

THE REPUBLIC OF TUNISIA

Tunisia Emergency Food Crisis Response Project (P179010)

Appraisal DRAFT

ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL COMMITMENT PLAN (ESCP)

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1. The Republic of Tunisia (the Borrower), with the involvement of Offices des Céréales (“OC”) under the tutelage of the Ministry of Agriculture, Water Resources and Fisheries (MAWRF), will implement the **Tunisia Emergency Food Crisis Response Project ” (P179010)**, (the Project), as set out in the Loan Agreement. The World Bank has agreed to provide financing for the Project “Tunisia Emergency Food Crisis Response Project” (P179010), as set out in the referred agreement.
2. The Borrower 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 World Bank. The ESCP is a part of the Loan Agreement. Unless otherwise defined in this ESCP, capitalized terms used in this ESCP have the meanings ascribed to them in the referred agreement.
3. Without limitation to the foregoing, this ESCP sets out material measures and actions that the Borrower 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, 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, through OC, under the tutelage of the Ministry of Agriculture, Water Resources and Fisheries (MAWRF) 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 OC under the tutelage of the Ministry of Agriculture, Water Resources and Fisheries (MAWRF). The Borrower, through OC, under the tutelage of the Ministry of Agriculture, Water Resources and Fisheries (MAWRF) shall promptly disclose the updated ESCP.
5. If 60 days prior to the Closing Date, the World Bank determines that there are measures and actions specified in the ESCP which will not be completed by the Closing Date, the Borrower shall: (a) not later than 30 days before the Closing Date, prepare and present to the World Bank, an action plan satisfactory to the World Bank on the outstanding measures and actions, including a timetable and budget allocation for such measures and actions (which action plan shall deemed to be considered an amendment of the ESCP); and (b) thereafter, carry out said action plan in accordance with its terms and in a manner acceptable to the World Bank.

MATERIAL MEASURES AND ACTIONS		TIMEFRAME	RESPONSIBLE ENTITY/AUTHORITY
MONITORING AND REPORTING			
A	<p>REGULAR REPORTS</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, stakeholder engagement activities, and functioning of the grievance mechanism(s), including but not limited to grievance logs.</p>	<p><i>Biannual Progress Reporting</i></p>	<p>Office des Céréales (OC) - under the tutelage of the Ministry of Agriculture, Water Resources and Fisheries (MAWRF)</p>
B	<p>INCIDENTS AND ACCIDENTS</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, 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><i>Notify the World Bank no later than 48 hours after learning of the incident or accident.</i></p> <p><i>Furnish the World Bank with a summary report that includes a description and analysis of the root causes of the incident or accident and mitigation or prevention measures not later than 10 days after notification of the incident, as per the World Bank's request.</i></p> <p><i>Provide subsequent report to the World Bank within a timeframe acceptable to the World Bank</i></p>	<p>Office des Céréales (OC) - under the tutelage of the Ministry of Agriculture, Water Resources and Fisheries (MAWRF)</p>
ESS 1: ASSESSMENT AND MANAGEMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL RISKS AND IMPACTS			
1.1	<p>ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE</p> <p>Assign and maintain an environmental and social focal point who will support management of environmental, social and health & safety (ESHS) risks of the project.</p>	<p><i>By Project Effective Date and maintained throughout Project implementation.</i></p>	<p>Office des Céréales (OC) - under the tutelage of the Ministry of Agriculture, Water Resources and Fisheries (MAWRF)</p>

<p>1.2</p>	<p>ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL INSTRUMENTS</p> <p>All instruments shall be adopted and implemented and consistent with the relevant ESSs</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Prepare, adopt disclose and implement an ESMF for addressing the risks and impacts associated with activities under components 1 and 2 2. Prepare Occupational Health and Safety Plan (OHSP) that includes requirements for (i) dust control, (ii) health and safety risks (iii) COVID19 prevention measures, and (iv) GBV/SEAH Prevention, (iv) adequate storage of grains and pesticides. 3. Incorporate the Checklist E&S requirements in the contracts between OC and local contractors, and clauses applicable to local importers to ensure that those measures are implemented by offloading contractors. 4. Carry out a social impact assessment of the design of the food subsidy compensation mechanism and its phased implementation plan. 5. Conduct Ex-ante E&S audit for the silos at the ports of delivery in Tunisia and adopt the gap filling actions identified by the audit to ensure compliance with the relevant ESSs following World Bank cleared Terms of Reference. 6. Prepare, adopt disclose and implement an ESMP for the production of the certified durum wheat seeds. This ESMP will include (i) a risk assessment to determine the use of the certified wheat durum seeds and (ii) the pest management plan. 7. Ensure that the consultancies, studies, capacity building, training, and any other technical assistance activities under Components 2 and 3 of the Project are carried out in accordance 	<p><i>All E&S instruments shall be prepared, disclosed and World Bank cleared prior to implementation of relevant activities</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <i>1. By Project Effective Date and to be implemented and monitored throughout Project implementation.</i> <i>2. As part of the ESMF listed in (1)</i> <i>3. Before signing contracts with local importers</i> <i>4. No later than two weeks after the completion of the design of the food subsidy mechanism and prior to the start of the implementation of the recommendations of the TA.</i> <i>5. Within three months of Project Effective Date, prior to implementation of relevant project activities, and maintained throughout implementation</i> <i>6. No later than thirty (30) days after the Project Effective date and prior to the implementation of relevant activities</i> <i>7. Prior the beginning of TA bidding process</i> 	<p>Office des Céréales (OC) - under the tutelage of the Ministry of Agriculture, Water Resources and Fisheries (MAWRF)</p>
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<p>with terms of reference acceptable to the World Bank, that are consistent with the ESSs. Thereafter ensure that the outputs of such activities comply with the terms of reference.</p> <p>8. The Borrower, through OC, shall prepare and adopt a strategic Regional Environmental and Social Assessment that will examine environmental and social risks and impacts, and issues, associated with the findings and recommendations of the TA, evaluates and compares the impacts against those of alternative options; assesses legal and institutional aspects relevant to the risks, impacts and issues; and recommends broad measures to strengthen environmental and social management in the sector. This Regional ESA shall pay particular attention to potential cumulative risks and impacts of multiple activities. This shall take the form of one of the outputs of the TA component TA rather than and ESF instrument per se.</p>	<p>8. Report to be cleared before finalizing the findings and recommendations of TA report and prior to the start of the implementation of the recommendations of the TA. Implementation of mitigation measures throughout the sub-component life cycle.</p>	
<p>ESS 2: LABOR AND WORKING CONDITIONS</p>		

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2.1	<p>LABOR MANAGEMENT PROCEDURES</p> <p>1-Prepare, adopt, and implement the Labor Management Procedure (LMP) of the project 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>2-Sign an agreement with contractors to ensure their compliance with all the applicable obligations in the LMP and the labor code in force in Tunisia.</p> <p>3-Maintain the existing employment arrangement of the government staff and ensure that relevant aspects of ESS2 apply including through, inter alia, a) implementing adequate occupational health and safety measures and b) setting up grievance mechanisms for the workers.; c) carefully select the primary suppliers and ensure no child labor and forced labor are engaged; d) implement the requirements in the C-OHS plan as per 1.2</p>	<p>1-No later than 60 days after Project Effective Date, prior to the hiring of any project workers and the start of any relevant project activities and before the contract signing with relevant contractors and maintained throughout Project implementation.</p> <p>2- Before the contract signing with relevant contractors and maintained throughout Project implementation.</p> <p>3- Throughout Project implementation.</p>	Office des Céréales (OC) - under the tutelage of the Ministry of Agriculture, Water Resources and Fisheries (MAWRF)
2.2	<p>GRIEVANCE MECHANISM FOR PROJECT WORKERS</p> <p>Adapt existing grievance mechanism to manage grievances of all project workers identified under the project in a manner consistent with ESS2.</p>	Operationalize the grievance mechanism prior to engaging Project workers and thereafter maintain and operate it throughout Project implementation	Office des Céréales (OC) - under the tutelage of the Ministry of Agriculture, Water Resources and Fisheries (MAWRF)
<p>ESS 3: RESOURCE EFFICIENCY AND POLLUTION PREVENTION AND MANAGEMENT</p>			

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3.1	<p>RESOURCE EFFICIENCY AND POLLUTION PREVENTION AND MANAGEMENT</p> <p>Implement OHSP (Action 1.2) to ensure dust emission is adequately managed</p> <p>Implement the Pesticide Management plan that's part of the ESMP (Action 1.2.3 and 1.2.6)</p>	<p><i>No later than 30 days after the Effective Date, prior to implementation of relevant activities and maintained and implemented throughout project execution.</i></p> <p><i>Throughout the project implementation</i></p>	Office des Céréales (OC) - under the tutelage of the Ministry of Agriculture, Water Resources and Fisheries (MAWRF) INRAT
ESS 4: COMMUNITY HEALTH AND SAFETY			
4.1	<p>COMMUNITY HEALTH AND SAFETY</p> <p>Assess and manage specific risks and impacts to the community arising from Project activities, including, inter alia, community health and safety standards, and include mitigation measures in the ESMF and OHSP.</p>	As part of the ESMF described in 1.2.1	Office des Céréales (OC) - under the tutelage of the Ministry of Agriculture, Water Resources and Fisheries (MAWRF)
4.2	<p>SEA AND SH RISKS</p> <p>The GBV/SEAH risk assessment is low. Adopt and implement GBV/SEAH risk mitigation measures for low risk as per the Good Practice Note and incorporate in the C-OHSP as mentioned under section 1.2</p>	<p><i>No later than 30 days after Effective Date and in any case before the hiring of any worker and maintained throughout Project implementation.</i></p>	Office des Céréales (OC) - under the tutelage of the Ministry of Agriculture, Water Resources and Fisheries (MAWRF)
ESS 5: LAND ACQUISITION, RESTRICTIONS ON LAND USE AND INVOLUNTARY RESETTLEMENT			
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ESS 6: BIODIVERSITY CONSERVATION AND SUSTAINABLE MANAGEMENT OF LIVING NATURAL RESOURCES			
6.1	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Implement measures to avoid the potential for accidental or unintended introductions of invasive alien species in accordance with the ESMP (Action 1.2.3). 2. Check the origin of the wheat and barley and determine the risk of impacts on natural and critical habitats. 	<p>No later than thirty (30) days after the Effective Date and <i>prior to implementation of relevant activities</i></p> <p>Before procurement</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Office des Céréales (OC) - under the tutelage of the Ministry of Agriculture, Water Resources and Fisheries (MAWRF) 2. Office des Céréales (OC) - under the tutelage of the Ministry of Agriculture, Water Resources and Fisheries (MAWRF)

ESS 7: INDIGENOUS PEOPLES/SUB-SAHARAN AFRICAN HISTORICALLY UNDERSERVED TRADITIONAL LOCAL COMMUNITIES
Not Relevant
ESS 8: CULTURAL HERITAGE
Not Relevant
ESS 9: FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARIES
Not Relevant
ESS 10: STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT AND INFORMATION DISCLOSURE

10.2	<p>PROJECT GRIEVANCE MECHANISM:</p> <p>Establish, publicize, maintain, and operate an accessible grievance mechanism (GM) using the MAWRF’s existing formal grievance mechanism for uptake of grievances which are handled by a dedicated office. Document grievances in a formal manner and ensure timelines are clearly specified to close complaint cases.</p> <p>The GM of the MAWRF has multiple uptake channels at the including through telephone, email, online form on the MAWRF’s website. These channels are materially consistent with requirements of ESS 10 and will be used to receive, process and address project related grievances received from complainants.</p>	<p><i>The existing GM shall remain operational and maintained throughout project implementation, and shall be updated in conjunction with any update of the SEP.</i></p>	<p>Office des Céréales (OC) - under the tutelage of the Ministry of Agriculture, Water Resources and Fisheries (MAWRF).</p>
CAPACITY SUPPORT (TRAINING)			
CS1	<p>Training on ESF should be provided to project officers to ensure that obligations entered into under the ESCP are properly monitored and implemented by operational bodies and senior officials of the administrations concerned.</p> <p>Training of focal points, contractors and workers on the appropriate and consistent use of PPEs.</p> <p>Training of contractors and workers on integrated pest management and safe handling of pesticides.</p> <p>Additional capacity building measures for E&S focal points as needed.</p>	<p><i>No later than 60 days after the Effective Date and maintained throughout Project implementation.</i></p>	<p>Office des Céréales (OC) - under the tutelage of the Ministry of Agriculture, Water Resources and Fisheries (MAWRF).</p>