

# **The LEBANESE Republic**

## **EMERGENCY BROAD COVERAGE CASH TRANSFER PROJECT (EBCCT) (P177920)**

### **ENVIRONMENTAL and SOCIAL COMMITMENT PLAN (ESCP)**

**April 8, 2022**

## ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL COMMITMENT PLAN

1. The Lebanese Republic (hereinafter the **Borrower**) will implement the broad coverage cash transfer project (EBCCT) (the **Project**), with the involvement the Central Management Unit at the Presidency of the Council of Ministers (PCM), the Ministry of Social Affairs (MoSA) and the Central Inspection (CI). The International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (hereinafter the **Bank**) has agreed to provide financing for the Project, 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 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 Bank. Once adopted, said E&S instruments may be revised from time to time with prior written agreement by the Bank.
4. As agreed by the Bank and the Borrower, this ESCP may be revised from time to time during Project implementation, to reflect adaptive management of Project changes and unforeseen circumstances or in response to assessment of Project performance conducted under the ESCP itself. In such circumstances, the Borrower will agree to the changes with the Bank and will update the ESCP to reflect such changes. Agreement on changes to the ESCP will be documented through the exchange of letters signed between the Bank and the Borrower. The Borrower will promptly disclose the updated ESCP.

MATERIAL MEASURES AND ACTIONS		TIMEFRAME	RESPONSIBLE ENTITY/AUTHORITY
<b>MONITORING AND REPORTING</b>			
A	<p><b>REGULAR REPORTING</b></p> <p>The Borrower shall prepare and submit to the Bank, through the Project Management Unit (PMU), regular monitoring reports on the environmental, social, health and safety (ESHS) performance of the Project, including, but not limited to, status of implementation of the ESCP, status of preparation and implementation of Environmental and Social (E&amp;S) documents required under the ESCP, stakeholder engagement activities, reports and the functioning of the grievance mechanisms and tools referred to in section 1.3 below.</p>	<p><i>Starting from the Effective Date, every six-months during the Project's implementation in conjunction with the Project's progress reports.</i></p>	Central Management Unit (CMU)
B	<p><b>INCIDENTS AND ACCIDENTS</b></p> <p>The Borrower shall promptly notify the Bank of any incident or accident related to the Project or affecting the Project that has, or is likely to have, a significant adverse effect on the environment, affected communities, and workers, including risks based on environmental and social assessment. As an indication: any accident related to the Project or any allegation of gender-based violence in relation to the Project.</p> <p>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 Bank's request, prepare a report on the incident or accident and propose any measures to prevent its recurrence.</p>	<p><i>Immediately, and no later than 48 hours after such incidents or accidents, report to the Bank's Project Team Leader.</i></p> <p>Prepare an incident/ accident report within 10 business days as per the Bank's request.</p> <p>File a closure report within 30 days or agreed time frame, as per the Bank's request. Notification/reporting requirements shall be in place throughout the Project implementation.</p>	CMU
C	<p><b>CONTRACTORS MONTHLY REPORTS</b></p> <p>The contracted firms (GM support, communications expert, etc.) are required to provide monthly monitoring reports to the Borrower. These reports would be submitted to the Bank by the Borrower upon request.</p>	<p><i>Monthly reports to be submitted to the Bank upon request.</i></p>	CMU

**ESS 1: ASSESSMENT AND MANAGEMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL RISKS AND IMPACTS**

MATERIAL MEASURES AND ACTIONS		TIMEFRAME	RESPONSIBLE ENTITY/AUTHORITY
1.1	<p><b>ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE</b></p> <p>Establish and maintain an organizational structure with qualified staff and resources to support management of E&amp;S risks and impacts of the Project, including (1) the contracting of a firm to establish a robust Grievance Mechanism (GM), (2) a pro-active communications outreach program, (3) a Social specialist to follow up and monitor the risks and mitigations associated with the project –the social specialist for the EBCCT will be the same as the Lebanon Emergency Crisis and COVID19 Response Social Safety Net Project (ESSN) project; all specialists will have relevant qualification and acceptable to the Bank.</p>	<p><i>Establish an organizational structure and maintain the social specialist who has been hired for the project in March 2022 throughout Project implementation. (The social specialist is the same as the Lebanon Emergency Crisis and COVID19 Response Social Safety Net Project (ESSN)).</i></p>	CMU
1.2	<p><b>ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL ASSESSMENT</b></p> <p>Prepare, update, disclose, adopt the Social Impact Assessment (SIA)</p> <p>Implement and the actions and measures recommended in the SIA for the Project in accordance with ESS1 in a manner acceptable to the Bank.</p> <p>Monitor implementation of the measures in the SIA and update mitigation measures based on changing conditions. The hired Social specialist will ensure regular monitoring, mitigation, documentation and reporting of social risks.</p>	<p><i>SIA: By the Project Effective Date and before the carrying out of the relevant Project activities</i></p> <p><i>Implementing, Monitoring and updating of SIA actions and measures throughout project implementation.</i></p> <p><i>ESMF to be prepared before commencement of works</i></p>	CMU

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1.3	<p><b>CONTINGENT RESPONSE FINANCING</b></p> <p>a) Ensure that the Contingent Emergency Response Component Manual (CERCM) includes a description of the ESHS assessment and management for the implementation of component 3, in accordance with the ESSs.</p> <p>b) Adopt any environmental and social (E&amp;S) instruments which may be required for activities under component 3 of the Project, in accordance with the CERCM and the ESSs, and thereafter implement the measures and actions required under said E&amp;S instruments, within the timeframes specified in said E&amp;S instruments.</p>	<p>a) The adoption of the CERCM in form and substance acceptable to the Bank is a withdrawal condition under Section F of Schedule 2 of the Loan Agreement for the Project.</p> <p>b) Adopt any required E&amp;S instrument and include it as part of the respective bidding process, if applicable, and in any case, before the carrying out of the relevant Project activities for which the E&amp;S instrument is required. Implement the E&amp;S instruments in accordance with their terms, throughout Project implementation.</p>	CMU
1.4	<p><b>MANAGEMENT OF CONTRACTORS</b></p> <p>The Borrower shall incorporate the relevant aspects of the ESCP, including the relevant E&amp;S documents and/or plans, and the Labor Management Procedures, into the ESHS specifications in the procurement documents with contractors. Thereafter ensure that the contractors comply with the ESHS specifications of their respective Contracts. This applies to the firms recruited to provide GMsupport and communications.</p>	<p><i>Prior to the preparation of procurement documents.</i></p> <p><i>Supervise contractors throughout Project implementation.</i></p>	CMU

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1.5	<p><b>EXCLUSIONS:</b> Exclude the following types of activities as ineligible for financing under the Project:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Activities that may cause long term, permanent and/or irreversible adverse impacts (e.g. loss of major natural habitat).</li> <li>• Activities that may have significant adverse social impacts and may give rise to significant social conflict.</li> <li>• Activities that may affect lands or other vulnerable minorities.</li> <li>• Activities, including new constructions or expansions that may involve, physical relocation or adverse impacts on cultural heritage.</li> <li>• All the other excluded activities set out in the SIA of the Project.</li> </ul>	<p><i>During the assessment process conducted under action 1.2 above and during implementation;</i></p>	
<b>ESS 2: LABOR AND WORKING CONDITIONS</b>			
2.1	<p><b>LABOR MANAGEMENT PROCEDURES</b></p> <p>The Borrower shall prepare, disclose, adopt and implement an LMP for the Project, incorporating the relevant requirements of ESS2, that will address the terms and conditions of employment, non-discrimination and equal opportunity for employment, worker’s organizations, code of conduct (including relating to SEA and SH), restrictions on child and forced labor, occupational health and safety (OHS) measures, grievance arrangements for Project workers, and applicable requirements for contractors, subcontractors, and supervising firms.</p>	<p><i>Prepare LMP by the Effective Date</i></p> <p><i>Implement LMP throughout Project implementation</i></p>	CMU

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2.2	<p><b>GRIEVANCE MECHANISM FOR PROJECT WORKERS</b></p> <p>Establish, maintain, and operate a grievance mechanism for Project workers, as described in the LMP and consistent with ESS2. The Contracted workers' contracts should also be in line with the requirements of ESS2.</p>	<p><i>Grievance mechanism operational prior to engaging Project workers and maintained throughout Project implementation.</i></p>	CMU
<b>ESS 3: RESOURCE EFFICIENCY AND POLLUTION PREVENTION AND MANAGEMENT</b>			
	Currently not relevant to the project		
<b>ESS 4: COMMUNITY HEALTH AND SAFETY</b>			
4.3	<p><b>GBV AND SEA RISKS:</b></p> <p>Prepare, adopt, and implement a stand-alone Sexual Exploitation and Abuse/Sexual Harassment (SEA/SH) Prevention and Response Plan (GBV Action Plan), to assess and manage the risks of SEA/SH associated with the Project</p>	<p><i>Submit the SEA/SH Prevention and Response Plan for the Bank's approval one month after the Effective Date</i></p> <p><i>Once approved, the SEA/SH Prevention and Response Plan is implemented throughout Project implementation</i></p>	CMU
<b>ESS 5: LAND ACQUISITION, RESTRICTIONS ON LAND USE AND INVOLUNTARY RESETTLEMENT</b>			
	Currently not relevant to the Project		
<b>ESS 6: BIODIVERSITY CONSERVATION AND SUSTAINABLE MANAGEMENT OF LIVING NATURAL RESOURCES</b>			
	Currently not relevant to the Project		
<b>ESS 7: INDIGENOUS PEOPLES/SUB-SAHARAN AFRICAN HISTORICALLY UNDERSERVED TRADITIONAL LOCAL COMMUNITIES</b>			
	Currently not relevant to the Project		
<b>ESS 8: CULTURAL HERITAGE</b>			
	Currently not relevant to the Project		
<b>ESS 9: FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARIES</b>			
	Currently not relevant to the Project		

ESS 10: STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT AND INFORMATION DISCLOSURE			
10.1	<p><b>STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT PLAN PREPARATION AND IMPLEMENTATION</b></p> <p>Update, disclose, adopt and implement the Preliminary Stakeholder Engagement Plan (SEP) consistent with ESS10. The Borrower will ensure the implementation of the Stakeholder Engagement Plan (SEP) which will be amended and updated as required during the Project implementation following inclusive stakeholder consultations.</p>	<p><i>The Preliminary SEP was prepared and, disclosed in March 2022 and will be implemented until the finalized SEP is available. The final SEP will be disclosed one month after the Effective Date and will be implemented throughout project implementation and with Regular reporting. The SEP will be updated as needed throughout project implementation.</i></p>	CMU
10.2	<p><b>PROJECT GRIEVANCE MECHANISM:</b></p> <p>Establish, maintain and operate a grievance mechanism, as described in the SEP. Accessible grievance arrangements shall be made publicly available to receive and facilitate resolution of concerns and grievances in relation to the Project, consistent with ESS10, in a manner acceptable to the Bank.</p>	<p><i>The Project Grievance Mechanism shall be operational and adequately resourced by the Effective Date and shall follow the same modality as the Lebanon Emergency Crisis and COVID19 Response Social Safety Net Project and maintained throughout Project Implementation.</i></p>	CMU
CAPACITY SUPPORT (TRAINING)			
CS1	<p>Training may be required for PIU staff, stakeholders, communities, Project workers on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Stakeholder mapping and engagement</li> <li>• Specific aspects of social assessment, including GBV SEA/SH risks, impacts and mitigation measures</li> <li>• OHS measures related to COVID-19 as per the national health requirements</li> <li>• Grievance mechanism</li> <li>• GBV and SEA/SH</li> </ul>		CMU