

**Republic of Ecuador  
Ministry of Public Health  
COVID-19 Response**

**Negotiations Version  
ENVIRONMENTAL and SOCIAL  
COMMITMENT PLAN (ESCP)**

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## ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL COMMITMENT PLAN

1. The Republic of Ecuador (hereinafter the Borrower), through the Ministry of Public Health (MSP) will implement the COVID-19 Response Project (the Project). The International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (hereinafter the Bank) has agreed to provide financing for the Project.
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 through the MSP is responsible for compliance with all requirements of the ESCP even when implementation of specific measures and actions is conducted by the MSP.
4. Implementation of the material measures and actions set out in this ESCP will be monitored and reported to the Bank by the Borrower as required by the ESCP and the conditions of the legal agreement, and the Bank will monitor and assess progress and completion of the material measures and actions throughout implementation of the Project.
5. 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 Borrower 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 MSP on behalf of the Borrower. The MSP 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
<b>MONITORING AND REPORTING</b>			
A	<b>REGULAR REPORTING:</b> 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.	Every six-months during the Project's implementation in conjunction with the Project Reports (see Section II of Schedule 2 of the Agreement).	Project Implementation Unit (PIU) of the Ministry of Public Health (MSP).
<b>ESS 1: ASSESSMENT AND MANAGEMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL RISKS AND IMPACTS</b>			
1.1	<b>ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE:</b> The MSP shall establish and maintain a Project Implementation Unit (PIU) with qualified staff and resources to support management of ESHS risks and impacts of the Project, including one environmental and social specialist with qualifications and experience acceptable to the Bank.	The environmental and social specialist will be hired no later than thirty (30) days after the Effective Date, and will be maintained throughout Project implementation.	MSP

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<p>1.2 <b>ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL ASSESSMENT/MANAGEMENT PLANS AND INSTRUMENTS/ CONTRACTORS</b></p> <p>a. Assess the environmental and social risks and impacts of proposed Project activities in accordance with the ESMF to be prepared for the Project, Ecuador's Covid-19 Preparedness and Response Plan (EPRP), the COVID-19 Strategic Preparedness and Response Plan (SPRP) prepared by the World Health Organization (WHO), readiness and response actions for COVID-19 and the Good International Industry Practice (GIIP); in a manner consistent with ESS1, 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 as per the assessment process, in accordance with the ESSs, in a manner acceptable to the Bank.</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. ESMF to be adopted, in a manner acceptable to the Bank, no later than sixty (60) days after the Effective Date. Until the ESMF is approved, the Project will apply the WHO standards on COVID-19 response in a manner consistent with ESS1."</p> <p>b. Plans or instruments prepared before the carrying out of the relevant Project activities, and thereafter implemented throughout the carrying out of such activities.</p> <p>c. Before launching the procurement process for the relevant activities and thereafter ensure that contractors and supervising firms comply with the ESHS specifications in their contracts through their involvement in the respective Project activities.</p>	MSP
<b>ESS 2: LABOR AND WORKING CONDITIONS</b>		
<p>2.1 <b>LABOR MANAGEMENT:</b> The Project shall be carried out in accordance with the applicable requirements of ESS2, in a manner acceptable to the Bank, 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.</p>	Throughout Project implementation.	MSP
<b>ESS 3: RESOURCE EFFICIENCY AND POLLUTION PREVENTION AND MANAGEMENT</b>		

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	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.		
<b>ESS 4: COMMUNITY HEALTH AND SAFETY</b>			
	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, and violence against children.		
<b>ESS 5: LAND ACQUISITION, RESTRICTIONS ON LAND USE AND INVOLUNTARY RESETTLEMENT</b>			
	Not currently relevant.		
<b>ESS 6: BIODIVERSITY CONSERVATION AND SUSTAINABLE MANAGEMENT OF LIVING NATURAL RESOURCES</b>			
	Not currently relevant		
<b>ESS 7: INDIGENOUS PEOPLES/SUB-SAHARAN AFRICAN HISTORICALLY UNDERSERVED TRADITIONAL LOCAL COMMUNITIES</b>			
	Relevant aspects of this standard shall be considered, as needed, under action 1.2 above.		
<b>ESS 8: CULTURAL HERITAGE</b>			
	Not currently relevant.		
<b>ESS 9: FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARIES</b>			
	Not currently relevant.		
<b>ESS 10: STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT AND INFORMATION DISCLOSURE</b>			
10.1	<b>STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT PLAN:</b> Prepare, disclose, adopt, and implement a Stakeholder Engagement Plan (SEP) consistent with ESS10, in a manner acceptable to the Bank.	A draft SEP was already prepared and disclosed and shall be updated before commencement of activities. SEP to be implemented throughout Project implementation.	MSP (PIU, Social Participation Department, in coordination with Telecommunication Ministry)
10.2	<b>GRIEVANCE MECHANISM:</b> 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 Bank.	Throughout Project implementation.	MSP
<b>CAPACITY SUPPORT (TRAINING)</b>			
	<b>TRAINING:</b> Provide training to staff of health delivery facilities on the adequate use of personal protection equipment and on diagnosis, care and notification of positive COVID-19 cases.	Throughout Project implementation.	MSP