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## Environmental and Social Data Sheet

### Overview

Project Name:	WHO COVID-19 RAPID RESPONSE FACILITY
Project Number:	20200498
Country:	Regional - Africa
Project Description:	The project concerns setting a global supply chain scheme for lower- and middle-income countries by The World Health Organization that would ensure access to essential medical supplies to fight the COVID-19 pandemic. The Promoter will identify and map safe sources of life-saving personal protective equipment, diagnostics & testing and other clinical support supplies, coordinate procurement with key suppliers based on aggregated demand, agree on allocation principles and ensure a fast access for countries in need.
EIA required:	no
Project included in Carbon Footprint Exercise <sup>1</sup> :	no

### Environmental and Social Assessment

The Promoter, The World Health Organization (“WHO”) is an International Organization and a specialised United Nations agency with a constitutional mandate as the Directing and Coordinating authority on international health work. The environmental and social policy and procedures of WHO follows the same key principles as the EIB Environmental and Social standards.

#### Environmental Assessment

The activities to be financed under the project mainly concerns investments that are expected to be carried out in existing facilities without changing the already authorised scope in non-EU WHO qualified countries and would therefore not require an EIA.

#### Social Assessment, where applicable

The project, if successful, is expected to lead to important social benefit stemming from its focus on addressing the critical COVID-19 pandemic, and in particular one of the most critical and urgent aspect of it, i.e., the provision and availability of key medical supplies to Lower- and Middle-Income Countries (LMICs).

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<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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### **Other Environmental and Social Aspects**

WHO has multiple policies in place including their transparency and accountability policy, which ensure that WHO support at country level is managed in a transparent and accountable manner through systems that include appropriate oversight mechanisms, and that the support is used according to the programme objectives. Consequently, WHO complies with the relevant and applicable EIB's environmental and social standards.

### **Conclusions and Recommendations**

The project concerns investments in the supply of medical material and equipment to face the COVID-19 pandemic, activities which will be carried out in existing facilities without changing the already authorised scope in non-EU WHO qualified countries, and would therefore not require an EIA.

The activities undertaken in the project aim to result in the containment of the spread of SARS-CoV-2 and the toll the COVID-19 disease is having across the globe, notably in LMICs. Therefore, if the project is successful, it is expected to have a significant positive social impact.

Considering the above, the project is acceptable for Bank financing in terms of environmental and social aspects.