

## **COVID 19 GUIDELINES FOR IN PERSON PUBLIC WORKSHOPS AND STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT PIA Phase 2 PROJECT**

### **Introduction:**

The current COVID-19 pandemic presents many challenges globally to Governments, States, Companies and Communities including Togo where PIA operates. The impact of the COVID 19 pandemic had compelled states and organization to implement control measures to prevent spread of the Virus at workplaces, communities and at National level programs. It is in this light that PIA has outlined measures for employees, visitors, and stakeholders to observe for all in person meetings, stakeholder engagements and public gatherings.

In line with the ARISE COVID 19 guidelines which observes IFC and WHO requirements and national Covid protocols, PIA has provided this advisory to guide the organization of the in-person community engagements and National Public Workshop scheduled from 4<sup>th</sup> July to end of August 2022 .

### **Objective:**

The main objective of this advisory is to assist ANGE-PIA to organize public consultation and community engagement safely and to protect the health of all persons attending and to oblige the Togolese Government COVID 19 protocols for such programs.

### **Scope:**

This advisory covers all PIA-ANGE public and stakeholder in person meetings, gatherings, and workshops. All persons attending such programs at all places and offices will mandatorily observe the COVID 19 protocols and Health Safety measures in place. The COVID 19 preventative measures to be put in place among others include the appropriate venue for the gathering, workshop, setting up hand washing devices, providing alcohol base hand sanitizers or auto fix hand sanitizing dispensers, IR thermometer guns, use of Nose Masks and COVID 19 emergency response Procedure :

#### **1. The Place or Venue for the Meetings and public engagement**

PIA will in line with ARISE and IFC standards for such in-person gatherings will identify a venue that is spacious, well ventilated and has appropriate multiple entry and exit points to prevent congestion, crowding to support the implementation of the COVID 19 Social and Physical distancing rule of 1.5-2.0 Meters. The place preferably should be an open area but where conference rooms are to be used, then the venue should be well lit, spacious, ventilated and sitting arrangement be spaced out per 1.5 meters (Minimum) distant from each other.

#### **2. Hand Washing Devices**

For all public gatherings either at open places or in the conference rooms use for PIA-ANGE public engagements will have enough hand washing systems and liquid soap set up to enable all persons attending the program to wash their hands before entry and leaving the gathering

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### **3. Hand Sanitizers**

The organizers will ensure to provide enough alcohol-based hand sanitizers (above 60%) for the venue and will be made accessible for all persons attending the gatherings, meetings or workshop to improve individual's personal hygiene and reduce possibility of spreading the virus through hands.

### **4. Infra-Red Thermometer**

It is mandatory at the venue to use effective and calibrated infra-red thermometer guns to take the temperature reading of all persons entering the venue and be observed to ensure individuals temperature above 37.5 deg is investigated further or persons advised to see a doctor for further clinical examination and not to attend the meeting, gathering or public workshop. WHO advises that persons with temperature readings above 37.5 / 38 deg. Show symptoms of high fever which is one of the key indications of suspected COVID 19 case or infection. The thermometer guns will be used by persons trained to also observe required distances and to observe all required protocols to ensure participants and their own safety.

### **5. Social & Physical Distancing Rule**

As part of the measures to avoid spread of the COVID 19 virus, all engagements will be arranged with the orientation of keeping distances from each person. Group meetings and discussions if allowed be done for a critical reason to ensure 1.5 – 2.0 Meter rules are observed. At the meetings, social and physical contacts gestures such as hugging, hand shaking, and others be avoided. Speakers at public workshops and engagements should always be reminded to also announce the COVID 19 protocols at functions to keep all persons checked.

### **6. Wearing and Use of Nose Masks**

In line with the Togolese government COVID 19 preventive control measure for the public, all persons attending the ANGE-PIA workshops and public engagements shall wear nose masks before entry and will be guided to keep the nose masks on at programs , especially at enclosed places to prevent spread of COVID 19 virus. Program coordinators will ensure to enforce COVID 19 and other HSE protocols throughout the engagements.

### **7. Public Orientation and education**

There will be standard public education materials in the form of COVID 19 posters and signages to educate and inform all persons attending organized ANGE – PIA workshops and public engagements

### **8. First Aid and COVID 19 Suspected Case Management**

PIA HSE will work with ANGE and accredited hospital to handle any COVID 19 Suspected cases throughout the program.



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