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## **Public**

# **Environmental and Social Data Sheet**

### **Overview**

Project Name: NC COVID-19 PUBLIC HEALTHCARE PROGRAMME LOAN

Project Number: 2020-0395

Country: Morocco, Egypt, Belarus, Jordan, Tunisia, Uzbekistan, Moldova

Project Description: Programme loan to support public sector counterparties in

containing the COVID-19 pandemic with health emergency response and pandemic preparedness interventions for Eastern,

Central Asia and Southern neighbouring countries.

EIA required: to be determined at the stage of appraisal of individual sub-projects

under the programme loan

Project included in Carbon Footprint Exercise<sup>1</sup>: no

(details for projects included are provided in section: "EIB Carbon Footprint Exercise")

#### **Environmental and Social Assessment**

# **Environmental Assessment**

The proposed programme loan is composed of sub-projects that intends to finance a range of measures to support the health emergency response and pandemic preparedness interventions for Eastern, Central Asia and Southern neighbouring countries. The programme finances the shortages in the healthcare services and supply of critical consumables during the period whilst WHO maintains the pandemic or health emergency status for COVID-19. Due to the nature of the investments (purchase of equipment, devices and consumables, purchase of transportation activities, renting additional spaces, etc.) and if properly managed (proper discharge of materials), it is unlikely that the project will have significant negative impact on the environment.

The Bank will require the promoters to ensure that implementation of the sub-projects will be done in accordance with the Bank's environmental and social policy and standards.

## **Social Assessment**

By financing the shortages in the healthcare services during the period of an epidemic, the programme ensures the medical treatment of the affected population while reducing the negative impacts on the society. Hence, the project is acceptable considering the EIB's environmental and social policy and standards.

<sup>&</sup>lt;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 CO2e/year absolute (gross) or 20,000 tonnes CO2e/year relative (net) – both increases and savings.



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# **Conclusions and Recommendations**

The project finances the shortages in the healthcare services during the period whilst WHO maintains the pandemic or health emergency status for COVID-19. The Bank will require the promoters to ensure that implementation of the sub-projects will be done in accordance with the Bank's environmental and social policy and standards.

In light of the above, the project is acceptable considering the EIB's environmental and social policy and standards.