



Government of Nepal
Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock Development
Singha Durbar, Kathmandu

**Food and Nutrition Security Enhancement
Project-II (FANSEP II)**

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

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1. The Government of Nepal (GoN) through the Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock (MoALD) will implement Additional Financing of Food and Nutrition Security Enhancement Project II (FANSEP II) as set out in the financing agreement. The International Development Association (Association) has agreed to provide financing (P181087) for the Project, as set out in the referred agreement(s).
2. The Government of Nepal, through MoALD, shall ensure that the Project is carried out in accordance with the Environmental and Social Standards (ESSs) of the World Bank's ESF, and this Environmental and Social Commitment Plan (ESCP), in a manner acceptable to the World Bank. The ESCP is a part of the Grant Agreement. Unless otherwise defined in this ESCP, capitalized terms used in this ESCP have the meanings ascribed to them in the referred agreement(s).
3. Without limitation to the foregoing, this ESCP sets out material measures and actions that the Recipients 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 the 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 Association. Once adopted, said E&S instruments may be revised from time to time with prior written agreement by the Association.
4. As agreed by the World Bank and the Government of Nepal, 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 Recipients will agree to the changes with the Association 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 Association and the Recipients shall promptly disclose the updated ESCP.

MATERIAL MEASURES AND ACTIONS		TIMEFRAME	RESPONSIBILITY
MONITORING AND REPORTING			
A	<p>REGULAR REPORTING:</p> <p>Prepare and submit to the World Bank the 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 documents required under the ESCP and/or ESMF, stakeholder engagement activities and functioning of the grievance mechanism(s).</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Semi-annual report from the start to throughout Project implementation. • Reports will be shared with the Bank no later than 2 weeks after the end of each half-yearly calendar. 	<p>Project Management Unit (PMU)/ MOALD/Project Cluster Units (PCUs)</p>

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B	<p>INCIDENTS AND ACCIDENTS NOTIFICATION:</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. For all incidents except (SEA/SH) related, 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>For SEA/SH incidents related to the Project, provide basic facts with no specific detailed information that would reveal the identity of the survivor. All SEA/SH incident reports will be anonymized to the extent possible.</p>	<p>Notify the World Bank no later than 48 hours after learning of the incident or accident.</p> <p>A preliminary report on action taken will be provided within 07 days, and a detailed report will be provided within a month after learning of the incident or accident, or any other timeframe acceptable to the Bank, as requested.</p>	PMU/MoALD and PCU
ESS 1: ASSESSMENT AND MANAGEMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL RISKS AND IMPACTS			

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1.1	<p>ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE: Establish and maintain a PMU with a qualified Environmental and Social Safeguard Specialist to support the management of E&S risks and impacts of the Project throughout the implementation.</p> <p>Similarly, each cluster will have an E&S focal person with support from the technical specialists from the FAO TA.</p> <p>As necessary, additional E&S Safeguard Specialists will be hired at the PMU and Cluster levels.</p>	<p>One Environmental and Social Safeguard Specialist will be hired by PMU prior to the signing of the financial agreement.</p> <p>E&S focal person to be appointed at cluster offices one month after the negotiation.</p> <p>The organization structure, including the E&S Safeguard specialists, shall be maintained throughout Project implementation.</p>	<p>PMU/MoALD and PCU</p> <p>PMU/Project Cluster Unit</p> <p>Project Cluster Unit (PCU)</p>
1.2	<p>ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL Instruments Prepare, adopt, and implement an Environmental and Social Management Framework (ESMF) for the Project, consistent with the relevant ESSs. ESMF will be reviewed and revised, as and when necessary.</p> <p>Screen the proposed sub-projects under the Project in accordance with the Project ESMF and, where relevant, prepare corresponding Environmental and Social Impact Assessment (ESIA), and/or Environmental and Social Management Plan (ESMP), as set out in the ESMF.</p>	<p>The draft ESMF will be prepared, consulted upon, approved, and adopted one month after negotiation, and thereafter implement the ESMF throughout Project implementation.</p> <p>For each activity, prepare and adopt the ESMP for the respective activities and thereafter implement the respective ESMP</p>	<p>PMU/MoALD/PCU</p>

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1.4	<p>PERMIT, CONSENTS AND AUTHORIZATIONS: As appropriate, the permits, consents, and authorizations, including environmental licenses and work permits that are applicable to the Project from relevant national and/or local authorities will be obtained.</p> <p>As appropriate, the conditions established in these permits, consents, and authorizations will be complied with throughout the Project implementation.</p>	Obtain required permits, clearances, consents, licenses, no-objections, or authorization, prior to carrying out any activities and comply with the conditions thereunder throughout the implementation of such activities.	PMU/MoALD/PCU
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ESS 2: LABOR AND WORKING CONDITIONS			
2.1	<p>LABOR MANAGEMENT PROCEDURES: Adopt and implement the Labor Management Procedures (LMP) as part of the ESMF for the Project, including, inter alia, provisions on working conditions, management of workers' relationships, occupational health and safety (OHS) (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>	LMP will be prepared and disclosed as a part of the ESMF and adopted one month after negotiations.	PMU/MoALD/PCU
ESS 3: RESOURCE EFFICIENCY AND POLLUTION PREVENTION AND MANAGEMENT			

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3.1	RESOURCE EFFICIENCY AND POLLUTION PREVENTION AND MANAGEMENT: Assess impacts from waste generation, emission and discharge expected from agriculture production, food processing, application of agrichemicals and pesticides, construction works and other project-supported activities and include relevant mitigation measures and waste management plan as part of the specific ESIAs/ESMPs to be prepared under action 1.2, managed as per the minimum standards stipulated in the Project ESMF consistent with ESS3. Ensure adherence of conducted activities with ESMPs.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prior to launching the bidding process mobilization at site and prior to grant approval • Implementation throughout project period 	PMU/MoALD/PCU
3.2	For activities requiring application of pesticides, identify Integrated Pest Management (IPM) techniques relevant to such activities.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify applicable IPM methods before relevant activities preparation. 	PMU/MoALD/PCU
ESS 4: COMMUNITY HEALTH AND SAFETY			
4.2	COMMUNITY HEALTH AND SAFETY: Assess and manage specific risks and impacts to the community arising from Project activities, including, inter alia, construction e.g., the behavior of Project workers, risks of labor influx, response to emergency situations, and include mitigation measures in the site-specific ESMP.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prior to launching the bidding process mobilization/grant approvals at site and thereafter implement throughout subproject implementation. 	PMU/MoALD and PCU

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4.3	<p>SEA AND SH RISKS</p> <p>Adopt and implement a SEA/SH Action Plan for the Project to assess and manage the risks of SEA and SH.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prepare and adopt the SEA/SH Action Plan prior to negotiations, and thereafter implement the SEA/SH Action Plan throughout Project and implementation of activities. 	PMU/MoALD/Cluster offices
4.4	<p>EMERGENCY RESPONSE MEASURES:</p> <p>Prepare measures to address emergency events as per the procedures outlined in the ESMF for implementation.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Measures will be implemented throughout the Project implementation. 	PMU/MoALD/Cluster offices
4.5	<p>COMMUNITY AWARENESS:</p> <p>Undertake measures to support community capacity building to raise awareness of the potential risks and impacts of the project and the mitigation measures as outlined in the ESMF, SEP etc.</p>	Throughout Project implementation.	PMU/MoALD and Concerned Cluster Offices
ESS 5: LAND ACQUISITION, RESTRICTIONS ON LAND USE AND INVOLUNTARY RESETTLEMENT			
5.1	<p>RESETTLEMENT POLICY FRAMEWORK:</p> <p>Adopt and implement a Resettlement Policy Framework (RPF) as part of the ESMF for the Project, consistent with ESS5.</p>	Draft RPF which is part of the ESMF will be prepared and disclosed one month after negotiations. The draft RPF will be consulted, revised, re-disclosed, and adopted prior to the effectiveness of the project and thereafter implement the RPF throughout project implementation.	PMU/MoALD and Concerned Cluster Offices

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5.2	<p>RESETTLEMENT PLANS</p> <p>Prepare, adopt, and implement a Resettlement Action Plan (RAP) for each activity/subproject as set out in the RPF, and consistent with ESS5.</p> <p>All the costs for the implementation of RAP will be met through counterpart funding.</p>	Prepare and adopt RAPs for each activity prior to the invitation of bids and complete payment of compensation and resettlement assistance before taking possession of the lands.	PMU/MoALD and Concerned Cluster Offices
ESS 6: BIODIVERSITY CONSERVATION AND SUSTAINABLE MANAGEMENT OF LIVING NATURAL RESOURCES			
6.	<p>BIODIVERSITY RISKS AND IMPACTS:</p> <p>The standard is relevant.</p> <p>Assess and manage associated risks to biodiversity and habitats. As outlined in the ESMF, conduct a preliminary screening and assess each activities of its risks and impacts on biodiversity and habitat and clearly specify the requirements/measures for preventing them based on the intensity of the risks and impacts, specific E&S instruments, such as ESMPs in accordance with the requirements of ESS 6 and national requirements .These requirements must be applied for all project activities.</p>	Prepare and adopt ESMPs to include the measures to address the risks and impacts on biodiversity for each activity prior to the invitation of bids	PMU/MoALD and Concerned Cluster Offices
ESS 7: INDIGENOUS PEOPLES/SUB-SAHARAN AFRICAN HISTORICALLY UNDERSERVED TRADITIONAL LOCAL COMMUNITIES			
7.1	<p>INDIGENOUS PEOPLES PLAN FRAMEWORK:</p> <p>Prepare and adopt an Indigenous Peoples Plan Framework (IPPF) in line with the requirements of ESS 7 and included as part of the ESMF.</p>	Draft IPPF is prepared as part of ESMF and will be disclosed one month after negotiations. The draft IPPF will be consulted, revised, re-disclosed, and adopted prior to the effectiveness of the project and thereafter implement the IPPF throughout Project implementation.	PMU/MoALD and Concerned Cluster Offices

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ESS 8: CULTURAL HERITAGE			
8.1	CHANCE FINDS: This standard is not relevant		
ESS 9: FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARIES			
	Not relevant to this Project		
ESS 10: STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT AND INFORMATION DISCLOSURE			
10.1	STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT PLAN: Prepare, adopt, and implement a Stakeholder Engagement Plan (SEP) for the Project, consistent with ESS10, which shall 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. Review and update SEP, as and when required.	Prepare, consult, disclose, and adopt the final SEP prior to appraisal, and thereafter implement the SEP throughout Project implementation	PMU/MoALD and PCU
10.2	PROJECT GRIEVANCE REDRESS MECHANISM: Establish, publicize, maintain, and operate an accessible grievance mechanism, to receive and facilitate the 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.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Establish the grievance mechanism and notify the stakeholders one month after Project effectiveness and thereafter maintain and operate the mechanism throughout Project implementation. 	PMU/MoALD and PCU

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CAPACITY SUPPORT (TRAINING)			
CS1	<p>Based on the E&S Capacity Assessment, the following types of training shall be conducted</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ESMF (RPF, IPPF, LMP, SEP) • National requirements (EIA/IEE/BES) • Environmental and social risks and impacts monitoring. • Operationalization of GRM. • Stakeholder mapping and engagement • GBV/SEA/SH and gender • Community health and safety. • Occupational health and safety (OHS). • Emergency prevention and preparedness and response arrangements to emergency situations; and 	<p>Capacity assessment to be completed within one month of project effectiveness</p> <p>Capacity-building activities implemented with the first quarter of the project effectiveness and repeated as needed throughout Project Implementation</p>	PMU/MoALD and PCU