



Environmental and Social Data Sheet

Overview

Project Name: POST-EARTHQUAKE RECONSTRUCTION FRAMEWORK LOAN
 Project Number: 2016 0406
 Country: Ecuador
 Project Description: The multi-sector framework loan will support the integrated rehabilitation and reconstruction of the province of Manabi, particularly on the sub-region of Portoviejo, which is one of the regions most affected by the recent earthquake.

EIA required: no

Project included in Carbon Footprint Exercise¹: no

Environmental and Social Assessment

The operation consists of a re-purposing of an amount of up to USD 100 million (approximately, 61% of the loan amount) from the POST-EARTHQUAKE RECONSTRUCTION FRAMEWORK LOAN (2016-0406) to support Ecuador's paediatric vaccination campaign.

Specifically, the loan will cover the acquisition of vaccines and disposable medical materials associated with the vaccine delivery, minor IT tools and small pieces of equipment that will reinforce the cold chain and distribution logistics.

Environmental Assessment

Due to the project's characteristics, the project would not fall under Annex I or Annex II of the EIA Directive 2014/52/EU amending Directive 2011/92/EU and no significant environmental impact is foreseen.

Social Assessment, where applicable

Vaccination is an extremely cost-effective healthcare measure universally accessible in Ecuador. Immunization rates are positively correlated to good health, education attainments, participation to the labour market and income, thus being considered a powerful tool of social inclusion. The project greatly contributes to gender equality by lifting the burden of care from women and provides an essential healthcare service in remote areas, including those with a prevalence of indigenous populations. Furthermore, by reinforcing the cold chain, the distribution logistics and the medical IT tools, the project will contribute to the health system resilience and preparedness for future healthcare needs and emergencies.



Conclusions and Recommendations

The project concerns investments in vaccines, and the improvement in the logistics and implementation of vaccination services, which do not fall under Annex I or Annex II of the EIA Directive.

As a health emergency project delivering a highly cost-effective preventative service (vaccination) with public good characteristics, the expected economic and social benefits resulting from saving human lives, and avoiding loss of healthy and productive years of life are excellent. While financially the project is not expected to yield returns, public health protection impacts on a broad range of positive externalities from an economic and social perspective.

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