

**SOLOMON ISLANDS GOVERNMENT  
MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATION AND AVIATION  
&  
MINISTRY OF INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT**

**SECOND SOLOMON ISLANDS  
ROADS AND AVIATION PROJECT (P176548)**

**ENVIRONMENTAL and SOCIAL  
COMMITMENT PLAN**

**[24 October 2021]**

## ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL COMMITMENT PLAN

1. Solomon Islands (hereinafter the **Recipient**) will implement the Second Solomon Islands Roads and Aviation Project (P176548) (the **Project**), with the involvement of the Ministry of Communication and Aviation (MCA) and the Ministry of Infrastructure Development (MID). The International Development Association (hereinafter the **Association**) has agreed to provide financing for the Project.
  2. The Recipient will 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 will also comply with the provisions of any other E&S documents required under the ESF and referred to in this ESCP, such as Environmental and Social Management Plans (ESMPs), Resettlement Action Plans (RAP), and Stakeholder Engagement Plans (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 Ministries referenced in 1. above.
  5. Implementation of the material measures and actions set out in this ESCP will be monitored and reported to the Association by the Recipient as required by the ESCP and the conditions of the legal agreement, and the Association will 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 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 Recipient. The Recipient will promptly disclose the updated ESCP.
  7. Where Project changes, unforeseen circumstances, or Project performance result in changes to the risks and impacts during Project implementation, the Recipient shall provide additional funds, if needed, to implement actions and measures to address such risks and impacts.
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| MATERIAL MEASURES AND ACTIONS   |   | TIMEFRAME  | RESPONSIBLE ENTITY/AUTHORITY |
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| <b>MONITORING AND REPORTING</b>   |   |  |                              |
| A   | <p><b>REGULAR REPORTING</b></p> <p>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 the ESMPs required under the ESCP, stakeholder engagement activities under the SEP, labor management activities under the Labor Management Plan (LMP), functioning of the grievance mechanism(s) including submission of the grievance log.</p>   | Every six months throughout Project implementation.  | PST under MCA and MID        |
| B   | <p><b>INCIDENTS AND ACCIDENTS</b></p> <p>Promptly notify the Association 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 (e.g., accident resulting in injury or death to project workers or community residents, significant environmental release, a natural disaster, or other emergency affecting project beneficiaries).</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 Association's request, prepare a report on the incident or accident and propose any measures to prevent its recurrence. See also notification of operational health and safety (OHS) requirements in the LMP and notification requirements in the ESMP.</p> | <p>Throughout project implementation.</p> <p>The PST will notify the Association within 48 hours after learning of the incident or accident. A report will be provided within a timeframe acceptable to the Association.</p> | PST under MCA and MID        |
| C   | <p><b>CONTRACTORS MONTHLY REPORTS</b></p> <p>Contractors are required to provide monthly monitoring reports to the PST. Monthly reports can be submitted to the Association upon request.</p>   | Monthly and then on request by the Association   | PST under MCA and MID        |
| <b>ESS 1: ASSESSMENT AND MANAGEMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL RISKS AND IMPACTS</b> |   |  |                              |

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| 1.1                           | <p><b>ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE</b></p> <p>The MCA and MID shall utilize the existing resourced Project Support Team (PST) under the Solomon Islands Roads and Aviation Project (SIRAP) for the Second Solomon Islands Roads and Aviation Project (SIRAP2) activities. An additional National Environment and Social Officer will be recruited to the PST. The PST will assign an ESF Focal Point in the PST to provide ongoing support, advice, and monitoring to all the institutional stakeholders.</p> <p>Terms of References (TORs) to be reviewed by the Association to ensure that the requirements of the ESF policy is effectively integrated; including: design and supervision consultancy, design of air traffic control towers, national airports development plan, technical support and training to MCA and/or Solomon Airlines, climate resilient road asset management improvement, road safety capacity improvement, technical support and training to address GBV, and National Environmental and Social Officer for the PST.</p> | <p>The ESF Focal Point and additional National ESS will be designated/appointed by MCA and MID before the beginning of the relevant Project activities and throughout Project Implementation.</p> | <p>PST under MCA and MID</p> |

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| 1.2                           | <p><b>ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL ASSESSMENT</b></p> <p>a) Prepare the following ESMPs: (i) Santa Cruz Runway Improvement, and (ii) Honara Aviation Complex Building.</p> <p>b) ESMPs (Honiara Runway, Munda Airport, Noro Roads, Malaita Bridges, Honiara Aviation Complex, Santa Cruz Runway Improvement) to be updated for all subprojects once detailed designs have been completed and prior to the release of any construction bid documents. Updated ESMPs to be prepared in line with national regulations, the ESF policy and the ESHG.</p> <p>c) The updated ESMP for Honiara International Airport will take into account, among other things, baseline data on the existing conditions construction facilities.</p> <p>d) Adopt and implement the following E&amp;S instruments that have been prepared for the Project, in a manner acceptable to the Association:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Updated ESMPs</li> <li>• LMP</li> <li>• SEP</li> <li>• RP</li> </ul> <p>e) SIRAP2 Contingent Emergency Response Component (CERC) Environmental and Social Management Framework (ESMF) to be prepared by updating the existing SIRAP CERC-ESMF (prepared under safeguards policy) to ensure it reflects the requirements of the ESF.</p> | <p>(a) Within six months after Project Effectiveness</p> <p>(b) &amp; (c) Prior to the release of any construction bid documents</p> <p>(d) Throughout the Project implementation</p> <p>(e) Within six months of Project Effectiveness</p> | PST under MCA and MID        |

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| 1.3  | <p><b>MANAGEMENT TOOLS AND INSTRUMENTS</b></p> <p>Adopt and Implement a Code of Conduct for the prevention of sexual exploitation an abuse (SEA)/sexual harassment (SH). Include the Code of Conduct in construction bid documents.</p> <p>The updated ESMPs, prepared under item 1.2 above, will serve as the basis for the Contractor's Environmental and Social Management Plans (CESMPs)</p> <p>CESMPs will be prepared and approved prior to commencement of works and include a GRM.</p> | Throughout project implementation  | PST under MCA and MID                                 |
| 1.4  | <p><b>MANAGEMENT OF CONTRACTORS</b></p> <p>The updated ESMPs, prepared under item 1.2 above, will be used to guide the preparation of appropriate outcome based contractual and technical specifications in accordance with the Association's procurement policy.</p> <p>Ensure that all bid documents for civil works include the site-specific ESMPs, and the budget provisions for all relevant OHS aspects</p>   | Prior to the preparation of procurement documents.   | PST under MCA and MID                                 |
| <b>ESS 2: LABOR AND WORKING CONDITIONS</b> |  |  |   |
| 2.1  | <p><b>LABOR MANAGEMENT PROCEDURES</b></p> <p>MID and MCA commit to implementation of the approved LMP as part of the ESMPs which (i) respond to specific health and safety issues posed by COVID-19, (ii) protect workers rights as out in ESS 2, and (iii) create a grievance mechanism for workers to raise complaints or queries.</p>   | Throughout Project Implementation  | PST under MCA and MID                                 |
| 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 ESS 2.</p>  | Grievance mechanism operational prior engaging Project workers and maintained throughout Project implementation. | Contractors for civil works and PST under MCA and MID |

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| 2.3   | <p><b>OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH AND SAFETY (OHS) MEASURES</b></p> <p>The project will regularly monitor the contractor's performance in implementing OHS measures</p> <p>The projects regular reporting system will include project's performance in OHS implementation.</p>  | Throughout project implementation   | Contractors for civil works and PST under MCA and MID |
| <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>Resource efficiency and pollution prevention and management measures are covered under the comprehensive ESMPs to be prepared under action 1.2 above.</p> <p>The project commits to implement resource efficiency and pollution prevention measures as described in the ESMPs</p>   | <p>During preparation of the comprehensive ESMPs and prior to the release of any bid documents</p> <p>Throughout project implementation</p> | PST under MCA and MID                                 |
| <b>ESS 4: COMMUNITY HEALTH AND SAFETY</b>   |   |   |   |
| 4.2   | <p><b>COMMUNITY HEALTH AND SAFETY:</b> Prepare, adopt, and implement measures and action to assess and manage specific risks and impacts to the community arising from Project construction activities, including, inter alia, dust, noise, behavior of project workers, and construction related impacts, and include these measures in the ESMPs to be updated under action 1.2 above, in a manner acceptable to the Association.</p> | Throughout project implementation   | Contractors for civil works and PST under MCA and MID |
| 4.3   | <p><b>GBV AND SEA RISKS:</b></p> <p>Continue to implement the SIRAP Gender-Based Violence Action Plan (GBV Action Plan) for SIRAP2 activities</p>   | Throughout Project implementation.  | PST under MCA and MID                                 |
| <b>ESS 5: LAND ACQUISITION, RESTRICTIONS ON LAND USE AND INVOLUNTARY RESETTLEMENT</b> |   |   |   |
| 5.1   | <p><b>RESETTLEMENT PLANS:</b> Prepare, adopt, and implement resettlement plans (RAPs) or abbreviated RAPs (ARAPs) in accordance with ESS 5 and consistent with the requirements of the Resettlement Policy Framework (RPF) that has been prepared for the Project, and thereafter adopt and implement the respective RAPs before carrying out the associated activities, in a manner acceptable to the Association.</p>                 | Required to be implemented prior to any land impacts being felt   | PST under MCA and MID                                 |
| <b>ESS 10: STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT AND INFORMATION DISCLOSURE</b>                      |   |   |   |

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| 10.1                               | <b>Stakeholder Engagement Plan:</b> Stakeholder engagement plan will be effectively implemented and outcomers recorded   | Throughout project implementation  | PST under MCA and MID                                 |
| 10.2                               | <b>PROJECT GRIEVANCE MECHANISM:</b> Prepare, adopt, maintain and operate an effective grievance mechanism, as described in the SEP.  | Project GRM to be operational and disseminated to stakeholders within three months after project effectiveness, and maintained throughout Project implementation | Contractors for civil works and PST under MCA and MID |
| <b>CAPACITY SUPPORT (TRAINING)</b> |  |  |   |
| CS1                                | <p>The MID/MCA, through the PST will coordinate the preparation of a training and capacity building plan for relevant implementing support staff responsible for the Project, including the ESF Focal Point, to receive training on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The project’s ESF instruments, including the Code of Conduct and provisions to prevent SEA, GBV and/or VAC,</li> <li>• The relevant requirements of the ESMP, LMP, SEP, RPF</li> <li>• The roles and responsibilities of different key agencies in implementation of the Project ESMPs.</li> </ul> | Throughout project implementation  | Contractors for civil works and PST under MCA and MID |