

**REPUBLIC OF MALI  
MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL  
DEVELOPMENT**

**Advancing Resilience and Inclusive Health  
Systems for Everyone in Mali -ARISE/Keneya  
Yiriwali (P503776)**

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

**May 30, 2024**

## ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL COMMITMENT PLAN

1. The Republic of Mali (the Recipient) will implement the Advancing Resilience and Inclusive Health Systems for Everyone in Mali-ARISE/Keneya Yiriwali (P503776) Project (the Project), with the involvement of the Ministry in charge of Health and Social Development (MHSD) and with the participation of the Ministry of Economy and Finance (MEF), as set out in the Financing Agreement and Grant Agreement. The International Development Association (the Association), has agreed to provide financing for the Project, as set out in the referred agreements.
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 Association. The ESCP is a part of the Financing Agreement and Grant Agreement. Unless otherwise defined in this ESCP, capitalized terms used in this ESCP have the meanings ascribed to them in the referred agreements.
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) instruments that shall be adopted and implemented under 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 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 MHSD and the Association agree to update the ESCP to reflect these changes through an exchange of letters signed between the Association and the MHSD. The Recipient shall promptly disclose the updated ESCP.

MATERIAL MEASURES AND ACTIONS		TIMEFRAME	RESPONSIBLE ENTITY
<b>MONITORING AND REPORTING</b>			
A	<p><b>REGULAR REPORTING</b></p> <p>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 the implementation of the ESCP, status of preparation and implementation of E&amp;S instruments required under the ESCP, stakeholder engagement activities, and functioning of the grievance mechanism.</p>	Starting from the Effective Date, submit quarterly reports to the Association throughout Project implementation, commencing after the Effective Date. Submit each report to the Association no later than 7 days after the end of each reporting period.	Ministry of Health and Social Development (MHSD) through the Project Implementation Unit (PIU)
B	<p><b>INCIDENTS AND ACCIDENTS</b></p> <p>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, inter alia, cases of sexual exploitation and abuse (SEA), sexual harassment (SH), and accidents that result in death, 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 contractor and/or supervising firm, as appropriate.</p> <p>Subsequently, at the Association’s request, prepare a report on the incident or accident and propose any measures to address it and prevent its recurrence.</p>	<p>Notify the Association no later than forty-eight 48 hours after learning of the incident or accident.</p> <p>Provide subsequent report to the Association within a timeframe acceptable to the Association</p>	PIU
C	<p><b>CONTRACTORS’ MONTHLY REPORTS</b></p> <p>Require contractors and supervising firms to provide monthly monitoring reports on ESHS performance in accordance with the metrics specified in the respective bidding documents and contracts and submit such reports to the Association.</p>	Submit the monthly reports to the Association as annexes to the reports to be submitted under action A above.	Contractors.  MHSD through the PIU
<b>ESS 1: ASSESSMENT AND MANAGEMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL RISKS AND IMPACTS</b>			
1.1	<p><b>ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE</b></p> <p>Maintain the PIU with qualified staff and resources to support management of ESHS risks and impacts of the Project including the existing senior environmental and social safeguard specialist, and hire a junior environmental and social safeguard specialist, and any other E&amp;S positions that may be deemed necessary during Project implementation, to be retained throughout the implementation of Project activities.</p>	Maintain a PIU as set out in the Financing Agreement. Hire a junior environmental and social safeguards specialist not later than sixty (60) days after the Effective Date and thereafter maintain these positions throughout Project implementation.	PIU
1.2	<p><b>ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL INSTRUMENTS</b></p> <p>1. Adopt and implement an Environmental and Social Impact Assessment (ESIA), and corresponding Environmental and Social Management Plan (ESMP), consistent with the relevant ESSs.</p>	1. Adopt the ESIA and ESMP before work begins, then implement the ESIA and ESMP throughout project implementation.	PIU

	<p>2. Adopt and implement an Environmental and Social Management Framework (ESMF) for the Project, consistent with the relevant ESSs, including as an Annex the SEA and SH Action Plan and the Security Risk Assessment for the Project.</p> <p>3. The PIU to adopt and implement the subproject site-specific Environmental and Social Impact Assessment (ESIA) and Environmental and Social Management Plan (ESMP), as set out in the ESMF. The proposed activities described in the exclusion list set out in the ESMF shall be ineligible to receive financing under the Project.</p>	<p>2. The ESMP was adopted and disclosed by the government on May 23, 2024. It will then be implemented throughout project execution.</p> <p>3. Adopt the ESMP before launching the tendering procedure for the sub-project before carrying out the sub-project which requires the adoption of this ESMP. Once adopted, implement the respective EMP throughout project implementation.</p>	
1.3	<p><b>MANAGEMENT OF CONTRACTORS</b>                  Incorporate the relevant aspects of the ESCP, including, inter alia, the relevant E&amp;S instruments, the Labor Management Procedures, and code of conduct, into the ESHS specifications of the procurement documents and contracts with contractors and supervising firms. Thereafter ensure that the contractors and supervising firms comply and cause subcontractors to comply with the ESHS specifications of their respective contracts.</p>	<p>As part of the preparation of procurement documents and respective contracts. Supervise contractors throughout Project implementation.</p>	PIU
1.4	<p><b>TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE</b>                  Ensure that the consultancies, studies (including feasibility studies, if applicable), capacity building, training, and any other technical assistance activities under the Project are carried out in accordance with terms of reference acceptable to the Association, that are consistent with the ESSs. Thereafter ensure that the outputs of such activities comply with the terms of reference.</p>	<p>Throughout Project implementation.</p>	PIU
1.5	<p><b>CONTINGENT EMERGENCY RESPONSE FINANCING</b></p> <p>a) Ensure that the CERC Manual includes a description of the ESHS assessment and management arrangements including, a ESMF Addendum that will be included in the CERC Manual for the implementation of CERC component, in accordance with the ESSs.</p> <p>b) Adopt any environmental and social (E&amp;S) instruments which may be required for activities under CERC component of the Project, in accordance with the CERC Manual and, CERC-ESMF Addendum and the ESSs, and thereafter implement the measures and actions required under said E&amp;S instruments, within the timeframes specified in said E&amp;S instruments.</p>	<p>A) The adoption of the CERC Manual in form and substance acceptable to the Association is a withdrawal condition under Section I.G of Schedule 2 of the Financing Agreement for the Project.</p> <p>b) Adopt any required E&amp;S instrument and include it as part of the respective bidding process, if applicable, and in any case, before the carrying out of the relevant Project activities for which the E&amp;S instrument is required. Implement the E&amp;S instruments in accordance with their terms, throughout Project implementation.</p>	PIU

1.6	<b>ACTIVITIES SUBJECT TO RETROACTIVE FINANCING</b> As noted by ESS1 para. 17, a project may comprise or include existing facilities or activities. Some of these activities may be subject to retroactive financing under the project. These activities should be identified during project preparation, and due diligence must be conducted to identify any required actions to ensure that such activities meet the requirements of the ESSs. In some cases, an E&S audit may be needed, which normally would be completed during project preparation. In others, amendment to existing work contracts, or a corrective action plan may be needed. Accordingly, this action should reflect the due diligence requirements applicable to the retroactive financing and their timeframe.	Adopt any required E&S instrument and include it as part of the respective bidding process, if applicable, and in any case, before the carrying out of the relevant activities subject to retroactive financing for which the E&S instrument is required.	PIU
<b>ESS 2: LABOR AND WORKING CONDITIONS</b>			
2.1	<b>LABOR MANAGEMENT PROCEDURES</b> Adopt and implement the Labor Management Procedures (LMP) for the Project, including, inter alia, provisions on working conditions, management of workers relationships, occupational health and safety (including personal protective equipment, and emergency preparedness and response), code of conduct (including relating to SEA and SH), forced labor, child labor, grievance arrangements for Project workers, and applicable requirements for contractors, subcontractors, and supervising firms.	The LMP was prepared, adopted, and published by the government on May 23, 2023, and will be implemented thereafter throughout the project's implementation.	PIU
2.2	<b>GRIEVANCE MECHANISM FOR PROJECT WORKERS</b> Establish and operate a grievance mechanism for Project workers, as described in the LMP and consistent with ESS2 and the labor laws of Mali.	Establish GRM prior to engaging Project workers and thereafter maintain and operate it throughout Project implementation.	PIU
<b>ESS 3: RESOURCE EFFICIENCY AND POLLUTION PREVENTION AND MANAGEMENT</b>			
3.1	<b>WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN</b> Adopt and implement an Infection Control and Waste Management Plan (ICWMP), to manage hazardous and non-hazardous wastes, consistent with ESS3. Require contractors to adopt and implement an Infection Control and Waste Management Plan as part of their C-ESMP, to manage hazardous waste in line with ESS3.	The ICWMP was prepared, adopted and published by the government on May 23, 2024, and will be implemented throughout the life of the project.	PIU Contractors
3.2	<b>RESOURCE EFFICIENCY AND POLLUTION PREVENTION AND MANAGEMENT</b> Incorporate resource efficiency and pollution prevention and management measures in the ESMP to be prepared under action (1.2) above.	Same timeframe as for the adoption and implementation of the ESMP.	PIU
<b>ESS 4: COMMUNITY HEALTH AND SAFETY</b>			
4.1	<b>TRAFFIC AND ROAD SAFETY</b> Incorporate measures to manage traffic and road safety risks as required in the ESMP to be prepared under action 1.2 above.	Same timeframe as for the adoption and implementation of the ESMP.	PIU
4.2	<b>COMMUNITY HEALTH AND SAFETY</b> Assess and manage specific risks and impacts to the community arising from Project activities, including, inter alia those related to the presence of Project workers and the	Include measures in the ESMP and update the SRA and SMP before starting work.	PIU

	influx of labor, the risks of communicable diseases and other health and hygiene problems related to the influx of patients in health facilities, the behavior of Project workers, the response to emergency situations. The mitigation measures will be prepared in accordance with the ESMF and will be included in the ESMP and consistent with ESS4.	Thereafter, implement and update them periodically throughout Project implementation.	
4.3	<b>SEA AND SH RISKS</b> Adopt and implement a SEA/SH Action Plan to assess and manage the risks of SEA and SH and consistent with ESS4.	Same timeframe as for the adoption and implementation of the ESMF.	PIU
4.4	<b>SECURITY MANAGEMENT</b> Assess and implement measures to manage the security risks of the Project, including the risks of engaging security personnel to safeguard project workers, sites, assets, and activities, as set out in the ESMP and Security Management Plan, guided by the principles of proportionality and GIIP, and by applicable law, in relation to hiring, rules of conduct, training, equipping, and monitoring of such personnel.	The SRA was prepared, adopted, and published by the government on May 23, 2024.  The SMP was prepared, adopted, and published by the government on May 23, 2024, and will be implemented thereafter throughout the project's implementation.	PIU
<b>ESS 5: LAND ACQUISITION, RESTRICTIONS ON LAND USE AND INVOLUNTARY RESETTLEMENT</b>			
5.1	<b>RESETTLEMENT POLICY FRAMEWORK</b> Adopt and implement a Resettlement Policy Framework (RPF) for the Project, consistent with ESS5.	The RPF was prepared, adopted and published by the government on May 23, 2024, and will subsequently be implemented throughout the life of the project.	PIU
5.2	<b>RESETTLEMENT ACTION PLAN</b> Prepare, consult upon, disclose, adopt and implement resettlement action plans (RAPs), as set out in the RPF, and consistent with ESS5.	Prepare, disclose, consult upon, adopt and thereafter implement the respective RAPs, in line with TORs approved by the Association, and prior to the commencement of any Project activity that might involve land acquisition, and/or physical and/or economic displacement, including ensuring that before taking possession of the land and related assets, full compensation has been provided and as applicable displaced people have been resettled and moving allowances have been provided.	PIU
5.3	<b>GRIEVANCE MECHANISM</b> The grievance mechanism (GM) to address resettlement related complaints should be described in the RAPs and SEP.	The GM that is the SEP (that shall integrate resettlement issues) shall be operational not later than ninety (90) days after the	PIU

		Effective Date, the same timeframe as action 10.2.	
<b>ESS 6: BIODIVERSITY CONSERVATION AND SUSTAINABLE MANAGEMENT OF LIVING NATURAL RESOURCES – Not Applicable</b>			
<b>ESS 7: INDIGENOUS PEOPLES/SUB-SAHARAN AFRICAN HISTORICALLY UNDERSERVED TRADITIONAL LOCAL COMMUNITIES – Not Applicable</b>			
<b>ESS 8: CULTURAL HERITAGE – Not Applicable</b>			
<b>ESS9: FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARIES – Not Applicable</b>			
<b>ESS 10: STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT AND INFORMATION DISCLOSURE</b>			
10.1	<b>STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT PLAN PREPARATION AND IMPLEMENTATION</b> Adopt and implement a Stakeholder Engagement Plan (SEP) for the Project, consistent with ESS10, which shall include 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.	Adopt the SEP prior to the Effective Date, and thereafter implement the SEP throughout Project implementation.	PIU
10.2	<b>PROJECT GRIEVANCE MECHANISM</b> 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.  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.	Establish the grievance mechanism not later than ninety (90) days after the Effective Date, and thereafter maintain and operate the mechanism throughout Project implementation. In the meantime, grievances will be treated by the mechanism that was set up for the PACSU project.	PIU
<b>CAPACITY SUPPORT</b>			
CS1	Training to PIU staff, stakeholders, communities, to increase their awareness of the risks associated with Project implementation and facilitate their understanding of the Project. These training sessions will include preventive and response measures to combat GBV, including SEA/SH, specific aspects of environmental and social assessment, emergency preparedness and response, community health and safety, Codes of Conduct, the LMP, security risk management.	Throughout Project implementation	MHSD through the PIU
CS2	Training for Project workers on occupational health and safety including on emergency prevention and preparedness and response arrangements to emergency situations.	Throughout Project implementation	MHSD through the PIU