

**World Food Programme
Health Emergency Response Project Additional
Financing (HER II):
Component 3 – Maternal and Child Benefit Program
(P181378)**

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

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1. The World Food Programme (WFP) (the Recipient) will implement Component 3: Maternal and Child Benefit Program (MCBP) under Health Emergency Response Project Additional Financing (HER II) (the “Project”), as set out in the Grant Agreement. The International Development Association (the World Bank) acting as the administrator of the Afghanistan Resilience Trust Fund (ARTF), has agreed to provide financing for the Project (P181378), as set out in the referred Grant Agreement.
2. WFP shall ensure that the Project is carried out in accordance with the Environmental and Social Standards (ESSs) and this Environmental and Social Commitment Plan (ESCP), in a manner acceptable to the World Bank. The ESCP is a part of the Grant 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 WFP 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 Component 3 of the Project, all of which shall be subject to prior consultation and disclosure, consistent with the ESS, and in form and substance, and in a manner acceptable to the World Bank. Once adopted, said E&S instruments may be revised from time to time with prior written agreement by the World Bank.
4. As agreed by the World Bank and WFP, 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, WFP and the World Bank agree to update the ESCP to reflect these changes through an exchange of letters signed between the World Bank and WFP, and the parties 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 World Bank regular monitoring reports on the environmental, social, health and safety (ESHHS) 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 grievance mechanism, that is, WFP’s Complaint and Feedback Mechanism.</p>	<p>Submit reports quarterly throughout the Project implementation period commencing after the Effective Date. Submit each report, as agreed in the format annexed to the POM, to the World Bank no later than 45 days after the end of each period.</p>	WFP
B	<p>INCIDENTS AND ACCIDENTS</p> <p>Promptly notify the World Bank of any incident or accident related to the Project that 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, or serious or multiple injury. 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 Contractor¹ and/or supervising firm, as appropriate.</p> <p>Subsequently, at the World Bank’s request, prepare a report on the incident or accident and propose any measures to address it and prevent its recurrence.</p> <p>WFP will follow its protocol in order to comply with the Environmental and Social Standards and reporting obligations under the Grant Agreement. Overall, the ESF and provisions in the GA shall govern and the WFP protocol is a means of implementation of the ESSs. The Bank confirms that this WFP protocol is materially consistent with the Bank’s standards.</p>	<p>Notify the Bank within 48 hours after learning of the incident or accident.</p> <p>(Any exceptions to the notification requirement above related to SEA/SH will be set out in the POM)</p> <p>A detailed report of the incident shall be provided within thirty (30) days subsequent to the initial report of the incident or accident, unless a different timeline is agreed with the World Bank.</p>	WFP
<p>ESS 1: ASSESSMENT AND MANAGEMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL RISKS AND IMPACTS</p>			
1.1	<p>ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE</p>	<p>1. E&S Focal Points designated prior to the commencement of the project</p>	WFP

¹ For the purposes of this Project, “Contractors” are defined as the Cooperating Partners, Financial Services Providers (FSPs), and the Recipient’s Third-Party Monitoring Agents.

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<p>1. WFP will establish and maintain a management structure to implement the project which will include qualified staff and resources to support the management of Environmental, Social Health & Safety (ESHS) risks and impacts of the project and the overall implementation of E&S instruments. WFP will maintain sufficient capacity (E&S focal points) for environmental and social safeguards throughout the implementation of the project.</p> <p>2. WFP shall cause each Contractor to allocate adequate resources from the financing provided under Project to support the management of ESHS risks and impacts. WFP shall ensure basic environmental and social risk management capacity shall be a selection criterion in the procurement process for new partners, if applicable.</p>		<p>activities and maintain throughout project implementation.</p> <p>2. Contractors shall designate E&S focal points prior to the commencement of project activities.</p> <p>Throughout project implementation</p>	
1.2	<p>ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL INSTRUMENTS</p> <p>Update, consult, adopt, disclose, and thereafter implement the updated Project Environmental and Social Management Framework (ESMF) agreed upon by WFP and WB consistent with the relevant ESSs.</p>	<p>Adopt updated ESMF prior to the signing of the contract between WFP and relevant Contractors prior to the commencement of project activities and implemented throughout the Project's implementation period.</p> <p>Adopted and implemented throughout Project implementation.</p>	WFP
1.3	<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, and code of conduct, into field level agreements and contracts with Contractors. Provide training and awareness raising for the Contractors on the relevant E&S instruments and requirements. Thereafter monitor that the Contractors comply with the ESHS specifications of their respective contracts, and work to resolve issues as they are identified.</p>	<p>Incorporate relevant aspects of the ESCP into partnership and procurement documents prior to launching the bidding process or amend existing partnership and procurement documents before start of Respective Parts of the Project activities, and ensure compliance throughout implementation.</p>	WFP
<p>ESS 2: LABOR AND WORKING CONDITIONS</p>			
2.1	<p>LABOR MANAGEMENT PROCEDURES</p> <p>As a part of the updated ESMF under action 1.2 above, update, adopt, disclose, and implement a simplified version of the Labor Management Procedures (LMP) prepared by WFP specifically for component 3, as applicable to the Project and consistent with ESS 2.</p>	<p>Updated and disclosed prior to the signing of the contract between WFP and relevant Contractors and thereafter implement throughout implementation.</p>	WFP

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<p>2.2 GRIEVANCE MECHANISM FOR PROJECT WORKERS</p> <p>Operate the existing WFP grievance mechanism (also called Complaint and Feedback Mechanism – CFM) for Project workers, as described in the simplified LMP and consistent with ESS2.</p>	<p>Maintain and operate the CFM/GRM throughout Project implementation.</p>	<p>WFP</p>
<p>ESS 4: COMMUNITY HEALTH AND SAFETY</p>		
<p>4.2 COMMUNITY HEALTH AND SAFETY</p> <p>Prepare, adopt, and implement measures and actions to assess and manage specific risks and impacts to community health and safety as part of the ESMF and the measures in the Generic ESMF described under action 1.2 above.</p>	<p>Adopted prior to commencement of project activities and implemented throughout the Project implementation period.</p>	<p>WFP</p>
<p>4.3 SEA AND SH RISKS</p> <p>As a part of the ESMF under action 1.2 above, prepare, consult, adapt, and update the SEA/SH Action Plan prepared by UNICEF under HER 1, to include SEA/SH risks and mitigation measures specific to WFP implemented activities for Component 3 of the Project.</p> <p>WFP shall ensure that the resultant SEA/SH Action Plan demarcates WFP and UNICEF respective risk mitigation actions.</p> <p>WFP shall include capacity building and sensitization of WFP Contractors, and vendors, community sensitization to ensure implementation of the SEA/SH Action Plan</p> <p>Implement the SEA/SH Action Plan, to assess and manage the risks of SEA and SH throughout the life of the project.</p>	<p>Same timeframe as action 1.2 above.</p>	<p>WFP</p>
<p>4.4 SECURITY MANAGEMENT</p>	<p>Prepare the security risk assessment and Security Management Plan before the commencement of project activities and thereafter implement them throughout Project implementation.</p>	<p>WFP</p>

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<p>Assess and implement measures to manage the security risks of Component 3 of the Project. WFP shall implement and cause Contractors to implement management measures, which would include any measures necessary to ensure consistency with WFP's security framework and the ESF requirements including security risk assessment and any security management measures necessary for the implementation of the Project activities and for the provision of security to Project workers, sites and/or asset.</p>		
<p>ESS 10: STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT AND INFORMATION DISCLOSURE</p>		
<p>10.1 STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT PLAN PREPARATION AND IMPLEMENTATION</p>		
<p>10.1 Adopt and implement the updated Stakeholder Engagement Plan (SEP) for the Project, consistent with ESS 10, which shall include measures to, inter alia, provide stakeholders and project actors 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>	<p>Adopt the SEP prior to project appraisal; implemented throughout project implementation</p>	<p>WFP</p>
<p>10.2 PROJECT GRIEVANCE MECHANISM</p>		
<p>10.2 Publicize, maintain, and operate WFP's existing accessible grievance mechanism, to receive and facilitate the 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> <p>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 service providers, all in a safe, confidential, and survivor-centered manner.</p>	<p>Maintain and operate the mechanism throughout Project implementation.</p>	<p>WFP</p>
<p>CAPACITY SUPPORT</p>		
<p>CS1 All capacity-building activities and training will be further detailed in a Capacity Building and Training Plan in the ESMF. WFP shall facilitate training as per ESMF to build the capacity of staff of WFP Contractors. Content of capacity building will include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Measures for proper implementation as agreed as per the ESMF, and SEP; • COVID-19 Infection Prevention and Control Protocols; • Toolbox meeting on Occupational, Health, and Safety issues including the use of PPEs; • Grievance mechanisms for workers and communities. • Community health and safety (including emergency prevention and preparedness, response arrangements to emergencies); and, • Security risk management measures. 	<p>Prior to the commencement of Project activities and throughout Project implementation.</p>	<p>WFP</p>

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<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Incident reporting and understanding of WFP Corporate requirements and ESIRT.• Environmental and Social Incident Reporting Toolkit provisions.		



