

ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF MAURITANIA
Contingent Emergency Response Project
(P516582)

ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL
COMMITMENT PLAN (ESCP)

June 2026

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1. The Islamic Republic of Mauritania (the Recipient) will implement the Contingent Emergency Response Project (P516582) (the Project), with the involvement of the Ministry of Economic Affairs and Development (MAED), as set out in the Financing Agreement. The International Development Association (the Association) has agreed to provide financing for the Project, as set out in the 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 part of the Agreement. Unless otherwise defined in this ESCP, capitalized terms used in this ESCP have the meanings ascribed to them in the 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, the respective timeframes for such 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 ESSs, and in form and substance acceptable to the Association. Once adopted, such E&S instruments may be revised from time to time with the prior written agreement of the Association. As provided in the Agreement, the Recipient shall ensure that sufficient funds are available to cover the costs of implementing the ESCP.
4. As agreed by the Association and the Recipient, this ESCP may be revised from time to time, as necessary during Project implementation, to reflect adaptive management of Project changes and 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 Recipient's representative specified in the Agreement. The Recipient shall promptly disclose the updated ESCP.
5. The subsection "Implementation Readiness Indicators" below identifies the actions and measures to be monitored to assess the Project's readiness to begin implementation in accordance with this ESCP. Nevertheless, all actions and measures provided for in this ESCP shall be implemented in accordance with the "Timeframe" column below, whether they are listed in that subsection.

MATERIAL MEASURES AND ACTIONS		TIMEFRAME	RESPONSIBLE ENTITY
IMPLEMENTATION ARRANGEMENTS AND CAPACITY SUPPORT			
A	<p>ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE</p> <p>Maintain the Project Implementation Unit of the Agricultural Sector Development and Innovation Support Project in Mauritania (PADISAM), with qualified staff and resources to support the management of the Project’s environmental, social, health and safety (E&S) risks and impacts, including a social specialist, an environmental specialist, and a gender-based violence (GBV) specialist. Two E&S assistants will be recruited upon activation of the CERP.</p>	<p>Maintain the PIU with the existing E&S staff.</p> <p>Recruit the E&S upon activation of CERP and thereafter maintain the PIU and these positions throughout Project implementation.</p>	PIU
B	<p>CAPACITY-BUILDING PLAN/MEASURES</p> <p>Implement the following capacity-building measures:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Training for PIU staff, stakeholders, communities, and Project workers on stakeholder mapping and engagement, specific aspects of environmental and social assessment, emergency preparedness and response, and community health and safety. 	<p>Implement the capacity building measures throughout Project implementation.</p>	PIU
MONITORING AND REPORTING			
C	<p>REGULAR REPORTING</p> <p>Upon activation of the CERP, Prepare and submit to the Association regular monitoring reports on the environmental, social, health and safety (ESHS) performance of the Project. The reports shall include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Status of preparation and implementation of the E&S instruments required under the ESCP. • Summary of stakeholder engagement activities carried out in accordance with the Stakeholder Engagement Plan. • Grievances are submitted to the grievance mechanism, the grievance log, and progress made in resolving grievances. • Environmental, social, health and safety (ESHS) performance of the Project. • Number and status of resolution of incidents and accidents reported under action E below. • Any other E&S aspects requested by the Association. 	<p>n case of CERP activation, submit quarterly reports to the Association throughout Project implementation, starting from the date of CERP activation. Submit each report to the Association no later than 10 days after the end of each relevant quarterly period.</p>	PIU

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D	<p>CONTRACTORS' MONTHLY REPORTS</p> <p>Require contractors to provide monthly monitoring reports on E&S performance in accordance with the indicators specified in the respective bidding documents and contracts and submit these reports to the Association.</p>	Submit monthly reports to the Association upon request.	PIU
E	<p>INCIDENTS AND ACCIDENTS</p> <p>Promptly 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, affected communities, the public, or workers, including those resulting in death or serious injury to workers or the public; acts of violence, discrimination, or protest; unforeseen impacts on cultural heritage or biodiversity resources; environmental pollution; dam failure; forced or child labor; displacement without due process (forced eviction); allegations of sexual exploitation or abuse (SEA), or sexual harassment (SH); or disease outbreaks. Provide available details of the incident or accident to the Association upon request.</p> <p>Arrange for an appropriate review of the incident or accident to establish its immediate, underlying, and root causes. Prepare, agree with the Association on, and implement a Corrective Action Plan that sets out the measures and actions to address the incident or accident and prevent its recurrence.</p>	<p>Notify the Association no later than 48 hours after learning of the incident or accident. Provide available information upon request.</p> <p>Provide a review report and Corrective Action Plan to the Association no later than 10 days after submission of the initial notification, unless a different timeframe is agreed in writing by the Association.</p>	PIU
ESS 1: ASSESSMENT AND MANAGEMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL RISKS AND IMPACTS			
1.1	<p>ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL ASSESSMENTS AND/OR PLANS</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Prepare and implement an Environmental and Social Management Plan (ESMP) for the Project, consistent with the relevant ESSs. 2. Prepare and implement site-specific ESMPs and integrate them into the respective bidding documents for subproject activities before carrying out any Project activity requiring preparation of an ESMP, as set out in Project ESMP. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Implement the ESMP throughout Project implementation. The ESMP was adopted and disclosed on 23 June 2026. 2. Prepare the site-specific ESMP and implement the corresponding ESMPs throughout Project implementation. 	PIU
1.2	<p>CONTRACTOR MANAGEMENT</p>	As part of the preparation of procurement documents and corresponding contracts. Supervise contractors throughout Project	PIU

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	Incorporate the relevant aspects of the ESCP, including, among others, labor management procedures and codes of conduct, into the E&S specifications of procurement documents and contracts with contractors and supervision firms. Thereafter, ensure that contractors and supervision firms comply, and cause subcontractors to comply, with the E&S specifications of their respective contracts. Provide copies of relevant contracts with contractors/subcontractors and supervision firms to the Association upon request.	implementation. Provide copies of relevant contracts to the Association upon request.	
1.3	TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE Carry out consultations, studies, including feasibility studies, capacity-building, training, and any other technical assistance activities under the Project in accordance with terms of reference acceptable to the Association and consistent with the ESSs. Thereafter, prepare and finalize the output of such activities in accordance with the terms of reference.	Throughout Project implementation.	PIU
ESS 2: LABOR AND WORKING CONDITIONS			
2.1	LABOR MANAGEMENT PROCEDURES Implement the Labor Management Procedures (LMP) prepared for the Agricultural Sector Development and Innovation Support Project in Mauritania (PADISAM).	Implement the PADISAM (P168847) LMP throughout Project implementation.	PIU
2.2	OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH AND SAFETY MANAGEMENT PLAN Require contractors and subcontractors to prepare and implement OHS management measures or plans in accordance with the ESMP.	Prepare OHS management plans before carrying out the relevant Project activities for which an OHS plan is required and thereafter implement the plan throughout Project implementation.	PIU
2.3	GRIEVANCE MECHANISM FOR PROJECT WORKERS Establish and operate a grievance mechanism for Project workers, as described in the LMP and consistent with ESS2.	Establish the grievance mechanism before engaging Project workers and thereafter maintain and operate it throughout Project implementation.	PIU
ESS 3: RESOURCE EFFICIENCY AND POLLUTION PREVENTION AND MANAGEMENT			
3.1	WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN	Same timeframe as for the preparation and implementation of the overall CERP-ESMP.	PIU

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	Prepare and implement a Waste Management Plan (WMP), as part of the ESMP prepared for the Project under action 1.1 above, in accordance with ESS3 and the World Bank Group Environmental, Health and Safety Guidelines.		
3.2	RESOURCE EFFICIENCY AND POLLUTION PREVENTION AND MANAGEMENT Integrate resource efficiency and pollution prevention and management measures into the site-specific ESMPs to be prepared under action 1.1 above.	Same timeframe as for the preparation and implementation of the site-specific ESMPs.	PIU
ESS 4: COMMUNITY HEALTH AND SAFETY			
4.1	TRAFFIC AND ROAD SAFETY Integrate measures to manage traffic and road safety risks as required in the site-specific ESMPs to be prepared under action 1.1 above.	Same timeframe as for the preparation and implementation of the site-specific ESMPs.	PIU
4.2	COMMUNITY HEALTH AND SAFETY Assess and manage specific risks and impacts on communities resulting from Project activities, including Project worker behavior, labor influx risks, and emergency response, and include mitigation measures in the site-specific ESMPs to be prepared in accordance with the Project ESMP.	Same timeframe as for the preparation and implementation of the site-specific ESMPs.	PIU
4.3	SEA/SH RISKS Implement the SEA/SH Action Plan prepared for the PADISAM Project (P168847) to assess and manage SEA and SH risks.	Implement the SEA/SH Action Plan of the PADISAM Project (P168847) throughout Project implementation.	PIU
4.4	SECURITY MANAGEMENT Assess and implement measures to manage Project security risks, including risks related to the engagement of security personnel to protect Project workers, sites, assets, and activities, as set out in Project ESMP.	Same timeframe as for the preparation and implementation of the Project ESMP.	PIU
ESS 5: LAND ACQUISITION, RESTRICTIONS ON LAND USE AND INVOLUNTARY RESETTLEMENT			
ESS 6: BIODIVERSITY CONSERVATION AND SUSTAINABLE MANAGEMENT OF LIVING NATURAL RESOURCES			
ESS 7: INDIGENOUS PEOPLES/SUB-SAHARAN AFRICAN HISTORICALLY UNDERSERVED TRADITIONAL LOCAL COMMUNITIES			
ESS 8: CULTURAL HERITAGE			
ESS 9: FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARIES			
ESS 10: STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT AND INFORMATION DISCLOSURE			

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10.1	<p>STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT PLAN</p> <p>Prepare and implement a Stakeholder Engagement Plan (SEP) for the Project, consistent with ESS10, which shall include measures to provide stakeholders with timely, relevant, understandable, and accessible information, and to consult with them in a culturally appropriate manner, free of manipulation, interference, coercion, discrimination, and intimidation.</p>	Implement the SEP adopted and disclosed on 23 June 2026 throughout Project implementation.	PIU
10.2	<p>PROJECT GRIEVANCE MECHANISM</p> <p>Upon activation of the CERP, maintain and operate an accessible grievance mechanism to receive and facilitate resolution of Project-related concerns and grievances promptly and effectively, in a transparent, culturally appropriate, and easily accessible manner for all Project-affected parties, at no cost and without retribution, including concerns and grievances filed anonymously, in a manner consistent with ESS10.</p> <p>The grievance mechanism shall be equipped to receive, register, and facilitate the resolution of SEA/SH complaints, including by referring survivors to relevant gender-based violence service providers, all in a safe, confidential, and survivor-centered manner.</p>	In the event of CERP activation, grievances that may arise will be handled through the grievance redress mechanism (GRM) of the World Bank-financed PADISAM Project (P168847) throughout Project implementation.	PIU
IMPLEMENTATION READINESS INDICATORS			
<p>The following actions are indicators of readiness for implementation:</p> <p>A. Recruit two (2) E&S assistants upon activation of the CERP.</p> <p>1.1. Prepare the Project ESMP prior to appraisal.</p> <p>10.1. Prepare the SEP prior to appraisal.</p>			