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**Environmental and Social Data Sheet**

**Overview**

Project Name:	JORDAN COVID-19 PUBLIC HEALTHCARE LOAN
Project Number:	2020-0381
Country:	Jordan
Project Description:	The project consists of financing of eligible costs to be incurred by the government of Jordan in relation to the COVID-19 pandemic. This includes consumables, drugs, medical equipment, vehicles and modular facilities, addressed at the strengthening the Jordanian health system response and preparedness capacity along the crisis.
EIA required:	no
Project included in Carbon Footprint Exercise <sup>1</sup> :	no

**Environmental and Social Assessment**

**Environmental Assessment**

The project consists of financing investments of the Ministry of Health of Jordan, aimed at implementing the measures to respond to the COVID-19 health emergency and improve the future pandemic preparedness of the country. The project focuses on financing the shortages in the healthcare services and supplies of consumables, laboratory equipment, vehicles (ambulances and cars for rapid response teams logistics), modular facilities for quarantine zones and vaccines during the period whilst the pandemic or health emergency status for COVID-19 is maintained by the Country and the WHO.

Due to the nature of the investments (in particular purchase of equipment, devices, consumables, drugs, vehicles and modular facilities etc.) and if properly managed (proper decommissioning / discharge of materials), it is unlikely that the project will have significant negative impact on the environment.

The investment components specifically relate to the COVID-19 emergency response and future preparedness, and they will mainly concern operational expenses and installation of

<sup>1</sup> Only projects that meet the scope of the Carbon Footprint Exercise, as defined in the EIB Carbon Footprint Methodologies, are included, provided estimated emissions exceed the methodology thresholds: 20,000 tonnes CO<sub>2</sub>e/year absolute (gross) or 20,000 tonnes CO<sub>2</sub>e/year relative (net) – both increases and savings.

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equipment in facilities and areas already authorised for the purpose. Therefore, it is not expected that an Environmental Impact Assessment, will be required. In the case that any of these activities or works should imply significant infrastructural interventions in any facility concerned, the EIB will ask for copies of the necessary permits and/or screening decisions by the relevant competent authorities. Should then an EIA be required for any of such schemes, the promoter shall be requested to send a full copy to the EIB.

### **Social Assessment, where applicable**

By financing the shortages in the healthcare services during the period of the pandemic, the project ensures the medical treatment of the affected population while reducing the negative impacts on the society.

## **Conclusions and Recommendations**

The project consists of financing investments of the Ministry of Health of Jordan, aimed at implementing the measures to respond to the COVID-19 health emergency and improve the future pandemic preparedness of the country. Such measures are part of the overall response effort put in place by the Jordanian Government to fight and contain the COVID-19 outbreak and its medical and socio-economic consequences.

The investment will mainly cover both operational expenditures for consumables and drugs, as well as capital costs related to medical equipment, vehicles and modular facilities. As such, it is not expected that an EIA will be required for any of the schemes. In consideration of the fact that the project shall cover the entire population of the country, the EIB expects the investment will have a positive social impact.

With the conditions and undertakings proposed and the eligibility criteria in place, the project is considered to be acceptable for the Bank's financing from an environmental and social point of view.

### **Undertakings:**

- the promoter undertakes to inform the Bank's services about any significant environmental issue that might emerge in relation to any health infrastructure schemes and any possible related EIA requirement from the competent authority;
- the promoter undertakes to ensure that the implementation of the project schemes will be done in accordance with the Bank's environmental and social policy and standards.