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Environmental and Social Data Sheet

Overview

Project Name:	LEBANON WHO HEALTH RESILIENCE
Project Number:	20240220
Country:	Lebanon
Project Description:	The project will assist Lebanon with building resilience to shocks, including pandemics, and strengthen the continuum of care. The grant, implemented by WHO, will support the re-establishment of a public national laboratory and medication supply to primary healthcare centres (PHCs).
EIA required:	no
Project included in Carbon Footprint Exercise ¹ :	no

Environmental and Social Assessment

The project concerns the rehabilitation of an existing laboratory building on the site of the Rafic-Hariri University Hospital as well as the distribution of medicines to selected primary health care centres. If located within the EU, the first component would be covered by Annex II of the EIA Directive 2011/92/EU as amended by 2014/52/EU on Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) in relation to urban development. Due to the scale of the investment and since the foreseen construction works will not change the scope of the existing facility, the promoter does not expect that an EIA will be requested by the competent authority when requesting a building permit.

Conclusions and Recommendations

As the project covers construction works within the existing care facilities, no significant impact is expected on the environment. Overall, the rehabilitated building will improve working conditions and will enable the tracing and follow up of infectious diseases what has a significant social benefit.

The Finance Contract will include an undertaking that the promoter should provide the EIB with documents supporting the execution of an EIA procedure in case a full Environmental Impact Assessment is requested for any of the construction sites.

In light of the above, the project is considered acceptable for EIB financing.

¹ 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.