

**Government of the Philippines  
Department of Health**

**Philippines COVID-19 Emergency Response  
Project (P173877)**

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

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## ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL COMMITMENT PLAN

1. The Republic of the Philippines (hereinafter the Borrower) through the Department of the Health will implement the Philippines COVID-19 Emergency 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 is responsible for compliance with all requirements of the ESCP even when implementation of specific measures and actions is conducted by the Ministry referenced in 1. above.
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 Borrower. The Borrower 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.	Quarterly throughout Project implementation	DOH
<b>ESS 1: ASSESSMENT AND MANAGEMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL RISKS AND IMPACTS</b>			
1.1	<b>ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE:</b> The Department of Health shall appoint qualified staff and resources to support management of ESHS risks and impacts of the Project including Environmental (ESHS) and Social Risk Management Specialists	Environmental (1 ESHS) and Social Risks Management (1) Focal Points in place before commencement of Project activities and maintained throughout Project implementation.	DOH

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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 ESSs and Environmental and Social Management Framework (ESMF) to be prepared, disclosed and adopted for the Project, 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 World Bank Group’s Environment Health and Safety Guidelines (EHSGs), and other relevant Good International Industry Practices (GIIP) including the relevant WHO guidelines on Covid-19 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>d. The ESMF will also screen and identify the risks related to the use of government or private security personnel to support Project activities. In doing so, the environmental and social assessment will be guided by the principles of proportionality and GIIP, and by applicable law, in relation to engaging security forces, rules of conduct, training, equipping, and monitoring of security forces.</p>	<p>a. Assessment conducted and ESMF prepared 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>d. Provisions for use of government security forces included in the ESMF prepared before the carrying out of the relevant Project activities.</p>	<p>DOH</p>

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<p>1.3 <b>EXCLUSIONS:</b> Exclude the following type of activities as ineligible for financing under the Project:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Activities that may cause long term, permanent and/or irreversible (e.g. loss of major natural habitat) adverse impacts</li> <li>• Activities that have high probability of causing serious adverse effects to human health and/or the environment not related to COVID-19 treatment</li> <li>• Activities that may have significant adverse social impacts and may give rise to significant social conflict</li> <li>• Activities that may involve permanent resettlement or land acquisition or adverse impacts on cultural heritage</li> <li>• All the other excluded activities set out in the <i>ESMF</i> of the Project.</li> </ul>	<p>During the assessment process conducted under action 1.2.a. above.</p>	<p>DOH</p>
<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, including no child labor and no forced labor.</p>	<p>Throughout Project implementation.</p>	<p>DOH</p>
<b>ESS 3: RESOURCE EFFICIENCY AND POLLUTION PREVENTION AND MANAGEMENT</b>		
<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 following the requirements of the ESMF and the national standards and regulations in place such as, but not limited to, healthcare waste management, protection of water resources and the effective management of wastewater from the facilities, and including assessment of the adequacy of the current Philippine health care waste management system for increased volumes associated with the covid-19 pandemic.</p>		
<b>ESS 4: COMMUNITY HEALTH AND SAFETY</b>		
<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 government security personnel engaged in activities associated with the Project, including following strict rules of engagement, code of conduct, and avoiding any escalation; manage the risks of labor influx; and prevent and respond to sexual exploitation and abuse (SEA), and sexual harassment (SH).</p>		
<b>ESS 5: LAND ACQUISITION, RESTRICTIONS ON LAND USE AND INVOLUNTARY RESETTLEMENT</b>		

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	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 under action 1.2 above.		
<b>ESS 8: CULTURAL HERITAGE</b>			
	Not currently relevant.		
<b>ESS 9: FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARIES</b>			
	Not 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. The SEP shall include relevant information to the public about the use of security personnel in project activities, including providing security at health facilities. The project-level GRM shall accept grievances related to security and the use of security personnel as is required for any other complaint, and worker and community concerns related to government security personnel shall be addressed.	A draft SEP was already prepared and disclosed and shall be updated no later than 30 days following the Effectiveness Date. The SEP shall be implemented throughout the Project implementation period.	DOH
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.	DOH
<b>CAPACITY SUPPORT (TRAINING)</b>			
	Department of Health and other relevant implementing support staff responsible for the Project, including the ESF Focal Points, to receive training on the project's ESF instruments, CoC and provisions to prevent SEA/SH, Gender Based Violence (GBV) and/or Violence Against Children (VAC), the relevant requirements of the ESMF, SEP and WHO guidelines on COVID19, and the roles and responsibilities of different key agencies in the ESF implementation.	Within three months after the Effective Date and as new project team members join the Project throughout implementation.	DOH
	Contractors to receive training on the relevant aspects of the Project's ESF instruments.	Prior to work commencing, throughout project implementation.	DOH

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Security personnel to receive training on SEA/SH, GBV, VAC and awareness on child protection protocols, on Sexually Transmitted Diseases (STDs) and other communicable diseases.	Prior to involvement and support to Project activities and throughout project implementation.	DOH