

**Republic of Uzbekistan
The National Statistical Committee
of the Republic of Uzbekistan**

***STRENGTHENING THE STATISTICAL SYSTEM OF
UZBEKISTAN
(P173450)***

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

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ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL COMMITMENT PLAN

1. *The Republic of Uzbekistan (Borrower) through the State Committee on Statistics (SCS) will implement the Strengthening the Statistical System of Uzbekistan Project (the **Project**), with the involvement of the Ministry of Finance (MOF). The *International Development Association (IDA) (hereinafter the Bank)* has agreed to provide financing for the Project.*
2. SCS will implement material measures and actions so that the Project is implemented in accordance with the Bank's Environmental and Social Framework (ESF) and the relevant 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. SCS will also comply with the provisions of any other environmental and social documents required under the ESF and referred to in this ESCP, such as the Environmental and Social Management Framework (ESMF) checklist, the Stakeholder Engagement Plan (SEP), and the Labor Management Procedures (LMP) as well as the timelines specified in those environment and social documents.
4. SCS is responsible for compliance with all requirements of the ESCP even when implementation of specific measures and actions is conducted by the Ministry, agency or unit referenced in paragraph 1., above.
5. Implementation of the material measures and actions set out in this ESCP will be monitored and reported to the *Bank* by the SCS 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.
6. 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, SCS 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 SCS will promptly disclose the updated ESCP.
7. Where Project changes, unforeseen circumstances, or Project performance result in changes to the risks and impacts during Project implementation, the Republic of Uzbekistan shall provide additional funds, if needed, to implement actions and measures to address such risks and impacts, which may include environmental and social risks and impacts.

MATERIAL MEASURES AND ACTIONS		TIMEFRAME	RESPONSIBLE ENTITY/AUTHORITY
MONITORING AND REPORTING			
A	<p>REGULAR REPORTING</p> <p>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 the implementation of the ESCP, status of preparation and implementation of environment and social documents required under the ESCP, stakeholder engagement activities, functioning of the grievance mechanism(s).</p>	<p><i>Quarterly reports by SCS PMU to the Bank, as part of the quarterly Interim Financial Reports (IFRs) throughout Project implementation.</i></p>	SCS
B	<p>INCIDENTS AND ACCIDENTS</p> <p>Promptly notify the Bank 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 but not limited to; incidents and accidents encountered during project implementation</p> <p>PMU to provide sufficient detail regarding the incident or accident, findings of the Root Cause Analysis (RCA), indicating immediate measures or corrective actions taken or that are planned to be taken to address it, compensation paid, and any information provided by anyone affected, as appropriate.</p> <p>Subsequently, as per the Bank’s request, prepare a report on the incident or accident and propose any measures to prevent its recurrence.</p>	<p><i>The PMU will report details of any significant environmental or social incidents (e.g. fatalities, lost time incidents, environmental spills etc.) within 48 hours from learning about the incident. PMU will submit an incident report, including RCA, precautions and compensation measures taken within 15 business days</i></p>	SCS/PMU
ESS 1: ASSESSMENT AND MANAGEMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL RISKS AND IMPACTS			
1.1	<p>ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE</p> <p>Establish an organizational structure with qualified staff to support management and mitigation of environment and social risks within the SCS PMU. The PMU is responsible for ensuring full compliance with the ESF and relevant instruments. Qualified staff must work in coordination with the Bank team to ensure ESF compliance including implementation of the electronic waste management plan, the ESMF checklist, the LMP, and the SEP.</p>	<p>Ensure staff responsible for environment and social risks are vetted and, if necessary, trained by the Bank Team <i>no later than 60 days after Project effectiveness.</i></p> <p><i>Thereafter maintained throughout Project implementation.</i></p>	SCS
1.2	<p>ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL MANAGEMENT FRAMEWORK (ESMF)</p> <p>A Project ESMF Checklist, acceptable to the Bank, which specifies rules and procedures for project activities.</p>	<p><i>ESMF Checklist finalized, consulted on, and disclosed prior to October 22, 2021.</i></p> <p><i>ESMF Checklist implemented throughout project life.</i></p>	SCS/PMU

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1.3	ELECTRONIC WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN A Project Electronic Waste Management Plan, acceptable to the Bank, which specifies rules and procedures for project activities that involve the replacement and disposal of electronic equipment.	<i>Electronic Waste Management Plan finalized, consulted on, and disclosed prior to October 22, 2021.</i> <i>Electronic Waste Management Plan implemented throughout project life.</i>	SCS /PMU
ESS 2: LABOR AND WORKING CONDITIONS			
2.1	LABOR MANAGEMENT PROCEDURES (LMP) Prepare, consult on, disclose, adopt, and implement LMP acceptable to the Bank.	<i>LMP finalized, consulted on, and disclosed prior to October 22, 2021.</i> <i>LMP implemented throughout project life.</i>	SCS /PMU
2.2	GRIEVANCE MECHANISM FOR PROJECT WORKERS Establish, maintain and operate a grievance mechanism for Project workers, as described in the LMP and consistent with ESS 2.	<i>Grievance mechanism operational prior engaging Project workers and maintained throughout Project implementation</i>	PMU
ESS 3: RESOURCE EFFICIENCY AND POLLUTION PREVENTION AND MANAGEMENT			
3.1	Relevant aspects of this standard shall be considered, as needed, under actions 1.2 and 1.4 above, including, inter alia, measures to manage electronic wastes.	<i>Throughout project life.</i>	PMU
ESS 4: COMMUNITY HEALTH AND SAFETY			
4.1	ESS 4 falls under actions 1.2 and 1.3, above, including: minimizing exposure to hazards; and preventing/responding to sexual exploitation, abuse, or harassment.	<i>Throughout project life.</i>	PMU
ESS 5: LAND ACQUISITION, RESTRICTIONS ON LAND USE AND INVOLUNTARY RESETTLEMENT			
ESS 5 is not relevant for the project			
ESS 6: BIODIVERSITY CONSERVATION AND SUSTAINABLE MANAGEMENT OF LIVING NATURAL RESOURCES			
ESS 6 is not relevant for the project			
ESS 7: INDIGENOUS PEOPLES/SUB-SAHARAN AFRICAN HISTORICALLY UNDERSERVED TRADITIONAL LOCAL COMMUNITIES			
ESS 7 is not relevant for the project			
ESS 8: CULTURAL HERITAGE			
ESS 8 is not relevant for the project			
ESS 9: FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARIES			
ESS 9 is not relevant for the project			
ESS 10: STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT AND INFORMATION DISCLOSURE			
10.1	STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT PLAN (SEP) PREPARATION Prepare, consult on, disclose, and adopt an SEP acceptable to the Bank.	<i>SEP finalized, consulted on, and disclosed prior to close of Project Appraisal.</i>	SCS/PMU

10.2	SEP IMPLEMENTATION AND UPDATE Implement and update the SEP for the full project based on project design.	<i>Throughout Project implementation</i>	PMU
10.3	PROJECT GRIEVANCE MECHANISM Implement the arrangements for the project Grievance Mechanism, as described in the SEP.	<i>Throughout Project implementation</i>	SCS /PMU
CAPACITY SUPPORT (TRAINING)			
CS1	Training to be provided to PMU staff on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ESF training • stakeholder mapping and engagement • specific aspects of environmental and social assessment 	<i>Throughout Project implementation</i>	SCS /PMU
CS2	Training for Project workers on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Occupational health and safety including on emergency prevention and preparedness and response arrangements to emergency situations; • COVID-19 infection safety awareness, Community health and safety including HIV awareness, GBV and SEA/SH; • Grievance Mechanism. 	<i>Prior to commencing works</i>	SCS /PMU/Contractors