



Republic of Mozambique

MINISTRY OF HEALTH
MOZAMBIQUE COVID-19 STRATEGIC PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE PROJECT (P175884) AND
ADDITIONAL FINANCING (P178068)

**ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL
COMMITMENT PLAN (ESCP)**

Updated ESCP

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ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL COMMITMENT PLAN

1. The Republic of Mozambique (the Recipient) is implementing the Mozambique COVID-19 Strategic Preparedness and Response Project (Project (P175884) (the Project)), as part of a Multiphase Programmatic Approach with the involvement of the Ministry of Health (MoH). The International Development Association (hereinafter the Bank) has agreed to provide an Additional Financing (AF) for the Project, to allow a scale up of the COVID-19 Vaccination already covered by the Project, which will include acquisition of additional vaccines, scaling up of capacities for deployment and administration, and securing minimum conditions for vaccination to expand with essential health service delivery.
2. The Recipient 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 Ministry of Health, 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. The Recipient is responsible for compliance with all the requirements of the ESCP even when the implementation of specific measures and actions is conducted by the MoH, 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 Recipient, as required by the ESCP and the provisions of the Financing Agreement, and the Bank will monitor and assess progress and completion of the material measures and actions throughout the implementation of the Project.
5. As agreed by the Bank and the Recipient, 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 Recipient shall 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 Recipient. The Recipient 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 Recipient shall provide additional funds, if needed, to implement actions and measures to address such risks and impacts.

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MONITORING AND REPORTING			
A	<p>REGULAR REPORTING: The Ministry of Health shall prepare and submit to the Bank regular monitoring reports on the status of implementation of Environmental, Social, Health and Safety (ESHS) performance of the Project, including but not limited to (i) stakeholder engagement activities and grievances mechanism, (ii) conditions, if any, which interfere or threaten to interfere with the implementation of the ESCP; and (iii) corrective and preventive measures taken or required to be taken to address such conditions.</p> <p>MISAU shall prepare an E&S compliance report demonstrating progress on implementation of E&S commitments</p>	<p>Starting from the Effective Date, quarterly reports shall be submitted no later than 30 days after the end of each reporting period, throughout Project implementation.</p> <p>No later than 30 Days after effectiveness date</p>	Ministry of Health
B	<p>INCIDENTS AND ACCIDENTS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Ministry of Health (MoH) shall 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 area. 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. 	<p>Notification to the Bank shall take place within 48 hours after learning of the incident or accident. The subsequent report shall be provided within a timeframe acceptable to the Bank, as requested</p>	Ministry of Health
ESS 1: ASSESSMENT AND MANAGEMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL RISKS AND IMPACTS			
1.1	<p>ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE: The Ministry of Health (MoH) has set up a Project Implementation Unit (PIU), which shall be responsible for supporting management of ESHS risks and impacts of the Project including management of medical waste and discard of expired medication. MoH shall ensure that PIU retains qualified staff to assist in</p>	<p>The recruitment of the social specialist and the environmental specialist are on-going. Both specialists shall be in place no later than 30 days after AF effectiveness</p>	Ministry of Health

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<p>this Project, namely at least one (1) social specialist (responsible for all social aspects, including Gender Based Violence (GBV) issues and grievance redress mechanism), and at least one (1) environmental specialist to be responsible for all environmental aspects, including activities related to hospital waste management.</p> <p>The Parent Project’s social specialist and the environmental specialist were already selected, and the recruitment processes are being finalized. Meanwhile the Project team is being supported by an environmental and social consultant.</p>	<p>date, (Disbursement Condition)</p> <p>Environmental and social Specialists shall be maintained throughout Project implementation.</p>	
<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 an Environmental & Social Management Framework (ESMF) prepared, disclosed and adopted for the Parent Project. The ESMF prepared under the Parent Project shall apply to the AF, as there are no changes to the Project Scope. The ESMF shall include Infection Control and Waste Management Plan (ICWMP) and Labor Management Procedures (LMP) and follow the ESSs, the Environmental, Health and Safety Guidelines (EHSGs), and other relevant Good International Industry Practice (GIIP), including relevant WHO guidelines.</p> <p>b. Prepare, disclose, consult, adopt, and implement any environmental and social management plan (e.g. health-care 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, national legislation and other relevant Good International Industry Practice (GIIP) including the WHO guidelines in a manner acceptable to the Association and, to, inter alia, ensure access to and allocation of Project benefits in a fair, equitable and inclusive manner, taking into account the needs of</p>	<p>a. ESMF under Parent Project was prepared, disclosed, consulted and adopted in April 2021. ESMF shall be applied throughout Project implementation Assessment shall be conducted before the carrying out of the relevant Project activities.</p> <p>b. 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.</p> <p>c. The relevant ESHS measures shall be incorporated into the procurement documents before launching the procurement process for the relevant Project</p>	<p>Ministry of Health (PIU)</p>

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<p>individuals or groups who, because of their circumstances, may be disadvantaged or vulnerable with regards to COVID-19 vaccines. All of the activities to be financed under the Project will be done in line with WHO SAGE guidelines and WHO Framework for Allocation and Prioritization of COVID 19 vaccination. IDPs and Refugees will be included as priority groups as well.</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>d. 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 Association, as set out in the ESMF.</p> <p>e. Maintain procedures, protocols and/or other measures, acceptable to the Association, to ensure that individuals that receive mandatory COVID-19 vaccines under the Project do so in a manner that does not include forced vaccination. For the purposes of this provision, forced vaccination means vaccination involving the use of physical coercion, imposition of criminal sanctions for individuals who refuse vaccination, denial of medical exemptions from mandatory vaccination, or lack of a due process mechanism for appeals. Such appeals may relate to the denial of medical exemptions and the imposition of administrative sanctions for refusing vaccination.</p> <p>f. Update social assessment on Vulnerable Groups and GBV/SEA/SH Risk Assessment satisfactory to the Association, among other things, to focus on vulnerable groups and identify in detail barriers to their participation and guidelines to be adopted by "MISAU Ministry of</p>	<p>activities and shall thereafter be complied with throughout the carrying out of such activities.</p> <p>d. Before the carrying out of the relevant Project activities, and thereafter implemented throughout the carrying out of such activities.</p> <p>e. Before the carrying out of the relevant Project activities, and thereafter implemented throughout the carrying out of such activities.</p> <p>f. Social assessment shall be updated and disclosed periodically throughout Project implementation, including as a result of beneficiary studies to be financed under Component 2 of the Project. Once the assessment has been updated, adopt its recommendations to the satisfaction of the Association as a stand-alone social risk mitigation plan and/or as updates to the Project manuals, guidelines and/or E&S instruments including</p>	

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	<p>Health)” to address those barriers. Once the assessment has been updated, adopt its recommendations to the satisfaction of the Association as a stand-alone social risk mitigation plan and/or as updates to the Project manuals, guidelines and/or E&S instruments including the SEP and the ESMF.</p> <p>g. A project-level Grievance Redress Mechanism shall be established</p>	<p>the SEP and the ESMF, all within 30 days of any such updates to social assessment.</p> <p>g. Before commencement of any civil works and other Project activities</p>	
1.3	<p>EXCLUSIONS: Exclude the following types of activities as ineligible for financing under the Project:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Activities that may cause long term, permanent and/or irreversible (e.g. loss of major natural habitat) adverse impacts • Activities that have high probability of causing serious adverse effects to human health and/or the environment other than during treatment of COVID-19 cases • Activities that may have significant adverse social impacts and may give rise to significant social conflict • Activities that may affect lands or rights of indigenous people or other vulnerable minorities, • Activities that may involve any resettlement or land acquisition, or adverse impacts on cultural heritage <p>All the other excluded activities set out in the ESMF of the Project.</p>	During the assessment process conducted under action 1.2.a. above.	Ministry of Health (PIU)
1.4	Establish monitoring and supervision arrangements adequate for ensuring proper implementation of all E&S aspects	Within staffing timelines indicated under 1.1 above	Ministry of Health (PIU)
ESS 2: LABOR AND WORKING CONDITIONS			
2.1	<p>LABOR MANAGEMENT: The Project shall be carried out in accordance with the applicable requirements of ESS2, as set forth in the Labor Management Procedures (LMP) including through, inter alia, implementing adequate occupational health and safety measures (including personal protective equipment and emergency preparedness and response measures), codes of conduct (CoC), setting out grievance mechanisms for Project workers, and incorporating labor requirements into the ESHS specifications of the procurement documents and contracts</p>	The Labor Management Plan (LMP) has been prepared and annexed to the ESMF and shall be applied throughout Project implementation.	Ministry of Health (PIU)

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with contractors and supervising firms, all in a manner acceptable to the Association.		
ESS 3: RESOURCE EFFICIENCY AND POLLUTION PREVENTION AND MANAGEMENT		
<p>Implement the Infection Control and Waste Management Plan (ICWMP) that has been prepared and annexed to the ESMF, in accordance with ESS3 and in a manner satisfactory to the Bank, for all health facilities and laboratories that benefit from material and equipment financed by the Project.</p> <p>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, ultra-cold chain management) in a safe manner and in accordance with the EHSs, 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.</p>	Throughout Project Implementation.	Ministry of Health (PIU)
ESS 4: COMMUNITY HEALTH AND SAFETY		
<p>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.</p> <p>The Project will also provide assistance to MISAU for the establishment of policies related to ensuring that there is no forced vaccination.</p> <p>Implement emergency preparedness measures to manage cases of laboratory accidents and other emergencies.</p>	Throughout Project implementation.	Ministry of Health (PIU)

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<p>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>4.2 USE OF MILITARY OR SECURITY PERSONNEL:</p> <p>There is no vaccination in the conflict areas and no military or security personnel have been used in the vaccination process nor is planned to be used. In the case of intention to use of military or security personnel, measures to manage such risks and impacts shall be implemented, guided by the principles of proportionality and GIIP, and by applicable law, in relation to hiring, rules of conduct, training, equipping, and monitoring of such security personnel. Therefore, the following measures shall be adopted to ensure its implementation is consistent with the provisions of the ESSs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Assess the risks and impacts of engagement of the security personnel, as part of the ESMF referred to in action 1.2 a) above. b. Adopt and enforce standards, protocols and codes of conduct for the selection and use of security personnel, and screen such personnel to verify that they have not engaged in past unlawful or abusive behavior, including sexual exploitation and abuse (SEA), sexual harassment (SH) or excessive use of force; c. Ensure that the Ministry of Health enters into a memorandum of 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Assessment carried out in the same timeframe as action 1.2 a) above. b) and c) before deploying security or military personnel under the Project and thereafter throughout Project implementation. e) and f) as set out under actions 10.1 and 10.2 respectively. g) within the timeframes requested by the Bank 	<p>Ministry of Health (PIU) and Ministry of the Interior and Ministry of Defense</p>

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<p>understanding (MoU), with the Ministry of the Interior and Ministry of Defense and relevant Security or Military Unit, setting out the arrangements for the engagement of the military or security personnel under the Project, including compliance with the relevant requirements of this ESCP;</p> <p>d. Ensure that such personnel is adequately instructed and trained, prior to development and on a regular basis, on the use of force and appropriate conduct (including in relation to civilian-security engagement, SEA and SH, and other relevant areas), as set out in the Environmental and Social Management Framework;</p> <p>e. Ensure that the stakeholder engagement activities under the Stakeholder Engagement Plan (SEP) include a communication strategy on the involvement of security or military personnel under the Project;</p> <p>f. Ensure that any concerns or grievances regarding the conduct of security or military personnel are received, monitored, documented (taking into account the need to protect confidentiality), resolved through the Project’s grievance mechanism (see action 10.2 below) and reported to the Bank no later than 14 days after being received; and where the Bank shall require, after consultation with the Ministry of Health: (i) promptly appoint a third- party monitor consultant, with terms of reference, qualifications and experience satisfactory to the Bank, to visit and monitor the Project area where security personnel are deployed, collect relevant data and communicate with Project stakeholders and beneficiaries; (ii) require the third-party monitor consultant to prepare and submit monitoring reports, which shall be promptly made available to and discussed with the Bank; and (iii) promptly take any actions, as may be requested by the Bank upon its review of the third-party monitor</p>		

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	consultant reports.		
ESS 5: LAND ACQUISITION, RESTRICTIONS ON LAND USE AND INVOLUNTARY RESETTLEMENT			
	Not relevant.	n/a	n/a
ESS 6: BIODIVERSITY CONSERVATION AND SUSTAINABLE MANAGEMENT OF LIVING NATURAL RESOURCES			
	Not relevant	n/a	n/a
ESS 7: INDIGENOUS PEOPLES/SUB-SAHARAN AFRICAN HISTORICALLY UNDERSERVED TRADITIONAL LOCAL COMMUNITIES			
	Not relevant	n/a	n/a
ESS 8: CULTURAL HERITAGE			
	Not relevant	n/a	n/a
ESS 9: FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARIES			
	Not relevant.	n/a	n/a
ESS 10: STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT AND INFORMATION DISCLOSURE			
10.1	STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT PLAN: Update, disclose, consult, adopt and implement the Stakeholder Engagement Plan (SEP) prepared for the Parent Project 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 updated SEP was already prepared and disclosed, and shall be consulted, updated and adopted before the Effective Date. The SEP shall be implemented throughout Project implementation.	Ministry of Health (PIU)
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	The Project GRM has been outlined in the SEP and ESMF and presented to Project stakeholders during public consultations.	Ministry of Health (PIU)

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<p>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.</p> <p>The grievance mechanism shall also receive, register and address concerns and grievances related to sexual exploitation and abuse, sexual harassment in a safe and confidential manner, including through the referral of survivors to gender-based violence service providers.</p> <p>The grievance mechanism shall also receive, register and address concerns arising from unintended health consequences after vaccination especially those resulting in serious adverse effects, and, as appropriate, requests for compensation.</p>	<p>It shall be further developed and made operational no later than 30 days following the Effective Date and thereafter be maintained throughout Project implementation.</p>	
<p>10.3 STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT INFORMATION AND DISCLOSURE: Adopt measures, as set out in the ESMF, to ensure that the carrying out of Project activities includes stakeholder engagement and information disclosure consistent with ESS10, in a manner acceptable to the bank</p>	<p>Throughout Project implementation</p>	<p>Ministry of Health (PIU)</p>
<p>CAPACITY SUPPORT (TRAINING)</p>		
<p>CS1 Project Management 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.</p>		<p>Ministry of Health (PIU)</p>
<p>Training topics shall include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overview of the ESF, as well as ESCP, ESMF and SEP • Measures to ensure that the vaccine delivery targets eligible members of the most vulnerable populations • Data management and privacy • Measures to be implemented to mitigate risks related with use of security personnel 	<p>Throughout Project implementation.</p>	<p>Ministry of Health (PIU)</p>

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Labor Management Procedures including: COVID-19 Infection Prevention and Control Recommendations Laboratory biosafety guidance related to the COVID-19; Specimen collection and shipment; Vaccine storage, transportation, distribution and administration; Standard precautions for COVID-19 patients; and Risk communication and community engagement. • Infection Control and Waste Management Plan Medical and hazardous waste management • Grievance Mechanism • WHO and Africa CDC guidelines on quarantine including case management • GBV/SEA/HS prevention • SA and measures to address discrimination risk and barriers to access by vulnerable groups to benefits of the Project 		