

The Regional Environmental Centre for Central Asia (CAREC)

One Health for Pandemic Prevention Food Systems Resilience and Ecosystem Health in Central Asia (P181459)

As Phase 1 of the Multi-Phase Programmatic Approach

ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL COMMITMENT PLAN (ESCP)

Negotiated

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1. The Regional Environmental Centre for Central Asia (CAREC) (the Recipient)) will establish the Regional One Health Coordination Structure to implement the One Health for Pandemic Prevention Food Systems Resilience and Ecosystem Health in Central Asia as Phase 1 of the Multi-Phase Programmatic Approach program (the Project), with the involvement of the NOHCSs, as set out in the CAREC Grant Agreement. The International Development Association and the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (together, the Bank) acting as administrator for the Health Emergency Preparedness and Response Program (HEPR) has agreed to provide financing for the Project, as set out in the CAREC Grant Agreement (the Agreement).
2. The Recipient 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 Bank. The ESCP is a part of the Agreement. Unless otherwise defined in this ESCP, capitalized terms used in this ESCP have the meanings ascribed to them in the Agreement.
3. Without limitation to the foregoing, this ESCP sets out material measures and actions that the Recipient shall carry out or cause to be carried out, including, as applicable, their respective timeframes; institutional, staffing, training, monitoring and reporting arrangements; and grievance management. The ESCP also sets out the environmental and social (E&S) documents that shall be adopted and implemented under the Project, all of which shall be subject to prior consultation and disclosure, consistent with the ESSs, and in form and substance, and in a manner acceptable to the Bank. Once adopted, said E&S documents may be revised from time to time with prior written agreement by the Bank. As provided for under the Agreement, the Recipient shall ensure that there are sufficient funds available to cover the costs of implementing the ESCP.
4. As agreed by the Bank and the Recipient, this ESCP will be revised from time to time, if necessary, to reflect adaptive management of Project changes or unforeseen circumstances or in response to Project performance. In such circumstances, the Bank and the Recipient agree to update the ESCP to reflect these changes through an exchange of letters signed between the Bank and the Recipient's Representative specified in the Agreement or [*alternative CAREC signatory*] The Recipient shall promptly disclose the updated ESCP.
5. The subsection on "Indicators for Implementation Readiness" below identifies the actions and measures to be monitored to assess Project readiness to begin implementation in accordance with this ESCP. Nevertheless, all actions and measures in this ESCP shall be implemented as set out in the "Timeframe" column below irrespective of whether they are listed in the referred subsection.

MATERIAL MEASURES AND ACTIONS		TIMEFRAME	RESPONSIBLE ENTITY
IMPLEMENTATION ARRANGEMENTS AND CAPACITY SUPPORT			
A	ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE a. Establish, and maintain throughout Project implementation, the Regional One Health Coordination Structure. b. Assign a responsible person within CAREC that is tasked with ESHS management, with qualified staff and resources to support the management of environmental, social, health and safety (E&S) risks and impacts of the Project.	a. within 3 months from the Effective Date and throughout Project implementation. b. within 3 months from the Effective Date and throughout Project implementation.	CAREC
B	CAPACITY BUILDING PLAN/MEASURES Prepare the list of the representatives from the line ministries and targeted groups who require the training on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • stakeholder mapping and engagement. • specific aspects of environmental and social assessment. • emergency preparedness and response. • community health and safety. 	Within three months from the Effective Date	CAREC
MONITORING AND REPORTING			
C	REGULAR REPORTING Prepare and submit to the Bank regular monitoring reports on the environmental, social, health and safety (E&S) performance of the Project, including but not limited to the implementation of the ESCP, status of preparation and implementation of E&S documents required under the ESCP, summary of stakeholder engagement activities carried out as per the Stakeholder Engagement Plan, and functioning of the grievance mechanism(s), and the application of environmental and social risk management measures, and labor management procedures.	Submit bi-annual reports to the Bank throughout Project implementation, commencing after the Effective Date. Submit each report to the Bank no later than 15 days after the end of each reporting period.	CAREC
D	CONTRACTORS' MONTHLY REPORTS Require contractors to provide bi-annual monitoring reports on E&S performance in accordance with the metrics specified in the respective bidding documents and contracts and submit such reports to the Bank.	Starting from the Effective Date, submit bi-annual reports and provide the report to the Bank upon request.	CAREC

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E	<p>INCIDENTS AND ACCIDENTS</p> <p>a. Notify the Bank of any incident or accident relating to the project which has, or is likely to have, a significant adverse effect on the environment, the affected communities, the public or workers, including those resulting in death or significant injury to workers or the public; acts of violence, discrimination or protest; unforeseen impacts to cultural heritage or biodiversity resources; pollution of the environment; dam failure; forced or child labor; displacement without due process (forced eviction); allegations of sexual exploitation or abuse (SEA), or sexual harassment (SH); or disease outbreaks. Provide available details of the incident or accident to the Bank upon request.</p> <p>b. Arrange for an appropriate review of the incident or accident to establish its immediate, underlying and root causes. Prepare, agree with the Bank, and implement a Corrective Action Plan that ensures a rapid information exchange mechanism between participating countries and sets out the measures and actions to be taken to address the incident or accident and prevent its recurrence.</p>	<p>Notify the Bank no later than 48 hours after learning of the incident or accident. Provide available details upon request.</p> <p>Provide review report and Corrective Action Plan to the Bank no later than 10 days following the submission of the initial notice, unless a different timeframe is agreed to in writing by the Bank.</p>	CAREC
ESS 1: ASSESSMENT AND MANAGEMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL RISKS AND IMPACTS			
1.1	<p>MANAGEMENT OF CONTRACTORS</p> <p>Incorporate the relevant aspects of the ESCP, including, inter alia, the relevant E&S documents, the Labor Management Procedures, and Code of Conduct, into the E&S specifications of the procurement documents and contracts with contractors and supervising firms. Thereafter ensure that the contractors and supervising firms comply and that they require their subcontractors to comply with the E&S specifications of their respective contracts. Provide copies of the relevant contracts with contractors/subcontractors to the Bank.</p>	<p>As part of the preparation of procurement documents and respective contracts. Supervise contractors throughout Project implementation. Copies of relevant contracts provided to the Bank upon request.</p>	CAREC
1.2	<p>TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE</p> <p>Ensure that the consultancies, studies (including feasibility studies, if applicable), capacity building, training, and any other technical assistance activities under the Grant are carried out in accordance with terms of reference acceptable to the Bank, that are consistent with the ESSs. Thereafter prepare and finalize the outputs of such activities in compliance with the terms of reference.</p>	<p>Throughout Project implementation.</p>	CAREC

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ESS 2: LABOR AND WORKING CONDITIONS			
2.1	ESS 2 is not currently relevant.	N/A	N/A
ESS 3: RESOURCE EFFICIENCY AND POLLUTION PREVENTION AND MANAGEMENT			
3.1	ESS3 is not currently relevant as the Project activities under the Grant will not contribute to new or current natural resources use which will not contribute to pollution. No physical investments are envisaged under the Project.	N/A	N/A
ESS 4: COMMUNITY HEALTH AND SAFETY			
4.1	ESS4 is not currently relevant as the Project activities under the Grant will not present health and safety risks to communities. No direct community engagement is envisaged to the purpose of project implementation.	N/A	N/A
ESS 5: LAND ACQUISITION, RESTRICTIONS ON LAND USE AND INVOLUNTARY RESETTLEMENT			
5.1	ESS5 is not currently relevant.	N/A	N/A
ESS 6: BIODIVERSITY CONSERVATION AND SUSTAINABLE MANAGEMENT OF LIVING NATURAL RESOURCES			
6.1	ESS6 is not currently relevant given that the Project implemented under the Grant does not involve any activities that would potentially affect biodiversity or habitats or depend on biodiversity to achieve the project objectives.	N/A	N/A
ESS 7: INDIGENOUS PEOPLES/SUB-SAHARAN AFRICAN HISTORICALLY UNDERSERVED TRADITIONAL LOCAL COMMUNITIES			
7.1	ESS7 is not relevant as there are no IP/SSAHUTLC in the Kyrgyz Republic and Tajikistan, as per the standard definition of this standard.	N/A	N/A
ESS 8: CULTURAL HERITAGE			
8.1	ESS8 is not relevant since the Project does not finance any physical investments that may affect cultural heritage, both tangible and intangible. Similarly, the Project will not finance feasibility and design studies with impacts on cultural heritage.	N/A	N/A
ESS 9: FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARIES			
9.1	ESS9 is not relevant since the Project does not finance and/or involve financial intermediation activities.	N/A	N/A

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ESS 10: STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT AND INFORMATION DISCLOSURE			
10.1	<p>The participants in Phase 1 of the MPA Program (Kyrgyz Republic and the Republic of Tajikistan) have each prepared and adopted a Stakeholder Engagement Plan (SEP) for the Project, consistent with ESS10. The SEP includes measures to, inter alia, provide stakeholders 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. CAREC will support the overall regional governance, workforce development, and knowledge agenda on One Health. The SEPs of Tajikistan and Kyrgyz Republic each include stakeholder engagement activities that CAREC will implement, including ensuring effective regional coordination of multisectoral and cross-country engagement and integration of emergency preparedness, prevention, and surveillance activities on zoonotic diseases, AMR, and food safety risks.</p> <p>Amendments to a SEP provision relevant to CAREC will only apply to CAREC upon CAREC's written confirmation.</p>	N/A	CAREC and Project Implementing Agencies in the Kyrgyz Republic and Tajikistan, each in respect to relevant provisions of the SEP.
10.2	<p>PROJECT GRIEVANCE MECHANISM</p> <p>Establish, publicize, maintain, and operate an accessible grievance mechanism, to receive and facilitate 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>Establish the grievance mechanism no later than one month following the Effective Date and thereafter maintain and operate the mechanism throughout Project implementation.</p> <p>Prepare and disclose annual GRM analysis report.</p>	CAREC
INDICATORS FOR IMPLEMENTATION READINESS			
<p>The following actions are indicators for implementation readiness:</p> <p>Organizational Structure (Action A)</p> <p>Capacity Support (B)</p> <p>Regular Reporting (Action C)</p> <p>Project Grievance Mechanism (Action 10.2)</p>			