

1. Environmental and Social Management Framework

A. Statement of Policy and Purpose

The Enterprise Support Project (ESP) will take steps to address and mitigate environmental or social effects before implementing the subproject. Projects receiving the ESP assistance must abide by all local environmental and relocation policies and laws as well as meet project-specific requirements such as avoiding the use of any banned chemicals. Special attention is required for COVID 19 prevention, notably by establishing a COVID 19 prevention and safety plan (as described in "[Bijlage 2 bij landsbesluit van 10 mei 2020, nummer 2020/0324](#)"). In addition, all enterprises seeking financial support must ensure that the finances are not utilized to purchase land and any finance venture in any of the few exception industries including wildlife products, commercial logging, etc. (see the ineligible list in the [Operations Manual](#), Annex 1).

The environmental and social questionnaire as integrated into supplemental form 1 of the application process must be completed. The questionnaire is designed to automatically ask follow-up questions as necessary. A full description of the environmental and social requirements and the questions for the questionnaire are included in the [Operations Manual](#), section 11.

The ESP aims to ensure that the program proceeds will not be used for any activity that could harm the environment or people. To that end, the ESP is committed to:

- Providing environmental support in all areas of its operations;
- Ensuring environmentally and socially responsible financial investment and development;
- Ensuring compliance with relevant laws, regulations, and standards within Sint Maarten;
- Preventing the sale of land as a use of proceeds for the ESP;
- Supporting transactions that do not adversely affect vulnerable people and underserved groups (for example, elderly poor pensioners, the physically challenged, women, particularly heads of households or widows, and so on) living in the area; and
- Ensuring that people are not displaced or lose access or assets because of project activities.

2. Environmental Management Plan (EMP) for small construction/rehabilitation works

Provided in the full Operations Manual is a list of standard mitigation measures for the small civil works which have been determined to be of Low Environmental, Social, Health and Safety (ESHS) Risk or of minimal environmental impact.

These mitigation measures are the core of a standardized Environmental Management Plan for these types of minor works, with typical minor impact which can be addressed with good ESHS practice. These measures are general and may be modified to conform with applicable laws and regulations of Sint Maarten and contract procedures for such works. These mitigation measures are expected of all who engage in small construction/rehabilitation works and represent the minimum standard for ESHS for the beneficiaries of the project. See section 11.4 of the [Operations Manual](#).