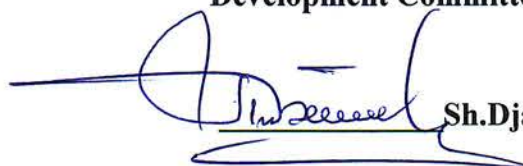


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PLAN**

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## ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL COMMITMENT PLAN

1. The Republic of Uzbekistan (“Borrower/Recipient”) will implement the Second Livestock Sector Development Project (“Project”), with the involvement of the Committee of Veterinary and Livestock Development under the Ministry of Agriculture (“MoA CVLD”) and its Project Implementation Unit (“PIU”) as set out in the Loan Agreement and Financing Agreement. The International Bank for Reconstruction and Development and the International Development Association (“World Bank”) have agreed to provide financing for the Project, as set out in the referred agreements.
2. The Borrower/Recipient shall ensure that the Project is carried out in accordance with the World Bank’s Environmental and Social Standards (ESSs) and this Environmental and Social Commitment Plan (ESCP), in a manner acceptable to the World Bank. The ESCP is a part of the Loan Agreement and Financing 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 Borrower/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 World Bank. Once adopted, said E&S instruments may be revised from time to time with prior written agreement by the World Bank.
4. As agreed by the World Bank and the Borrower/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 Borrower/Recipient and the World Bank agree to update the ESCP to reflect these changes through an exchange of letters signed between the World Bank and the Borrower/Recipient. The Borrower/Recipient shall promptly disclose the updated ESCP.

MATERIAL MEASURES AND ACTIONS		TIMEFRAME	RESPONSIBLE ENTITY
MONITORING AND REPORTING			
A	<p><b>REGULAR REPORTING</b></p> <p>Prepare and submit to the World Bank 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 environmental and social instruments required under the ESCP, stakeholder engagement activities, and functioning of the grievance mechanism. Reporting shall also cover compliance of the Project with the Stakeholder Engagement Plan (SEP), Labor Management Procedures (LMP), Environmental and Social Framework (ESMF), Resettlement Policy Framework (RPF).</p>	<p>First report to be submitted within three months after the Effective Date. Thereafter, quarterly as part of regular Project reporting throughout Project implementation.</p> <p>Submit each report to the World Bank no later than 45 days after the end of each reporting period.</p>	<p>Project Implementation Unit (PIU) of the Committee of Veterinary and Livestock Development (CVLD) under the Ministry of Agriculture (MOA)</p>
B	<p><b>INCIDENTS AND ACCIDENTS</b></p> <p>Promptly notify the World Bank 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 specific to the Project activities.</p> <p>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 World Bank'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 World Bank of any incident or accident within 48 hours after learning of the incident or accident.</p> <p>Provide a subsequent detailed report to the World Bank on the incident or accident within 30 days after occurrence of an incident or accident.</p>	<p>PIU of the MOA CVLD</p>
C	<p><b>CONTRACTORS MONTHLY REPORTS</b></p> <p>Contractors, through supervising firms where applicable, will provide to the PIU with monthly monitoring reports on ESHS performance in accordance with the metrics specified in the respective bidding documents and contracts. Such reports shall be reviewed by the World Bank during regular Implementation Support Missions and, upon request, be submitted to the World Bank by the PIU between missions.</p>	<p>Monthly reports following the signing of contracts.</p>	<p>PIU of the MoA CVLD through Contractors/ Supervising Firms (where applicable)</p>

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<p><b>ESS 1: ASSESSMENT AND MANAGEMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL RISKS AND IMPACTS</b></p> <p>1.1 ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE                      Establish and maintain an ESHS team within the PIU, within the CVLD, to support the management of environmental and social risks and impacts of the Project. The ESHS PIU team shall include <i>one Environmental Specialist, one Social Development Specialist</i>, and other qualified experts as needed, who will work in coordination with the World Bank team to ensure Environmental and Social Framework (ESF) compliance, including implementation of this ESCP, ESMF, SEP, LMP, and RPF. They will also oversee and monitor suppliers' compliance with relevant environmental and social requirements.</p>	<p>Within one month from Project Effective Date and thereafter maintain throughout Project implementation.</p>	<p>MoA CVLD</p>

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<p><b>1.2 ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL INSTRUMENTS</b></p> <p>1. Adopt and implement an Environmental and Social Management Framework (ESMF) for the Project, consistent with the relevant ESSs.</p> <p>2. Screen proposed activities/subprojects, including sub-loan applications, in accordance with the ESMF and, thereafter,</p> <p>3. Cause subproject entities to prepare, consult, adopt, disclose, and thereafter implement the site-specific Environmental and Social Impact Assessment (ESIA) and/or Environmental and Social Management Plan (ESMP). Any proposed activities/subprojects which violate the national legislation, are not in line with the project objectives, are classified as High risk, or are described in the exclusion list set out in the ESMF shall be ineligible to receive financing under the Project.</p> <p>4. Submit all subproject or site-specific ESIA/ESMP with Substantial risks and impacts for the World Bank’s prior review and no objection; as well as the first (3) three subprojects approved by Participating Financial Institutions (PFIs) for prior review by the World Bank.</p>	<p>1. Adopt the ESMF within one month of Effective date, and thereafter implement throughout Project implementation.</p> <p>2. Start screening as early as possible during subproject identification, throughout Project implementation, and prior to authorizing any physical works on the respective subproject.</p> <p>3. (a) Ensure that ESIA - are added to bidding documents and site-specific ESIA is adopted no later than commencement of activities, and thereafter implement the ESIA throughout Project implementation</p> <p>3. (b) ensure that ESMP - are added to bidding documents and the site-specific ESMP is adopted prior to the carrying out of subproject or Project activity that requires the adoption of such ESMP. Once adopted, implement the respective ESMP throughout Project implementation.</p>	<p>MoA CVLD</p> <p>PIU of the MoA CVLD</p> <p>PIU of the MoA CVLD</p> <p>PIU of the MoA CVLD</p>

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<p><b>1.3</b> MANAGEMENT OF CONTRACTORS</p> <p>Incorporate the relevant aspects of the ESCP, including, inter alia, the relevant E&amp;S instruments, the LMP, and code of conduct, into the ESHS specifications of the procurement documents and contracts with contractors, subcontractors, 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>	<p>PIU of the MoA CVLD</p>
<p><b>ESS 2: LABOR AND WORKING CONDITIONS</b></p>		
<p><b>2.1</b> LABOR MANAGEMENT PROCEDURES</p> <p>Adopt and implement LMP for the Project to, 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.</p>	<p>Adopt the LMP within one month of Effective date, and thereafter implement the LMP throughout Project implementation.</p>	<p>MoA CVLD</p>
<p><b>2.2</b> GRIEVANCE MECHANISM FOR PROJECT WORKERS</p> <p>Establish and operate a grievance mechanism (GM) for Project workers to the satisfaction of the World Bank, as described in the LMP and consistent with ESS 2.</p>	<p>Prior to hiring project workers and maintain and operate it throughout Project implementation.</p>	<p>PIU of the MoA CVLD</p>
<p><b>ESS 3: RESOURCE EFFICIENCY AND POLLUTION PREVENTION AND MANAGEMENT</b></p>		
<p><b>3.1</b> POLLUTION PREVENTION AND MANAGEMENT</p> <p>Assess the risks and impacts associated with material use, management of construction waste, chemicals, and hazardous materials and waste, construction runoff, dust and noise emissions, and management of pesticides for all sub-projects and include them in ESMPs.</p> <p>Determine if additional management plans such as Pest Management Plans and Waste Management Plans are needed based on the procedure outlined in ESMPF and prepare respective instruments.</p> <p>The procurement of equipment for offices, and construction of value-chain facilities should incorporate technically viable and feasible energy-efficient considerations.</p> <p>Financed cold-storage facilities should not use ozone-depleting substances prohibited for use on the territory of Uzbekistan.</p>	<p>Adopt the ESMPs and additional management plans, as relevant, before launching of the bidding process for the subproject that requires the adoption of such instrument/s. Once adopted, implement the respective instrument throughout subproject implementation.</p>	<p>PIU of the MoA CVLD</p>
<p><b>ESS 4: COMMUNITY HEALTH AND SAFETY</b></p>		

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<p>4.1 COMMUNITY HEALTH AND SAFETY Assess and manage specific risks and impacts to the community arising from Project activities including behavior of Project workers, traffic and road safety risks, community exposure to pollution and disturbance effects and SEA/SH risk. Include mitigation measures in the ESMPs to be prepared in accordance with the ESMF. Larger project activities may necessitate Traffic Management Plans.</p>	<p>Adopt the ESMPs before launching of the bidding process for the respective subprojects that require the adoption of such ESMP. Once adopted, implement the respective ESMP throughout activity/subproject implementation.</p>	<p>PIU of the MoA CVLD</p>
<p><b>ESS 5: LAND ACQUISITION, RESTRICTIONS ON LAND USE AND INVOLUNTARY RESETTLEMENT</b></p>		
<p>5.1 RESETTLEMENT FRAMEWORK Adopt and implement the Resettlement Policy Framework (RPF) for the Project to the satisfaction of the World Bank and consistent with ESS 5.</p>	<p>Adopt the RPF within one month of Effective Date, and thereafter implement the RPF throughout Project implementation.</p>	<p>MoA CVLD</p>
<p>5.2 RESETTLEMENT PLAN Adopt and implement site-specific resettlement action plans (RAPs) in the event of any need of land acquisition, restrictions on land use, and involuntary resettlement, or for each activity under the Project for which the RPF requires such a RAP, as set out in the RF and consistent with ESS5. The RAPs shall be adopted and implemented to the satisfaction of the World Bank.</p>	<p>Adopt and implement the respective RAP, including ensuring that before taking possession of the land and related assets, full compensation has been provided and displaced people have been resettled and moving allowances have been provided as per the approved plans.</p>	<p>PIU of the MoA CVLD</p>
<p><b>ESS 6: BIODIVERSITY CONSERVATION AND SUSTAINABLE MANAGEMENT OF LIVING NATURAL RESOURCES</b></p>		
<p>6.1 Assess the impacts on biodiversity following the guidance provided in the ESMF and include mitigation measures in the site-specific ESMPs to avoid any negative impacts on natural habitats and biodiversity.  Within the information dissemination and training activities include animal welfare and ethical treatment of animals in accordance with Good International Industry Practice (GIIP)/certifiable methodologies and developing Codes of Conducts.</p>	<p>Adopt the ESMPs before launching of the bidding process for the subproject that requires the adoption of such ESMP. Once adopted, implement the respective ESMP throughout subproject implementation.  During the implementation of information dissemination and training activities.</p>	<p>PIU of the MoA CVLD</p>
<p><b>ESS 7: INDIGENOUS PEOPLES/SUB-SAHARAN AFRICAN HISTORICALLY UNDERSERVED TRADITIONAL LOCAL COMMUNITIES</b></p>		

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<p>ESS 7 is not relevant for the Project.</p>		
<p><b>ESS 8: CULTURAL HERITAGE</b></p>		
<p>ESS8 is currently not relevant. Although the envisaged activities are not expected to have direct physical impact on any heritage monuments, the ESMF includes a section on "chance find" procedures to be included in site- specific ESIA/ESMPs and checklists.</p>		
<p><b>ESS 9: FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARIES</b></p>		
<p>9.1 ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL MANAGEMENT SYSTEM (ESMS)                      Check the compliance of/ develop, maintain, and implement PFI ESMSs to identify, assess, manage, and monitor the environmental and social risks and impacts of PFI subprojects that will receive financing from the Project. The ESMS shall include, inter alia, the following elements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Identification of the PFI subprojects that may receive support from the Project.</li> <li>• An environmental and social policy endorsed by PFI senior management.</li> <li>• Clearly defined procedures for the identification, assessment, and management of the environmental and social risks and impacts of PFI subprojects, in accordance with ESS9, including, inter alia, stakeholder engagement and disclosure requirements applicable to PFI subprojects.</li> <li>• Exclusion list with the activities that are not eligible for financing.</li> <li>• An organizational capacity and competency for implementing the ESMS with clearly defined roles and responsibilities.</li> <li>• Monitoring and reporting of environmental and performance of PFI subprojects and the effectiveness of the ESMS.</li> <li>• Incidents and accidents notification and subsequent reporting requirements as set out in action B under Monitoring and Reporting requirements mentioned above.</li> <li>• An external communications mechanism, including measures to respond to public enquiries and concerns in a timely manner.</li> </ul>	<p>Prior to disbursement for the respective PFI under the Subsidiary Loan Agreement with the PFI.</p> <p>Once established, maintain, and implement the ESMS throughout Project implementation.</p>	<p>PIU of the MoA CVLD and PFIs</p>
<p>9.2 PFI ORGANIZATIONAL CAPACITY                      Establish and maintain an organizational capacity and competency for implementing the ESMS with clearly defined roles and responsibilities, including appointing loan officers responsible for subproject screening, risk assessment and monitoring.</p>	<p>Prior to disbursement for the respective PFI under the Subsidiary Loan Agreement with the PFI.</p> <p>Once established, maintain, and implement the ESMS throughout Project implementation.</p>	<p>PFIs</p>



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<p>9.3 SENIOR MANAGEMENT REPRESENTATIVE Designate a senior management representative to have overall accountability for environmental and social performance of PFI subprojects that receive support from the Project.</p>	<p>Prior to disbursement for the respective PFI under the Subsidiary Loan Agreement with the PFI. Once designated, the representative will be maintained throughout the operation of the credit line.</p>	<p>PFI</p>
<p><b>ESS 10: STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT AND INFORMATION DISCLOSURE</b></p>		
<p>10.1 STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT PLAN PREPARATION AND IMPLEMENTATION Adopt and implement the SEP for the Project to the satisfaction of the World Bank and consistent with ESS10. The SEP includes 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.</p>	<p>Adopt the SEP within one month of Effective Date and thereafter implement the SEP throughout Project implementation and update it, as needed.</p>	<p>PIU of the MoA CVLD</p>
<p>10.2 PROJECT GRIEVANCE MECHANISM In accordance with the SEP, establish, publicize, maintain, and operate an accessible GM, 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 ESS 10. 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 (GBV) service providers, all in a safe, confidential, and survivor-centered manner.</p>	<p>GM shall be established by PIU of the CVLD prior to commencement of project activities and thereafter maintained and operated throughout Project implementation.</p>	<p>PIU of the MoA CVLD</p>

CAPACITY SUPPORT		
CS1	<p>Provide training to PIU staff and contractors on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The World Bank ESF and requirements of the ESSs</li> <li>- Stakeholder mapping and engagement and information disclosure</li> <li>- The ESMF and RPF prepared for the project</li> <li>- Labor Management Procedures</li> <li>- Handling workers' and beneficiaries' Grievances</li> <li>- Community Health and Safety as it relates to livestock management</li> <li>- Prevention and response to potential cases of GBV/SEA/SH and application of Codes of Conduct</li> <li>- Relevant occupational health and safety issues, including COVID-19 precautions</li> <li>- Biosafety security and animal welfare issues.</li> </ul>	PIU of the MoA CVLD
	Throughout Project implementation.	

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