MINISTRY OF HEALTH OF UKRAINE

**Ukraine Emergency COVID-19 Response and Vaccination Project - P175895**

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**ENVIRONMENTAL and SOCIAL**

**COMMITMENT PLAN (ESCP)**

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**List of abbreviations:**

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| ESF | Environmental and Social Framework |
| ESCP | Environmental and Social Commitment Plan |
| ESMF | Environmental and Social Management Framework |
| ESS | Environmental and Social Standard |
| ESHS | Environmental, Social, Health And Safety |
| GIIP | Good International Industry Practice |
| LMP | Labor Management Procedure |
| MOH | Ministry of Health |
| PIU | Project Implementation Unit |
| EHSGs | Health and Safety Guidelines |
| SEP | Stakeholder Engagement Plan |
| WHO | World Health Organization |

**ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL COMMITMENT PLAN**

1. Ukraine through MOH (hereinafter the **Borrower**) shall implement the Ukraine Emergency COVID-19 Response and Vaccination Project (the **Project**), with the involvement of the following Ministries: Ministry of Health of Ukraine. The International Bank for Reconstruction and Development(hereinafter the **Bank**) has agreed to provide financing for the Project.
2. The Borrower shall carry out the Project in accordance with the Environmental and Social Standards (**ESSs**). To this end, this Environmental and Social Commitment Plan (**ESCP**) sets out material measures and actions to be carried out or caused to be carried out by the Borrower, including the timeframes of the actions and measures, institutional, staffing, training, monitoring and reporting arrangements, grievance management and the environmental and social assessments and instruments to be prepared or updated, disclosed, consulted, adopted and implemented under the ESCP and the ESSs, all in a manner acceptable to the Bank.
3. 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 provisions of the Loan Agreement.
4. 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 Borrowershall update the ESCP to reflect the agreed-upon changes. Agreement on changes to the ESCP shall be documented through an exchange of letters signed between the Bank and the Borrower. The Borrower shall promptly disclose the updated ESCP.
5. 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** |
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| **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. | Quarterly starting from the Effective Date, reports shall be submitted no later than 20 business days after the end of each reporting period, throughout Project implementation | Ministry of Health of Ukraine |
| B | **INCIDENTS AND ACCIDENTS**: Promptly notify the Bank of any incident or accident related to the Project which has, or is likely to have, a significant adverse effect on the environment, the affected communities, the public or workers (including, inter alia, any COVID outbreak in the Project workforce). Provide sufficient detail regarding the incident or accident, indicating immediate measures taken or that are planned to be taken to address it, and any information provided by any contractor and supervising entity, as appropriate. Subsequently, as per the Bank’s request, prepare a report on the incident or accident and propose any measures to prevent its recurrence. | Notify the Bank within 48 hours after learning of the incident or accident. Subsequent report should be provided within a timeframe acceptable to the Bank, as requested. | Ministry of Health of Ukraine |
| **ESS 1: ASSESSMENT AND MANAGEMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL RISKS AND IMPACTS** | | | |
| 1.1 | **ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE**: The Ministry of Health of Ukraine shall establish and maintain a PIU with qualified staff and resources to support management of ESHS risks and impacts of the Project, including an environmental and social specialist. | The PIU has an environmental and social focal point. Additional environmental and social specialist shall be hired or appointed, as required, before the carrying out of relevant Project activities. PIU shall be maintained throughout Project implementation. | Ministry of Health of Ukraine |
| 1.2 | **ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL ASSESSMENT/MANAGEMENT PLANS AND INSTRUMENTS/ CONTRACTORS**   1. 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, consulted and adopted for the Project, the ESSs, the Environmental, Health and Safety Guidelines (EHSGs), and other relevant Good International Industry Practice (GIIP), including relevantWHO guidelines*.* 2. Prepare, disclose, consult, adopt and implement any Environmental and Social Management Plans (e.g. Infection Control and Waste Management Plans), instruments or other measures required for the respective Project activities based on the assessment process, in accordance with the ESSs, the ESMF, the EHSGs, and other relevant Good International Industry Practice (GIIP), including relevant WHO guidelinesto, inter alia, ensure access to and allocation of Project benefits in a fair, equitable and inclusive manner, taking into account the needs of individuals or groups who, because of their particular circumstances, may be disadvantaged or vulnerable (including, as relevant, with regards to vaccines). 3. Incorporate the relevant aspects of this ESCP, including, inter alia, the ESMF, 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. 4. Adopt procedures, protocols and/or other measures to ensure Project beneficiaries that receive vaccines under the Project do so under a program that does not include forced vaccination and is acceptable to the Bank, as set out in the ESMF. | 1. ESMF shall be prepared, disclosed, consulted and adopted no later than 30 days after the Effective Date; Assessment shall be conducted before the carrying out of the relevant Project activities. 2. Plans/instruments shall be prepared, disclosed, consulted and adopted before the carrying out of the relevant Project activities, and thereafter implemented throughout the carrying out of such activities. 3. The relevant ESHS measures shall be incorporated into the procurement documents before launching the procurement process for the relevant Project activities, and shall thereafter complied with throughout the carrying out of such activities. 4. Before the carrying out of the relevant Project activities, and thereafter implemented throughout the carrying out of such activities. | Ministry of Health of Ukraine |
| 1.3 | **EXCLUSIONS:** Exclude the following types of activities as ineligible for financing under the Project:   * Civil works*.* * Activities that may cause physical or economic displacement*.* * Activities that involve forced or child labor. * All the other excluded activities set out in the ESMF of the Project*.* | During the assessment process conducted under action 1.2.a. above. | Ministry of Health of Ukraine |
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| **ESS 2: LABOR AND WORKING CONDITIONS** | | | |
| 2.1 | **LABOR MANAGEMENT:** The Project shall be carried out in accordance with the applicable requirements of ESS2 including through, inter alia, implementing adequate occupational health and safety measures (including personal protective equipment, and emergency preparedness and response measures), setting out grievance mechanisms for Project workers, and incorporating labor requirements into the ESHS specifications of the procurement documents and contracts with contractors and supervising firms. | The LMP will be prepared, consulted upon and disclosed no later than 30 days after the Effectiveness Date. It will be implemented throughout the life of the Project. | Ministry of Health of Ukraine |
| **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: carry out the purchase*,* storage, transportation and handling of vaccines (including, cold chain management) in a safe manner and in accordance with the EHSGs, and other relevant GIIP including relevant WHO guidelines; and adequately manage and dispose of health care wastes (including, vaccines) and other types of hazardous and non-hazardous wastes. | Throughout Project implementation. | Ministry of Health of Ukraine |
| **ESS 4: COMMUNITY HEALTH AND SAFETY** | | | |
| 4.1 | **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; establish and implement appropriate quality management systems to manage the risks and the impacts that services provided and activities carried out under the Project may have on community health and safety; 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. | Throughout Project implementation. | Ministry of Health of Ukraine |
| **ESS 5: LAND ACQUISITION, RESTRICTIONS ON LAND USE AND INVOLUNTARY RESETTLEMENT** | | | |
|  | Not relevant | Throughout Project implementation. | Ministry of Health of Ukraine |
| **ESS 6: BIODIVERSITY CONSERVATION AND SUSTAINABLE MANAGEMENT OF LIVING NATURAL RESOURCES** | | | |
|  | Not relevant | Throughout Project implementation. | Ministry of Health of Ukraine |
| **ESS 7: INDIGENOUS PEOPLES/SUB-SAHARAN AFRICAN HISTORICALLY UNDERSERVED TRADITIONAL LOCAL COMMUNITIES** | | | |
| 7.1 | Not relevant | Throughout Project implementation. | Ministry of Health of Ukraine |
| **ESS 8: CULTURAL HERITAGE** | | | |
|  | Not relevant | Throughout Project implementation. | Ministry of Health of Ukraine |
| **ESS 9: FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARIES** | | | |
|  | Not relevant | Throughout Project implementation. | Ministry of Health of Ukraine |
| **ESS 10: STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT AND INFORMATION DISCLOSURE** | | | |
| 10.1 | **STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT PLAN:** Revise, disclose, consult, adopt and implement a Stakeholder Engagement Plan (SEP) consistent with ESS10, which shall include measures to, inter alia, provide stakeholders with timely, relevant, understandable and accessible information, and consult with them in a culturally appropriate manner, which is free of manipulation, interference, coercion, discrimination and intimidation. | A draft SEP was already prepared and disclosed, and shall be consulted, updated and adopted within 30 days of the Effective Date. The SEP shall be implemented throughout Project implementation. | Ministry of Health of Ukraine |
| 10.2 | **GRIEVANCE MECHANISM:** An accessible grievance mechanism shall be established, publicized, maintained and operated to receive and facilitate resolution of concerns and grievances in relation to the Project, promptly and effectively, in a transparent manner that is culturally appropriate and readily accessible to all Project-affected parties, at no cost and without retribution, including concerns and grievances filed anonymously, in a manner consistent with ESS10.  The grievance mechanism shall also receive, register and address concerns and grievances related to the sexual exploitation and abuse, sexual harassment in a safe and confidential manner, including through the referral of survivors to gender-based violence service providers.  The grievance mechanism shall also receive, register and address concerns arising from unintended health consequences after vaccination especially those resulting in serious adverse effects. | Throughout Project implementation. | Ministry of Health of Ukraine |
| **CAPACITY SUPPORT (TRAINING)** | | | |
| CS1 | Project Implementation Unit and other relevant implementing support staff responsible for the Project to receive training on the Project’s ESHS plans and instruments, fair, equitable and inclusive access and allocation of Project benefits (including with regards to vaccines), and the roles and responsibilities of different key agencies in the ESF implementation. | No later than 60 business days after the Effective Date and periodically with the addition of new Project team members join the Project throughout implementation. | Ministry of Health of Ukraine |