

Key Improvements Implemented by IFC Subsequent to the Processing of AgroKasa Investment

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- The revised IFC Sustainability Policy has changed the approach to categorization to include risk (including sector risks such as dependence on water resources) in addition to impacts;
- The revised Access to Information Policy provides for disclosure of IFC's determination and rationale regarding the existence of Broad Community Support (when applicable) as well as environmental and social assessments reviewed by IFC as and when they become available;
- New early risk assessment tools have been developed and are now being deployed that substantially expand and formalize early E&S risk assessment at the country and commodity level;
- Global mapping of E&S risks in agricultural commodity production has been undertaken (including crops/areas dependent on scarce water supplies); to further inform investment due diligence, mitigation and decision-making
- Evaluation of supply chains for high risk commodities has been completed and will inform future engagements in the agricultural sector;
- Revised Performance Standards put a new focus on resource efficiency (including water use);
- Awareness has been raised and new training programs are being rolled out for E&S, agriculture and financial markets investment staff regarding early risk assessment and the strengthened Performance Standards;
- IFC Advisory Services is expanding its program of support for clients, and relevant stakeholders, to assist in meeting industry environmental and social standards;
- Information disclosure has been expanded under the revised IFC Access to Information Policy approved in May 2011. This will result in more information being available publically (and to the Board) about how clients are addressing E&S impacts throughout the life of the investment.