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**Ministry of Statistics and Program
Implementation**

**National Program for Improving Quality of
Statistics in India
P169497**

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

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ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL COMMITMENT PLAN

1. India, through its Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MOSPI) will implement the National Programme for Improving the Quality of Statistics in India Project (the **Project**). The International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (*hereinafter the Bank*) has agreed to provide financing for the Project.
2. MOSPI 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. India, through MOSPI will also comply with the provisions of any other E&S documents required under the ESF and referred to in this ESCP, such as Stakeholder Engagement Plans (SEP) and the timelines specified in those E&S documents.
4. India 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 unit referenced in (1) above.
5. Implementation of the material measures and actions set out in this ESCP will be monitored and reported to the Bank by MOSPI as required by the ESCP and the conditions of the legal agreement, and the Bank will monitor and assess progress and completion of the material measures and actions throughout implementation of the Project.
6. As agreed by the Bank and India, 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, MOSPI 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 MOSPI. MOSPI 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, India shall provide additional funds, if needed, to implement actions and measures to address such risks and impacts, which may include *environmental, health, and safety impacts, labor management, gender-based violence, etc.*



MATERIAL MEASURES AND ACTIONS		TIMEFRAME	RESPONSIBLE ENTITY/AUTHORITY
MONITORING AND REPORTING			
A	REGULAR REPORTING Prepare and submit to the Bank regular monitoring reports on 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).	Bi-annual (from the date of effectiveness) throughout the Project implementation	Project Management Unit (PMU) in MOSPI
B	INCIDENTS AND ACCIDENTS Promptly notify the 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, incidents or accidents suffered by officers and staff of MOSPI, its contractors, consultants, and agents while carrying out any work related to the project, complaints received from communities (especially women, tribal populations and other vulnerable sections of the population) in relation to survey or any other work carried out by MOSPI, its contractors, agents, consultants under the project. 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, prepare a report on the incident or accident and propose any measures to prevent its recurrence.	Notify the Bank within 48 hours of learning about the incident or accident. A detailed report about the incident or accident and measures taken by MOSPI to prevent its recurrence should be provided within 20 working days after notifying the Bank about the Incident / accident. Bi-annual ESCP implementation reports submitted by MOSPI to the Bank will contain a section providing details of incidents or accidents and measures taken by MOSPI	PMU
MANAGEMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL RISKS AND IMPACTS			
1.1	ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE MOSPI will engage the services of a project management consulting firm to support the implementation of the project. The project management consultants will work under the directions and guidance of the Project Director and will have staff with requisite skills, competence, qualifications and experience to support the management of identified environmental and social risks of the Project. Given the limited E&S risks, no dedicated staff is required for the management of Safeguards. If and as required, the PMU may bring in additional specialists (viz. health and safety specialist, e-waste management specialist, labor management specialist) to provide required support to the Project on environmental and social risk management.	Project management consultants will be hired within 30 days of project effectiveness The project management consultants will be engaged initially for a period of 3 years with provisions to extend their support through the period of Project implementation dependent on their performance. Alternately, if the performance of the project management consultants is not satisfactory, MOSPI will hire services of another project management consulting firms after seeking the Bank's approval for the same.	PMU

ESS 2: LABOR AND WORKING CONDITIONS

2.1	LABOR MANAGEMENT PROCEDURES <p>The Project does not envisage any construction activity. Therefore, LMPs related to workers' health and safety are not relevant. However, during the Project implementation, if any physical works or construction related activity is necessary, a specific LMP will be prepared and compliance with the same ensured.</p> <p>The Project activities will require services of Consultants (individuals as well as firms) to augment MOSPI capacity and specialist skillsets. For this, the contracts for the consultants will require the contracted party to comply with all relevant national laws and regulations for Labour and health and safety as well as requirements under ESS2 (including grievance redress mechanism). MOSPI will ensure that the contracted party or parties comply with these contractual commitments throughout their respective period of engagement.</p>	<p>At the time of issuing contracts to consultants and ensure compliance throughout the Project implementation.</p>	PMU
2.2	GRIEVANCE MECHANISM FOR PROJECT WORKERS <p>In case any physical works or construction activities are carried out under the Project, specific LMPs will be prepared. These LMPs will include GRMs (consistent with ESS2) for labor engaged.</p>	<p>Before undertaking any physical work under the Project, and maintained until completion and handing over of construction/physical works.</p>	PMU

ESS 3: RESOURCE EFFICIENCY AND POLLUTION PREVENTION AND MANAGEMENT

<p>3.1 E-WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN:</p> <p>Prepare, adopt, and implement an E-Waste Management Plan in line with E-Waste (Management) Rules, 2016 of the Government of India and World Bank Group (WBG) Environmental, Health and Safety (EHS) Guidelines.</p> <p>MOSPI is currently following procedures as detailed under E-Waste (Management) Rules, 2016 (Gsr No 338 E). MoSPI will re-emphasize the following provisions of the above-mentioned Rule for all the electrical or electronic equipment that will be procured under this Project:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. All electrical or electronic equipment listed under schedules I to the E-waste notification 2016 which includes all information technology, telecommunication equipment (like computers, printers, laptops, telephones) and consumer electrical and electronics equipment shall ensure that e-waste generated by them is channelized through collection centers or dealer of authorized producers or dismantlers or recyclers or through designated take back services providers of producers 2. Shall maintain records of e-waste generated by them in form -2 attached to E-waste (Management) Rules 2016 and make such record available for scrutiny by State Pollution Control Board 3. Ensure that electrical and electronic equipment listed under schedule I of E-Waste (Management) Rules 2016 are not mixed with e-waste containing radioactive material as covered under provisions of atomic Energy Act 1962 4. The e- waste shall not be stored for more than 180 days as per Rule 15 of E-Waste (Management) Rules 2016 6. Transportation of e-waste shall be carried out as per manifest system means every office will prepare manifest as per form 6 attached to E-Waste (Management) Rules 2016 to this notification and issue three copies to transporters for tracking waste movement. 7. E-waste management plan will apply to disposal of obsolete equipment that would be replaced. <p>MOSPI will also ensure that new equipment to be purchased like new ACs, other data storage equipment; etc. be selected from energy efficient market, implemented throughout Project implementation in all offices of the project.</p>	<p>MOSPI to begin Implementation on e-waste management as per amended Official Memo from June 2020.</p>	<p>PMU</p>
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ESS 4: COMMUNITY HEALTH AND SAFETY

	Standard not relevant		
ESS 5: LAND ACQUISITION, RESTRICTIONS ON LAND USE AND INVOLUNTARY RESETTLEMENT			
	Standard not relevant		
ESS 6: BIODIVERSITY CONSERVATION AND SUSTAINABLE MANAGEMENT OF LIVING NATURAL RESOURCES			
	Standard not relevant		
ESS 7: INDIGENOUS PEOPLES/SUB-SAHARAN AFRICAN HISTORICALLY UNDERSERVED TRADITIONAL LOCAL COMMUNITIES			
	Standard not relevant		
ESS 8: CULTURAL HERITAGE			
	Standard not relevant		
ESS 9: FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARIES			
	Standard not relevant		
ESS 10: STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT AND INFORMATION DISCLOSURE			
10.1	STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT PLAN PREPARATION AND IMPLEMENTATION A draft SEP has been prepared and disclosed The SEP will be reviewed on a bi annual basis and updated as necessary. The updated SEP will be implemented throughout the Project implementation.	Disclosed 21 January, 2020: http://www.mospi.gov.in/national-programme-improving-quality-statistics-indianpiqsi Bi-annually from the date of Project effectiveness Through the Project implementation	MOSPI PMU PMU
10.2	PROJECT GRIEVANCE MECHANISM: The project grievance mechanism is described in the draft SEP and disclosed	Disclosed 21 January, 2020: http://www.mospi.gov.in/national-programme-improving-quality-statistics-indianpiqsi	
CAPACITY SUPPORT (TRAINING)			
CS1	Training may be required for PMU staff and Project Management Consultants on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The World Bank's Environmental and Social Framework Specific aspects of environmental and social assessment as may be identified from time to time through the project implementation 	Within 6 months from project effectiveness As identified from time to time through the project implementation period	PMU, PMC and World Bank Task Team