

**Republic of South Sudan
Ministry of Agriculture and Food Security
(MAFS)**

**Additional Financing (P180940) for
South Sudan Resilient Agricultural Livelihoods
Project (P169120)**

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

Updated for the Additional Financing

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ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL COMMITMENT PLAN

1. The Government of South Sudan (the Recipient) will implement additional activities under the South Sudan Resilient Agricultural Livelihoods Project (P169120, the Project), with the involvement of the Ministry of Agriculture and Food Security (MAFS), as set out in the Financing Agreement for the Additional Financing (AF, P180940). The International Development Association (Association), acting as the administrator, has agreed to provide AF for the implementation of the additional activities under the Project, as set out in the Financing Agreement for the AF. This Environmental and Social Commitment Plan (ESCP) supersedes previous versions of the ESCP for the Project and shall apply both to the original and the AF for Project referred to above
2. The Recipient shall ensure that the Project is carried out in accordance with the Environmental and Social Standards (ESSs) and this ESCP, in a manner acceptable to the Association. The ESCP is a part of the Financing Agreement. Unless otherwise defined in this ESCP, capitalized terms used in this ESCP have the meanings ascribed to them in the referred agreement.
3. Without limitation to the foregoing, this ESCP sets out material measures and actions that the Recipient shall carry out or cause to be carried out, including, as applicable, the timeframes of the actions and measures, institutional, staffing, training, monitoring, and reporting arrangements, and grievance management. The ESCP also sets out the environmental and social (E&S) instruments that shall be adopted and implemented under the Project, all of which shall be subject to prior consultation and disclosure, consistent with the ESSs in form and substance, and in a manner acceptable to the Association. Once adopted, said E&S instruments may be revised from time to time with prior written agreement by the Association.
4. As agreed by the Association and the Recipient, this ESCP will be revised from time to time if necessary, during Project implementation, to reflect adaptive management of Project changes and unforeseen circumstances or in response to Project performance. In such circumstances, the Recipient through MAFS and the Association agree to update the ESCP to reflect these changes through an exchange of letters signed between the Association and the Undersecretary of MAFS. The Recipient shall promptly disclose the updated ESCP.

MATERIAL MEASURES AND ACTIONS		TIMEFRAME	RESPONSIBLE ENTITY
MONITORING AND REPORTING			
A	<p>REGULAR REPORTING</p> <p>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 the implementation of the ESCP, status of preparation and implementation of E&S instruments required under the ESCP, stakeholder engagement activities, and functioning of the grievance mechanism.</p> <p>The PCU will synthesize all reporting by third-party monitoring agents (TPMAs) and Implementing Partners, as well as its own findings, and produce an overall E&S progress report with a distinct section on stakeholder engagement in line with the template in Annex 3 of the ESMF. The Project will follow a quarterly reporting cycle to the Association for both regular and TPMA reporting in line with Association’s requirements for Fragile, Conflict and Violent (FCV) environment projects. These reports will further be shared with all stakeholders, as defined in the SEP.</p>	<p>Submit quarterly and annual reports to the Association throughout Project implementation, commencing after the Effective Date.</p> <p>Submit each report to the Association no later than 10 days after the end of each reporting period.</p>	MAFS Project Coordination Unit (PCU) team
B	<p>INCIDENTS AND ACCIDENTS</p> <p>Promptly notify the Association 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, cases of sexual exploitation and abuse (SEA), sexual harassment (SH), and accidents that result in death, serious or multiple injury which could be caused due to exposure to potentially hazardous infectious agents or chemicals; physical hazards; ergonomic injuries. Provide sufficient detail regarding the scope, severity, and possible causes of 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/or supervising firm, as appropriate.</p> <p>Subsequently, at the Association’s request, prepare a report on the incident or accident and propose any measures to address it and prevent its recurrence.</p>	<p>Notify the Association no later than 48 hours after learning of the incident or accident.</p> <p>Provide subsequent report to the Association within a timeframe acceptable to the Association.</p>	MAFS Project Coordination Unit (PCU) team
C	<p>CONTRACTORS’ MONTHLY REPORTS</p> <p>Require contractors and supervising firms to provide monthly monitoring reports on ESHS performance in accordance with the metrics specified in the respective bidding documents and contracts and submit such reports to the Association.</p>	Submit the monthly reports to the Association upon request as annexes to the reports to be submitted under action A above.	Contractor/Supervising firms

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E	A TPMA will be engaged by the PCU on a competitive basis to provide independent operational review of overall Project activities and results, including the implementation of the E&S instruments described in this ESCP.	Hire the TPMA or update existing contract no later than 30 days after the AF Effective Date and maintain it throughout Project implementation.	MAFS Project Coordination Unit (PCU) team
ESS1: ASSESSMENT AND MANAGEMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL RISKS AND IMPACTS			
1.1	ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE Maintain the PIU of the Project within the MAFS tasked with ESHS management with qualified staff and resources, to support management of ESHS risks and impacts of the Project including the environmental specialist and social specialist.	Maintain the PIU as set out in the Financing Agreements and thereafter maintain these positions throughout Project implementation.	MAFS Project Coordination Unit (PCU) team
1.2	THE FOOD AND AGRICULTURE ORGANIZATION OF THE UNITED NATIONS (FAO) AND OTHER IPS Maintain the PMU and will be responsible for the preparation, implementation and monitoring of the ESMF, reporting and support the preparation of the associated ESMPs, SEF, LMP, GBV/SEA, etc. including the implementation of the GRM project supervision of FAO and other IPs. PMU will deploy one Environmental Risk Management, one Social Risk Management Specialist and a one Gender Officer to offer E&S advisory.	Maintain the PMU as set out in the institutional arrangement and thereafter maintain these positions throughout Project implementation	FAO Project Management Unit (PMU)
1.3	ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL INSTRUMENTS a) Update and implement the Environmental and Social Management Framework (ESMF) prepared for the Project for the AF (P180940), consistent with the relevant ESSs. b) Prepare, adopt, maintain, and implement site-specific Environmental and Social Management Plans (ESMPs) in line with the screening, assessment, and mitigation procedures of the ESMF. The site-specific documents shall be consulted with and disclosed to stakeholders, including local communities, in accordance with the Stakeholder Engagement Plan (SEP).	a) Adopt the updated ESMF before the AF Effective Date, and thereafter implement the ESMF throughout Project implementation. b) Prepare each ESMP prior to bidding out the contract for carrying out of the Project activity that requires adoption of such ESMP. Once prepared, include the ESMP in the respective contracts for adoption and implementation by the contractor and enforce the implementation of the ESMP throughout the Project activity implementation.	MAFS Project Coordination Unit (PCU) team

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1.4	<p>MANAGEMENT OF CONTRACTORS</p> <p>Incorporate the relevant aspects of the ESCP, including, inter alia, the relevant E&S instruments, the Labor Management Procedures (LMP), code of conduct, and pertinent ESMPs into the ESHS specifications of the procurement documents and contracts with contractors and supervising firms. Thereafter ensure that the contractors and supervising firms comply and cause subcontractors to comply with the ESHS specifications of their respective contracts.</p>	<p>As part of the preparation of procurement documents and respective contracts.</p> <p>Supervise contractors throughout Project implementation.</p>	MAFS Project Coordination Unit (PCU) team
1.5	<p>TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE</p> <p>Ensure that the consultancies, capacity building, training, and any other technical assistance activities under the Project Component 1 and 3 are carried out in accordance with terms of reference acceptable to the Association and consistent with the ESSs. Thereafter ensure that the outputs of such activities comply with the terms of reference.</p>	Throughout Project implementation.	MAFS Project Coordination Unit (PCU) team
1.6	<p>CONTINGENT EMERGENCY RESPONSE FINANCING</p> <p>a) Ensure that the Contingency Emergency Response Component (CERC) Manual developed for the Project includes a description of the ESHS assessment and management arrangements as needed for the AF, including, if applicable, an ESMF Addendum that will be included or referred to in the CERC Manual for the implementation of the CERC, in accordance with the ESSs.</p> <p>b) Adopt any E&S instruments that may be required for activities under the CERC of the Project, in accordance with the CERC Manual and, if applicable, CERC-ESMF Addendum and the ESSs, and thereafter implement the measures and actions required under said E&S instruments, within the timeframes specified in said E&S instruments.</p>	<p>a) The adoption of the CERC Manual and if applicable ESMF Addendum, as relevant in form and substance acceptable to the Association is a withdrawal condition of Schedule 2 of the Financing Agreement for the Project and the AF.</p> <p>b) Adopt the CERC Manual and if applicable ESMF Addendum and include it as part of the respective bidding process, if applicable, and in any case, before the carrying out of the relevant Project activities for which the E&S instrument is required. Implement the E&S instruments in accordance with their terms, throughout Project implementation.</p>	Designated authority for a CERC
ESS2: LABOR AND WORKING CONDITIONS			

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2.1	<p>LABOR MANAGEMENT PROCEDURES</p> <p>Update, adopt and implement the Labor Management Procedures (LMP) for the Project, including, inter alia, provisions on working conditions, management of workers relationships, occupational health and safety (OHS), including personal protective equipment and emergency preparedness and response), code of conduct (including relating to SEA and SH), forced labor, child labor, grievance arrangements for all Project workers, and the respective applicable requirements for contractors, subcontractors, and supervising firms.</p>	Update and adopt the LMP as part of the ESMF prior to AF Effective Date and thereafter implement the LMP throughout Project implementation.	MAFS Project Coordination Unit (PCU) team
2.2	<p>GRIEVANCE MECHANISM FOR PROJECT WORKERS</p> <p>Enhance, adopt and operate the existing grievance mechanism for Project workers, as described in the updated LMP and consistent with ESS2.</p>	Enhance and maintain the operation for the existing grievance mechanism for Project workers prior to engaging Project workers and thereafter maintain and operate it throughout Project implementation.	MAFS Project Coordination Unit (PCU) team
ESS3: RESOURCE EFFICIENCY AND POLLUTION PREVENTION AND MANAGEMENT			
3.1	<p>WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Update and adopt waste management measures as part of the updated ESMF and site- specific ESMPs ,that covers all the Project and AF activities, to manage hazardous and non-hazardous wastes e.g., organic waste and by-products of agricultural, livestock and fish processing activity and , transportation and management of samples and medical goods or expired chemical products, consistently with ESS3. 	Same timeframe as for the adoption and implementation of the updated ESMF and thereafter implement throughout Project implementation.	MAFS Project Coordination Unit (PCU) team
3.2	<p>RESOURCE EFFICIENCY AND POLLUTION PREVENTION AND MANAGEMENT</p> <p>Incorporate resource efficiency and pollution prevention and management measures in the updated ESMF to be prepared under action 1.3 above.</p> <p>Update as needed, adopt, and implement Project’s Integrated Pest Management Framework (IPMF) to ensure the application of pesticides are mitigated, controlled, or eliminated through planned activities.</p>	Same timeframe as for the adoption and implementation of the updated ESMF. throughout Project implementation.	MAFS Project Coordination Unit (PCU) team
ESS4: COMMUNITY HEALTH AND SAFETY			
4.1	<p>TRAFFIC AND ROAD SAFETY</p> <p>Incorporate measures to manage traffic and road safety risks as required in the updated ESMF to be prepared under action 1.3 above and site-specific ESMPs to be prepared in accordance with the ESMF.</p>	Same timeframe as for the adoption and implementation of the updated ESMF. and preparation of the ESMPs at the site-specific level.	MAFS Project Coordination Unit (PCU) team

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4.2	<p>COMMUNITY HEALTH AND SAFETY</p> <p>Assess and manage specific risks and impacts to the community arising from Project activities, particularly those added by the AF, including, inter alia, e.g., behavior of Project workers, risks of labor influx, response to emergency situations, and include mitigation measures in the ESMF and subsequently in the ESMPs to be prepared in accordance with the ESMF.</p>	Same timeframe as for the adoption and implementation of the updated ESMF at the general level and preparation of the ESMPs at the site-specific level.	MAFS Project Coordination Unit (PCU) team
4.3	<p>SEA AND SH RISKS</p> <p>Update, adopt and implement the existing SEA/SH Action Plan as part of the updated ESMF, to assess and manage the risks of SEA and SH.</p>	Same timeframe as for the adoption and implementation of the updated ESMF.	MAFS Project Coordination Unit (PCU) team
4.4	<p>SECURITY MANAGEMENT</p> <p>Update, adopt and implement the Security Management Plan (SMP) developed for the Project to cover the AF activities and the current situation in the Project area.</p>	Update and adopt the SMP prior to engaging security personnel for the AF activities, and thereafter implement it throughout Project implementation.	MAFS Project Coordination Unit (PCU) team
ESS5: LAND ACQUISITION, RESTRICTIONS ON LAND USE AND INVOLUNTARY RESETTLEMENT			
5.1	<p>LAND ACQUISITION AND RESETTLEMENT</p> <p>a) The AF activities are not expected to require land acquisition, restrictions on land use or involuntary resettlement. However, if land is required in any case, it shall be acquired based on the measures consistent with ESS5, as set out in the updated ESMF.</p> <p>b) The Project has identified and adopted a procedure for voluntary land donations and said procedure outlined in the ESMF needs to be followed and be consistent with requirements outlined in ESS5. Any land acquired must be: (i) identified through a participatory community-level process, including all legitimate tenure right holders and all legitimate rights, and (ii) in line with the Voluntary Land Donation Framework (VLDF) outlined within an annex to the ESMF, and (iii) not acquired through pressuring land use right holders to donate land, including denying or conditioning Project benefits on the basis of voluntarily donating land.</p> <p>c) Regarding community land, all individuals using or occupying the land must agree with the Project activities and communities are expected to benefit directly from the Project.</p>	Same timeframe as for the adoption and implementation of the updated ESMF.	MAFS Project Coordination Unit (PCU) team
ESS6: BIODIVERSITY CONSERVATION AND SUSTAINABLE MANAGEMENT OF LIVING NATURAL RESOURCES			

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6.1	<p>BIODIVERSITY RISKS AND IMPACTS</p> <p>Adopt and implement measures for biodiversity management as part of the updated ESMF consistently with ESS6. Make sure that Project activities shall not alter or cause destruction to any critical or sensitive natural habitats.</p>	Same timeframe as for the adoption and implementation of the updated ESMF.	MAFS Project Coordination Unit (PCU) team
ESS7: INDIGENOUS PEOPLES/SUB-SAHARAN AFRICAN HISTORICALLY UNDERSERVED TRADITIONAL LOCAL COMMUNITIES			
7.1	<p>INDIGENOUS PEOPLES PLANNING FRAMEWORK</p> <p>Update as needed, adopt and implement Project’s Social Assessment (SA), consistent with ESS7. Ensure that distinct social and cultural groups are appropriately informed and benefit from the Project in an inclusive and culturally appropriate manner , in accordance with ESS7 and ESS10.</p>	Update and adopt the SA before the AF Effective Date and thereafter implement the SA throughout Project implementation.	MAFS Project Coordination Unit (PCU) team
ESS8: CULTURAL HERITAGE			
8.1	<p>CULTURAL HERITAGE RISKS AND IMPACTS</p> <p>Adopt the updated ESMF and if applicable implement the chance finds procedure described in the ESMF, consistent with ESS8.</p>	Implement the chance finds procedures throughout Project implementation.	MAFS Project Coordination Unit (PCU) team
ESS9: FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARIES			
ESS9 is not relevant to the Project.			
ESS10: STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT AND INFORMATION DISCLOSURE			
10.1	<p>STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT PLAN PREPARATION AND IMPLEMENTATION</p> <p>Update, adopt and implement Project’s 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.</p>	Update and adopt the SEP prior to the AF Effective Date, and thereafter implement the updated SEP throughout Project implementation.	MAFS Project Coordination Unit (PCU) team
10.2	<p>PROJECT GRIEVANCE MECHANISM</p> <p>Update as needed, publicize, maintain, and operate an accessible grievance mechanism, 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.</p>	Update as needed and adopt the grievance mechanism of the Project for the AF prior to the AF Effective Date, and thereafter maintain and operate the mechanism throughout Project implementation.	MAFS Project Coordination Unit (PCU) team

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	The grievance mechanism shall be equipped to receive, register, and facilitate the resolution of SEA/SH complaints, including through the referral of survivors to relevant gender-based violence (GBV) service providers, all in a safe, confidential, and survivor-centered manner.		
CAPACITY SUPPORT			
CS1	<p>Training shall be provided to targeted groups. The trainings will be required for e.g., PIU staff, stakeholders, communities, and Project workers on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Stakeholder mapping and engagement, feedback processes and grievance management procedures. ● Specific requirements on the SA, ESMF, ESMPs, LMP, IPMP, VLDF and land access validation, SMP, and SEA/SH Action Plan. ● Subprojects’ E&S screening and specific aspects of E&S assessment as established in the updated ESMF and preparation of ESMPs. ● Training for farmers, experts, and officials at different levels on GBV/SEA/SH, OHS, climate-smart agriculture and farming practices, safe disposal of animal carcasses and animal health waste, appropriate mechanical equipment operation and maintenance, etc. ● Community awareness raising trainings (including clan and religious leaders) on community health and safety, land tenure rights, the One Health approach, etc. ● Train workers and community on emergency preparedness and response. ● Occupational and Community Health and Safety including safe working procedures under activities involving fishing and fish processing and selling, covering the One Health approach. ● Specific training on implementing the IPMP, chance finds procedure, safe waste disposal, etc. ● Training farmers on environmentally sustainable production practices. <p>Training targeted groups and households on construction and use of fuel-efficient stoves (FES).</p>	Regularly, throughout Project implementation.	MAFS Project Coordination Unit (PCU) team