Republic of South Sudan

Ministry of Agriculture and Food Security (MAFS)

South Sudan Resilient Agricultural Livelihoods Project (P169120) Second Additional Financing (AF2)

ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL COMMITMENT PLAN (ESCP)

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ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL COMMITMENT PLAN

1. The Republic of South Sudan (the Recipient) is implementing the South Sudan Resilient Agricultural Livelihoods Project (the Project), with the involvement of the Ministry of Agriculture and Food Security (MAFS), as set out in the Original and Additional Financing Agreements (the Agreements). The International Development Association (the Association), has agreed to provide the original financing and additional financings for the Project, as set out in Agreements. This ESCP supersedes previous versions of the ESCP for the Project and shall apply both to the original and the first and second additional financing for the Project referred to above.

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 Agreements. Unless otherwise defined in this ESCP, capitalized terms used in this ESCP have the meanings ascribed to them in the 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, 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 Agreements, 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 Recipient's Representative specified in the Agreements. 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.

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IMPLEMENTATION ARRANGEMENTS AND CAPACITY SUPPORT			
A	**ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE** a. Maintain the Project Coordination Unit (PCU) with qualified staff and resources to support management of environmental, social, health and safety (E&S) risks and impacts of the Project including an Environmental Specialist with experience in Occupational Health and Safety (OHS), a Social Development Specialist, and a Gender Specialist with strong GBV experience. The PCU shall further engage GBV service providers, and train selected local officers and community members in areas where GBV services are absent. b. Mobilize additional staff on short-term or long-term assignment as necessary to manage the E&S risks of the Project in accordance with the ESSs, including subject matter specialists on GBV/SEA/SH, labor conditions (including child labor, forced labor, health & safety), land tenure, and social inclusion. c. The Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) and World Food Programme (WFP) are contracted as the lead and key technical partners, respectively, for implementation of the Project, all the responsibilities with regards to the E&S risk management for the Project set out herein shall be imposed on FAO and clearly articulated in the contracting agreement, and the MAFS shall ensure that FAO and WFP complies with those obligations in a manner satisfactory to both the MAFS and the Association.	a. The PCU, including the Environmental Specialist, Social Development Specialist, and Gender/GBV Specialist shall be maintained throughout Project implementation. b. Mobilize additional staff as needed and maintained throughout project implementation. c. Provisions to be imposed upon contracting with FAO and WFP, and compliance monitored throughout project implementation.	Project Coordination Unit (PCU) at Ministry of Agriculture and Food Security (MAFS)

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B	**CAPACITY BUILDING MEASURES** Prepare and implement the following capacity building measures: • Training for PCU staff, stakeholders, communities, Project workers on the updated and streamlined Environmental and Social Management Framework (ESMF) include, as annexure, a streamlined/simplified Labor Management Procedures (LMP), a simplified Integrated Pest Management Plan (IPMP), an updated Sexual Exploitation and Abuse/Sexual Harassment (SEA/SH) Action Plan, an updated Social Assessment (SA), a chance finds procedure, and standard/template Environmental and Social Management Plans (ESMPs) • Training for farmers, experts, and officials at different levels on GBV/SEA/SH, occupational health and safety, sustainable agriculture, appropriate mechanical equipment operation and maintenance, etc. • Community awareness raising trainings (including clan and religious leaders) on community health and safety, land tenure rights, etc. • Training farmers on environmentally sustainable agricultural and farming practices. • Project workers and communities on community health and safety risks such as communicable diseases, child labor prevention, grievance redress mechanism functionality, road safety, environmental conservation and natural resources management, etc.	Periodically throughout Project implementation	PCU at MAFS
C	**CAPACITY BUILDING ASSESSMENTS AND MANUALS** Strengthen the national environmental and social risk management systems through: (i) preparation of an Agricultural Occupational Health and Safety (OHS) and Community Health and Safety (CHS) Manual, accompanying field tools, and a Digital Incident Reporting and Response System (DIRRS) aligned with ESS2 and ESS4; (ii) development of a National Integrated Pest Management Guideline and Implementation Toolkit aligned with ESS3; and (iii) other capacity strengthening assessments and manuals as agreed with the Association.	Conduct the capacity building assessments within 6 months of Second Additional Financing Effective Date, and thereafter implement throughout Project implementation.	PCU at MAFS
MONITORING AND REPORTING			

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D	**REGULAR REPORTING** Prepare and submit to the Association regular monitoring reports on the environmental, social, health and safety (E&S) performance of the Project. The reports shall include: • Status of preparation and implementation of E&S documents required under the ESCP. • Summary of stakeholder engagement activities carried out as per the Stakeholder Engagement Plan. • Complaints submitted to the grievance mechanism(s), the grievance log, and progress made in resolving them. • E&S performance of contractors and subcontractors as reported through monthly contractors' and supervision firms' reports. • Number and status of resolution of incidents and accidents reported under action F below. • Use the Geo-Enabling initiative for Monitoring and Supervision (GEMS) toolbox to collect, analyze and report field monitoring data.	Submit quarterly and Annual reports to the Association throughout Project implementation. Submit each report to the Association no later than 30 days after the end of each reporting period.	PCU at MAFS
E	**TECHNICAL IMPLEMENTING PARTNERS' AND CONTRACTOR'S REGULAR MONITORING REPORTS** Require technical implementing partners', contractors and supervising firms to provide quarterly and monthly monitoring reports on E&S performance in accordance with the metrics specified in the respective bidding documents and contracts and submit such reports to the Association.	Submit the technical partners' quarterly reports and contractor's monthly reports to the Association upon request or as annexes to the reports to be submitted under action C above.	PCU at MAFS
F	**INCIDENTS AND ACCIDENTS** Notify the Association of any incident or accident relating 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 those resulting in death or significant injury to workers or the public; acts of violence, discrimination or protest; unforeseen impacts to cultural heritage or biodiversity resources; pollution of the environment; 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.	Notify the Association no later than 24 hours for SEA/SH and 48 hours for other incidents after learning of the incident or accident. Provide available details upon request.	PCU at MAFS

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	Arrange for an appropriate review of the incident or accident to establish its 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.	Provide review report and Corrective Action Plan to the Association no later than 15 days following the submission of the initial notice, unless a different timeframe is agreed in writing by the Association.	
G	**THIRD PARTY MONITORING** Maintain the Third-Party Monitoring Agency to provide independent review of E&S performance of the Project, including adherence to all E&S instruments of the Project in accordance with Terms of Reference agreed with MAFS, and to the satisfaction of the Association.	Maintain the Third-Party Monitoring Agency throughout Project implementation	PCU at MAFS
ESS 1: ASSESSMENT AND MANAGEMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL RISKS AND IMPACTS			
1.1	**ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL ASSESSMENTS AND/OR PLANS** 1. Update and streamline the current Environmental and Social Management Framework (ESMF) for the Project, consistent with the relevant ESSs. The streamlined ESMF shall include, as annexure, a streamlined/simplified Labor Management Procedures (LMP), a simplified Integrated Pest Management Plan (IPMP), an updated Sexual Exploitation and Abuse/Sexual Harassment (SEA/SH) Action Plan, updated and reviewed voluntary land donation guidelines, an updated Social Assessment (SA), a chance finds procedure, and standard/template Environmental and Social Management Plans (ESMPs) which can be directly used for relevant Project activities 2. Prepare and implement site-specific E&S instruments including Environmental and Social Management Plans (ESMPs), as set out in the streamlined ESMF and consistent with the relevant ESSs. Project activities described in the exclusion list set out in the ESMF shall be ineligible to receive financing under the Project including activities that involve involuntary resettlement, significant risk to biodiversity and critical habitats, and activities that result in significant or High E&S risks.	1. Update and streamline the ESMF prior to the Second Additional Financing Effective Date, and thereafter implement the ESMF throughout Project implementation. 2. Update the site-specific E&S instruments prior to commencement of the corresponding Project activities, incorporate the ESMPs in procurement and contract documents of the respective Project activities, and thereafter implement the ESMPs throughout Project implementation.	PCU at MAFS
1.2	**MANAGEMENT OF TECHNICAL IMPLEMENTING PARTNERS AND CONTRACTORS**	As part of the preparation of procurement documents and respective contracts.	PCU at MAFS

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	Incorporate the relevant aspects of the ESCP, including, inter alia, site-specific E&S assessments or plans, contractor-ESMPs, the Labor Management Procedures, code of conduct, and grievance redress mechanism into the E&S specifications of the procurement documents and contracts with technical implementing partners, contractors and supervising firms. Thereafter ensure that the technical implementing partners, contractors and supervising firms comply and that they require their subcontractors to comply with the E&S specifications of their respective contracts. Provide copies of the relevant contracts with technical implementing partners/contractors/subcontractors and supervision firms to the Association.	Supervise technical implementing partners and contractors throughout Project implementation. Copies of relevant contracts provided to the Association upon request.	
1.3	**PERMIT, CONSENTS AND AUTHORIZATIONS** Obtain or ensure that contractors obtain, as appropriate, permits, consents, and authorizations that are applicable to the Project from relevant national authorities, in accordance with applicable laws and regulations and consistent with the streamlined ESMF. Comply and cause contractors to comply, as appropriate, with the conditions established in these permits, consents, and authorizations throughout Project implementation. Obtain Clearances from South Sudan Authorities as necessary and obtain clearances from the Association as set out in the ESMF or otherwise necessary.	Obtain permits, consents and authorizations prior to initiating activities, and thereafter comply with these permits, consents and authorizations throughout Project implementation.	PCU at MAFS
1.4	**TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE** Carry out the consultancies, studies (including feasibility studies, if applicable), capacity building, training, and any other technical assistance activities under the Project, in accordance with terms of reference acceptable to the Association, that are consistent with the ESSs. Thereafter prepare and finalize the outputs of such activities in compliance with the terms of reference.	Throughout Project implementation.	PCU at MAFS
1.5	**CONTINGENT EMERGENCY RESPONSE FINANCING** 1. Ensure that the CERC Manual and Emergency Action Plan includes a description of the E&S assessment and management arrangements including, if applicable, CERC-ESMF/ESMF Addendum that will be included or referred to in the CERC Manual for the implementation of the Contingent Emergency Response component, in accordance with the ESSs. 2. Implement the E&S provisions of the CERC Manual including, if applicable, the CERC-ESMF/ESMF Addendum and the Emergency Action Plan.	1. The preparation of the CERC Manual in form and substance acceptable to the Association is a withdrawal condition under Section F of Schedule 2 of the Financing Agreement. 2. In accordance with the timeframes specified in the CERC Manual.	PCU at MAFS and/or other responsible entities for CERC
1.6	**ACTIVITIES SUBJECT TO RETROACTIVE FINANCING** Conduct and submit to the Association an E&S due diligence assessment, in form and substance acceptable to the Association, for the activities proposed for retroactive financing, to assess their consistency with the applicable requirements of the ESSs. Based on the findings of the assessment,	Complete and submit the due diligence assessment, and agree with the Association on any required corrective action plan, for the relevant retroactively financed expenditures not later than 30 days	PCU at MAFS

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	prepare and implement in consultation with the Association, any necessary corrective action plan or other corrective measures.	after the Second Additional Financing Effective Date. Thereafter implement any corrective measures identified by the Association as necessary to establish the acceptability of the expenditures, and implement any remaining agreed measures within the timeframe set out in the corrective action plan.	
ESS 2: LABOR AND WORKING CONDITIONS			
2.1	**LABOR MANAGEMENT PROCEDURES** Update and streamline the Labor Management Procedures (LMP) for the Project as part of the updated ESMF.	Update and streamline the LMP prior to the Second Additional Financing Effective Date, and thereafter implement the LMP throughout Project implementation.	PCU at MAFS
2.2	**OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH AND SAFETY MEASURES** Require technical implementing partners, contractors and subcontractors to prepare and implement OHS management measures as part of the LMP and site-specific E&S instruments, including emergency preparedness and response measures, in accordance with ESS2 and the relevant World Bank Group EHS Guidelines. Train Project workers on the OHS management measures.	Update the OHS management measures as part of the LMP and site-specific E&S instruments prepared under action 1.1 above, and thereafter implement the plan throughout Project implementation.	PCU at MAFS
2.3	**GRIEVANCE MECHANISM FOR PROJECT WORKERS** Maintain and operate a grievance mechanism for Project workers, as described in the LMP and consistent with ESS2.	Maintain the grievance mechanism prior to engaging Project workers and thereafter maintain and operate it throughout Project implementation.	PCU at MAFS
2.4	**WORKING ENVIRONMENT** Ensure inclusive and non-discriminatory, decent work environment for all Project workers, consistent with ESS2, including by ensuring that all Project workers adhere to the ESHS code of conduct.	Adopt measures prior to engaging Project workers, and implement them throughout Project Implementation.	PCU at MAFS
ESS 3: RESOURCE EFFICIENCY AND POLLUTION PREVENTION AND MANAGEMENT			
3.1	**WASTE MANAGEMENT MEASURES**	Same timeframe as for preparation and implementation of ESMPs under action 1.1(2) above.	PCU at MAFS

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	Update and implement waste management measures, as part of the ESMPs prepared for the Project, to manage hazardous and non-hazardous wastes, consistent with ESS3.		
3.2	**RESOURCE EFFICIENCY AND POLLUTION PREVENTION AND MANAGEMENT** Incorporate resource efficiency and pollution prevention and management measures in the ESMPs to be prepared under action 1.1(2) above.	Same timeframe as for preparation and implementation of ESMPs under action 1.1(2) above.	PCU at MAFS
3.3	**INTEGRATED PEST MANAGEMENT PLAN** Update and streamline the Integrated Pest Management Plan (IPMP) for the Project, consistent with ESS3.	Same timeframe as for preparation and implementation of updated/streamlined ESMF under action 1.1(1) above.	PCU at MAFS
ESS 4: COMMUNITY HEALTH AND SAFETY			
4.1	**TRAFFIC AND ROAD SAFETY** Incorporate measures to manage traffic and road safety risks as required in the ESMPs to be prepared under action 1.1(2) above.	Same timeframe as for preparation and implementation of ESMPs under action 1.1(2) above.	PCU at MAFS
4.2	**COMMUNITY HEALTH AND SAFETY** Assess and manage specific risks and impacts to the community arising from Project activities, including, inter alia, conflict risks, behavior of Project workers, risks of labor influx, response to emergency situations, and include mitigation measures in the ESMPs to be prepared in accordance with the ESMF.	Same timeframe as for preparation and implementation of ESMPs under action 1.1(2) above.	PCU at MAFS
4.3	**SEA AND SH RISKS** Update and implement a SEA/SH Action Plan as part of the updated and streamlined ESMF, to assess and manage the risks of SEA and SH.	Same timeframe as for preparation and implementation of updated/streamlined ESMF under action 1.1(1) above.	PCU at MAFS
4.4	**SECURITY PERSONNEL** In the event that security personnel are involved in the Project, require any contractors to develop and implement measures and actions to assess and manage the risks to Project-affected communities and Project workers that could arise from the use of security personnel, in accordance with the updated ESMF and the parent project Security Management Plan.	Develop and implement measures prior to deploying any security personnel and thereafter maintained throughout Project implementation.	PCU at MAFS
ESS 5: LAND ACQUISITION, RESTRICTIONS ON LAND USE AND INVOLUNTARY RESETTLEMENT			

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5.1	**LAND ACQUISITION AND RESETTLEMENT** ESS5 is relevant. AF2 activities are not anticipated to require land acquisition, restrict land use or cause involuntary displacement. However, new activities such as the Strategic Grain Reserve pilot, community-level storage and processing facilities, demonstration plots, early warning stations and the land governance pilot involve physical sites. If land is needed, it will be acquired only through voluntary land donation, following the updated ESMF and the Voluntary Land Donation Guidelines in line with ESS5.	Same timeframe as for preparation and implementation of updated/streamlined ESMF and the Updated Voluntary Land Donation Guidelines under action 1.1(1) above.	PCU at MAFS
ESS 6: BIODIVERSITY CONSERVATION AND SUSTAINABLE MANAGEMENT OF LIVING NATURAL RESOURCES			
6.1	**BIODIVERSITY RISKS AND IMPACTS** Incorporate measures to manage risk to biodiversity and natural habitats as required in the ESMPs to be prepared under action 1.1(2) above, and consistent with ESS6. Screen out Project activities that may result in significant risk to biodiversity, natural and critical habitats.	Same timeframe as for preparation and implementation of ESMPs under action 1.1(2) above.	PCU at MAFS
ESS 7: INDIGENOUS PEOPLES/SUB-SAHARAN AFRICAN HISTORICALLY UNDERSERVED TRADITIONAL LOCAL COMMUNITIES			
7.1	**SOCIAL ASSESSMENT** Update and implement the Social Assessment (SA) for the Project, as part of the updated and streamlined ESMF and consistent with ESS7.	Same timeframe as for preparation and implementation of updated/streamlined ESMF under action 1.1(1) above.	PCU at MAFS
ESS 8: CULTURAL HERITAGE			
8.1	**CHANCE FINDS** Adopt and implement the chance finds procedures, as part of the updated and streamlined ESMF of the Project.	Same timeframe as for preparation and implementation of updated/streamlined ESMF under action 1.1(1) above.	PCU at MAFS
ESS 9: FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARIES			
	This standard is not relevant as the Project involves no financial intermediaries.		
ESS 10: STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT AND INFORMATION DISCLOSURE			
10.1	**STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT PLAN** Update, disclose and implement a Stakeholder Engagement Plan for the Project, consistent with ESS10, which should 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.	The SEP has been updated prior to Project appraisal. Implement the updated SEP throughout Project implementation.	PCU at MAFS
10.2	**PROJECT GRIEVANCE MECHANISM**	Maintain and operate the grievance mechanism throughout Project implementation.	PCU at MAFS

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	Maintain and operate the 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.		
INDICATORS FOR IMPLEMENTATION READINESS.			
The following actions are indicators for implementation readiness: - Update and streamline the current Environmental and Social Management Framework (ESMF) for the Project (action 1.1(1))			

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