



Instituto Dominicano de Desarrollo Integral, Inc.

Social and Environmental Policy Statement **Commitment to Adaptation Fund**

Created in 1984 in conformity with the legal dispositions of Dominican Republic (Law 520, modified by the Law 122-05 on Regulation and Advancement of Nonprofit Associations), the **Instituto Dominicano de Desarrollo Integral, Inc. (IDDI)** is a non-profit organization whose primary objective is to contribute to the transformation of the human being, our families and the communities in which we live, focusing on the Dominican people so that they, both collectively and individually, can count on a reasonable opportunity to live a productive and healthy life, each in accordance to his/her needs, interests and potential.

IDDI is committed to avoiding any additional or unnecessary social or environmental harm that could go in detriment of the habit, public health or vulnerable communities. Therefore, the organization pledges not to formulate, or provide funding to projects and/or programs that support those kinds of activities, and, as a consequence, promotes creating more sustainable conditions for the future generations to come, as well as inspires to develop innovative solutions that contribute to the achievement of a positive impact with the least amount of social and environmental harm.

Given IDDI's work philosophy, all stakeholders, especially employees that work directly with beneficiaries and clients, have the commitment to be aligned with the institutional mission, objectives and values. This includes the institutional commitment to social and environmental initiatives that aim to reduce all unnecessary harms.

The organization supports the Adaptation Fund's Environmental and Social Policy and it abides to them for the future projects to be implemented. Setting high standards for its own programs and for the communities in which IDDI works, it is an approach that has worked towards ensuring the achievement of a positive sustainable development.

The Commitment

IDDI has accepted, supports and plans to promote the Environmental and Social Principles that the Adaptation Fund embraces. This includes, but it is not limited to:

- Compliance with domestic and international laws,
- Fair and equitable access to benefits for all,
- Avoid imposition of adverse impacts on marginalized and vulnerable groups,
- Respect and promotion of International Human Rights,
- Promotion of gender equity and women's empowerment,
- Support and promote the standards of the International Labor Organization,



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- Avoids or minimize involuntary resettlement, if applicable,
- Protection of natural habitats,
- Conservation of the biological diversity,
- Avoid any significant drivers that affect/increase climate change,
- Application of international standards to maximize energy and resource efficiency,
- Avoid potentially negative impacts on the public health,
- Avoid the alteration, damage, or removal of physical and cultural heritage and
- Promotion of lands and soil conservation.

Commitment to Address Environmental and Social Risks

To assess and manage environmental risks, IDDI has the responsibility to implement on current/future programs and projects evaluations on these risks during their design stages, and if approved, the evaluation it would be consistent with the criteria developed to be monitored through its implementation. Similarly, for sub-beneficiaries or sub-grantees, for which under the IDDI's supervision, these aspects would be taken into consideration since the initial stages for its approval.

Capacity to Address Environmental and Social Risks

As per IDDI's competence to directly address Environmental and Social Risks, these will be in accordance to the level of risk the organization is able to identify in the programs and/or projects. In many cases training will be coordinated to ensure that all local implementing agencies are aware of the instances in which these impacts must be addressed. IDDI has a significant number of qualified and experienced personnel that is able to provide detailed instruction on how to manage certain issues that considerably affect the phase of implementation and possible impacts of a project. In the cases where IDDI does not have the capacity, proposals from consultants would be requested, to ensure that all necessary aspects are covered in avoiding any possible additional or unnecessary risk.

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