

**Republic of Rwanda**  
**Ministry of Health**

**ADDITIONAL FINANCING FOR THE STUNTING PREVENTION AND  
REDUCTION PROJECT (P179499)**

**Draft**

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

**November 2022**

## ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL COMMITMENT PLAN

1. Republic of Rwanda (the **Recipient**) will implement Additional Financing for the Stunting Prevention and Reduction Project (**P179499**) (the **Project**) for the Stunting Prevention and Reduction Project (**P164845**) (the **Parent**) with the involvement of the Ministry of Health through the Rwanda Biomedical Center (RBC). The International Development Association (the **Association**) has agreed to provide financing for the Project.
2. The Recipient shall ensure that the Project is carried out in accordance with the Environmental and Social Policies and this Environmental and Social Commitment Plan (ESCP), in a manner acceptable to the Association. The ESCP is a part of the Grant Agreement and the Project Agreement. Unless otherwise defined in this ESCP, capitalized terms used in this ESCP have the meanings ascribed to them in the referred agreement(s).
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, 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) safeguard instruments that shall be adopted and implemented under the Project, all of which shall be subject to prior consultation and disclosure, consistent with the Environmental and Social Safeguard Policies and respective policy objectives and Operational Principles (Ops), and in form and substance, and in a manner acceptable to the Association. Once adopted, said E&S instruments may be revised from time to time with prior written agreement by the Association.
4. As agreed by the Association and the Recipient, 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, the Recipient through the Rwanda Biomedical Center (RBC) and the Association agrees to update the ESCP to reflect these changes through an exchange of letters signed between the Association and the Recipient [This will be entered: name position of designated official, e.g. minister, director] of Ministry of Health (MoH). The Recipient shall promptly disclose the updated ESCP.

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| <b>MONITORING AND REPORTING</b>              |   |   |                                |
| A  | <p><b>REGULAR REPORTING:</b> Prepare and submit to the Association 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.</p> <p>The implementation of the Project will leverage the existing monitoring and reporting arrangements of the ongoing Stunting Prevention and Reduction Project including stakeholder activities and functioning of the grievance redress mechanism(s).</p>   | Quarterly throughout the Project implementation period.   | Rwanda Biomedical Center (RBC) |
| B  | <p><b>INCIDENTS AND ACCIDENTS:</b> Promptly notify the Association of any incident or accident related 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, any serious OHS incident under the Project. Provide sufficient detail regarding the incident or accident, indicating immediate measures taken or that are planned to be taken to address it, and any information provided by any contractor and supervising entity, as appropriate. Subsequently, as per the Association's request, prepare a report on the incident or accident and propose any measures to prevent its recurrence.</p> | <p>Notify the Association within 48 hours of becoming aware of the incident or accident and report to the Task Team Leader of the World Bank.</p> <p>A detailed report on such incidents or accidents shall be provided within a timeframe acceptable to the Association.</p> | Rwanda Biomedical Center (RBC) |
| <b>ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT (OP/BP 4.01)</b> |   |   |                                |

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| 1.1                           | <p><b>ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE:</b> The Rwanda Biomedical Center (RBC) shall maintain the SPIU qualified staff and establish resources to support general project management and the management of environmental, health, safety and social risks, and impacts of the Project including a Project Manager, an Environmental Specialist, and a Social Specialist.</p> <p>To strengthen Environment, Health, Safety and Social risk management at RBC/PIU level, the RBC-SPIU will deploy one full-time Social Specialist and one full-time Environmental Specialist by the project effectiveness date to oversee social and environmental, health and safety risk management requirements of the project according to the requirements of the ESCP, including the SEP, the updated ESMF, and parent MWMP and their overall implementation.</p> <p>During the daily implementation of planned activities and reporting, the Environmental Specialist and Social Specialist full-time staff at the central level shall be complemented by Environmental Health Officers located at the hospital level as well as Community Environmental Health officers located at the Health Center level.</p> <p>The Social Specialist and Environmental Specialist shall be responsible for the coordination of E&amp;S risk management, GRM operationalization, trainings, monitoring, field supervision, and reporting on the implementation of the SEP quarterly to facilitate the compliance of the Project with the ESCP in line with ESF requirements.</p> | <p>Prior to effectiveness have in place a Project Manager, an Environmental Specialist, and a Social Specialist assigned to the project.</p> | <p>Rwanda Biomedical Center (RBC)</p> |

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| Environmental Assessment (OP/BP 4.01) |           |                              |

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| <p>1.2</p> | <p><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, including ensuring that individuals or groups, who because of their circumstances, may be disadvantaged or vulnerable, have access to the development benefits resulting from the Project, in accordance with Environmental and Social Safeguard Policies and OP requirements. The Recipient shall prepare, with funding from the AF, get World Bank approval and disclose the following Environmental and Social Safeguard instruments as well as other instruments as deemed necessary for the Project by the Recipient and World Bank:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Environmental and Social Management Framework (ESMF);</li> <li>ii. Resettlement Policy Framework (RPF);</li> </ul> <p>b. Environmental and Social Impact Assessments (ESIAs), each including an Environmental and Social Management Plans (ESMPs), Resettlement Action Plan (RAP) and Labor Management Procedures (LMP) as may deemed necessary by the ESMF for an activity of the AF.</p> <p>The overall risk of environmental and social risks of the project is found to be “moderate”. The anticipated risks will be mitigated by the appropriate environment, health, and safety (EHS) measures to be prepared as part of environmental and social management plans (ESMPs). Appropriate social risk management measures including GBV/SEA/SH shall be prescribed in the project activities.</p> | <p>a) Prior to Project effectiveness Project in line with safeguard policy requirements in a manner acceptable to the Association.</p> <p>b) Prior to any construction activity</p> | <p>Rwanda Biomedical Center (RBC)</p> |
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| 1.3  | <p><b>EXCLUSIONS:</b> Exclude the following types 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) impacts</li> <li>• Activities that may have significant adverse social impacts and may give rise to significant social conflict</li> <li>• Activities that may affect lands or rights of indigenous people or other vulnerable minorities,</li> <li>• Activities that may involve permanent resettlement or land acquisition or impacts on cultural heritage</li> <li>• Activities that may have improper disposal of waste, use of banned chemicals substances, and agricultural products</li> <li>• Activities that may impact cultural heritage sites</li> </ul> | During the E&S assessments that will result in activity-specific ESMPs   | Rwanda Biomedical Center (RBC) |
| <b>FORESTS (OP/BP 4.36)</b>                  |  |  |                                |
| 2.1  | Relevant aspects of this OP, if any, shall be considered while conducting activity-specific E&S assessments under action 1.2 a.  | Throughout the Project in line with Environmental and Social Safeguard Policies and OP requirements in a manner acceptable to the Association. | Rwanda Biomedical Center (RBC) |
| <b>INVOLUNTARY RESETTLEMENT (OP/BP 4.12)</b> |  |  |                                |

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| 5.1   | Not applicable as no land acquisition, restriction on land use and involuntary resettlement is anticipated. However, should the need arise for the Project to acquire land, appropriate plans in accordance with OP/BP 4.12 shall be prepared and cleared by the Bank prior to any land acquisition or population displacement. | Throughout the Project in line with Environmental and Social Safeguard Policies and OP requirements in a manner acceptable to the Association. | Rwanda Biomedical Center (RBC) |
| <b>INDIGENOUS PEOPLES (OP/BP 4.10)</b>          |   |  |                                |
| 7.1   | Relevant aspects of this standard shall be considered, as needed, under action 1.2 above.   | Throughout the Project in line with Environmental and Social Safeguard Policies and OP requirements in a manner acceptable to the Association. | Rwanda Biomedical Center (RBC) |
| 7.2   | The Recipient shall ensure that such communities are appropriately informed and can share in the benefits of the project in an inclusive and culturally appropriate manner (i.e. prevention and treatment). The SEP shall include provisions to ensure that such meaningful consultations take place.                           | Throughout the Project in line with Environmental and Social Safeguard Policies and OP requirements in a manner acceptable to the Association. | Rwanda Biomedical Center (RBC) |
| <b>SAFETY OF DAMS (OP/BP 4.37)</b>              |   |  |                                |
| 8.1   | No dams will be constructed under the Project and its AF  |  |                                |
| <b>PEST MANAGEMENT (OP 4.09)</b>                |   |  |                                |
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| <b>PHYSICAL CULTURAL RESOURCES (OP/BP 4.11)</b> |   |  |                                |



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| <b>NATURAL HABITATS (OP/BP 4.04)</b>                     |  |  |                                |
|  | Relevant aspects of this OP, if any, shall be considered while conducting activity-specific E&S assessments under action 1.2 a   | Throughout the Project in line with Environmental and Social Safeguard Policies and OP requirements in a manner acceptable to the Association. | Rwanda Biomedical Center (RBC) |
| <b>PROJECTS IN DISPUTED AREAS (OP/BP 7.60)</b>           |  |  |                                |
|  | The project will not be involved in disputed areas   |  |                                |
| <b>PROJECTS ON INTERNATIONAL WATERWAYS (OP 7.50)</b>     |  |  |                                |
|  | The project will not be affect international waterways   |  |                                |
| <b>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 Environmental and Social Safeguard Policies and OP requirements, in a manner acceptable to the Association. The SEP shall include measures to, inter alia, provide stakeholders with timely, relevant, accessible and understandable information in English and Kinyarwanda, and consult with them in a culturally appropriate manner, which is free of manipulation, interference, coercion, discrimination and intimidation. | SEP will be prepared and disclosed and shall be applied throughout Project implementation.   | Rwanda Biomedical Center (RBC) |

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| <p><b>STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT AND INFORMATION DISCLOSURE:</b></p> <p>a) Continue to schedule and conduct consultations with key stakeholders of the project.</p> <p>b) Implement the Stakeholder Engagement Plan (SEP) consistent with Environmental and Social Safeguard Policies and OP requirements, including the use of different, culturally appropriate communication approaches to ensure communication also with the most vulnerable, including the illiterate and people with disabilities.</p> <p>c) Ensure communication and outreach to provide information to the public at large.</p> | <p>(a) Throughout Project implementation</p> <p>(b) Throughout Project implementation</p> <p>(c) Throughout Project implementation</p> | <p>Rwanda Biomedical Center (RBC)</p> |

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| <p><b>GRIEVANCE MECHANISM:</b> An accessible grievance mechanism shall be established, publicized, maintained, and operated 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 Environmental and Social Safeguard Policies and OP requirements. The materials for the Grievance Redress Mechanism (GRM) will be availed both in English and Kinyarwanda for better understanding.</p> <p>The grievance mechanism shall also receive, register and address concerns and grievances related to, sexual exploitation and abuse, and sexual harassment in a safe and confidential manner, including through the referral of survivors to gender-based violence service providers.</p> | <p>The GRM will be established for the Project activities throughout Project implementation.</p> | <p>Rwanda Biomedical Center (RBC)</p> |
| <p><b>CAPACITY SUPPORT (TRAINING)</b></p>  |  |                                       |
| <p>Training topics for Rwanda Biomedical Center staff shall among others include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Environmental and Social Safeguard Policies and OP requirements and applicable WBG EHS Guidelines</li> <li>• Risk communication and community engagement</li> <li>• Grievance redress mechanisms including response to GBV complaints</li> </ul>  | <p>Throughout Project implementation.</p>  | <p>Rwanda Biomedical Center (RBC)</p> |

