

BIC recommendations on the Global Concessional Financing Facility (GCF)

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All programs and projects receiving GCF support must have environmental and social standards that are in line with international best practice

- Projects receiving funds from the GCF follow the procedures and requirements of the implementing government and financing Implementation Support Agency (ISA). However, not all ISAs have the same requirements or meet a minimum international standard when it comes to environmental and social safeguard policies. ISAs for GCF-financed projects should be required as a condition of being an ISA to have in place environmental and social safeguards that meet international best practice that apply to all projects receiving funds from GCF.

GCF projects must properly identify refugee and host community target beneficiaries and potential stakeholders

- Projects receiving GCF financing should include a stakeholder mapping exercise during the social assessment in order to identify refugee and host community stakeholders, along with other key stakeholders, including women, persons with disabilities, and other marginalized groups, who should be consulted and targeted by the program, or who might be otherwise impacted by the program activities

All GCF project stakeholders must have access to information about potential project risks and benefits

- ISAs for GCF-financed projects should have in place disclosure policies that apply to all projects receiving GCF funding.
- Disclosure policies should require that project documents be made available in English and in the host country's official language, as well as languages spoken by refugee populations targeted or affected by the project
- Refugee stakeholders should be specifically targeted to receive project information in their language and via channels accessible to them
- Lists of projects receiving funds from the GCF and in the pipeline, along with relevant project documents, should be made easily accessible on the GCF website in English and official local languages

All stakeholders of projects receiving GCF funds must have access to redress in the case of harm caused by the project

- All GCF-financed projects should incorporate a project level grievance mechanism
- All GCF-financed project impacted people should have access to an independent accountability mechanism to hold the implementation support agency accountable in the case of harm



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Targeting of refugees and host communities as co-beneficiaries of projects must be reflected in project results

- Program development objectives should be disaggregated to specifically target inclusion of refugees, people with disabilities, and women (and cross sections of those groups, for example women refugees and refugees with disabilities)
- Projects should include results indicators tied to the project assessment that are disaggregated to specifically measure inclusion of both refugees and host communities, as well as other marginalized or disadvantaged groups such as women and persons with disabilities

Projects targeting job creation for refugees must require refugee policies for all agencies or contractors which will be employing refugees

- For GCFF-financed projects that target job creation for refugees, ISAs' contractual agreements for all implementing agencies and contractors or operators should include a requirement to establish institutional refugee policies which lay out protections for employees with refugee status

The GCFF must include host country civil society organizations and refugee representation in its governance structures

- The GCFF Steering Committee should incorporate at least one civil society observer from each member country, as well as a refugee representative from each member country