

Republic of the Union of Myanmar

Ministry of Health and Sports
Department of Medical Services

MYANMAR COVID-19 Emergency Response Project (P173902)

Draft

ENVIRONMENTAL and SOCIAL COMMITMENT PLAN (ESCP)

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ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL COMMITMENT PLAN

1. *The Republic of the Union of Myanmar* (hereinafter the Borrower) will implement the Myanmar COVID-19 Emergency Response Project (the **Project**), with the involvement of the following Ministries/agencies/units: Ministry of Health and Sports (MOHS) through its Department of Medical Services. The International Development Association (*hereinafter the Association*) has agreed to provide financing for the Project through the **COVID-19 Strategic Preparedness and Response Program (SPRP)**.
2. The Borrower 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 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 Association by the Borrower as required by the ESCP and the conditions of the legal agreement, and the Association will monitor and assess progress and completion of the material measures and actions throughout implementation of the Project.
5. As agreed by the Association 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/ *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 Borrower/ *or delegate(s)*. The Borrower/ *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 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 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 grievances log.	The Borrower will provide monitoring reports on a monthly, quarterly and semi-annual basis throughout Project implementation.	<i>MOHS/Project Management Team</i>
ESS 1: ASSESSMENT AND MANAGEMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL RISKS AND IMPACTS			
1.1	<p>ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE: The Ministry of Health and Sports (MOHS) shall establish and maintain a Project Management Team with qualified staff and resources to support management of ESHS risks and impacts of the Project including overall requirements in Environmental and Social Management Framework (ESMF)), along with an LMP, HCWMP, SOP to be included in the ESMF, and a stand-alone Stakeholder Engagement Plan</p> <p>Each participating hospital shall designate a lead technical specialist responsible for oversight and implementation of medical waste management at their facility.</p>	<p>The MOHS will appoint, within 30 days of project effectiveness, a lead technical specialist(s) on the Project Management Team Staff to be responsible for oversight on all project E&S requirements (including SEP and ESMF) throughout the project period.</p> <p><i>Each participating hospital shall designate a lead technical specialist prior to receiving any equipment or supplies financed by the Project</i></p>	<i>MOHS/Project Management Team</i>

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<p>1.2 ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL ASSESSMENT/MANAGEMENT PLANS AND INSTRUMENTS/ CONTRACTORS</p> <p>a. Assess the environmental and social risks and impacts of proposed Project activities, in accordance with the <i>Environmental and Social Management Framework (ESMF)</i>, to be prepared for the Project prepared pursuant to the provisions of the Loan Agreement, 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 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 <i>the WHO guidelines on various aspects of infection control, stakeholder communications</i> in a manner acceptable to the Bank. See relevant WHO information at https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019/technical-guidance/infection-prevention-and-control</p> <p>https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019/technical-guidance/risk-communication-and-community-engagement</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 comply with the ESHS specifications of their respective contracts.</p>	<p>a. a. ESMF to be prepared within 30 days of project effectiveness and before implementation of any on ground activity and 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>MOHS / Project Management team</p>

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1.3	<p>EXCLUSIONS: The following type of activities are ineligible for financing under the Project:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Any activity requiring land acquisition or involuntary resettlement as defined under ESS5 or 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 ESMF of the Project. Activities that may have significant adverse social impacts and may give rise to significant social conflict. 	During the assessment process conducted under action 1.2.a. above.	MOHS/Project Management team
ESS 2: LABOR AND WORKING CONDITIONS			
2.1	<p>LABOR MANAGEMENT: The Project shall be carried out in accordance with the applicable requirements of ESS 2 in a manner acceptable to the Association, 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 will prepare a project specific LMP which will specify details mentioned above.</p>	<p>LMP prepared as part of the ESMF within 30 days of project effectiveness and before implementation of any on ground activity and assessment to be conducted before the carrying out of the relevant Project activities.</p> <p>LMP requirements implemented throughout Project implementation.</p>	MOHS/Project Management team
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. The Borrower will develop and apply a revised HCWMP acceptable to the Association which will be executed as needed throughout the project implementation.</p>		
ESS 4: COMMUNITY HEALTH AND SAFETY			

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<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>This standard is not relevant.</p>		
ESS 6: BIODIVERSITY CONSERVATION AND SUSTAINABLE MANAGEMENT OF LIVING NATURAL RESOURCES		
<p>Relevant aspects of this standard shall be considered, as needed, under action 1.2 above. The ESMF / HCWMP will include screening and site selection criteria to ensure disposal of medical waste does not lead to any adverse impacts on natural habitats.</p>		
ESS 7: INDIGENOUS PEOPLES/SUB-SAHARAN AFRICAN HISTORICALLY UNDERSERVED TRADITIONAL LOCAL COMMUNITIES		
<p>Relevant aspects of this standard shall be considered, as needed, under action 1.2 above.</p>		
ESS 8: CULTURAL HERITAGE		
<p>Relevant aspects of this standard shall be considered, as needed, under action 1.2 above.</p>		
ESS 9: FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARIES		
<p>The standard is not relevant.</p>		
ESS 10: STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT AND INFORMATION DISCLOSURE		
<p>10.1 STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT PLAN: Prepare, disclose, adopt, and implement a Stakeholder Engagement Plan (SEP) consistent with ESS10, in a manner acceptable to the Association.</p>	<p>A draft SEP has been prepared and disclosed and shall be updated, no later than 30 days following the Effective Date. Through consultation with ethnic groups and their representative and specifically Ethnic Health Providers, this revised SEP will also reflect a strategy specific to engagement with ethnic groups, including patient referral protocols.</p>	<p><i>MOHS/Project Management Team</i></p>
<p>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 Association.</p>	<p>Throughout Project implementation</p>	<p><i>MOHS/Project Management Team</i></p>

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CAPACITY SUPPORT (TRAINING)		
<p>A capacity assessment will be undertaken, and which will inform the development of the training and capacity building plans, including but not limited to training of health workers from the MOHS, private sector and EHPs, with regards to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) clinical management; (ii) infection prevention and control (IPC); (iii) health care waste management (HCWM); (iv) referral guidelines; (v) biosafety; and (vi) diagnosis and testing 	<p>Throughout Project implementation.</p>	<p>MOHS/Project Management Team</p>

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