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# **Burkina Faso Agricultural Transformation Project - P507256**

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

**Appraisal Version**

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1. The government of Burkina Faso “the Recipient” will implement the Burkina Faso Agricultural Transformation Project (the Project), with the involvement of the Ministry of Agriculture Livestock and Fisheries, as set out in the Financing Agreement (the Agreement). The International Development Association (the Association]) has agreed to provide the original financing for the Project, as set out in the Financing 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 Association. The ESCP is a part of the Financing Agreement. Unless otherwise defined in this ESCP, capitalized terms used in this ESCP have the meanings ascribed to them in the Financing 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 prepared or updated, consulted, disclosed and implemented under the Project, consistent with the ESSs, in form and substance acceptable to the Association. Said E&S documents may be revised from time to time with prior written agreement by the Association. As provided for under the referred Agreement, the Recipient shall ensure that there are sufficient funds available to cover the costs of implementing the ESCP.
4. As agreed by the Association 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 Association and the Recipient agree to update the ESCP to reflect these changes through an exchange of letters signed between the Association and the Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock, and Fisheries. 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	<p><b>ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE</b></p> <p>a. Establish and maintain a Project Implementation Unit (PIU) within the Directorate General for Sectoral Studies and Statistics (DGEES) with qualified staff and sufficient resources to support the management of the Project's environmental and social risks and impacts, including an environmental specialist, a social development specialist, a full-time security specialist, and a part-time consultant specialized in GBV/SEA/SH issues for the duration of the project.</p> <p>b. Enter into collaboration agreements with the National Agency for Environmental Assessments (ANEVE) and an NGO specialized in the prevention and control of GBV to manage environmental and social risks and impacts.</p>	<p>a. The PIU will be established before the Project's effective date, as stated in the legal agreement. Environmental and social development specialists will be recruited, and the security specialist will be appointed by the Government no later than three (3) months after the Project's effective date and will remain in place throughout the Project's implementation. The consultant specialized in GBV/SEA/SH issues will be recruited during the first year of the Project and retained in this position throughout the implementation of the Project. In addition, at the regional level, the Client will recruit E&amp;S assistants to support project implementation in the field 3 months after effective date.</p> <p>b. Collaboration agreements with ANEVE and an NGO/GBV will be signed no later than six (6) months after the Project effective date.</p>	Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock, and Fisheries (MARAH)

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B	<p><b>CAPACITY BUILDING PLAN/MEASURES</b></p> <p>Develop and implement the capacity building plan on the following topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Training of PIU staff on the World Bank's ESF and environmental and social safeguards applicable to the Project, the inclusion of environmental and social clauses in works contracts, safety management, and emergency preparedness and response.</li> <li>• Training for members of complaint management committees on the Grievance Mechanism (GM), including the management of SEA/SH cases.</li> <li>• Training of suppliers, contractors, and project managers on environmental and social issues management, environmental, social, health, and safety (ESHS) aspects, development, implementation, and monitoring of site-specific ESMPs, security management, emergency preparedness and response.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• From the moment staff are mobilized until the end of the project.</li> <li>• From the moment complaint management committees are set up.</li> <li>• From the moment suppliers, service providers and project management offices are mobilized.</li> </ul>	PIU
MONITORING AND REPORTING			
C	<p><b>REGULAR REPORTING</b></p> <p>Prepare and regularly submit reports to the Association on the environmental, social, health, and safety (ESHS) performance of the Project. The reports shall include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The degree of preparation and implementation of the environmental and social instruments required under the ESCP.</li> <li>• A summary of stakeholder engagement activities carried out in accordance with the Stakeholder Engagement Plan (SEP).</li> <li>• Complaints submitted to the complaint management mechanism(s), the complaint register, and progress made in resolving them.</li> <li>• The environmental, social, health, and safety (ESHS) performance of suppliers/service providers and subcontractors as presented in the quarterly reports of suppliers, service providers, and contractors.</li> <li>• The number and status of resolution of incidents and accidents reported under Action E below.</li> </ul>	<p>Submit quarterly reports to the Association throughout the implementation of the Project from the Effectiveness Date.</p> <p>Submit each report to the Association no later than 15 days after the end of each period covered.</p>	PIU
D	<p><b>CONTRACTORS' MONTHLY REPORTS</b></p> <p>Suppliers, service providers and contractors are required to produce monthly monitoring reports on environmental, social, health and safety (ESHS) performance, based on the</p>	Submit monthly reports to the Association as appendices to the reports to be submitted under Action C above.	PIU

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	indicators specified in the relevant tender documents and contracts. These reports must be submitted to the Association.		
E	<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 serious consequences for the environment, affected communities, the public, or personnel, including, but not limited to, cases of sexual exploitation and abuse (SEA), sexual harassment (SH), and accidents resulting in death or serious injury to the public or personnel; acts of violence, discrimination, or protest; unforeseen effects on cultural heritage or biodiversity resources; environmental pollution; forced labor or child labor; displacement without due process (forced evictions); allegations of sexual exploitation and abuse (SEA) or sexual harassment (SH); or epidemics. At the request of the Association, provide available details about the incident or accident.</p> <p>Arrange for an appropriate review of the incident or accident to determine its immediate, underlying, and root causes. Prepare, agree with the Association, and implement a corrective action plan that defines the measures and actions to be taken to remedy the incident or accident and prevent its recurrence.</p>	<p>Notify the Association no later than 48 hours after being informed of the incident or accident. Provide available details upon request.</p> <p>Submit the review report and corrective action plan to the Association no later than 10 days after the initial notification, unless the Association agrees to a different deadline in writing.</p>	PIU
<b>ESS 1: 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>1. Prepare and implement an Environmental and Social Impact Assessment (ESIA) of the development works for 680 ha of irrigated land in the village of Sanakui II in the municipality of Colenso, <i>Boucle du Mouhoun</i> region, in accordance with relevant ESSs.</p> <p>2. Require sub-project entities that are expected to prepare ESIA to prepare and implement sub-project ESIA, as specified in the Project Implementation Manual (PIM).</p>	<p>1. The ESIA for the development of the 680-ha irrigated area in the village of Sanakui II, is being prepared and will be validated and published before the project effective date, and then apply the ESIA throughout the implementation of the project.</p> <p>2. Require sub-project entities to prepare site-specific ESIA in accordance with the PIM before carrying out activities. Apply the ESIA throughout the implementation of sub-projects.</p>	PIU

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1.2	<b>MANAGEMENT OF CONTRACTORS</b> Incorporate relevant aspects of the ESCP, including, but not limited to, relevant environmental and social instruments, labor management procedures, and the code of conduct, into the environmental and social specifications of bidding documents and contracts with suppliers, service providers, and contractors. Then, ensure that suppliers, service providers, and contractors comply with and require their subcontractors to comply with the environmental and social specifications of their respective contracts. Provide the Association with copies of the relevant contracts of suppliers, service providers/subcontractors, and contractors.	As part of the preparation of bidding documents and relevant contracts. Supervise suppliers and service providers/subcontractors throughout the implementation of the Project. At the request of the Association, copies of the relevant contracts shall be made available to it.	PIU
1.3	<b>TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE</b> Conduct consultations, studies (including feasibility studies, where applicable), capacity building, training, and any other technical assistance activities within the scope of the Project, including, but not limited to, environmental and social instruments or plans to be prepared as part of technical assistance in accordance with terms of reference acceptable to the Association, which are consistent with the ESS. Then, prepare and finalize the results of these activities in accordance with the terms of reference.	Throughout Project implementation.	PIU
1.4	<b>CONTINGENT EMERGENCY RESPONSE FINANCING</b>  1. Ensure that the Emergency Response Component Manual (CERC) referred to in the legal agreement includes a description of the environmental and social assessment and management procedures, in accordance with the ESS.  2. Implement the environmental and social provisions of the CERC Manual, including all required assessments and plans.	1. The preparation of the CERC Manual and, where applicable, other relevant environmental and social instruments whose substance and form are deemed acceptable by the Association, is a disbursement condition under Section [XX] of Annex 2 of the Project Legal Agreement.  2. In accordance with the deadlines specified in the CERC Manual	PIU
<b>ESS 2: LABOR AND WORKING CONDITIONS</b>			
2.1	<b>LABOR MANAGEMENT PROCEDURES</b>  Prepare and implement labor management procedures (LMP) for the Project, which will be added/integrated into the ESIA, PIM, or any other environmental and social instrument within the scope of the Project.	The FSRP (P172769) labor management procedures document is being updated and adapted to the project context. It will be validated and published in the country and by the Bank prior to Appraisal and then applied throughout the Project implementation.	PIU

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2.2	<p><b>OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH AND SAFETY MANAGEMENT PLAN</b></p> <p>Prepare and implement an occupational health and safety management plan to assess and manage the risks and impacts of the Project related to occupational health and safety.</p> <p>Require suppliers and service providers to prepare and implement occupational health and safety measures or plans in accordance with the Association's Environmental, Health, and Safety Guidelines (EHS Guidelines), which suppliers and service providers have used as a basis for developing their measures or plans.</p>	Prepare the Occupational Health and Safety Management Plan before work begins and thereafter implement the plan throughout Project implementation	PIU.
2.3	<p><b>GRIEVANCE MECHANISM FOR PROJECT WORKERS</b></p> <p>Establish and operationalize a grievance mechanism for Project workers, as described in the labor management procedures and in accordance with the provisions of ESS 2</p>	Establish the grievance redress mechanism prior to the recruitment of workers for the Project and thereafter maintain and apply it throughout Project implementation	PIU
<b>ESS 3: RESOURCE EFFICIENCY AND POLLUTION PREVENTION AND MANAGEMENT</b>			
3.1	<p><b>WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN</b></p> <p>Prepare and implement a Waste Management Plan (WMP) as part of the ESIA for Project activities to manage hazardous and non-hazardous waste in accordance with ESS 3.</p>	Prepare the WMP (included in the ESIA and site specific ESMP) before the start of physical work, then apply the WMP throughout the implementation of the project.	PIU
3.2	<p><b>RESOURCE EFFICIENCY AND POLLUTION PREVENTION AND MANAGEMENT</b></p> <p>Measures for the rational use of resources and pollution prevention and management will be set out in the ESIA to be prepared under Action 1.1 above.</p> <p>Prepare and implement a Pest Management Plan (PMP) that includes guidance and measures to promote good agricultural practices, and the safe use of agrochemicals, in accordance with ESS 3.</p>	<p>Before launching the tender process for the activity that requires the adoption of an ESIA, then apply the ESIA throughout project implementation</p> <p>The PMP is being prepared and will be validated and published in the country and by the Bank prior to Appraisal and then applied throughout the Project implementation.</p>	PIU
<b>ESS 4: COMMUNITY HEALTH AND SAFETY</b>			
4.1	<p><b>TRAFFIC AND ROAD SAFETY</b></p> <p>Include measures for managing traffic and road safety risks in the ESIA to be developed under Action 1.1 above.</p>	Before launching the bidding process for the activity that requires the adoption of an ESIA, thereafter apply the ESIA measures throughout Project implementation.	PIU

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4.2	<b>COMMUNITY HEALTH AND SAFETY</b> Assess and manage the specific risks and impacts that Project activities could have on communities, including, but not limited to, any risks that need to be managed, such as the behavior of Project workers, labor influx, STI-HIV/AIDS risks, emergency response, etc. Measures to prevent and mitigate these risks will be included in the ESMP-construction sites to be developed in accordance with the PIM.	Before launching the bidding process for the activity that requires the adoption of an ESIA, thereafter apply the ESIA measures throughout Project implementation.	PIU
4.3	<b>SEA AND SH RISKS</b> Prepare and implement an SEA/SH Action Plan aimed at assessing and managing SEA/SH risks.	Prepare the SEA/SH action plan no later than the first year after the Project comes into effect, then implement the SEA/SH action plan throughout the Project's implementation.	PIU
4.4	<b>SECURITY MANAGEMENT</b> Assess security risk and implement measures (Security Management Plan) to manage security risks to the Project, including risks related to the use of security guards to protect Project workers, sites, assets, and activities.	Prepare the Security Risk Assessment (SRA) and Security Management Plan (SMP) prior to the beginning of physical work, then apply the SMP throughout the implementation of the project.	PIU
4.5	<b>DAM SAFETY (FOR ANNEX A ESS4)</b> Not applicable because dams will not be used in the project activities. Mouhoun River has been chosen as source of irrigation water		
<b>ESS 5: LAND ACQUISITION, RESTRICTIONS ON LAND USE AND INVOLUNTARY RESETTLEMENT</b>			
5.1	<b>RESETTLEMENT [FRAMEWORK] [PLAN] or [PLANS]</b> 1. Prepare and implement a Resettlement Action Plan (RAP) or Livelihood Restoration Plan (LRP) for each Project activity for which a RAP or LRP is required, in accordance with ESS 5. These requirements should be included in the POM.  2. Prepare and implement the Resettlement Action Plan (RAP) for the development of 680 ha of irrigated land in the village of Sanakuy II in the municipality of Solenzo.	1. Prepare and implement the RAPs or LRPs for sub-projects before carrying out the relevant work, in particular ensuring that, before taking possession of land and related assets, full compensation has been paid, displaced persons have been resettled, and relocation allowances have been granted.  2. The RAP for the development of 680 ha of irrigated land in the village of Sanakuy II in the commune of Solenzo is being prepared and will be validated and disclosed before the project effective date.	PIU
<b>ESS 6: BIODIVERSITY CONSERVATION AND SUSTAINABLE MANAGEMENT OF LIVING NATURAL RESOURCES</b>			



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6.1	<b>BIODIVERSITY RISKS AND IMPACTS</b> Prepare and implement a Biodiversity Management Plan (BMP) as part of ESIA for the sub-project prepared under the Project, and in accordance with ESS 6.	Adopt the BMP to be included in the ESIA before launching the bidding process for the activity that requires the adoption of the ESIA, then apply the BMP throughout Project implementation.	PIU
<b>ESS 7: INDIGENOUS PEOPLES/SUB-SAHARAN AFRICAN HISTORICALLY UNDERSERVED TRADITIONAL LOCAL COMMUNITIES</b> This standard is not currently relevant, as the project is not being implemented in regions where historically disadvantaged indigenous peoples/traditional local communities in sub-Saharan Africa are present or in regions to which they have a collective attachment.			
<b>ESS 8: CULTURAL HERITAGE</b>			
8.1	<b>CULTURAL HERITAGE RISKS AND IMPACTS</b> Adopt and implement a Cultural Heritage Management Plan (CHMP) to be included in the sub-project ESIA and in accordance with ESS 8 and national legislation.	Prepare the ESIA prior to launching the bidding process for the activity that requires the adoption of an ESIA, thereafter apply the ESIA throughout project implementation	PIU
8.2	<b>CHANCE FINDS</b> Describe and implement procedures for incidental discoveries in the sub-project's ESIA and the site specific ESMP in accordance with the requirements of ESS 8 and national legislation.	Describe the procedures for incidental discoveries in the sub-project's ESIA and the site specific ESMP. Apply these procedures throughout project implementation	PIU
<b>ESS 9: FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARIES</b> This standard is not relevant for this Project			
<b>ESS 10: STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT AND INFORMATION DISCLOSURE</b>			
10.1	<b>STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT PLAN</b> Prepare and implement a Stakeholder Engagement Plan (SEP) for the Project, in accordance with the provisions of ESS. 10, which includes measures aimed, among other things, at providing stakeholders with timely, relevant, understandable, and accessible information, and consulting with them in a manner respectful of local culture, without any manipulation, interference, coercion, discrimination, or intimidation.	The SEP has been developed and will be validated and published in the country and by the Bank prior to Appraisal and then applied throughout the Project implementation.	PIU
10.2	<b>PROJECT GRIEVANCE MECHANISM</b> Establish, publicize, maintain and operate an accessible grievance redress mechanism to receive complaints and grievances related to the Project and facilitate their resolution in a timely, efficient, transparent manner that is culturally appropriate and easily accessible to all parties affected by the Project, free of charge and without penalty, including complaints and grievances filed anonymously, in accordance with ESS 10.	Establish the grievance redress mechanism before Project activities begin, and thereafter maintain and operate this mechanism throughout Project implementation.	PIU

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	The grievance redress mechanism is equipped to receive and record complaints concerning the SEA/SH and facilitate their resolution by referring survivors to competent providers of services related to gender-based violence, in a safe and confidential manner and using a survivor-centered approach.		
INDICATORS FOR IMPLEMENTATION READINESS			
<p>The following actions are indicators for implementation readiness:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Establishment of environmental and social risk management units within the entities responsible for implementing the project</li> <li>ii. Memoranda of understanding or other written agreements/arrangements (ANEVE, NGO/GBV, etc.) between the entities responsible for implementing the Project and other relevant bodies to ensure effective coordination of environmental and social risk management activities</li> <li>iii. Recruitment and training of staff responsible for environmental and social issues within the entities responsible for implementing the Project</li> <li>iv. Environmental and social assessments for subprojects and plans (ESMP, C-ESMP, OHS Plan, etc.) to be prepared by the Borrower at the beginning of project implementation, including other specific requirements related to the state of environmental and social readiness for project implementation</li> <li>v. Operationalization of a grievance redress mechanism for project workers</li> <li>vi. Operationalization of a grievance redress mechanism for the project</li> </ul>			