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## Environmental and Social Data Sheet

### Overview

Project Name:	RIPOSTE SANITAIRE COVID-19 NIGER
Project Number:	2020-0668
Country:	Niger
Project Description:	The project aims at supporting the government of Niger in its COVID-19 health response plan. This includes acquisition of medical equipment, medical supplies, drugs and logistics, as well as the strengthening of medical health system with pandemic preparedness interventions.

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 Niger, aimed at implementing 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 put in place by the Niger Government to fight and contain the COVID-19 outbreak and its consequences. The project focuses on financing the shortages in the healthcare services (minor rehabilitation and reconfiguration of health facilities) and supplies of critical drugs, oxygen, consumables and equipment during the period whilst the country and the WHO maintain the pandemic or health emergency status for COVID-19.

Due to the nature of the investments (in particular the purchase of equipment, devices, drugs and consumables, 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 equipment in existing facilities, already authorised for the same purpose. Therefore, it is not expected that an Environmental Impact Assessment will be required. In the case where the type of works should imply significant infrastructural interventions in any facility concerned, the EIB will ask for copies of the necessary permits and/or screening

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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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decisions by the relevant competent authorities. Should an EIA be required for any of these affected 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 an epidemic, the project ensures the epidemic-specific and general medical treatment of the affected population while reducing the overall negative impacts on the society. 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.

### **Conclusions and Recommendations**

The project consists of financing investments of the Ministry of Health of Niger, aimed at implementing the measures to respond to the COVID-19 health emergency and improve the future pandemic preparedness of the Country.

The investment will mainly cover both operational expenditures for consumables and drugs, as well as capital costs related to medical equipment and minor reconfiguration/ rehabilitation works in health facilities.

With the conditions 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's schemes will be done in accordance with the Bank's environmental and social policy and standards.