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ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL COMMITMENT PLAN

1. The Solomon Islands (**Recipient**) is planning to implement the proposed Integrated Economic Development and Community Resilience Project (**Project**) with the involvement of the Ministry of Provincial Government and Institutional Strengthening and Environment (**MPGIS**) and the Ministry of Climate Change, Disaster Management and Meteorology (**MECDM**), for which it has requested a Project Preparation Advance (**PPA**). The International Development Association (**Association**) has agreed to provide the PPA to finance activities (**Activities**) related to the preparation of the Project, as set out in the PPA agreement.
2. The Recipient shall ensure that the Activities are 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.
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 timeframes of the actions and measures, institutional, staffing, training, monitoring and reporting arrangements, grievance management, and the environmental and social (**E&S**) instruments to be prepared or updated, consulted, adopted, disclosed, and implemented in accordance with the ESSs, all in a manner acceptable to the Association. Once adopted, said E&S instruments may be revised from time to time with prior written agreement from the Association.
4. As agreed by the Association and Recipient, this ESCP may be revised from time to time if necessary, during the implementation of the Activities, to reflect adaptive management of changes and unforeseen circumstances related to the Activities or in response to assessment of performance of the Activities. In such circumstances, the Recipient and the Association will agree to Association update the ESCP to reflect these changes through the exchange of letters signed between the Association and the Recipient. The Recipient shall promptly disclose the updated ESCP.
5. Where such changes, unforeseen circumstances, or performance result in changes to the risks and impacts during implementation of the Activities, the Recipient shall provide additional funds, if needed, to implement actions and measures to address such risks and impacts.

MATERIAL MEASURES AND ACTIONS		TIMEFRAME	RESPONSIBLE ENTITY/AUTHORITY
MONITORING AND REPORTING			
A	<p>REGULAR REPORTING</p> <p>Prepare and submit to the Association regular reports on the environmental, social, health and safety (ESHS) performance of the Activities, including but not limited to the implementation of the ESCP, status of preparation and implementation of E&S documents required under the ESCP, stakeholder engagement activities, functioning of the grievance mechanism(s).</p>	Six-monthly throughout implementation of the Activities	Project Manager, MPGIS
B	<p>INCIDENTS AND ACCIDENTS</p> <p>Promptly notify the Association of any incident or accident related to the Activities which has, or is likely to have, a significant adverse effect on the environment, the affected communities, the public or workers. Provide sufficient detail regarding 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 supervising entity, as appropriate. Subsequently, as per the Association's request, prepare a report on the incident or accident and propose any measures to prevent its recurrence.</p>	Notify the Association within 48 hours after learning of the incident or accident. A report shall be provided within a timeframe acceptable to the Association, as requested.	Project Manager, MPGIS
ESS 1: ASSESSMENT AND MANAGEMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL RISKS AND IMPACTS			
1.1	<p>ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE</p> <p>Hire or appoint an E&S specialist to support management of ESHS risks and impacts of the Activities.</p>	MPGIS to engage an E&S specialist within 6 months of effectiveness of the PPA agreement, and thereafter retain said specialist throughout the implementation of the Activities.	MPGIS
1.2	<p>DEVELOPMENT OF E&S INSTRUMENTS FOR THE PROJECT AND OTHER TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE</p> <p>Ensure that the studies (including feasibility studies, if applicable), environmental and social assessments and instruments, and other technical advisory and capacity building Activities related to the preparation of the Project are carried out in accordance with terms of reference acceptable to the Association, that are consistent with the ESSs. Thereafter ensure that the approaches and outputs of such Activities comply with the terms of reference and are consistent with the ESSs.</p>	The respective terms of reference and outputs shall be submitted to the Association for prior review and no objection, throughout implementation of the Activities	Project Manager, MPGIS
ESS 2: LABOR AND WORKING CONDITIONS			

MATERIAL MEASURES AND ACTIONS		TIMEFRAME	RESPONSIBLE ENTITY/AUTHORITY
2.1	<p>LABOR MANAGEMENT PROCEDURES</p> <p>Ensure that workers are engaged in the implementation of the Activities consistent with ESS2. To this end adopt, implement, and update as needed the Labor Management Procedure (LMP) prepared for the Project.</p> <p>Additional Labor Management measures relevant to the Activities are included in the SEP prepared for the Activities.</p>	The Project LMP to be adopted upon effectiveness of the PPA agreement and thereafter implemented throughout implementation of the Activities.	
ESS 3: RESOURCE EFFICIENCY AND POLLUTION PREVENTION AND MANAGEMENT			
3.1	<p>E-WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN: Electronic waste (e.g., laptops, monitors, keyboards, phones, etc), if generated as part of the Activities, shall be disposed of in the following order of preference: (1) reused, (2) refurbished, (3) recycled, (4) landfilled.</p>	Throughout implementation of the Activities.	MPGIS and MECDM
3.2	<p>RESOURCE EFFICIENCY AND POLLUTION PREVENTION AND MANAGEMENT: The requirements of ESS3 shall be taken into account as relevant as part of action 1.2 above.</p>		
ESS 4: COMMUNITY HEALTH AND SAFETY			
The requirements of ESS4 shall be taken into account as relevant as part of action 1.2 above.			
ESS 5: LAND ACQUISITION, RESTRICTIONS ON LAND USE AND INVOLUNTARY RESETTLEMENT			
The requirements of ESS5 shall be taken into account as relevant as part of action 1.2 above.			
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			

10.1	<p>STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT PLAN PREPARATION AND IMPLEMENTATION: Incorporate stakeholder engagement and information disclosure measures in the implementation of the Activities, in a manner consistent with ESS10, including regarding any environmental and social instruments for the Project prepared under the Activities. To this end, prepare, consult, adopt, disclose, and implement a Stakeholder Engagement Plan for the Activities.</p>	<p>(a) A draft SEP for the Activities has been prepared and will be disclosed within 15 days of effectiveness of the PPA agreement, and thereafter implement the Activities SEP throughout implementation of the Activities.</p> <p>(b) A draft Project SEP shall be submitted for the Association’s prior review and no objection before Project appraisal at the latest.</p>	Project Manager, MPGIS
10.3	<p>PPA GRIEVANCE MECHANISM: Establish, maintain, and operate a grievance mechanism for Activities workers, as described in the SEP and consistent with ESS2.</p>	Grievance mechanism operational prior engaging workers and maintained throughout implementation of the Activities.	MPGIS and MECDM
10.4	<p>OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH AND SAFETY (OHS) MEASURES Prepare, adopt, and implement occupational, health and safety (OHS) measures specified in the SEP.</p>	Throughout implementation of the Activities.	Project Manager, MPGIS