

Lebanon: Municipal Services Emergency Project

From Safeguards to E&S Standards

SAFEGUARDS POLICY	BISRI
4.01 ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT	✓
4.04 NATURAL HABITATS	
4.36 FORESTS	
4.09 PEST MANAGEMENT	
4.11 PHYSICAL CULTURAL RESOURCES	
4.37 SAFETY OF DAMS	
7.50 PROJECTS ON INTERNATIONAL WATERWAYS	
7.60 PROJECTS IN DISPUTED AREAS	
4.12 INVOLUNTARY RESETTLEMENT	✓
4.10 INDIGENOUS PEOPLES	

CATEGORY



MODERATE RISK

ESS STANDARD	Bisri
ESS1: Assessment and Management of ESS Risks and Impacts	✓
ESS2: Labor and working conditions	✓
ESS3: Resource Efficiency and Pollution Prevention	✓
ESS4: Community Health and Safety	✓
ESS5: Land Acquisition, Restrictions on Land Use and Involuntary Resettlement	✓
ESS6: Biodiversity Conservation and Sustainable Management of Living Natural Resources	✓
ESS7: Indigenous Peoples	
ESS8: Cultural Heritage	✓
ESS9: Financial Intermediaries	
ESS10: Information Disclosure and Stakeholder Engagement	✓

Municipal Services Emergency Project

Project facts

Objectives: The project development objective is to address urgent community priorities in selected municipal services, targeting areas most affected by the influx of Syrian refugees. Municipal services include solid waste management, water, wastewater and sanitation, roads (and related services), recreational facilities and community activities.

Financing (US\$): 10 m (all from Lebanon Syrian Crisis Trust Fund)

Environmental Category: B

Safeguards Triggered: Environment Assessment (OP 4.01), Involuntary Resettlement (OP 4.12)

Safeguards Instruments: Environmental and Social Management Framework (ESMF), and Resettlement Policy Framework (RPF)

Approved: June 2014

Context

- The main components of the project are (i) provision of high priority municipal services and initiatives to promote social interaction and collaboration in municipalities most affected by refugee influx; and (ii) critical infrastructure (solid waste, roads, water, sanitation and community infrastructure)
- Project activities are expected to produce substantial positive environmental impacts through improved community service delivery. Negative impacts are anticipated to be minor and of a temporary nature during construction.



ESS 1: Assessment and Management of Environmental and Social Risks and Impacts

- Possible cost savings:
 - common approach if joint financing/associated facilities with other multilateral or bilateral agencies;
 - possibility of relying on Borrower Framework
 - risk classification changed and evolves over time and no need of formal restructuring
- Under the proposed ES Framework, the requirement of social impact assessment becomes more focused, and includes specific reference to vulnerable groups and some new issues (such as labor).
- Clear requirement to apply EHS
- The preparation of the ESCP would entail minor effort as this is basically a procedural aspect, and it specifies/refers to other instruments. That is, this is a process of formalizing in a different manner elements/documents that we already have now.
- Requirement to incorporate requirements in tender documents with contractors and sub-contractors: already followed by the Project
- The sub-projects should be implemented in accordance with national law and any requirements of the ESSs that the Bank deems relevant to the subproject.
- [Assessment of risks related to primary suppliers]
- The expected additional level of effort is moderate



ESS 2: Labor and Working Conditions

- This Policy has not been applied in the past and is expected to need efforts on the part of the borrower to provide information to the bank and assist with Bank due diligence process.
- This ESS would apply in varying degrees to direct workers, contracted workers and potentially primary supply workers in this project.
- The principles of Occupational Health and safety (OHS) were already applied in this project.
- This standard includes recognition of the workers' right to organize, right to equitable treatment, prohibition of forced labor and child labor. Baseline information would be required to make a determination of the applicability of the standard.
- A grievance redress mechanism for all project workers would be required to be established.
- The borrower would be responsible to set in place procedures for monitoring of this ESS.
- The expected additional level of effort is moderate to substantial.



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ESS3: Resource Efficiency and Pollution Prevention and Management

- ESS 3 applies if relevant for particular subproject.
- Potential incremental effort to apply resource efficiency measures if subproject is significant user of energy, water or raw materials.
- Use or procurement of pesticide has been excluded from the scope of this Project. [Under new ESF: possibility of preparing PMP only when needed pursuant to ESCP.]
- The expected additional level of effort is [low]

ESS 4: Community Health and Safety

- ESS 4 applies if relevant for particular subproject.
- ESS 4 establishes requirements of structural design safety in accordance with EHSG and GIIP, taking into account climate change considerations; risks to public and application of universal access for design of new public buildings
- Requirement to identify, evaluate and monitor potential road and traffic safety risks: incremental effort needed.
- Requirement to identify in EA project risks and impacts on ecosystem services: not likely to apply under this Project.
- Requirements regarding management and safety of hazardous materials, communities exposure to water borne, water based, communicable & non-communicable disease that could result from project activities or associated with presence of project labor: incremental effort needed
- Requirements regarding emergency preparedness and preparation of Risk Hazard Assessment (RHA) and Emergency Response Plan (ERP) for subprojects with the potential to generate emergency events: incremental effort needed
- The expected additional level of effort is low to moderate.



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ESS 5: Land Acquisition, Restrictions on Land Use and Involuntary Resettlement

- ESS 5 applies if relevant for particular subproject.
- There is no significant change in this standard from the current policy (Operational Policy 4.12).
- The project is expected to have very few land acquisition and meets all the requirements of the standard in terms of work already completed under the current policy, such as holding of consultation with stakeholders, preparation of resettlement framework, provision of a grievance redress mechanism, disclosure of information etc.
- Clearer criteria on voluntary land acquisitions and provisions regarding land purchased by Gvt in anticipation of the Project, and prohibition on forced evictions.
- Consultations would require more specific effort to ensure involvement of vulnerable groups
- The expected additional level of effort is none to low.



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ESS 6: Biodiversity Conservation and Sustainable Management of Living Natural Resources

- ESS 6 applies if relevant for particular subproject.
- The project is not financing any activities that would cause impacts on natural habitat or forests
- New: need to consider impacts on ecosystem services and living natural resources as related to affected communities : most likely not relevant for this Project.
- No additional effort is required for this ESS.



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ESS 7: Indigenous Peoples

ESS 8: Cultural Heritage

ESS 9: Financial Intermediaries

ESS7

- OP 4.10 not triggered for Project
- No additional effort is required for this ESS.

ESS8

- There is no cultural property identified in the project area.
- New requirement on intangible CH
- No additional effort is required for this ESS.

ESS9

- There are no FIs in the project and hence no incremental efforts would be required.
- No additional effort is required for this ESS.



ESS 10: Stakeholder Engagement and Information Disclosure

- Under the new ESS 10, stakeholder engagement for the E&S impacts and their mitigation would be more systematic and an on-going activity over the life of the project. Some effort would be required to prepare a Stakeholder Engagement Plan (SEP) where currently, stakeholder consultation is covered in the E&S assessment and the mitigation plans.
- Currently the project has a multi-level grievance redress mechanism in place to respond to complaints. Some minor effort may be required to disclose information about the status of resolution of all grievances.
- The expected additional level of effort is moderate.



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