Government of Burundi
Burundi North-East Region Refugee and Host Community Support Project (P169315)

ENVIRONMENTAL and SOCIAL COMMITMENT PLAN (ESCP)

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1. The Government of Burundi (GoB) will implement the North-East Region Refugee and Host Community Support Project (PACARNE-TURIKUMWE or the Project) under the supervision of the Ministry of Interior, Local Development and Patriotic Formation and its agency National Office of Protection of Refugees and Stateless Persons (ONPRA) with the involvement of the following Ministries and Agencies: Ministry of Finance, Budget and Economic Cooperation, the Office of the President, the Office of the First and Second Vice Presidents, the governors of Muyinga, Ngozi, Cankuzo and Ruyigi provinces, the Ministry of Decentralization, the Ministry of Public Security and relevant technical line agencies (such as the Ministries of Education, Health and Agriculture). The International Development Association (hereinafter the Association) has agreed to provide financing for the project.

2. The GoB will implement material measures and actions so that the Project is implemented in accordance with the World Bank Environmental and Social Standards (ESS). This Environmental and Social Commitment Plan (ESCP) sets out these measures and actions, any relevant documents or plans, as well as the implementation timetable for each.

3. The GoB will also comply with the provisions of any other environmental and social (E&S) documents required under the World Bank Environmental and Social Framework (ESF) and referred to in this ESCP, such as the Environmental and Social Management Framework (ESMF), the Stakeholder Engagement Plan (SEP), the Labor Management Procedures (LMP), the Resettlement Policy Framework (RPF), the Resettlement Action Plan (RAP), the Indigenous Peoples Planning Framework (IPPF), the Gender-Based Violence (GBV) Risk Assessment, and the GBV Action Plan, and the timelines specified in those E&S documents.

4. The GoB 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 paragraph 1 above.

5. Implementation of the material measures and actions set out in this ESCP will be monitored and reported to the Association by the GoB 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 project implementation.

6. As agreed by the Association and the GoB, 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 GoB, through the Project Implementation Unit (PIU), will agree to the changes with the Association 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 Association and the GoB. The GoB will promptly disclose the updated ESCP, through the PIU.

7. Where Project changes, unforeseen circumstances, or Project performance result in changes to the risks and impacts during Project implementation, the GoB shall provide additional funds, if needed, to implement actions and measures to address such risks and impacts, which may include environmental, health, or safety impacts, labor influx, or gender-based violence.
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<td>The GoB, through the PIU, will 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 environmental and social documents required under the ESCP (especially ESMPs and other relevant instruments, see ESCP item#1.2), stakeholder engagement activities, and functioning of the grievance mechanism(s).</td>
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<td>B <strong>INCIDENTS AND ACCIDENTS</strong></td>
<td>Notify the Association within 48 hours of learning about the incident or accident, in line with the World Bank’s Environment and Social Incidence Response Toolkit (ESIRT).</td>
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<td>The GoB, through the PIU, will 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, such as; Project-related accidents or fatalities, labor unrest, Project-related allegations of GBV, contamination or spills as a result of Project-related activities.</td>
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<td>The GoB will 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.</td>
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<td>Subsequently, as per the Association’s request, the GoB will prepare a report on the incident or accident and propose measures to prevent its recurrence.</td>
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<td>In case contractors and sub-contractors are hired for the Project activities or sub-activities, PIU will require such contractors/sub-contractors to submit monthly monitoring reports to the PIU regarding ESHS performance of the contracted work. Such monthly monitoring reports would be submitted to the Association by the Borrower upon request.</td>
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<td>ESS 1: ASSESSMENT AND MANAGEMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL RISKS AND IMPACTS</td>
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<td>1.1 ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE</td>
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<td>(a) The GoB will establish and maintain an organizational structure, the PIU, and financial resources to support Project management. The PIU will have qualified staff and appropriate resources to support management of environmental and social risks, including a social specialist, an environmental specialist, and a stakeholder communication/engagement specialist.</td>
<td>(a) The PIU is already in place and has an environmental specialist. The other specialists will be recruited prior to project effectiveness. The organizational structure, including specialists, are to be maintained throughout project implementation.</td>
<td>PIU Project Coordinator / Environmental Specialist/ Social Specialist/ Stakeholder Engagement Specialist</td>
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<td>(b) In order to ensure implementation, reporting and monitoring of actions stated in relevant E&amp;S instruments stated in this ESCP, PIU will ensure Environmental and Social Management System (ESMS) for the Project is in place and operating effectively.</td>
<td>(b) The Project ESMS will be established and become operational before commencement of works and be maintained throughout project implementation.</td>
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<td>(c) The GoB will ensure, by means of the PIU Project Coordinator, that the E&amp;S specialists conduct their environmental and social management tasks for the Project in terms of: ensuring dissemination of the ESMF and related tools and the SEP to key stakeholders; ensuring incorporation of the environmental and social aspects into tender documents and monitoring effective implementation of environmental and social management instruments.</td>
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1.2 MANAGEMENT TOOLS AND INSTRUMENTS

(a) Details of sub-projects are not known by the time of preparing this ESCP, therefore an ESMF was prepared, which defines methodology and procedure for conducting environmental and social screening and detailed assessments. Once infrastructure locations and details are defined, sub-projects will be screened against the ESMF and that specific ESIA and ESMP will be prepared, as needed, in accordance with the ESMF. Specific ESIs/ESMPs will be submitted for Association’s review and clearance. The approved ESIA with the E&S clauses will be included in the civil works Bidding Documents and Enterprises contracts to allow the later to prepare the specific contractor ESMP before to commencement of civil works.

(b) The ESMF annexes include a Medical Waste Management Plan (MWMP) prepared on the basis of an existing plan in implementation under KIRA health project to reduce risks and impacts of potential medical wastes produced during the exploitation of Health centers.

(c) Under the second component for Economic Opportunity/Livelihood & Nutrition on agriculture-based livelihood on existing agricultural land, project activities may lead to an increase in the use of pesticides and use of improved seeds for agricultural production. A ToR for preparing a Pest and Pesticide Management Plan (PPMP) was prepared as an annex to ESMF. PPMP will be prepared before commencement of works.

(d) The following E&S instruments were also prepared for the Project:
   - SEP
   - LMP
   - RPF
   - IPPF
   - Gender-based Violence Risk Assessment (results included in ESMF and PAD)

(e) A Gender-Based Violence Action Plan will be prepared prior to the start of any activities at the project site

(f) A Social Assessment will be prepared, consulted and disclosed, to inform project planning and implementation.

If necessary and in accordance with the ESMF, the RPF, and the IPPF, a preliminary assessment ("screening") of any subprojects will be carried out and specific environmental and social impact assessments (ESIAs) will be conducted and a Resettlement Action Plan (RAP), and an Indigenous Peoples' Plan (IPP) will be prepared during project implementation.

(a) An ESMF was developed prior to Appraisal. Sub-projects will be screened according to the ESMF and specific ESIs/ESMPs will be prepared, as needed, Ninety (90) days before launching the bidding process.

(b) MWMP was developed as an annex to ESMF.

(c) The following documents will be prepared and submitted to the Association for approval prior to project appraisal: ESCP, SEP, LMP, ESMF, MWMP, RPF, and IPPF.

(d) A ToR for preparing a Pest and Pesticide Management Plan (PPMP) was prepared as an annex to ESMF. PPMP will be prepared before commencement of works under Component 2.

(e) The GBV Action Plan will be prepared prior to the start of any activities at the project site. The ESIAs, ESMP, RAP, and IPP will be prepared as needed prior to the start of any activity requiring the preparation of a specific safeguard instrument.

(f) The Social Assessment will be completed by December 2020.

Once cleared by the Association, the ESIs, ESMP, RAP and GBV Action Plan will be implemented throughout project implementation, as needed.
1.3 MANAGEMENT OF CONTRACTORS

The PIU will incorporate the relevant aspects of the ESCP, including the relevant environmental and social documents and/or plans, and the Labor Management Procedures, into the ESHS specifications of the procurement documents with contractors. Thereafter, it will ensure that contractors comply with the ESHS specifications of their respective contracts.

Prior to the preparation of the procurement documents. Supervise contractors/subcontractors throughout project implementation.

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ESS 2: LABOR AND WORKING CONDITIONS

2.1 LABOR MANAGEMENT PROCEDURES (LMPs)

Develop, disclose and implement LMP for the project.

An LMP was prepared prior to the project appraisal date.

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2.2 GRIEVANCE MECHANISM FOR PROJECT WORKERS

The PIU will establish, maintain, and operate a grievance mechanism for project workers, as described in the labor management procedures and consistent with ESS 2.

The worker grievance mechanism will be operational prior to engaging workers for the project, and will be maintained throughout project implementation.

PIU/Ministry of Public Service, Labor, and Employment

2.3 OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH AND SAFETY (OHS) MEASURES

The PIU will prepare, adopt, and implement occupational health and safety (OHS) measures specified in the ESMP.

Prior to the start of project activities, including civil engineering works.

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ESS 3: RESOURCE EFFICIENCY AND POLLUTION PREVENTION AND MANAGEMENT

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With regards to the potential for increased use of pesticides in agricultural activities, terms of reference (ToR) for the preparation of a Pest and Pesticide Management Plan (PPMP) is prepared as an annex to ESMF and PPMP will be prepared according the ToR prior to the start of activities under component 2. A Medical Waste Management Plan (MWMP) for the health centers financed by the project is also prepared as an annex to ESMF.

Same timeframe as in ESCP item#1.2.

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ESS 4: COMMUNITY HEALTH AND SAFETY

4.1 GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE (GBV) AND SEXUAL EXPLOITATION AND ABUSE (SEA) RISKS

A summary of the GBV risk analysis for the project will be

PIU
Prepare, adopt, and implement a stand-alone gender-based violence action plan to assess and manage the risks of gender-based violence (GBV) and sexual exploitation and abuse (SEA).

### 4.2 GBV AND SEA RISKS DURING PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION

The GBV Action Plan will be implemented and the necessary resources will be provided for its implementation throughout project implementation. The GBV action plan will be prepared prior to the start of any activity at the project site and thereafter implemented throughout project implementation.

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### 4.3 SECURITY PERSONNEL

If necessary, the PIU will prepare, adopt, and implement a stand-alone security personnel management plan consistent with the requirements of ESS 4, in a manner acceptable to the Association.

To be included in the ESMP and prior to engaging security personnel. This plan will be implemented throughout project implementation.

PIU/other ministries

### ESS 5: LAND ACQUISITION, RESTRICTIONS ON LAND USE AND INVOLUNTARY RESETTLEMENT

#### 5.1 RESETTLEMENT PLANS

A resettlement policy framework (RPF) was prepared prior to project appraisal. If necessary, the PIU will prepare, adopt, and implement resettlement plans in accordance with ESS 5 and consistent with the requirements established for the project, and thereafter adopt and implement the respective resettlement plans before carrying out the associated activities, in a manner acceptable to the Association.

A resettlement policy framework (RPF) was prepared prior to project appraisal. Resettlement plans will be submitted for the Association’s approval and, once approved, implemented prior to commencing project activities that involve land acquisition and resettlement.

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#### 5.2 GRIEVANCE MECHANISM

The grievance mechanism to address resettlement-related complaints should be described in the RPF, the resettlement plans, and the SEP.

The RPF and SEP will be prepared prior to project appraisal.

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### ESS 7: INDIGENOUS PEOPLES/SUB-SAHARAN AFRICAN HISTORICALLY UNDERSERVED TRADITIONAL LOCAL COMMUNITIES

#### 7.1 INDIGENOUS PEOPLES PLAN:

Prepare an Indigenous Peoples Planning Framework (IPPF) to guide the preparation of and implementation of Indigenous Peoples Plans (IPPs) consistent with the requirements of ESS7, in a manner acceptable to the Association.

An IPPF was prepared prior to project appraisal. The respective IPP for the Association’s approval prior to the carrying out of any activity that requires the preparation of an IPP. Once approved, the IPP will be implemented throughout project implementation.

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#### 7.2 GRIEVANCE MECHANISM

The IPPF was prepared prior to project appraisal.

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The PIU will prepare, adopt, and implement the arrangements for a grievance mechanism accessible to Batwa as required under the IPPF and further describe such arrangements in the respective IPPs.  

### ESS 8 CULTURAL HERITAGE

#### 8.1 CHANCE FINDS
As noted in the ESMF, the PIU will prepare, adopt, and, where needed, implement the chance finds procedure described in the ESMP developed for the project.

The ESMF will be prepared prior to project appraisal, and will be implemented throughout project implementation. ESMPs, including chance finds procedures, will be developed prior to beginning any Project activity requiring an ESMP.

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### ESS 10 STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT AND INFORMATION DISCLOSURE

#### 10.1 PREPARATION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT PLAN (SEP)
The PIU will prepare, adopt, and implement a stakeholder engagement plan (SEP).

An initial SEP was prepared and disclosed before project appraisal. The SEP will be implemented prior to project effectiveness and updated periodically as needed throughout the life of the project.

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#### 10.2 PROJECT GRIEVANCE MECHANISM
The PIU will prepare, implement, and maintain a grievance mechanism, as described in the SEP, and ESMF.

The mechanism will be prepared prior to project commencement and maintained through project implementation.

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### CAPACITY SUPPORT (TRAINING)

#### CS1
Several types of training are planned for the CIPP, the Inter-Agency Technical Committee, staff of the PIU, other government agencies at national and provincial levels that support the project, and NGOs collaborating with the project:
- Stakeholder identification and engagement;
- Geographic information system (GIS);
- MWMP is composed of training sessions to the health staffs;
- The contractor ESMP will include training sessions to the workers

Capacity-building will commence during project preparation.

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on security and safety measures, HIV/AIDS sensitization;
- Emergency preparedness and response;
- Community health and safety, including GBV and sexual exploitation;
- Occupational health and safety; and
- Labor management procedures
- Capacity building in other specific aspects of the assessment and implementation of environmental and social management plans as identified through needs assessments of key project actors during Project preparation and implementation.

| CS2 | The PIU will develop a training program for project workers on occupational health and safety, including emergency prevention and prevention of GBV and sexual exploitation. | Prior to the start of project work and ongoing throughout project implementation. | CIPP, PIU, companies involved in construction and/or project operation. |