

Emergency Electricity Project in Syria

Environmental and Social Commitment Plan (ESCP)

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Introduction:

In response to urgent national needs and the country's commitment to sustainable development, the Syrian Arab Republic—through its Ministry of Energy and the Public Establishment for Electricity Transmission and Distribution—has launched the Emergency Electricity Project, with financial support from the International Development Association (IDA). This Environmental and Social Commitment Plan (ESCP) outlines the principles, frameworks, and concrete measures to ensure the project aligns with global environmental and social standards throughout its implementation.

Project Vision and Commitments

This Plan reflects the government's clear commitment to

Implement the Project in line with the Environmental and Social Standards (ESS) defined by IDA.

Foster transparency, accountability, and public engagement at every stage.

Prevent and mitigate adverse impacts while promoting positive, inclusive outcomes.

Core Components of the ESCP

To fulfill these commitments, the ESCP defines a series of practical, institutional, and operational measures, including:

- Institutional roles and responsibilities, ensuring effective project governance.
- Capacity-building and training plans to equip teams with the needed expertise.
- Monitoring and reporting systems to track progress and compliance.
- Detailed implementation timelines to ensure timely execution of all actions.
- Grievance mechanisms that are accessible, inclusive, and responsive.
- All environmental and social documents required for the project will be developed, disclosed, and executed in accordance with IDA guidelines.

Revisions to these documents may only be made following written authorization from IDA. Budgetary resources will be allocated in full to enable effective delivery of this Plan.

Dynamic Planning and Revisions

The ESCP is designed with adaptability in mind. Should project conditions evolve—due to unforeseen risks, performance updates, or contextual shifts—this Plan may be revised.

Updates must be agreed upon by both the Recipient and IDA and formalized through official correspondence from authorized representatives. All revisions will be made publicly available to maintain transparency.

Implementation Readiness

A key feature of the ESCP is the inclusion of readiness indicators to assess preparedness. Every item listed in the Plan's timeline must be executed on schedule, even if not reiterated in the readiness section. This ensures a consistent and proactive implementation process.

Conclusion

This Environmental and Social Commitment Plan serves not only as a project management tool but as a reflection of Syria's enduring pledge to responsible infrastructure development. Through this Plan, the government demonstrates its determination to deliver energy services that are safe, inclusive, and environmentally conscious—laying a foundation for sustainable progress and resilience.