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**SECOND REGIONAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT  
PROJECT**

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**Environmental and Social Commitment  
Plan**

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## ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL COMMITMENT PLAN

1. The Kyrgyz Republic (**hereinafter the Recipient**) shall implement the Second Regional Economic Development Project for the Batken region (**hereinafter the Project**), with the participation of the Ministry of Finance, Ministry of Economy and Commerce, Ministry of Agriculture, and Community Development and Investment Agency (ARIS) as the Project Implementation Entity. The International Development Association (**hereinafter - the Association**) agreed to provide financing for the Project.
2. The Recipient shall implement material measures and actions so that the Project is implemented in accordance with the Environmental and Social Standards (ESSs). This Environmental and Social Commitment Plan (ESCP) sets out material measures and actions, any specific documents or plans, as well as the timing for each of these.
3. The Recipient shall also comply with the provisions of any other Environmental and Social (E&S) documents required under the ESF and referred to in this ESCP, such as Environmental and Social Management Framework (ESMF), Environmental and Social Impact Assessments (ESIA), Environmental and Social Management Plans (ESMPs), Resettlement Framework (RF), Resettlement Plans (RPs), Labor Management Procedures (LMP) and Stakeholder Engagement Plan (SEP), and the timelines specified in those E&S documents.
4. The Recipient is responsible for compliance with all requirements of the ESCP even when implementation of specific measures and actions is conducted by the Ministry, agency or other agency referenced in paragraph 1.
5. The implementation of the material measures and actions set out in this ESCP shall be monitored and reported to the Association by ARIS as required by the ESCP and the conditions of the financing and project agreements, and the Association shall monitor and assess progress and completion of the material measures and actions throughout implementation of the Project.
6. As agreed by the Association and the Recipient, 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 Recipient shall agree the changes with the Association and shall update the ESCP to reflect such changes. Agreement on changes to the ESCP shall be documented (through the exchange of letters signed between the Association and the Recipient). ARIS shall promptly disclose the updated ESCP on its official website.
7. Where Project amendments, unforeseen circumstances, or Project implementation results in changes in risks and impacts during Project implementation, the Recipient shall provide additional funds, if necessary, to implement actions and measures to address such risks and impacts.

MATERIAL MEASURES AND ACTIONS		TIMEFRAME	RESPONSIBLE ENTITY/AUTHORITY
<b>MONITORING AND REPORTING</b>			
A	<b>REGULAR REPORTING</b> Prepare and submit to the Association 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 E&S documents required under the ESCP, including but not limited to stakeholder engagement plan, and the grievance mechanism. In addition, prepare and submit to the Association a mid-term report (MTR) and a project completion report.	Monitoring reports: Every six months starting from the Effective Date and throughout Project implementation.  Project completion report: 60 days prior to the end of the Project.	ARIS
B	<b>INCIDENTS AND ACCIDENTS</b> Promptly notify any incident or accident related or having an impact on the Project which has, or is likely to have, a significant adverse effect on the environment, the affected communities, the public or workers, including without limitation any Project-related fatalities, serious accidents, significant pollution, community unrest caused by the Project or allegations of gender-based violence. Provide sufficient detail regarding the incident or accident, indicating immediate measures taken to address it, and include information provided by any contractor and supervising entity, as appropriate.	Immediately, but no later than 48 hours after taking notice of the incident or accident.  The contractor shall notify ARIS immediately after the incident or accident happens.	ARIS
	Reporting shall provide sufficient details regarding the incident or accident, indicating immediate measures taken to address it, and include 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 within an agreed timeframe.	An incident or accident report, acceptable to the Association, shall be submitted within 30 days after the occurrence of the incident or accident.	ARIS
	Other incidents and accidents not subject to immediate notification and reporting in accordance with this provision shall be included in the regular Project reports pursuant to action A of this ESCP.	As part of the regular project reporting and throughout the project implementation.	ARIS

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C	<b>CONTRACTORS MONTHLY REPORTS</b> As per contracts' specifications to be signed by ARIS or other parties with selected Contractors, all Contractors will be required to provide reports on ESMPs' implementation and Occupational Health and Safety issues to their employers. Furthermore, such reports would be submitted to the Bank by ARIS upon request.	Providing monthly ESMPs implementation and OHS issues reports	ARIS
	Beneficiaries of a Project grants will be required to provide reports on ESMPs' implementation and on LMP and Occupational Health and Safety issues to ARIS on a quarterly basis. Information from these reports will be included in biannual reports to the Bank.	Quarterly reports by Beneficiaries to ARIS.  Bi-annual reports by ARIS to the Bank.	ARIS
<b>ESS 1: ASSESSMENT AND MANAGEMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL RISKS AND IMPACTS</b>			
1.1	<b>ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE</b> Maintain throughout Project implementation effective staffing and institutional structures to support the management of the Project E&S risks and impacts. ARIS should hire one E&S specialist in Bishkek, and one Environmental Specialist and one Social Specialist in Batken.	ARIS shall hire all required E&S staff no later than 30 days after the Project is Effective and maintain throughout Project implementation.	ARIS
1.2	<b>ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL ASSESSMENT</b> Finalize the project draft ESMF which outlines the guiding principles of environmental and social screening, assessment, review, disclosure and consultations, management, supervision and monitoring procedures for all of the project envisaged activities and implement it throughout the life of the project. Sub-project associated facilities, if any as well as cumulative impacts of sub-projects, as relevant should also be taken into account in the preparation of site-specific E&S instruments.	The draft ESMF shall be reviewed and accepted by the Association and finalized, consulted on, and disclosed before Project effective Date. The ESMF shall be implemented throughout the life of the Project The ESMF shall be updated during Project implementation upon agreement with the Association.	ARIS

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	Update and re-disclose the ESMF as needed, in a manner acceptable to the Association. Include environment and social considerations in line with the requirements of the ESSs in the Terms of Reference (ToR) for the Environmental Specialist, and Social Specialist to be hired and submit them to the Bank for no objection.	TORs in line with the requirements of the ESF and project specific ESF documents shall be submitted to the Bank for no objection before launching the recruiting process for all specialists.	
1.3	<p><b>SECURITY ASSESSMENT</b></p> <p>Prepare a Security and Conflict Risk Assessment Note. Conduct a security assessment to identify and evaluate relevant security risks and consult on the findings with project stakeholders.</p> <p>Prepare a Security Management Plan (SMP) if found required based on the Security and Conflict Risk Assessment Note.</p>	<p>The draft security and conflict risk assessment note shall be prepared prior to the project appraisal. The report shall be finalized before project effective Date.</p> <p>The SMP shall be prepared, if required, once the project activities are identified and prior to financing any project activity.</p>	ARIS
1.4	<p><b>INCLUSION / EXCLUSION RISKS</b></p> <p>Prepare Productive Partnerships Manual (PPM) for activities under subcomponent 2.2 and Handbook for Small Grants Program (SGH) under component 3 detailing all the eligibility criteria and selection process. The PPM will prioritize inclusion of youth, women, and vulnerable groups and SGH will give preferences to promote youth and socially vulnerable groups.</p>	The PPM and SGH are to be prepared, approved by the Association and adopted prior disbursements under category 2 and 3 respectively.	ARIS
1.5	<p><b>TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE</b></p> <p>Ensure that the consultancies, studies, capacity building, training and any other technical assistance activities provided under the Project are carried out in accordance with ToR acceptable to the Bank, that incorporate the relevant requirements of the ESSs.</p> <p>Ensure that any outputs from the technical assistance activities including, inter alia, the preparation activities provided under the Project are consistent with the relevant ESSs.</p>	All ToRs for the preparation activities to be submitted to Bank's review prior to tendering of the task throughout the Project implementation.	ARIS

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1.6	<p><b>MANAGEMENT TOOLS AND INSTRUMENTS</b></p> <p>Screen any proposed subproject in accordance with the Environmental and Social Management Framework (ESMF) prepared for the Project and, thereafter, ensure drafting, disclosing and implementing the subproject Environmental and Social Impacts Assessments (ESIAs) and Environmental and Social Management Plans (ESMPs.), as required, in a manner acceptable to the Association.</p> <p>Carry out water resources assessments for potential investments and select the sub-projects based on criteria that would ensure “at a minimum” a net neutral balance between water use and water abstraction.</p>	<p>First three subprojects with moderate impacts and first five subprojects with substantial risks and impacts are subject to prior review by the Association.</p> <p>Water resources assessments for potential investments shall be carried out and publicly disclosed prior to the commencement of related activities.</p>	ARIS
1.7	<p><b>MANAGEMENT OF CONTRACTORS</b></p> <p>Based on conducted subprojects ESIAs and ESMPs, incorporate the relevant E&amp;S issues and/or plans, along with the Labor Management Procedures, into the ESHS specifications of contracts for civil works. Thereafter, ensure that the contractors will be required to comply with the ESHS specifications of their respective contracts.</p>	<p>Prior to the finalization of all procurement documents.</p> <p>Supervise contractors throughout Project implementation.</p>	ARIS
<b>ESS 2: LABOR AND WORKING CONDITIONS</b>			
2.1	<p><b>LABOR MANAGEMENT PROCEDURES</b></p> <p>Finalize and adopt the draft Labor Management Procedures (LMP) acceptable to the Association.</p>	Complete LMP before Project effective Date .	ARIS
2.2	Ensure the implementation of the LMP is consistent with ESS2, in a manner acceptable to the Association.	Throughout Project implementation	ARIS
2.3	<p><b>GRIEVANCE MECHANISM FOR PROJECT WORKERS</b></p> <p>Establish, maintain, and operate a grievance mechanism for Project workers acceptable to the Association for Project workers, as described in the LMP and consistent with ESS2.</p>	Throughout Project implementation	ARIS

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2.4	<p><b>OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH AND SAFETY MEASURES</b></p> <p>Prepare, adopt, and implement occupational, health and safety (OHS) measures specified in the OHS Safety Checklist.</p> <p>All contractors shall develop, implement and monitor an OHS Management Plan commensurate with the risks and impacts of the sub-project.</p> <p>Monitor that occupational health and safety standards are met at workplaces in line with national occupational health and safety legislation, ESS2 OHS requirements, WB EHS guidelines, WHO and WB guidelines on COVID-19 prevention.</p>	During investment implementation (construction phase)	ARIS
<b>ESS 3: RESOURCE EFFICIENCY AND POLLUTION PREVENTION AND MANAGEMENT</b>			
3.1	<p><b>RESOURCE EFFICIENCY AND POLLUTION PREVENTION AND MANAGEMENT</b></p> <p>Develop and implement measures and actions for resource efficiency and pollution prevention management in all site-specific ESIA's and ESMPs, as relevant. These shall include measures to manage use of raw materials, water, and energy, air, water, soil pollution and waste related to works, equipment, agriculture related activities and other relevant project's activities.</p> <p>Prepare, adopt, and implement specific pollution prevention management plans, as needed.</p> <p>Carry out water resources assessments for potential investments and select the sub-projects based on criteria that would ensure "at a minimum" a net neutral balance between water use and water abstraction.</p>	<p>During the preparation and implementation of site-specific ESIA's and ESMPs and before the start of the tendering process for works.</p> <p>ESMPs shall be implemented throughout the project implementation.</p> <p>Management plans shall be implemented throughout the project implementation.</p> <p>Water resources assessments for potential investments shall be carried out and publicly disclosed prior to the commencement of related activities.</p>	ARIS

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<b>ESS 4: COMMUNITY HEALTH AND SAFETY</b>			
4.1	<b>TRAFFIC AND ROAD SAFETY</b> Ensure adoption of measures and actions to assess and manage traffic and road safety risks under roads rehabilitation subprojects and under other subprojects which would relate to disturbing road traffic, as required in the ESMPs for such subprojects, to be developed under action 1.3 above. Ensure preparation of Traffic Management Plans for subprojects with high road safety risks. Ensure efficient implementation of traffic and road safety risks prevention measures or of the Traffic Management Plans.	During subprojects ESIA/ESMP preparation.  At inception phase of subprojects' implementation.  Throughout the whole period of sub projects' implementation.	ARIS
4.2	<b>COMMUNITY HEALTH AND SAFETY</b> Ensure preparation, adoption and implementation of measures and actions to assess and manage specific risks and impacts to the community associated with the Project activities, including excessive noise and dust levels, site safety awareness and access restrictions behavior of Project workers, risks of labor influx, response to emergency situations, etc. The proposed measures should be specified in the site-specific ESMPs to be prepared in accordance with the ESMF requirements and the relevant OHS protocols following WB EHS Guidelines.	During the preparation and implementation of the ESMPs and before the start of the tendering process for works.	ARIS
4.3	<b>SEA/SH RISKS MITIGATION</b> Ensure that site-specific ESMPs include actions to prevent and mitigate risks of sexual exploitation and abuse and sexual harassment (SEA/SH) in line with ESMF and enforce their implementation. This includes but is not limited to development and adherence to Code of Conduct for all employees, SEA/SH-sensitized grievance mechanism, carry out GBV service providers mapping (as appropriate), awareness raising of all employees and community members on SEA/SH risks and mitigation measures.	During preparation of the procurement documents.  Prior to commencement of works.  Enforcement throughout Project implementation.	ARIS



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4.4	<b>AWARENESS-RAISING FOR THE COMMUNITY</b> For subprojects involving substantial infrastructure or social impacts (e.g. construction of agro-cluster facilities, anticipated civil works at public places and facilities), hold awareness-raising sessions in each Project-affected community on the risks related to community health and safety, and inform them of their rights and obligations of the Contractor as well as the avenue for grievances and redress.	Prior to commencement of works	ARIS
4.5	<b>SECURITY PERSONNEL</b> In the event that security personnel is involved in the Project, ARIS shall develop, implement, and require any contractors to develop and implement, measures and actions to assess and manage the risks to Project-affected communities and Project workers that could arise from the use of security personnel, in accordance with ESS4 and the Security Management Plan in 4.6.	Prior to initiating subproject activity which requires deploying security personnel and thereafter maintained throughout Project implementation.	ARIS
4.6	<b>SECURITY MANAGEMENT</b> ARIS shall adopt and implement across all Project activities involving security personnel a Security Management Plan (SMP) consistent with ESS4 and acceptable to the Association. The SMP shall be designed to protect all Project workers and Project-affected people from risk of violence in the region or and from the risks of hiring security personnel.	Prepared, consulted on, and disclosed before any deployment of security personnel, maintained throughout Project implementation.	ARIS
<b>ESS 5: LAND ACQUISITION, RESTRICTIONS ON LAND USE AND IN VOLUNTARY RESETTLEMENT</b>			
5.1	<b>LAND ACQUISITION AND RESETTLEMENT</b> Finalize the draft Resettlement Framework and comply with it throughout project implementation.	The draft RF shall be finalized consulted on, finalized and disclosed before Project effective Date . RF will be followed throughout the project implementation.	ARIS

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5.2	<b>RESETTLEMENT PLANS</b> Prepare, adopt, and implement resettlement plans (RPs) in accordance with ESS5 and consistent with the requirements of the project RF that has been prepared for the Project, before carrying out the associated activities, in a manner acceptable to the Association.	Implement RP prior to commencing Project activities for which the RF requires the preparation of RP.	ARIS
5.3	<b>GRIEVANCE MECHANISM</b> Ensure that any grievances related to land acquisition, land use restrictions, impacts on private assets and livelihoods, or resettlement are processed via the project Grievance Mechanism.	Throughout Project implementation	ARIS
5.4	<b>MONITORING AND REPORTING</b> Ensure that monitoring and reporting on land acquisition and resettlement activities are conducted separately or as part of regular reporting.	Throughout Project implementation	ARIS
<b>ESS 6: CONSERVATION OF BIODIVERSITY AND SUSTAINABLE MANAGEMENT OF LIVING NATURAL RESOURCES</b>			
6.1	Respective measures to manage biodiversity risks developed and reflected in site-specific ESIA's and ESMPs and bidding documents.	Apply mitigation measures throughout the project life and report in semi-annual (six months) project progress reports.  Incorporate relevant mitigation measures in bidding documents and contractor's contract.	ARIS
<b>ESS 7: INDIGENOUS PEOPLE/HISTORICALLY UNDERAPPRECIATED TRADITIONAL LOCAL COMMUNITIES IN SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA</b>			
This ESS is not relevant to the project			
<b>ESS 8: CULTURAL HERITAGE</b>			
8.1	<b>RANDOM SEARCHING</b> Ensure that contractors follow the random searching procedures outlined in the ESMF and included in all site-specific ESIA's and ESMPs.	Throughout the period of implementation of the subprojects	ARIS

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8.2	<b>CHANCE FINDS</b> Adopt and implement the chance finds procedure described in the sub-project specific ESIA and ESMPs developed for the Project.	ESMPs (including Chance Find Procedure) shall be prepared before the start of the tendering process for works and shall be implemented throughout the Project implementation.	ARIS
<b>ESS 9: FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARIES</b>			
This ESS is not relevant to the project			
<b>ESS 10: STAKEHOLDERS ENGAGEMENT AND INFORMATION DISCLOSURE</b>			
10.1	<b>STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT PLAN</b> Adopt and implement a Stakeholder Engagement Plan (SEP) consistent with ESS10, in a manner acceptable to the Association.  Following the project SEP, and prior to subproject activity implementation, subproject specific stakeholder engagement activities program shall be prepared and implemented.	Draft SEP shall be prepared, consulted on, finalized and re-disclosed before Project effective Date.  Stakeholder engagement activities program shall be prepared prior to subproject activity implementation.	ARIS
10.2	<b>STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT AND INFORMATION DISCLOSURE</b> The SEP and any subsequent stakeholder engagement activities programs shall be disclosed with the use of different, culturally appropriate communication approaches to ensure communication with the most disadvantaged and vulnerable groups.	Prior to commencement of activities	ARIS
10.3	<b>GRIEVANCE MECHANISM FOR THE PROJECT</b> Update, adopt, maintain and operate a grievance mechanism (GM), as described in the SEP.	GM shall be operationalized within 30 days of Project effectiveness and in any event before activities commence on site.	ARIS

<b>CAPACITY SUPPORT (TRAINING)</b>			
CS 1	<p>Training to be provided to relevant staff of ARIS and other involved agencies on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Screening and preparation of site-specific ES instruments and specific aspects of environmental and social assessment, supervision and monitoring as described in the ESMF;</li> <li>– Biodiversity management issues and best practices;</li> <li>– Relevant occupational health and safety issues including COVID-19 precautions;</li> <li>– Incidence reporting and root cause analysis;</li> <li>– Gender Action Plan, SEP and GM implementation;</li> <li>– Labor Management Procedures;</li> <li>– Security and conflict risk assessment and management; and</li> <li>– Prevention of and response to sexual exploitation and abuse, and sexual harassment.</li> </ul>	Within the first year of the project implementation, in order of relevance, followed by, at minimum, annual refresher training as needed throughout project implementation.	ARIS
CS 2	<p>Training for Project workers on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Occupational health and safety including on emergency prevention and preparedness and response arrangements to emergency situations;</li> <li>– Community Health and Safety;</li> <li>– COVID-19 infection safety awareness, community health and safety;</li> <li>– Security and conflict risk assessment and management;</li> <li>– SEA/SH risk prevention and Labor Management Procedures;</li> <li>– Code of Conduct;</li> <li>– Grievance Mechanism.</li> </ul>	The training shall be delivered at the commencement of engagement of Project workers, followed by, at minimum, one annual refresher training.	Supervising Engineers