

- 3.1 Assessment of awareness-raising and Socio-cultural Behaviour Change (SBC) needs, including men, elderly women, IDP and refugee populations with an integrated approach (emphasis on impacts of climate change among other topics).
- 3.2 Develop and implement awareness raising gender and human rights sensitive SBC strategies and awareness raising programmes on key preventable diseases.
- 3.3 Train key frontline staff and volunteers while support SBC coordination and advocacy at local and State levels.

Activities relating to Output 4

- 4.1 Promote National Health Insurance Fund (NHIF) subscription with subsidized NHIF premiums for the poorest.
- 4.2 Cash transfer to pregnant and breastfeeding mothers at Primary Health Care (PHC) level following a financial support model which aims at improving health and nutrition status of children (first 1,000 days of life).
- 4.3 Research and learning.

3.3 Mainstreaming

Environmental Protection & Climate Change

Outcomes of the EIA (Environmental Impact Assessment) screening (relevant for projects and/or specific interventions within a project)

The EIA (Environment Impact Assessment) screening classified the action as Category B (not requiring an EIA, but for which environment aspects will be addressed during design).

Outcome of the CRA (Climate Risk Assessment) screening (relevant for projects and/or specific interventions within a project)

The Climate Risk Assessment (CRA) screening concluded that this action is no or low risk (no need for further assessment)

Much of the planned activities are not expected to have a significant negative environmental and social impact. However, environmental safeguarding instruments will be prepared for any intervention where safeguard is deemed necessary. Furthermore, this project harnesses environmental opportunities such as solar energy for PHCs in a number of states as well as recycling of waste water and waste management in a way that is least harmful to the environment, including management of medical waste. Community sensitization on the benefits of an open-defecation free environment will be conducted in selected states as well.

Gender equality and empowerment of women and girls

This Action responds as well to Sustainable Development Goal 5 of achieving gender equality and empower all women and girls, gender equality. While the Action interventions are designed to be accessible to all community members (girls, boys, women, and men), women comprise the majority of individuals in need of services and will therefore be the primary right-holders of this action.

Interventions directly targeting women, for instance women of reproductive age who face life-threatening complications, related to pregnancy, birth, sexually transmitted infections (STIs) and Sexual and Gender-Based Violence (SGBV) due to limited access to quality reproductive health (RH) services in these areas will be part of this action. The Action will furthermore contribute to gender equality through social behavior change (SBC), awareness-raising, skills-building efforts and financial support designed to increase empowerment of women and girls, increase their decision-making power within families and communities, and optimize their health-seeking behaviours as well as access to Primary Health Care (PHC) centres.

Gender bottlenecks and barriers will be identified and addressed to ensure that women and girls' access to and availability to participate in project interventions are not hindered. This will include designing interventions that embed transformative and solution-oriented approaches to social norms restricting women and girls' freedom of movement, their greater domestic responsibilities and limited availability of time and their sense of safety and security, as well as cultural and traditional practices that may affect health-seeking behaviours. Partners will work with men and boys to challenge gender socialisation norms; the role of fathers in parenting; and the hegemony of masculinity. This Action will also aim to address harmful traditional practices of female genital mutilation and