRICAN HISTORICALLY UNDERSERVED TRADITIONAL LOCAL COMMUNITIES</b>		
Relevant aspects of this standard shall be considered, as needed, under action 1.2 above.		
<b>ESS 8: CULTURAL HERITAGE</b>		
Relevant aspects of this standard shall be considered, as needed, under action 1.2 above.		
<b>ESS 9: FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARIES</b>		
Not currently relevant.		
<b>ESS 10: STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT AND INFORMATION DISCLOSURE</b>		
10.1 <b>STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT PLAN:</b> Update the existing draft Stakeholder Engagement Plan (SEP), disclose, adopt, and implement it consistent with ESS10, in a manner acceptable to the Bank.	Update existing draft SEP within one hundred (100) days of the Effective Date.  SEP to be implemented throughout Project implementation.	MoH
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 ESS10, in a manner acceptable to the Bank.	Throughout Project implementation.	MoH
<b>CAPACITY SUPPORT (TRAINING)</b>		
A. <b>TRAINING:</b> Provide training to staff of health delivery facilities on the adequate use of personal protection equipment and on diagnosis, care and notification of positive COVID-19 cases among other topics as identified during the development of the ESMF and throughout implementation of the Project.	Throughout Project implementation.	MoH