



# **Republic of Niger**

## **Contingent Emergency Response Project**

### **Environmental and Social Commitment Plan (ESCP)**

**Final Version**

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## **ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL COMMITMENT PLAN**

1. The Republic of Niger (the Recipient) will implement the Contingent Emergency Response Project (CERP) (the Project), with the involvement of the Ministry of Economy and Finance (MEF), and the participation of the Ministry of Population, Social Action and National Solidarity, the Ministry of Interior, Public Security and Territorial Administration, the Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock, the Ministry of Urban Planning and Housing, the Ministry of Health and Public Hygiene, the Ministry of Environment, Water and Sanitation as set out in the relevant agreements. The International Development Association (the Association) has agreed to provide financing for the Project, in accordance with the provisions of the agreements.
2. The Recipient shall ensure that the Project is implemented in accordance with the Environmental and Social Standards (ESSs) and this CERP Environmental and Social Commitment Plan (ESCP), in a manner acceptable to the Association. The CERP ESCP forms part of the agreements. Capitalized terms used in this CERP ESCP, unless otherwise defined in this CERP ESCP, have the meanings ascribed to them in the agreements.
3. Without limitation to the foregoing, this CERP ESCP sets out material measures and actions to be implemented or caused to be carried out by the Recipient, including, as applicable, their respective timeframes, institutional arrangements, staffing, training, monitoring and reporting, and grievance redress. The CERP ESCP also sets out the environmental and social documents to be prepared or updated, consulted, disclosed and implemented by the Project, in accordance with the ESSs, in form and substance acceptable to the Association. Such environmental and social documents may be revised from time to time with the prior written agreement of the Association. As provided for under the referred agreement, the Recipient shall ensure that sufficient funds are available to cover the costs of implementing the CERP ESCP.
4. As agreed between the Association and the Recipient, this CERP ESCP will be revised from time to time, as necessary, to reflect adaptive management of Project changes or unforeseen circumstances or in response to Project performance. In such circumstances, the Association and the Recipient agree to update the CERP ESCP to reflect such changes through an exchange of letters signed between the Association and the MEF. The Recipient shall promptly disclose the updated CERP ESCP.
5. The subsection "Implementation Readiness Indicators" below identifies actions and measures to be followed to assess the Project's readiness to commence implementation in accordance with this ESCP. Nevertheless, all actions and measures contained in this CERP ESCP will be implemented as set out in the "Timing" column below, whether or not they are listed in the relevant subsection.

MATERIAL MEASURES AND ACTIONS		TIME SCHEDULE	RESPONSIBLE ENTITY
IMPLEMENTATION ARRANGEMENTS AND CAPACITY BUILDING			
Has	<p><b>ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE</b></p> <p>Establish and maintain the PMU with qualified staff and adequate resources to support the management of the environmental and social risks and impacts of the Project, including an environmental specialist with experience in occupational health and safety, a social specialist, a GBV/SEA/SH specialist, all with qualifications and experience whose terms of reference are satisfactory to the Bank.</p> <p>To date, the PIU (PIDUREM) has already recruited a full team of specialists from its national coordination office, including the one in charge of security and environmental and social assistants at the regional level.</p>	Throughout project implementation.	PIU-PIDUREM, MEF and implementing agencies
MONITORING AND REPORTING			
B	<p><b>REGULAR REPORTING</b></p> <p>Upon activation of the CERP, prepare and submit to the Association regular monitoring reports on the environmental, social, health and safety performance of the project. These reports include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Status of implementation of the environmental and social documents required under the ESCP.</li> <li>• Summary of stakeholder engagement activities conducted.</li> <li>• Grievances submitted to grievance mechanism(s), grievance logs, and progress in resolving grievances.</li> <li>• Environmental and social performance of the project.</li> <li>• Number and status of resolution of incidents and accidents reported under action C below.</li> <li>• Any other matter the Association may request.</li> </ul>	Submit quarterly reports and annual reviews to the Association throughout project implementation.	PIU-PIDUREM, MEF and implementing agencies
C	<p><b>INCIDENTS AND ACCIDENTS</b></p> <p>notify the Association 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 fatal accidents or serious injury to workers or the public; acts of violence, discrimination or protest; Unintended impacts on cultural heritage or</p>		PIU-PIDUREM, MEF and implementing agencies

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	<p>biodiversity resources; Environmental pollution; dam failure   dam failure; Forced or child labor; displacement without due process (forced eviction); Allegations of sexual exploitation and abuse (SEA) or sexual harassment (SH); or epidemics. Provide the Association, upon request, with details of the incident or accident.</p> <p>Arrange for an appropriate review of the incident or accident to identify immediate, underlying and root causes. Prepare, agree with the Association, and implement a Corrective Action Plan that sets out the measures and actions to be taken to address the incident or accident and prevent its recurrence.</p>	<p>Notify the Association no later than 48 hours after becoming aware of the incident or accident. Provide information upon request.</p> <p>Provide a review report and a Corrective Action Plan to the Association no later than 10 days after the submission of the initial notification, unless otherwise agreed in writing by the Association.</p>	
<b>ESS1: ASSESSMENT AND MANAGEMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL RISKS AND IMPACTS</b>			
1.1	<p><b>ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL ASSESSMENTS AND/OR PLANS</b></p> <p>Implement the Project's Environmental and Social Management Plan (ESMP) consistent with the relevant ESSs, adopted and disclosed on June 23, 2025, in the country.</p> <p>Review and update the ESMP, as required, in accordance with the Project revision schedule, and thereafter adopt, disclose and implement the updated ESMP.</p>	<p>Implement the project ESMP throughout project implementation</p> <p>Review and update the ESMP annually, as needed, in accordance with the project review schedule.</p>	PIU-PIDUREM, MEF and implementing agencies
1.3	<p><b>TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE</b></p> <p>Carry out consultations, studies, including feasibility studies, if any, capacity building, training and any other technical assistance activities under the Project or plans to be prepared as part of the technical assistance, in accordance with terms of reference acceptable to the Association, consistent with the ESSs. Then, prepare and finalize the results of these activities in accordance with the terms of reference.</p>	Throughout Project implementation.	PIU-PIDUREM, MEF and implementing agencies
<b>ESS2: LABOR AND WORKING CONDITIONS</b>			

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2.1	<b>LABOR MANAGEMENT PROCEDURES</b>  Implement the project labor management procedures as part of the ESMP	Implement labor management procedures throughout Project implementation.	PIU-PIDUREM, MEF and implementing agencies
2.2	<b>OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH AND SAFETY MANAGEMENT PLAN</b>  Implement an Occupational Health and Safety Management Framework, consistent with ESS2 and the World Bank Environmental, Health and Safety Guidelines developed as part of the ESMP to assess and manage the OHS risks and impacts of the Project.	Implement the Occupational Health and Safety Management Framework throughout Project implementation.	PIU-PIDUREM, MEF and implementing agencies
2.3	<b>GRIEVANCE MECHANISM FOR PROJECT WORKERS</b>  Establish and operationalize a grievance mechanism for project workers, as described in the labor management procedures and consistent with ESS2.	Establish the grievance mechanism prior to the recruitment of workers for the Project and thereafter maintain and operate it throughout Project implementation.	PIU-PIDUREM, MEF and implementing agencies
<b>ESS3: RESOURCE EFFICIENCY AND POLLUTION PREVENTION AND MANAGEMENT</b>			
3.1	<b>WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN</b>  Implement the Waste Management Plan (WMP) as part of the ESMP prepared for the Project, to manage hazardous and non-hazardous wastes, in accordance with ESS3 and the World Bank's Environmental, Health, and Safety Guidelines.	Implement the WMP throughout Project implementation.	PIU-PIDUREM, MEF and implementing agencies
<b>ESS 4: COMMUNITY HEALTH AND SAFETY</b>			
4.1	<b>TRAFFIC AND ROAD SAFETY</b>  Include and implement traffic and road safety risk management measures in the ESMP to be developed under action [1.1] above.	Same time frame as for implementation of the ESMP.	PIU-PIDUREM, MEF and implementing agencies

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4.2	<b>COMMUNITY HEALTH AND SAFETY ESS5</b> Manage specific risks and impacts to the community arising from project activities in accordance with the project ESMP.  Develop and implement operational procedures (SOPs) as part of the ESMP to address risks related to sanitation, staff hygiene, and food safety related to the project.	Implement the ESMP throughout Project implementation.	PIU-PIDUREM, MEF and implementing agencies
4.3	<b>SEA AND SH RISKS</b> Develop and implement an action plan for GBV/SEA/SH prevention and response to cases to assess and manage SEA and SH risks as part of the project ESMP, including a code of conduct for project workers	Same time frame as for preparation and implement the Action Plan throughout Project implementation.	PIU-PIDUREM, MEF and implementing agencies
<b>ESS 5: LAND ACQUISITION, RESTRICTIONS ON LAND USE AND INVOLUNTARY RESETTLEMENT</b>			
5.1	This standard is not relevant. Land acquisition, restrictions on land use and involuntary resettlement are excluded from the project.	N/A	N/A
<b>ESS 6: BIODIVERSITY CONSERVATION AND SUSTAINABLE MANAGEMENT OF LIVING NATURAL RESOURCES</b>			
6.1	<b>BIODIVERSITY RISKS AND IMPACTS</b> Manage risks and potential impacts on biodiversity and sensitive natural habitats resulting from project activities in accordance with the project ESMP.	Implement the ESMP throughout Project implementation.	PIU-PIDUREM, MEF and implementing agencies
<b>ESS 7: INDIGENOUS PEOPLES/SUB-SAHARAN AFRICAN HISTORICALLY UNDERSERVED TRADITIONAL LOCAL COMMUNITIES</b>			
7.1	This standard is not relevant in Niger	N/A	N/A
<b>ESS 8: CULTURAL HERITAGE</b>			
8.1	The risks and impacts anticipated in ESS8 are not anticipated as part of the project.	N/A	N/A
<b>ESS 9: FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARIES</b>			
9.1	This standard is irrelevant because there will be no financial intermediaries	N/A	N/A
<b>ESS10: STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT AND INFORMATION DISCLOSURE</b>			

MATERIAL MEASURES AND ACTIONS		TIME SCHEDULE	RESPONSIBLE ENTITY
10.1	<p><b>STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT PLAN</b></p> <p>Implement the Project's Stakeholders Engagement Plan (SEP) consistent with ESS10, adopted and disclosed on June 23, 2025, in the country that include measures to, inter alia, provide stakeholders with timely, relevant, understandable, and accessible information, and consult with them in a culturally appropriate manner, free from manipulation, interference, coercion, discrimination and intimidation.</p>	implement the SEP throughout project implementation.	PIU PIDUREM, MEF and implementing agencies
10.2	<p><b>PROJECT GRIEVANCE MECHANISM</b></p> <p>Maintain and operate the grievance mechanism established under the World Bank-financed PIDUREM, to receive and facilitate resolution of concerns and grievances related to the project in a timely and effective manner, in a transparent manner that is culturally appropriate and easily accessible to all project-affected parties at no cost and without retaliation, including concerns and claims filed anonymously, in accordance with ESS10.</p> <p>The GM shall be equipped to receive, register, and facilitate resolution of SEA/SH complaints related to CERP activities, including referring survivors to GBV service providers, all in a safe, confidential and survivor-centered manner.</p> <p>PIDUREM's already functional grievance mechanism shall ensure that all complaints are registered and addressed from the start of activities and throughout the life of the project.</p>	Maintain and operate the grievance mechanism of PIDUREM, throughout project implementation	PIU PIDUREM, MEF s
<b>IMPLEMENTATION READINESS INDICATORS</b>			
<p>The following are indicators of implementation readiness:</p> <p>A: Ensure that delivery agencies have the necessary staff and resources to support the management of the environmental, social, health and safety risks and impacts of the project.</p> <p>1.1: Implement the Project's final Environmental and Social Management Plan (ESMP) in accordance with the relevant ESSs.</p>			