

Farm Welfare Project Report

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Farm animal welfare standards in the African Development Bank's livestock projects

Project: Solidarity Agriculture Support Project¹

Recipient: Morocco

Amount: UA 84,478,010

Location: Morocco

Date approved: July 2025

Project summary: One of the project's objectives is to establish a "livestock-centred solidarity based agricultural governance framework."²

Environmental Safeguards Category: 2

Farm animal welfare standards: No evidence found.

Project: Zimbabwe Agriculture Value Chain Enhancement Project³

Recipient: Zimbabwe

Amount: UA 7,760,000

Location: Zimbabwe

Date approved: May 2025

Project summary: The project seeks "to enhance climate-resilient livestock production and value chain development" and "focuses on promoting climate-smart agricultural practices, such as adopting crops and livestock farming; scale up early warning systems and conservation farming techniques to improve disaster preparedness and soil management."⁴

Environmental Safeguards Category: 2

Farm animal welfare standards: The project contains a farm animal welfare training component but the only reference to specific farm animal welfare standards is to the World Health Organization: "By adhering to WHO standards, [the project] can mitigate the risks of foodborne illnesses and contamination along the production, processing, and distribution stages of the value chain. Additionally, WHO recommendations on animal health and welfare contribute to sustainable livestock management practices, reducing the prevalence of zoonotic diseases and ensuring the well-being of both animals and farmers."⁵

¹ <https://mapafrica.afdb.org/en/projects/46002-P-MA-AA0-024>

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https://www.afdb.org/sites/all/libraries/pdf.js/web/viewer.html?file=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.afdb.org%2Fsites%2Fdefault%2Ffiles%2Fdocuments%2Fprojects-and-operations%2Fmorocco_support_programme_for_inclusive_solidarity_based_agriculture_for_women_and_young_people.pdf#page=1&zoom=auto,-13.848

³ <https://mapafrica.afdb.org/en/projects/46002-P-ZW-AAG-008>

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https://www.afdb.org/sites/all/libraries/pdf.js/web/viewer.html?file=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.afdb.org%2Fsites%2Fdefault%2Ffiles%2Fdocuments%2Fprojects-and-operations%2Fzimbabwe_-_agricultural_value_chain_and_livelihoods-p-zw-aag-008-rap-may_2025.pdf#page=1&zoom=auto,-13.842

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<https://www.afdb.org/sites/all/libraries/pdf.js/web/viewer.html?file=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.afdb.org%2Fsites%2Fdefault%2Ffiles%2Fdocuments%2Fenvironmental-and-social-assessments%2Fp-zw-aag-008-zim>

Project: Competitive Aquaculture and Sustainable Fisheries Value Chains Development Project⁶

Recipient: Côte d'Ivoire

Amount: UA 19,763,645

Location: Côte d'Ivoire

Date approved: November 2024

Project summary: “The project’s objective is to increase the contribution of the fisheries and aquaculture sector to local and national economies. This general objective is structured around the following four specific objectives: (i) Improving the governance and sustainable management of maritime, lagoon and inland fisheries; (ii) Developing aquaculture; (iii) Strengthening competitive value chains; and (iv) Improving the climatic and socio-environmental resilience of ecosystems and communities.”⁷

Environmental Safeguards Category: 2

Farm animal welfare standards: The project’s Environmental and Social Assessment states that the project must follow Articles 30 and 31 of Côte d'Ivoire’s Veterinary Public Health Code,⁸ which contains a general reference to animal welfare but does not contain any specific standards regarding types of housing that are acceptable, stocking density guidance or any other relevant farm animal welfare indicators.⁹

Project: Agro-Food Processing Project - Phase II¹⁰

Recipient: Togo

Amount: UA 20,000,000

Location: Togo

Date approved: July 2024

Project summary: “The overall objective of the Project is to foster inclusive agricultural growth that creates jobs and reduces food imports, through incentives for private investment in key sub-sectors,” including broiler chicken. Project targets include “developing the annual capacities of industrial units” for broiler chicken to 2000 tonnes and chicks to 3000 tonnes.¹¹

Environmental Safeguards Category: 1

Farm animal welfare standards: No evidence found.

[babwe-agricultural-value-chain-enhancement-project-zavacep-environmental-and-social-management-plan-for-masvingo-province.pdf#page=1&zoom=auto,-13.841](https://www.afdb.org/sites/all/libraries/pdf.js/web/viewer.html?file=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.afdb.org%2Fsites%2Fdefault%2Ffiles%2Fdocuments%2Fenvironmental-and-social-assessments%2F20240514-cies-pro-decap-finalrevu_mktk-yb-ande_clean.pdf#page=1&zoom=auto,-13.841)

⁶ <https://mapafrica.afdb.org/en/projects/46002-P-CI-AAF-003>

⁷ Ibid.

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https://www.afdb.org/sites/all/libraries/pdf.js/web/viewer.html?file=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.afdb.org%2Fsites%2Fdefault%2Ffiles%2Fdocuments%2Fenvironmental-and-social-assessments%2F20240514-cies-pro-decap-finalrevu_mktk-yb-ande_clean.pdf#page=1&zoom=auto,-14.842

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<https://ampeid.org/documents/c%3CB4te-d'ivoire/law-no-2020-995-of-december-30-2020-on-the-veterinary-public-health-code/>

¹⁰ <https://mapafrica.afdb.org/en/projects/46002-P-TG-AA0-014>

¹¹ Ibid.

Project: Youth Entrepreneurship for Climate Change Adaptation Project¹²

Recipient: Djibouti

Amount: UA 22,000,000

Location: Djibouti

Date approved: July 2024

Project summary: “The project development objective is to increase the productivity and production of horticultural and goat value chains and create decent jobs for young people and women.”¹³

Environmental Safeguards Category: 2

Farm animal welfare standards: No evidence found.

Project: Climate Resilient Agrifood Systems Transformation Program - Project 1¹⁴

Recipient: South Sudan

Amount: UA 35,000,000

Location: South Sudan

Date approved: July 2024

Project summary: The project “aims to increase production and productivity and to improve food and nutrition security by transforming agriculture and livestock sectors in South Sudan.”¹⁵

Environmental Safeguards Category: 2

Farm animal welfare standards: No evidence found.

Project name: Promising Sectors Development and Youth Women Entrepreneurship Promotion Support Project in the Agribusiness Sector¹⁶

Recipient: Central African Republic

Amount: UA 22,800,000

Location: Central African Republic

Date disclosed: No evidence found.

Date approved: July 2024

Project summary: “The project aims to improve agricultural production and productivity so as to help promote food and nutrition security and reduce poverty,” including the productivity of cattle and poultry.¹⁷

Environmental Safeguards Category: 2

Farm animal welfare standards: No evidence found.

Project: Project to Support the Inclusive and Sustainable Development of Forest Areas¹⁸

¹² <https://mapafrica.afdb.org/en/projects/46002-P-DJ-AA0-008>

¹³ Ibid.

¹⁴ <https://mapafrica.afdb.org/en/projects/46002-P-SS-AA0-004>

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https://www.afdb.org/sites/all/libraries/pdf.js/web/viewer.html?file=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.afdb.org%2Fsites%2Fdefault%2Ffiles%2Fdocuments%2Fenvironmental-and-social-assessments%2Fenvironmental_and_social_management_framework-craft_2024.pdf#page=14&zoom=auto,-15,306

¹⁶ <https://mapafrica.afdb.org/en/projects/46002-P-CF-A00-004>

¹⁷ Ibid.

¹⁸ <https://mapafrica.afdb.org/en/projects/46002-P-MA-AA0-009>

Recipient: Morocco

Amount: UA 68,644,276

Location: Morocco

Date approved: May 2024

Project summary: “The objective of the program is to contribute to improving the living conditions of forest populations and the emergence of a rural middle class through: i) sustainable management of natural resources, and ii) inclusive promotion of forestry value chains and the development of forestry and aquaculture entrepreneurship (through technical support).”¹⁹

Environmental Safeguards Category: 2

Farm animal welfare standards: No evidence found.

Project name: Inclusive Agro-Food Value Chain Project for PROCAVA²⁰

Recipient: Mozambique

Amount: UA 25,000,000

Location: Mozambique

Date approved: January 2024

Project summary: “The Inclusive Agri-Food Value Chain Development Project (PROCAVA) aims to accelerate the transformation of the Poultry Sector in Mozambique through competitive, inclusive, and sustainable growth.”²¹

Environmental Safeguards Category: 1

Farm animal welfare standards: The only evidence of farm animal welfare standards is the following reference to the Mozambique Regulation No. 26/2009 of 17 August in the Environmental and Social Impact Assessment: “The objectives of this Regulation are: a) To protect public health; b) Protect the domestic and export markets for animals, products of animal origin and others that may be directly or indirectly affected by animal diseases; c) Serve as a basis for carrying out epidemiological surveillance, control and eradication of diseases of great economic importance and/or for public health; serve as a basis for compensation for losses caused by animal disease; e) Serve as a basis for the observance of animal welfare conditions. In the case of poultry slaughterhouses, Mozambique does not have specific legislation, and for this purpose animal health regulations and good international practices for the sector must be used.”²²

The African Development Bank’s farm animal welfare policy

¹⁹ Ibid.

²⁰ <https://mapafrica.afdb.org/en/projects/46002-P-MZ-AA0-038>

²¹ Ibid.

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https://www.afdb.org/sites/all/libraries/pdf.js/web/viewer.html?file=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.afdb.org%2Fsites%2Fdefault%2Ffiles%2Fdocuments%2Fenvironmental-and-social-assessments%2Fesia_procava.pdf#page=1&zoom=auto,-14,792

The AfDB's Integrated Safeguards System (2023), Environmental and Social Operational Safeguard 6: Habitat and Biodiversity Conservation, and Sustainable Management of Living Natural Resources, 42 states: "The Borrower involved in the industrial production of crops and animal husbandry will follow GIIP to avoid or minimize adverse risks or impacts. The Borrower involved in large-scale commercial farming, including breeding, rearing, housing, transport, and slaughter, of animals for meat or other animal products (e.g. milk, eggs, wool) will use GIIP (e.g. International Finance Corporation's [IFC] Good Practice Note on Improving Animal Welfare in Livestock Operations) in animal husbandry techniques, with due consideration of religious and cultural principles. To minimize antimicrobial resistance, the Borrower shall only use antibiotics on healthy food producing animals, judiciously for the treatment of infection and as prescribed by a competent veterinary practitioner."²³

The African Development Bank's environmental safeguard categories

"Category 1: High-risk operations likely to cause significant and/or irreversible adverse environmental and/or social impacts on a large scale, or to significantly affect environmental or social components that the Bank or the borrowing country considers sensitive. This includes projects classified as high risk under national legislation or moderate-risk projects financed by the Bank in a low environmental and social (E&S) implementation capacity or fragile context.

Category 2: Moderate-risk operations likely to cause adverse E&S impacts that are lower than in Category 1 operations, medium-scale, easily reversible, and readily minimized by applying appropriate management and mitigation measures, or incorporating internationally recognized design criteria and standards. These include projects classified as moderate risk under national legislation, or low-risk projects financed by the Bank in a lack of E&S implementation capacity or fragile context.

Category 3: Low-risk operations that do not directly or indirectly adversely affect the environment and that are unlikely to induce adverse social impacts. This category does not require a formal ESA although E&S mitigation or maximization measures may be included/recommended in the project design."²⁴

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<https://www.afdb.org/en/documents/african-development-bank-groups-integrated-safeguards-system-2023>

²⁴ Ibid.