

**Republic of Niger
Ministry of Livestock**

**Additional Financing to the Regional Sahel
Pastoralism Support Project II (PRAPS-II)
(P 178791)**

As Negotiated

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

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1. The Government of Republic of Niger(theRecipient) will implement the Additional Financing to the Regional Sahel Pastoralism Support Project – Phase 2 Niger (“PRAPS II NE”), (“Additional Financing” or the “AF”), with the involvement of the Ministry of Livestock (MEL)in partnership with the Ministry of Agriculture, as set out in the Financing Agreement.TheInternational Development Association(hereinafter referred to as “the Association”), has agreed to provide an Additional Financing for the Regional Sahel Pastoralism Support Project II (PRAPS-II, P173197, hereinafter “Parent Project”), as set out in the referred Agreement. This Environmental and Social Commitment Plan (ESCP) supersedes previous versions of the ESCP for the Parent Project and shall apply both to Parent Project and the AF (together the “Project”).
2. The Recipient shall ensure that the Project is carried out in accordance with the Environmental and Social Standards (ESSs) and this ESCP, in a manner acceptable to the Association. The ESCP is a part of the Financing 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 Recipient 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 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 Association and the Recipient, this ESCP will be revised from time to time if necessary, during Project implementation, to reflect adaptive management of Project changes and unforeseen circumstances or in response to Project performance. In such circumstances, the Recipient through the Ministry of Livestock and the Association agree to update the ESCP to reflect these changes through an exchange of letters signed between the Association and the Recipient. The Recipientshall promptly disclose the updated ESCP.

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MONITORING AND REPORTING			
A	<p>REGULAR REPORTING</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 E&S instruments required under the ESCP, stakeholder engagement activities, and functioning of the grievance mechanism(s) including those related to the resettlement and cases of Sexual Exploitation and Abuse, Sexual Harassment (SEA/SH) and Violence against Children (VAC)</p>	<p><i>Submit quarterly reports to the Association throughout Project implementation starting with the Parent Project's Effective Date.</i></p> <p><i>Submit each ESHS report to the Association no later than on the 5th of the month after the end of each reporting period.</i></p>	National Project Coordination Unit PRAPS II NE (NPCU PRAPS II NE)
B	<p>INCIDENTS AND ACCIDENTS</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, including, inter alia, cases of sexual exploitation and abuse (SEA), sexual harassment (SH), and accidents that result in death, serious or multiple injury. The Recipient shall 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 Association's request, the Recipient shall prepare a report on the incident or accident and propose any measures to address it and prevent its recurrence.</p>	<p><i>Notify the Association no later than 48 hours to the Project Team Leader, after learning of the incident or accident.</i></p> <p><i>Provide a detailed report to the Association no later than seven (7) working days from learning of the incident or accident.</i></p> <p><i>This systematic notification system shall be in effect throughout the implementation of the Project.</i></p>	NPCU PRAPS II NE
C	<p>CONTRACTORS' MONTHLY REPORTS</p> <p>Require contractors and supervising firms to provide monthly monitoring reports on ESHS performance in accordance with the metrics specified in the respective bidding documents and contracts and submit such reports to the Association.</p>	<p><i>Submit monthly reports from the signing of the suppliers/contractor's contracts to the Association as annexes to the reports to be submitted under action A above.</i></p>	NPCU PRAPS II NE Supervising Engineers Contractors Subcontractors
ESS 1: ASSESSMENT AND MANAGEMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL RISKS AND IMPACTS			
1.1	<p>ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE</p> <p>Establish and maintain an organizational structure with qualified staff and resources to support management of ESHS risks and impacts of the Project. For this purpose, the Project Coordination Unit shall retain the services of the environmental and social specialists, who work for PRAPS II, based on a performance assessment so that there will be no gap after the Effective Date</p>	<p><i>The organizational structure, including the environmental and social specialists, shall be maintained throughout the implementation of the Project and will ensure E&S monitoring and Evaluation.</i></p> <p><i>An additional gender/GBV specialist shall be hired</i></p>	Ministry of Livestock NPCU PRAPS II NE

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<p>and before a particular action. One (1) part-time GBV specialist shall be recruited to ensure the implementation and monitoring of the measures set out in the E & S instruments. A fulltime gender/GBV specialist will be recruited to help with the implementation of the Project.</p>	<p><i>no later than 1 month after the AF's Effective Date</i></p>	
<p>1.2 ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL INSTRUMENTS Update as needed, consult upon, disclose, adopt and implement an Environmental and Social Management Framework (ESMF) for the Project, consistent with the relevant ESSs.</p> <p>Update, consult upon, disclose, adopt and thereafter implement the following risk assessment and management tools and instruments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The Environmental and Social Management Framework (ESMF) including the SEA/SH Prevention, and Response Action Plan as an annex. ▪ The Hazardous Waste and Pest Management Plan (HWPMP); ▪ The Environmental and Social Impact Assessment/ Environmental and Social Management Plan (ESIA/ESMP) required for the sub-projects in a manner acceptable to the Association and in line with the ESMF; ▪ The Stakeholder Engagement Plan (SEP) and the Grievance Mechanism (GM); ▪ The Labor Management Procedures (LMP); ▪ The Resettlement Policy Framework (RPF); ▪ The Resettlement Action Plan in line with the RPF ▪ 	<p><i>The ESMF adopted on February 5th, 2021 before the Parent Project Appraisal will be updated as needed, consulted upon, disclosed, and adopted no later than one month after the AF's Effective Date.</i></p> <p><i>As an Annex to the ESMF, adopted on February 5th, 2021, the SEA/SH Action Plan will also be updated as needed, consulted upon, disclosed, and adopted no later than one month after the AF's Effective Date.</i></p> <p><i>The HWPMP adopted on May 28, 2021 shall be updated, consulted upon and disclosed as needed no later than one month after the AF's Effective Date.</i></p> <p><i>The LMP adopted on May 14, 2021, will be updated as needed, consulted upon, disclosed, and adopted no later than one month after the AF's Effective Date.</i></p> <p><i>The ESMP; ESIA shall be prepared, disclosed, consulted upon, and adopted during the preparation of the sub-projects and before the commencement of works.</i></p> <p><i>The SEP was prepared, consulted upon, adopted by the Recipient and disclosed on the websites of the Recipient and the Association prior to Project Appraisal on 5th February 2021. It will be updated, consulted upon and disclosed as needed no later</i></p>	<p>NPCU PRAPS II NE</p>

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		<p><i>than one month after the AF's Effective Date.</i></p> <p><i>The RPF was prepared, consulted upon, approved and disclosed on the websites of the Recipient and the Association by the Parent Project Appraisal on 5th February 2021. It will be updated, consulted upon and disclosed as needed no later than one month after the AF's Effective Date.</i></p> <p><i>These instruments shall be implemented throughout the implementation of the Project.</i></p>	
1.3	<p>MANAGEMENT OF CONTRACTORS</p> <p>Incorporate the relevant aspects of the ESCP, including, inter alia, the relevant E&S instruments, the LMP, and code of conduct, into the ESHS specifications of the procurement documents and contracts with contractors and supervising firms. Thereafter ensure that the contractors and supervising firms comply and cause subcontractors to comply with the ESHS specifications of their respective contracts.</p>	<p><i>As part of the preparation of procurement documents and respective contracts.</i></p> <p><i>Supervise contractors throughout Project implementation.</i></p>	<p>Ministry of Livestock</p> <p>NPCU PRAPS II NE</p>
1.4	<p>TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE</p> <p>Ensure that the consultancies, studies (including feasibility studies, if applicable), capacity building, training, and any other technical assistance activities under the Project are carried out in accordance with terms of reference acceptable to the Association and that are consistent with the ESSs. Thereafter ensure that the outputs of such activities comply with the terms of reference.</p>	<p><i>Throughout Project implementation.</i></p>	<p>NPCU PRAPS II NE</p>
1.5	<p>CONTINGENT EMERGENCY RESPONSE FINANCING</p> <p>a) Ensure that the CERC Operational Manual includes a description of the ESHS assessment and management arrangements for the implementation of CERC component, in accordance with the ESSs.</p> <p>b) Adopt any environmental and social (E&S) instrument which may be required for activities under the CERC component of the Project, in accordance with the CERC Operational Manual and, CERC-ESMF Addendum and the ESSs, and thereafter implement the measures and actions required under said E&S instruments, within the timeframes specified in said E&S</p>	<p><i>a) The adoption of the CERC Operational Manual in form and substance acceptable to the Association is a withdrawal condition under Section of Schedule of the Financing Agreement for the Parent Project.</i></p> <p><i>b) Adopt any required E&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 Parent Project activities for which the E&S instrument is required. Implement the E&S instruments in accordance with their terms,</i></p>	<p>NPCU PRAPS II NE</p>

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	instruments.	<i>throughout Parent Project implementation.</i>	
ESS 2: LABOR AND WORKING CONDITIONS			
2.1	LABOR MANAGEMENT PROCEDURES Adopt and implement the LMP for the Project, including, inter alia, provisions on working conditions, management of workers relationships, occupational health and safety (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.	<i>The LMP adopted on May 14, 2021 will be updated as needed, consulted upon, disclosed, and adopted no later than one (1) month after the AF's Effective Date and thereafter implement the LMP throughout Project implementation</i>	NPCU PRAPS II NE Suppliers and contractors
2.2	GRIEVANCE MECHANISM FOR PROJECT WORKERS Establish and operate a grievance mechanism for Project workers, as described in the LMP and consistent with ESS2.	<i>The GM shall be established and operational no later three (3) months after signing contracts and maintained throughout the implementation of the Project</i>	NPCU PRAPS II NE Suppliers and contractors
2.3	OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH AND SAFETY MEASURES (OHS) Undertakes to implement and incorporate in the tender documents, the Terms of Reference and contracts of the project's suppliers/providers, the clauses relating to Occupational Health and Safety (OHS) specified in the Project's Environmental and Social Management Framework (ESMF), Labor Management Procedures (LMP) and any other OHS measures recommended by the sub-project's specific Environmental and Social Management Plan (ESMP). It undertakes to ensure that the Project's contractors/suppliers comply with these Occupational Health and Safety (OHS) measures.	<i>Before the start of works.</i> <i>Before publishing the notice of expression of interest for suppliers/providers (integration of OHS measures).</i> <i>Throughout the implementation of the Project</i>	NPCU PRAPS II NE Suppliers and contractors
ESS 3: RESOURCE EFFICIENCY AND POLLUTION PREVENTION AND MANAGEMENT			
3.1	WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN Adopt and implement a Waste Management Plan (WMP), to manage hazardous and non-hazardous wastes, consistent with ESS3.	<i>The HWPMP adopted on May, 28, 2021 shall be updated, consulted upon and disclosed as needed before the commencement of Project activities and application of measures during the entire Project implementation period</i>	NPCU PRAPS II NE
3.2	RESOURCE EFFICIENCY AND POLLUTION PREVENTION AND MANAGEMENT Incorporate resource efficiency and pollution prevention and management measures in the ESMP to be prepared under action 3.1 above.	<i>Same timeframe as for the adoption and implementation of the ESMPs</i>	NPCU PRAPS II NE Suppliers and contractors
ESS 4: COMMUNITY HEALTH AND SAFETY			
4.1	TRAFFIC AND ROAD SAFETY	<i>Same timeframe as for the adoption and</i>	

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	Ensure that Project enterprises develop and implement traffic and road safety Plans, in particular a plan of routes for the passage of site machinery and equipment, as required in the ESIA/ESMP.	<i>implementation of the ESMPs</i>	NPCU PRAPS II NE Suppliers and contractors
4.2	COMMUNITY HEALTH AND SAFETY Assess and manage specific risks and impacts to the community arising from Project activities, including, inter alia, behavior of Project workers, risks of labor influx, response to emergency situations, and include mitigation measures in the ESMPs to be prepared in accordance with the ESMF.	<i>Same timeframe as for the adoption and implementation of the ESMPs</i>	NPCU PRAPS II NE Suppliers and contractors
4.3	SEA AND SH RISKS Adopt and implement a SEA/SH Action Plan as part of the ESMF, to assess and manage the risks of SEA and SH.	<i>Same timeframe as the ESIA/ ESMP in Section 1.2 and thereafter implement the SEA/SH Action Plan throughout Project implementation.</i>	NPCU PRAPS II NE Suppliers and contractors
4.4	SECURITY MANAGEMENT Assess and implement measures to manage the security risks of the Project, including the risks of engaging security personnel to safeguard project workers, sites, assets, and activities, as set out in the ESMF/ESIA, C-ESMP or the Security Management Plan, guided by the principles of proportionality and GIIP, and by applicable law, in relation to hiring, rules of conduct, training, equipping, and monitoring of such personnel.	<i>A security risk assessment shall be conducted no later than one month after the AF's Effective Date and if necessary, a Security Management Plan (SMP) shall be prepared and the summary disclosed no later than three months after the AF's Effective Date of the project and thereafter implemented throughout project implementation.</i>	NPCU PRAPS II NE Security consultant
ESS 5: LAND ACQUISITION, RESTRICTIONS ON LAND USE AND INVOLUNTARY RESETTLEMENT			
5.1	RESETTLEMENT POLICY FRAMEWORK Update, consult upon, disclose, and implement a Resettlement Policy Framework (RPF) consistent with ESS 5	<i>The RPF has been prepared, consulted upon, and disclosed, on the websites of the Recipient and the Association by the Parent Project Appraisal, and adopted on February 6th, 2021. It will be updated, consulted upon, and disclosed as needed no later than one month after the Project's Effective Date and thereafter implemented throughout Project implementation.</i>	NPCU PRAPS II NE
5.2	RESETTLEMENT PLANS Adopt and implement a resettlement action plan (RAP) for each activity under the Project for which the RPF requires such RAP, as set out in the RPF, and consistent with ESS5. All RAPs shall be approved by the Association and disseminated at the national level and on the Association's and Recipient's websites.	Adopt, and disclose the RAP, and once adopted, implement the respective RAP, including ensuring that before taking possession of the land and related assets, full compensation has been provided and moving allowances have been provided.	NPCU PRAPS II NE
5.3	GRIEVANCE MECHANISM The Grievance Mechanism (GM) linked to the land acquisition and	<i>The Grievance Mechanism (GM) shall be operational before start of the resettlement</i>	NPCU PRAPS II NE

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	involuntary resettlements is not different from the Grievance Mechanism included in the SEP.	<i>activities.</i>	
5.4	VOLUNTARY LAND TRANSFER AND APPROVAL MANAGEMENT MECHANISM Within the scope of a voluntary land donation, in compliance with the provisions of the Resettlement Policy Framework (RPF), consistent with ESS 5 guideline, any document on the land users' consent shall be submitted to the Association prior approval. Therefore, the Project shall keep a transparent register of all consultations and concluded agreements.	<i>When preparing the sub-projects and well in advance of the start of works.</i>	NPCU PRAPS II NE
ESS 6: BIODIVERSITY CONSERVATION AND SUSTAINABLE MANAGEMENT OF LIVING NATURAL RESOURCES			
6.1	BIODIVERSITY RISKS AND IMPACTS Implement a biodiversity Management measures set out in the ESMF and the work site specific E&S studies. Specific E&S studies shall be submitted to the Association for approval before launching the suppliers/providers consultation documents.	<i>Implementation of the measures throughout Project implementation</i>	NPCU PRAPS II NE
ESS 7: INDIGENOUS PEOPLES/SUB-SAHARAN AFRICAN HISTORICALLY UNDERSERVED TRADITIONAL LOCAL COMMUNITIES (Not relevant)			
ESS 8: CULTURAL HERITAGE			
8.1	CHANCEFINDS Describe and implement the chance finds procedures, as part of the ESMF/ESMP of the Project.	<i>ESMF was adopted on February 5th, 2021 and shall be updated, consulted and disclosed inline with action 1.2 and implemented throughout Project implementation</i>	NPCU PRAPS II NE
ESS 9: FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARIES (Not relevant)			
ESS 10: STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT AND INFORMATION DISCLOSURE			
10.1	STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT PLAN PREPARATION AND IMPLEMENTATION Update, 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.	<i>SEP was adopted on February 6th, 2021 and will be complied throughout the implementation of the Project. It will be updated, consulted upon and disclosed as needed no later than one month after the AF's Effective Date</i>	NPCU PRAPS II NE
10.2	PROJECT GRIEVANCE MECHANISM Establish, publicize, maintain, and operate an accessible grievance mechanism, to receive and facilitate 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,	<i>GM to be operational not later than six (6) months after the AF's Effective Date and maintained throughout the implementation of the Project Communication plan shall be available no later</i>	NPCU PRAPS II NE

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	<p>at no cost and without retribution, including concerns and grievances filed anonymously, in a manner consistent with ESS10.</p> <p>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.</p>	<i>than one month after the Project's EffectiveDate.</i>	
CAPACITY SUPPORT			
	Specify Training to be provided and targeted groups	Specify Targeted Groups and Timeframe for Delivery	Training sessions held/to be held
CS1	<p>Project workers shall be trained on health and safety at work, including on the prevention of emergencies, and how to prepare for and respond to such situations, including Risks related to use of security personnel, COVID-19,STDs and HIV/AIDS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Health and safety rules, -Solid and liquid waste management, -Safety and security of the population. 	<i>Workers on the site, companies/supervising entity (Prior to the works on the site)</i>	During the implementation of the Project
CS2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -The Association new Environmental and Social Framework (ESF), -Identification and engagement of stakeholders, -Environmental and Social Commitment Plan (ESCP), -Content of the Stakeholder Engagement Plan (SEP). 	<i>The NPCU, the central department agents, the Review Committee, the Coordinator, the Heads of the Project's components (At the commencement of the Project with regular recycling)</i>	During the implementation of the Project
CS3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Environmental and Social Module, - The environmental and social national law, law determining the fundamental principles for Environmental Assessment in Niger and its implementing decree, - Knowledge of the procedures for organizing and conducting Environmental and Social Impact Assessments (ESIA), security risk analysis, - Knowledge of the social policies, procedures and legislation in Niger, - Knowledge of ESIA, Environmental and Social Management Plans (ESMP) and RAP implementation monitoring process etc. - Monitoring of the environmental and social factors and reporting 	<i>The beneficiaries/local communities/ authorities/MEL/ departments/NGO</i>	During the implementation of the Project
CS4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Environmental and social screening process and tools and provisions for the application of the recommended effective management measures of environmental, social, and security risks and impacts during the implementation of sub-projects 	<i>The beneficiaries/local communities/ authorities/MEL departments/NGO</i>	During the implementation of the Project
CS5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Labor and working conditions Module, - Terms of conditions of employment according to the national Labor Law and 	<i>Suppliers/Contractors/Sub-contractors.</i>	During the implementation of the Project

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> the Codes of conduct for the suppliers, contractors and sub-contractors, - Workers' Organizations and Unions, - Child labor and minimum age employment rules. 		
CS6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - SEA/SH Grievance Redress Mechanism Module - Grievance registration and processing procedure, filing - Grievance redress procedures - Documenting and processing grievances - Use of the procedure by the different actors - Raising awareness of the population and measures to prevent and mitigate GBV/SEA/SH risks 	<i>Suppliers/Sub-contractors</i>	During the implementation of the Project
CS7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Training on the Hazardous Waste and Pest Management Plan (HWPMP), - Assessment and management of the adverse risks and impacts linked to the use of pesticides, - Application of the recommended measures set out in the approved HWPMP, - Management of E&S risks and biomedical waste, - Proper use of personal protective equipment. 	<i>The beneficiaries/local communities/ authorities/MEL departments/NGO</i>	During the implementation of the Project