

**Republic of Paraguay
Ministry of Public Health and Social Welfare
COVID-19 Emergency Response Project**

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

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1. The Republic of Paraguay (hereinafter the Borrower), through the Ministry of Public Health and Social Welfare (MSPBS), will implement the 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 MSPBS.
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, through its Minister of Public Health and Social Welfare, the General Director Health Networks and Services, or the General Director of Administration and Finance. 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
MONITORING AND REPORTING			
A	REGULAR REPORTING: 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 Project implementation in conjunction with the Project Reports (see Section II of Schedule 2 of the Agreement).	General Directorate of Administration and Finance (DGAF) within MSPBS (MPBS/DGAF)
ESS 1: ASSESSMENT AND MANAGEMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL RISKS AND IMPACTS			
1.1	<p>ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE: The Project will be implemented using the MSPBS structure and staff. The General Directorate of Administration and Finance (DGAF) will be responsible for the management of the ESHS risks and impacts of the Project.</p> <p>The DGAF will coordinate with DIGESA and DINASAPI, as required to accomplish the Environmental and Social Standards (ESSs) that apply to this Project. The General Directorate of Environmental Health (DIGESA) is the governing body for health care waste (HCW) management to promote adequate risk prevention and mitigation measures. DINASAPI is the governing body created to guarantee Indigenous Peoples access to health services and the recognition, respect and strengthening of the care systems for the various Indigenous Peoples in the country.</p>	Organizational structure is already established under the MSPBS and should be maintained throughout Project implementation.	MSPBS/DGAF - DIGESA - DINASAPI

MATERIAL MEASURES AND ACTIONS		TIMEFRAME	RESPONSIBLE ENTITY/AUTHORITY
1.2	<p>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 the Paraguay COVID-19 Preparedness and Response Plan (COVID-19 PRP) and the Good International Industry Practice (GIIP) including the COVID-19 Strategic Preparedness and Response Plan (SPRP) prepared by the World Health Organization (WHO) and the Environmental and Social Management Framework (ESMF) prepared in 2019 for the Paraguay Public Health Sector Strengthening Project (IBRD 8963-PY); all 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 based on the assessment process, in accordance with the ESSs, the World Bank Group Environmental, Health and Safety Guidelines (EHSGs), and other relevant Good International Industry Practice (GIIP) including the COVID-19 SPRP prepared by the WHO and the Paraguay COVID-19 PRP; 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. 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>	MSPBS/DGAF - DIGESA - DINASAPI

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ESS 2: LABOR AND WORKING CONDITIONS			
2.1	<p>LABOR MANAGEMENT: The Project shall be carried out in accordance with the Labor Management Procedures (LMP) to be prepared for the Project and 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>	<p>An LMP will be prepared within 30 days after the Effective Date.</p> <p>Implementation of all actions specified in the LMP throughout Project implementation.</p>	DGAF- DIGESA

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ESS 3: RESOURCE EFFICIENCY AND POLLUTION PREVENTION AND MANAGEMENT			
	Relevant aspects of this standard shall be considered, as needed, under action 1.2 above, including, inter alia, measures to manage health care, laboratory wastes, and other types of hazardous and non-hazardous wastes associated with the project.		
ESS 4: 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, contamination and accidents; 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.		
ESS 5: LAND ACQUISITION, RESTRICTIONS ON LAND USE AND INVOLUNTARY RESETTLEMENT			
	Not currently relevant.		
ESS 6: BIODIVERSITY CONSERVATION AND SUSTAINABLE MANAGEMENT OF LIVING NATURAL RESOURCES			
	Not currently relevant.		
ESS 7: INDIGENOUS PEOPLES/SUB-SAHARAN AFRICAN HISTORICALLY UNDERSERVED TRADITIONAL LOCAL COMMUNITIES			
	Relevant aspects of this standard shall be considered, as needed, under action 1.2 above.		
ESS 8: CULTURAL HERITAGE			
	Not currently relevant.		
ESS 9: FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARIES			
	Not currently relevant.		
ESS 10: STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT AND INFORMATION DISCLOSURE			
10.1	STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT INFORMATION AND DISCLOSURE: Adopt measures as set out in the ESS10 and the Strategic Preparedness and Response Plan (SPRP) prepared by the World Health Organization (WHO) 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.	Throughout Project implementation.	MSPBS/DGAF
10.2	GRIEVANCE MECHANISM: 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.	MSPBS/DGAF