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Sexual Exploitation and Abuse / Sexual Harassment

**Prevention and Response Action Plan** 

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# ABBREVIATIONS AND ACRONYMS

| СВО    | Community Based Organization                                |
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| CDC    | Community Development Center                                |
| CERC   | Contingent Emergency Response Component                     |
| CIO    | Central Inspection Office                                   |
| CMU    | Central Management Unit                                     |
| CoC    | Code of Conducts  |
| CSO    | Civil Society Organization                                  |
| ESCP   | Environmental and Social Commitment Plan                    |
| ESF    | Environmental and Social Framework                          |
| ESI    | Environmental and Social Instruments                        |
| ESMP   | Environmental and Social Management Plan                    |
| ESS    | Environmental and Social Standards                          |
| ESSN   | Lebanon Emergency Crisis and COVID19 Response Social Safety |
|        | Net Project   |
| EU     | European Union  |
| FX     | Foreign Exchange  |
| GBV    | Gender-Based Violence                                       |
| GBVIMS | Gender-Based Violence Information Management System         |
| GOL    | Government of Lebanon                                       |
| GM     | Grievance Mechanism   |
| GPN    | Good Practice Note  |
| IEC    | Information Education and Communication                     |
| IGO    | Intergovernmental Organization                              |
| IMPACT | Inter-Ministerial and Municipal Platform for Assessment     |
|        | Coordination and Tracking                                   |
| MoSA   | Ministry of Social Affairs                                  |
| MoPH   | Ministry of Public Health                                   |
| M&E    | Monitoring and Evaluation                                   |
| NGO    | Non-Governmental Organization                               |
| PCM    | Presidency of the Council of Ministers                      |
| PIU    | Project Implementations Unit                                |
| PMU    | Project Management Unit                                     |
| SDC    | Social Development Centers                                  |
| SEA    | Sexual Exploitation and Abuse                               |
| SGBV   | Sexual and Gender Based Violence                            |
| SH     | Sexual Harassment   |
| SSN    | Social Safety Net   |
| TOR    | Terms of Reference  |
| TPM    | Third Party Monitoring                                      |
| VAC    | Violence Against Children                                   |

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### 1. Introduction

The Lebanon Emergency Crisis and COVID19 Response Social Safety Net Project (ESSN) aims to (a) provide cash transfers and access to social services to extreme poor and vulnerable Lebanese populations affected by the economic and COVID-19 crises in Lebanon; and (b) in case of an Eligible Crisis or Emergency, provide immediate and effective response to such emergency or crisis. The main components of the project will be:

### **Component 1: Provision of Cash Transfer for Basic Income Support**

The objective of this cash transfer is to help arrest the increase in extreme poverty by providing cash transfer to 112,000 Lebanese households, scaling up from the current 15,000 households who receive an e-card food voucher. The scale-up would result in an enhanced coverage of Lebanon's targeted Social Safety Net (SSN) from 1.5 percent at present to 4.5 percent with donor assistance and up to around 24 percent of the Lebanese national population with the ESSN.

### **Component 2: Provision of Cash Transfer for Students-at-Risk**

The objective of this component is to preserve the human capital of poor Lebanese households by supporting the retention of students who are at risk of dropping out of school due to socio-economic reasons, which may also be aggravated by school closure due to COVID-19.

### **Component 3: Provision of Social Services**

The main purpose of this component is to (i) contribute to strengthening the capacity and systems of the Ministry of Social Affairs (MOSA) and the Social Development Centers (SDCs), and (ii) increase access to quality social services, for the vulnerable and disadvantaged households. SDCs are a key entry point where vulnerable groups seek assistance and basic 'prevention' services and where social workers assess their needs, provide them with specialized services when available, and refer them to specialized support services not available at the SDCs and/or MOSA which are typically provided by contracted NGOs or UN agencies. The package of services will therefore be designed to meet the needs that range from preventative to response services, some of which will be implemented by the SDC themselves and others through contracted specialized agencies.

#### **Component 4: Enhanced Social Safety Nets Program Delivery**

The objective of this component is to ensure an efficient and effective implementation of the ESSN program and lay the foundations for a sustainable SSN delivery, including the building blocks of a National Social Registry. To achieve this objective, the component will support the financing of:

- Development of a robust Grievance Mechanism (GM), and Communication and Outreach
- Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E), Verification System, TPM/ External Technical Audit
- Building blocks of a National Social Registry
- Project Management and Implementation Support

#### **Component 5: Contingent Emergency Response Component (CERC)**

In recognition of Lebanon's current significant vulnerability to shocks, a Contingent Emergency Response Component (CERC) with no funds is included. This component will allow the Government of Lebanon to request the World Bank for rapid reallocation of the Project funds to respond promptly and effectively to an eligible emergency or crisis that is a natural or manmade disaster or crisis that has caused or is likely to imminently cause a major adverse economic and/or social impact. If the World Bank agrees with the determination of the disaster and associated response needs, this component will draw resources from the categories financing Components 1, 2, 3, and 4 and/or allow the Government to request the World Bank to re-categorize and reallocate financing from other project components to cover emergency response and recovery costs.

### 2. Contextual Sexual Exploitation and Abuse and Sexual Harassment Risks

Gender-based violence (GBV) is a global issue that affects 1 in 3 women in their lifetime. Incidents of GBV, specifically sexual exploitation and abuse / sexual harassment (SEA/SH) have occurred in projects financed by the World Bank therefore a prevention and response action plan to deal with the SEA/SH risks is necessary. While women and girls tend to be most at risk, men and boys can also be at risk of SEA/SH.

In most contexts around the world, when the level of external stresses increases, a rise in violence against women is seen. Lebanon is no different. The escalation of GBV in Lebanon is alarming, with a surge in the number of cases reported formally and informally. Gender-based violence reports are emerging from Lebanese households, public spaces and workplaces, with the economic crisis and the COVID-19 pandemic contributing to increasing vulnerability and therefore exposure to risk. Sexual and gender-based violence is one of the major concerns affecting Lebanese households, with women being the targets in 90 percent of reported incidents<sup>1</sup>. Women at risk of gender-based violence, sexual exploitation and abuse and sexual harassment and/or domestic abuse in the poorest households could experience a range of psychological and social consequences and require specialized interventions including counseling and referral to remedial services. An assessment carried out on impacts of COVID-19 by the Inter-Agency Sexual and Gender Based Violence (SGBV) Task Force in Lebanon has shown that 54 percent of women and girls reported a rise in SGBV incidents in the community or household<sup>2</sup>. Similarly, the Gender-Based Violence Information Management System (GBVIMS) reported an increase in several forms of GBV during the first quarter of 2020 compared to the same period months of 2019<sup>3</sup>, with cyberbullying (187 percent increase) and economic violence (53 percent self-reported by women and girls) emerging as new types of GBV. This highlights the need to increase access to specialized services.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Lebanon Crisis Response Plan 2017-2020. <u>https://reliefweb.int/sites/reliefweb.int/files/resources/74641.pdf</u> Refer to KAFA website: <u>https://kafa.org.lb/en/campaigns</u>

 <sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Inter-Agency SGBV Task Force Lebanon. Impact of COVID-19 on the SGBV Situation in Lebanon. <u>https://reliefweb.int/sites/reliefweb.int/files/resources/76729.pdf</u>
 <sup>3</sup>GBVIMS (2020)

All communities in Lebanon are suffering, and concerned stakeholders, including public sector offices, legal bodies and employers are not properly equipped to deal with the growing number of GBV cases. Indeed, even before the crises hit, little legal recourse existed to provide legislative protections. At work, for example, very limited legal recourse was available to protect employees against sexual harassment. The lack of anti-sexual harassment policies and associated reporting mechanisms to ensure the required victim and witness protections is hindering progress towards safe and equitable workplaces.

It is worth noting that in December 2020, the Lebanese Parliament passed a landmark law against sexual harassment in December 2020 called Law #205<sup>4</sup>. The World Bank supported the passing of this law by working through its Mashreq Gender Facility with the National Commission for Lebanese Women (NCLW) and other stakeholders. The Anti-Sexual Harassment Law No. 205, does not limit the protections against sexual harassment to just the workplace, but also covers harassment in "any place." The law also takes into consideration the dynamics of power and authority in social relations and provides varying degrees of punishment based on the crime and the perpetrator's status. For example, should the perpetrator have a position of dominance or authority over the victim, a heftier punishment applies, the penalty increases, and incidents do not have to be recurrent. Moreover, heavier penalties have been imposed, as per the Law, related to cases where the perpetrator is a supervisor or a public officer, if the perpetrator abused of their right or if the victim is a minor or has special needs. In the last case, the offence becomes a felony and is no longer considered as a misdemeanor. With the passing of the law, perpetrators could spend up to four years in prison and pay hefty fines (up to 50 times the minimum wage), if they violate the sexual harassment law. Furthermore, the law does not exclude the possibility of disciplinary sanctions that the perpetrator may face at work and guarantees the victim' s right to claim compensation for the moral damages incurred. Protection of the victim and of witnesses are also protected under the law, from any discrimination they might face in the workplace.

The passing of Law No. 205 is an encouraging first step to protect the Lebanese community and in specific, employees, from being subject to sexual harassment and gender-based violence. However, without the enforcement of the law within public and private institutions, as well as clear and safe reporting mechanisms, perpetrators will continue to subject innocent victims to abuse, and victims may continue to suffer in silence. The law criminalizes SH and creates a special fund at the MoSA for the rehabilitation of the victims. In addition to pressing criminal charges, employers and organizations can now impose disciplinary measures, and victims of sexual harassment can seek additional compensation for damages caused.

### 3. Project SEA and SH Risks

A GBV screening tool developed by the World Bank permits to assess the risk of GBV, particularly SEA, and can be found online<sup>5</sup>. This SEA/SH Risk Assessment Tool helps Task Teams understand the issues

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Law No. 205 (Arabic) Link

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> <u>https://worldbankgroup.sharepoint.com/sites/gsg/SPS/Pages/FocusAreas/GenderBased%20Violence.aspx</u>

and risks of SEA/SH in the project areas. It takes into consideration both project-specific details, such as labor influx levels, as well as the country context where the project takes place. The results of the GBV screening tool indicated that various aspects of the program bring the GBV risk to a "moderate" risk rating.

In a SSN program such as the ESSN, there are risks of both SEA/SH perpetrated by project actors, as well as GBV in general at community and household levels. Such SSN projects create changes in the communities in which they operate and can cause shifts in gendered power dynamics between community members and within households. Abusive behavior can occur not only between project staff and those living in and around the project site, but also within the homes of those affected by the project. As with any abuse of power, risks arise if program actors have decision-making power over a beneficiary (for instance power to decide who is eligible for a benefit) and can use this power during interactions with the beneficiary with little or no oversight. While many of the systems in place to select beneficiaries and distribute benefits are automated or otherwise quite structured, activities that involve a differential of power between project staff and vulnerable women/girl beneficiaries do pose a risk of SEA/SH. Consultations with women and girls have so far been limited, but, when they are carried out, will provide more insight into the context and nature of these potential risks, as well as further ideas to increase the safety of women/girls and ensure their equal access to project benefits. Potential SEA/SH risks might also occur due to the high vulnerability of beneficiaries compounded by poverty and, for many, displacement or refugee status- and thus the high need to access the project benefits.

These risks can be reduced through measures to promote a respectful and safe workplace through Codes of Conduct (CoC) and training. The ESSN program limit the actual power of program actors over beneficiaries by basing eligibility on objective criteria or centralized systems. Residual risks can be mitigated through a robust and effective grievance mechanism in place throughout the project and able to receive and resolve GBV/SEA/SH related issues by referral pathways.

# 4. Capacity Assessment of the implementing agency

Over the last few years, there have been numerous donors funded initiatives6 which provide technical assistance to MOSA and the SDCs, and who contract the services of NGOs and UN agencies to provide primary and secondary social services for vulnerable groups. Despite such efforts7, the sustainability of the systems, capacity built and the ability of MoSA to manage, coordinate and oversee the provision of

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> The EU as a donor has been funding several projects (implemented by several UN agencies and NGOs) which support social services, especially for women and children at risk, while the Italian cooperation has been supporting MOSA carry out the geo-localization and other systems building initiative

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> See link to the World Bank assessment, which found that the distribution of SDCs is not proportional to the national spread of poverty. Furthermore, across the country SDCs experience varying levels of performance, resource endowments and appropriately trained staff. SDC budgets were diverted towards medical services and away from family care, psychosocial support and childcare. In 2012, MoSA prioritized capacitation of SDCs and expanding funding to meet demand from displaced Syrians.

http://documents1.worldbank.org/curated/en/925271468089385165/pdf/810980LB0box379831B00P14754500P UBLIC0.pdf

social services that adhere to a minimum set of performance standards needs strengthening. There are multiple modalities of social service provision across a range of actors, weak coordination between different stakeholders, inability to retain social workers due to poor incentives and working conditions. There is also a need to establish and mainstream clearly defined minimum performance standards and additional operating procedures (including for referrals and inter-ministerial linkages), quality measures, and improve human resource capacity and presence of social workers8 at SDCs.

There are currently approximatively 460 social workers working in 220 SDCs across the country. Program staff indicated that only 170 of them have qualified as social workers as many of them were hired to fill out questionnaires and enter data. Some of them were also recruited due to their political connections. About 70% of the social workers are women as fewer men are interested in social work as a profession. In some circumstances, in insecure regions, remote areas or traditional communities, for example, male social workers or female social workers accompanied by male social workers are necessary. In other circumstance, with female-headed households, for example, it is advisable to have a female social worker. This also reduces the risk of gender-based violence.

Therefore, the third component of the project recommends continuing to support MoSA's SDCs to deliver services to those at vulnerable and at risk.

## 5. Risk Management Systems (status/proposed interventions)

To manage and limit SEA/SH risks related to the ESSN the Central Management Unit (CMU) at the PCM prepared a GBV/SEA/SH Action Plan (See section 5 below) in line with the World Bank's Good Practice Note (GPN)<sup>9</sup>. The CMU will ensure, regular reports and follow ups throughout the project including a summary of all adopted policies related to SEA/SH, accountability and response framework and the capacity to implement the SEA/SH Action plan. In addition, the project's GM will need to provide multiple channels to report SEA/SH that include referral pathways for survivor care and support, safe and confidential staff and community reporting mechanisms. The GM, which will be handled by qualified staff will therefore have protocols for handling project-related SEA/SH complaints, including referral to GBV/SEA/SH support services. Finally, all MoSA's social workers and CMU relevant staff will need to have the adequate training on GBV and SEA/SH risks and sign a code of conduct. These requirements were laid out in the Environmental and Social Commitment Plan (ESCP) which was publicly disclosed<sup>10</sup>. The SEA/SH aspects mentioned therefore need to be carefully monitored throughout program implementation by dedicated and qualified staff in MoSA and the CMU and as per the World Bank's GPN.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> Approximately 460 social workers

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup><u>https://thedocs.worldbank.org/wbg/aem/service/pubdocredirect?path=https://pubdocs.worldbank.org/en/6325</u> <u>11583165318586/ESF-GPN-SEASH-in-major-civil-works.pdf</u>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup> <u>http://www.pcm.gov.lb/arabic/subpg.aspx?pageid=18248</u>

# 6. Action Plan

### Table 1: Recommended Actions to Address Project induced SEA/SH Risks

| 1 | Activity to Address SEA/SH<br>risk   | Steps to be taken  | Timelines   | Responsible               | Responsible<br>for<br>Monitoring | Output indicators   |
|---|--|--|---|---------------------------|----------------------------------|---|
|   | Train MoSA social workers<br>on SEA/SH to include<br>a. Accountability and<br>response framework<br>b. Responsibilities and<br>reporting<br>c. Confidentiality and<br>whistle blower<br>protection clauses                                 | Secure technical expertise<br>Prepare the training<br>module and materials<br>Conduct training for social<br>workers staff at MoSA<br>Include SEA/SH as an<br>agenda in meetings   | Preparation<br>Throughout<br>Project<br>implementation                | Social experts<br>in MoSA | CMU task<br>team                 | Number of training conducted<br>Regular reports by social experts in MoSA       |
| 2 | Conduct GBV/SEA assessment<br>Conduct an SEA/SH risk<br>assessment of households<br>benefiting from the ESSN<br>project to inform risk<br>mitigation, strategies<br>including analysis of GBV<br>issues, services and gaps in<br>services. | t at project targeted communi<br>GBV/SEA in the poorest<br>communities<br>Develop Terms of<br>Reference (TOR) for<br>technical assistance<br>required to carry out<br>assessments, evaluations,<br>development of packages<br>and capacity building of<br>social workers and MoSA<br>staff | ties (poor and vulne)<br>Preparation<br>Throughout<br>Implementation. | social workers<br>in MOSA | MOSA/CMU                         | Ongoing review during implementation<br>support missions<br>GBV/SEA risk report |

|    | Activity to Address SEA/SH<br>risk   | Steps to be taken   | Timelines   | Responsible         | Responsible<br>for<br>Monitoring | Output indicators   |
|----|--|---|---|---------------------|----------------------------------|---|
| 3  | Map out GBV/SEA/SH preven  | tion and response service prov  | iders able to provid  | e care to SEA and S | SH survivors                     |   |
| a. | Deliver GBV/SEA/SH<br>interventions in survivors<br>ESSN beneficiary households<br>by qualified social workers<br>from MoSA            | <ul> <li>Develop TOR for the<br/>nominated qualified<br/>social workers</li> <li>Training of social<br/>workers</li> </ul>  | Preparation/<br>implementation  | MoSA                | MoSA/CMU                         | Monthly reports<br>MoSA will carry out routine monitoring<br>and assess the impact of social services<br>provided.  |
| b. | Map out and review capacity<br>and quality of GBV/SEA/SH<br>social workers able to<br>provide care and support<br>SEA and SH survivors | <ul> <li>Review World Bank<br/>reports on existing and<br/>capacity service<br/>providers</li> <li>Conduct field visits in<br/>households assessed<br/>as potentially at risk<sup>11</sup><br/>of SEA/SH and collect<br/>data</li> </ul>  | Preparation/<br>implementation  | MoSA                | MoSA/CMU                         | Monthly Reports   |
| с. | Stakeholder consultations  | <ul> <li>All stakeholders should<br/>be properly informed<br/>of SEA/SH risks<br/>(frequent<br/>consultations with a<br/>variety of<br/>stakeholders)</li> <li>Identify stakeholders<br/>related to SEA/SH risks<br/>and who will be the<br/>reference when<br/>support services are<br/>not available at the<br/>SDCs and/or MOSA</li> <li>Develop interview/</li> </ul> | Prior to initiating<br>the program and<br>maintained<br>throughout<br>project<br>implementation | MoSA                | MoSA/CMU                         | Ongoing consultations<br>Monitoring of implementation of<br>Stakeholder Engagement Plan<br>Stakeholders should be regularly properly<br>informed of SEA/SH risks and project<br>activities to get their feedback on project<br>design and safeguard issues. |

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>11</sup> Home visits conducted as part of eligibility for verification will be used for initial needs assessments of households

| Activity to Address SEA/SH<br>risk  | Steps to be taken   | Timelines   | Responsible | Responsible<br>for<br>Monitoring | Output indicators  |
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|   | <ul><li>facilitation guides, be<br/>aware of the sensitivity<br/>of the issue.</li><li>Conduct stakeholder<br/>meetings</li></ul>   |   |             |                                  |  |
| d. Develop a GBV/SEA/SH<br>referral pathway(s) in line<br>with the National Systems<br>and guidelines being<br>developed by MoSA.   | <ul> <li>CMU to undertake a review of MoSA guidelines for referral of GBV cases</li> <li>On the basis of mapped GBV/SEA prevention and response service providers</li> <li>Develop a GBV/SEA/VAC referral list for service providers.</li> <li>Disseminate the referral pathway/list to stakeholders</li> </ul> | Maintained<br>throughout<br>project<br>implementation.  | MoSA        | MoSA/CMU                         | Developed referral pathway(s)<br>Number/type of GBV/SEA preventive and<br>response services available.<br>Number of referrals of SEA/SH incidents to<br>the project GM |
| 4 Strengthen Institutional capa   | city for GBV/SEA risk mitigation  | n and response  | 1           |                                  | 1  |
| <ul> <li>a. SEA/SH risks adequately<br/>reflected in all<br/>Environmental and Social<br/>Instruments (ESI)</li> <li>Develop a SEA/SH Action<br/>plan including the<br/>Accountability and Response<br/>Framework A forecasted</li> </ul> | <ul> <li>Ensure the<br/>implementation and<br/>monitoring of<br/>GBV/SEA/SH Action<br/>plan</li> <li>Stakeholder<br/>engagement Plan to<br/>keep all parties<br/>informed about the<br/>project activities to</li> </ul>  | At the start and<br>maintained<br>throughout<br>Project<br>implementation.<br>Continuous<br>consultations<br>throughout the | MoSA/CMU    | MoSA/CMU                         | Ongoing review, regular reports<br>Ongoing Consultations   |
| budget will be allocated  | specifically address  | project cycle not   |             |                                  |  |

|    | Activity to Address SEA/SH<br>risk   | Steps to be taken   | Timelines  | Responsible                        | Responsible<br>for<br>Monitoring    | Output indicators   |
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|    | from category 2(component 3) to this task.   | SEA/SH related issues   | just during<br>preparation.                            |                                    |                                     |   |
| b. | <ul> <li>Support capacity of local<br/>systems to prevent and<br/>respond to GBV/SEA (police,<br/>health, legal)</li> <li>Strengthen the<br/>reporting mechanisms<br/>&amp; procedures of local<br/>systems by creating<br/>referral pathways inside<br/>each entity</li> <li>Strengthen a survivor<br/>centred referral and<br/>response.</li> <li>Strengthen coordination<br/>for better services with<br/>local/national GBV/SEA<br/>NGOs (such as ABAAD<br/>and KAFA)</li> </ul> | <ul> <li>Identify key<br/>stakeholders to engage</li> <li>Develop training plan</li> <li>Develop training<br/>material/ content<br/>using global/national<br/>standards, human<br/>rights and survivor<br/>centered approaches</li> <li>Conduct training and<br/>mentoring</li> <li>Conduct regular<br/>coordination meetings<br/>with related<br/>specialized<br/>organizations for<br/>effective referrals</li> </ul> | Maintained<br>throughout<br>Project<br>implementation. | MoSA<br>CMU<br>Specialized<br>NGOs | CMU in<br>coordination<br>with Mosa | Number of trainings conducted<br>Number of coordination meetings<br>conducted<br>Level of Community awareness about GBV<br>and SEA referral pathway |
| c) | Develop and<br>establish/review SEA/GBV<br>response and accountability<br>framework to include:<br>Allegation Procedures to<br>report SEA/GBV incidents<br>and internally for case   | <ul> <li>Develop/review<br/>SEA/GBV Allegation<br/>Procedures to report<br/>SEA/SH issues</li> <li>Inform employees and<br/>the community on how<br/>to report cases of<br/>SEA/SH,</li> </ul>  | Throughout<br>project<br>implementation                | MoSA                               | CMU/MoSA                            | An established and functional accountability framework  |

|    | Activity to Address SEA/SH<br>risk   | Steps to be taken  | Timelines  | Responsible | Responsible<br>for<br>Monitoring | Output indicators  |
|----|--|--|--|-------------|----------------------------------|--|
|    | accountability procedures<br>which should clearly lay out<br>confidentiality requirements<br>for dealing with cases  | <ul> <li>Train all relevant<br/>employees (GM<br/>operators, social<br/>workers) on survivor<br/>centered approach and<br/>how to proceed and<br/>face reported SEA/SH<br/>cases.</li> <li>Confidentiality<br/>requirements for<br/>dealing with SEA/SH<br/>cases</li> <li>Develop mechanisms<br/>to hold accountable<br/>alleged perpetrators;<br/>disciplinary action for<br/>violation of the CoC.</li> </ul> |  |             |                                  |  |
| 6  | Review MoSA's capacity to pr   | event and respond to SEA/SH  | ·  |             | ·                                |  |
| a) | <ul> <li>Review for attention to<br/>SEA/SH</li> <li>a. Human resource<br/>manuals and staff<br/>capacity (ensure hiring<br/>both women and men<br/>without discrimination)</li> <li>b. Existing SEA and SH<br/>Policies and procedures.</li> <li>c. Project Code of<br/>Conduct.</li> </ul> | <ul> <li>Capacity assessment of<br/>MoSA SEA/SH<br/>procedures</li> <li>Review the GM<br/>Referral Pathways and<br/>reporting mechanisms</li> <li>Review Project<br/>Frameworks to identify<br/>SEA/SH policies and<br/>procedures.</li> </ul>   | At the beginning<br>of the project<br>and maintained<br>throughout<br>implementation | MoSA        | CMU/MoSA                         | SEA/SH prevention and mitigation<br>measures addressed in policy documents<br>Establish how the referral pathway will be<br>strengthened |
| b) | Develop Monitoring and<br>Evaluation (M&E)<br>programme, including   | <ul> <li>Develop a<br/>comprehensive M&amp;E<br/>plan to monitor work<br/>plan implementation</li> </ul>   | Maintained<br>throughout<br>Project  | MoSA        | MoSA/CMU                         | M&E framework in place<br>Ongoing reporting  |

|    | Activity to Address SEA/SH<br>risk   | Steps to be taken  | Timelines  | Responsible | Responsible<br>for<br>Monitoring | Output indicators                                |
|----|--|--|--|-------------|----------------------------------|--|
|    | reassessment of risks as appropriate   | Monitor SEA/SH     Implementation Plan   | implementation.  |             |                                  |  |
| c) | Conduct SEA/SH orientation<br>training for project staff at<br>MoSA and CMU <sup>12</sup>  | <ul> <li>Develop a training plan</li> <li>Develop training materials</li> <li>Conduct training for project staff</li> </ul>  | Project<br>implementation.                             | MoSA/CMU    | MoSA/CMU                         | Reports on trainings conducted for project staff |
| 7  | Inform project affected comm   | nunities about GBV/SEA/SH risk   | S S  |             | ·                                |  |
| a) | As referred in the SEP:<br>Establish partnerships with<br>NGOs, Community Based<br>Organizations (CBOs)/ Civil<br>Society Organization (CSOs)<br>and local government<br>institution | Identify and select partners<br>and officially inform them<br>Engage partners,<br>conducting joint<br>community meetings and<br>awareness raising                                      | Maintained<br>throughout<br>Project<br>implementation. | MoSA/CMU    | MoSA/CMU                         | Number of partnerships formed                    |
| b) | Identify, train and establish<br>SDCs considered as focal<br>points for GBV/SEA/SH<br>activities   | Establish a trained,<br>dedicated and committed<br>network of SDCs with<br>referral pathways to<br>designated NGOs if not<br>qualified and able to deal<br>with the relevant complaint | Maintained<br>throughout<br>Project<br>implementation. | MoSA        | CMU/MoSA                         | List of SDCs to refer to for SEA/SH risks        |
| c) | Develop Stakeholder<br>Engagement Plan for<br>GBV/SEA related issues   | Develop a comprehensive<br>GBV/SEA Stakeholder Plan  | Maintained<br>throughout<br>Project<br>implementation. | СМU         | СМU                              | Stakeholder Implementation plan<br>developed     |

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>12</sup>The following link will be used for covering basics of support for survivors: <u>https://gbvguidelines.org/en/pocketguide/</u>

|    | Activity to Address SEA/SH<br>risk   | Steps to be taken  | Timelines  | Responsible              | Responsible<br>for<br>Monitoring    | Output indicators   |
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| d) | Develop information<br>dissemination strategy  | Develop a strategy<br>Identity the methods to<br>disseminate the<br>information<br>Disclosure of information to<br>stakeholders through<br>various multimedia outlets<br>(refer to the disclosed<br>SEP <sup>13</sup> )                                      | Maintained<br>throughout<br>Project<br>implementation. | DAEM, IMPACT<br>platform | CMU in<br>coordination<br>with MoSA | A GBV/SEA/SH communication strategy in place                                  |
| e) | Develop relevant<br>Information Education and<br>Communication (IEC)<br>materials for community<br>engagements                     | Develop relevant IEC<br>materials translated in local<br>languages of the project<br>location  | Maintained<br>throughout<br>Project<br>implementation. | MoSA/CMU                 | MoSA/CMU                            | No and type of GBV/SEA IEC material developed                                 |
| FO | Outreach to public schools<br>on the risks of GBV/SEA/SH<br>(where students attending<br>are beneficiaries of the ESSN<br>program) | Develop a school outreach<br>Plan in consultation with<br>the School heads and in<br>case of missed attendance,<br>a social worker from MoSA<br>will conduct home visits to<br>provide support or advice<br>on possible services the<br>household can access | Maintained<br>throughout<br>Project<br>implementation. | MoSA/CMU                 | MoSA/CMU                            | Number of school outreaches conducted<br>Monthly attendance will be monitored |
| g) | Conduct community sensitization  | Develop a Community<br>GBV/SEA and VAC<br>sensitization program,<br>material and messages<br>Conduct community<br>sensitization  | Maintained<br>throughout<br>Project<br>implementation. | MoSA/CMU                 | MoSA/CMU                            | Number of different channels of community sensitization conducted             |

<sup>13</sup> <u>http://www.pcm.gov.lb/arabic/subpg.aspx?pageid=18248</u>

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| 8  | GBV/SEA sensitive channels fo  | or reporting in GM   |   |             |                                  |  |
| a) | Develop/Review GM for<br>specific GBV/SEA/SH<br>procedures   | Undertake internal review<br>of GM for GBV/SEA<br>mitigation<br>Integrate GBV/SEA entry<br>points within the GM with<br>clear procedures   | Before and<br>throughout<br>project<br>implementation | MoSA/CMU    | MoSA/CMU                         | GM with GBV/SEA procedures and referral<br>pathways integrated<br>Ongoing monitoring and reporting on GM<br>to verify it is working as intended. |
| b. | Identify and train<br>GBV/SEA/SH SDCs who will<br>be responsible of<br>GBV/SEA/SH cases and<br>referral pathways | Train the specific SDCs on<br>GBV/SEA/SH risks, and the<br>referral pathways to<br>qualified designated NGOs<br>if out of their qualifications   | Throughout the project                                | MoSA        | MoSA/CMU                         | MoSAs specific SDCs (selected and trained)<br>Ongoing reporting  |
| c) | Review GM reports/logs for<br>GBV/SEA sensitivity  | Review logs for GBV/SEA<br>documentation to ensure it<br>follows standards for<br>documenting GBV/SEA<br>cases   | During project implementation.                        | СМИ         | СМИ                              | Number of GBV/SEA/SH cases documented<br>Ongoing reporting   |
| 9  | Define and reinforce GBV/SEA   | /SH requirements in procurem   | ent processes and c                                   | ontracts    |                                  |  |
| a. | Incorporate GBV/SEA/SH<br>sensitizations, requirements<br>and expectations in all<br>contract documents          | Ensure that GBV/SEA issues<br>are incorporated in all<br>contracts signed by<br>contractors and consultants<br>Clearly define SEA/SH<br>requirements and<br>expectations. A budget will<br>be allocated from category<br>2(component 3) to this<br>task. | During project<br>implementation.                     | CMU         | CMU                              | GBV/SEA standards in<br>procurement/contract document<br>Contract documents with clearly defined<br>SEA/SH clauses/requirements                  |

| b.       CoC signed and translated in<br>the local language (the CoC<br>requirements are based on<br>the project's needs, the<br>Bank's Standard<br>Procurement Documents<br>and the Lebanese Republic<br>policies and goals)       Define the requirements to<br>be included in the CoC<br>which addresses<br>GBV/SEA/SH       During Project<br>implementation       CMU       Regular reporting that CoCs are signed and<br>that workers have been trained and<br>understand their obligations         not the Lebanese Republic<br>policies and goals)       Review CoC for<br>provisions/clauses that<br>guard against GBV/SEA/SH       Review CoC signed by all<br>those with a physical<br>presence at the project site.       CMU       CMU       Regular reporting that CoCs are signed and<br>that workers have been trained and<br>understand their obligations         Train project-related staff<br>on the behavior obligations<br>under the CoCs.       Train project-related staff<br>on the behavior obligations<br>under the CoCs.       Disseminate CoCs and<br>discuss with employees and<br>surrounding communities.<br>Discussion at public<br>consultations       Listen and<br>Listen and Listen and<br>Listen and<br>Listen and<br>Listen and Listen and<br>Listen and<br>Listen and<br>Listen and Listen and<br>Listen and<br>Listen and Listen and<br>Listen and<br>Listen and<br>Listen and<br>Listen and<br>Listen and<br>List | Activity to Address SEA/SH<br>risk   | Steps to be taken   | Timelines      | Responsible | Responsible<br>for<br>Monitoring | Output indicators  |
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| 10 Separate toilet and shower facilities for men and women and GBV/SEA-free signage (for MoSA/CMU staff)  | the local language (the CoC<br>requirements are based on<br>the project's needs, the<br>Bank's Standard<br>Procurement Documents<br>and the Lebanese Republic<br>policies and goals) | be included in the CoC<br>which addresses<br>GBV/SEA/SH<br>Review CoC for<br>provisions/clauses that<br>guard against GBV/SEA/SH<br>Have CoCs signed by all<br>those with a physical<br>presence at the project site.<br>Train project-related staff<br>on the behavior obligations<br>under the CoCs.<br>Disseminate CoCs and<br>discuss with employees and<br>surrounding communities.<br>Discussion at public<br>consultations | implementation |             |                                  | that workers have been trained and<br>understand their obligations<br>Review of SEA/SH risks during project<br>supervision (Mid-Term Review) to assess |

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| а. | Implement appropriate<br>project-level activities to<br>reduce SEA/SH risks | Have separate safe and<br>easily accessible facilities<br>for women and men.<br>Locker rooms should be<br>located in separate areas,<br>well-lit and include the<br>ability to be locked from<br>the inside.<br>Separate toilet facilities for<br>men and women<br>Visibility display signs that<br>signal that the work<br>environment is an area<br>where SEA/SH is<br>prohibited.<br>As appropriate, public<br>spaces around the project<br>grounds should be well-lit. | Throughout<br>project<br>implementation | CMU/MoSA    | СМU                              | Display signs/IEC materials<br>Ongoing reporting |