

Farm Welfare Project Report

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Farm animal welfare standards in the World Bank's livestock projects

Project: Scaling up Finance for Sustainable Agroforestry in Paraguay¹

Recipient: Paraguay's Development Bank

Amount: US\$ 100,000,000

Location: Paraguay

Date approved: N/A

Project summary: Loan to a financial institution. Support for cattle farming is referenced.²

Environmental Safeguards Category: No evidence found.

Farm animal welfare standards: No evidence found.

Project: Fostering Inclusive Finance for MSMEs in Nigeria (FINCLUDE) Project³

Recipient: Federal Ministry of Finance

Amount: US\$ 500,000,000

Location: Nigeria

Date approved: N/A

Project summary: Loan to a financial institution. Agribusiness and agriculture are referenced.⁴

Environmental Safeguards Category: No evidence found.

Farm animal welfare standards: No evidence found.

Project: Burkina Faso Agricultural Transformation Project⁵

Recipient: Ministry of Economy, Finance and Forecasting

Amount: US\$ 150,000,000

Location: Burkina Faso

Date approved: N/A

Project summary: Loan to a financial institution. "The Project Development Objective (PDO) is to increase productivity, competitiveness, and climate resilience of farmers and businesses along selected value chains in the project areas." Animal disease is referenced indicating the livestock sector will be supported.⁶

Environmental Safeguards Category: No evidence found.

Farm animal welfare standards: No evidence found.

¹ <https://projects.worldbank.org/en/projects-operations/project-detail/P504535>

² Ibid.

³ <https://projects.worldbank.org/en/projects-operations/project-detail/P511062>

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<https://documents1.worldbank.org/curated/en/099090225082588460/pdf/P511062-2560f80e-8fe5-42b2-9328-7638450c6c1a.pdf>

⁵ <https://projects.worldbank.org/en/projects-operations/project-detail/P507256>

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<https://documents1.worldbank.org/curated/en/099030625040513670/pdf/P507256-06c6ed7f-2172-4628-96ec-63eb252bf866.pdf>

Project: Amazon and Cerrado Bioeconomy, Forest Restoration, and Climate-Smart Agriculture Project⁷

Recipient: Banco do Brasil

Amount: US\$ 400,000,000 (IBRD)

Location: Brazil

Date approved: N/A

Project summary: Loan to a financial institution. The project objective is to “[e]xpand access to finance for bioeconomy, forest restoration, and climate-smart agriculture, and enhance economic and climate resilience for targeted beneficiaries in the Amazon and Cerrado biomes.”⁸

Environmental Safeguards Category: No evidence found.

Farm animal welfare standards: No evidence found of specific standards but “BB’s Guidelines for Sustainability address biodiversity conservation and sustainable management of natural resources, aligned with ESS6 requirements, among which... Supporting sustainable agricultural practices, such as organic agriculture, agroforestry systems, and animal welfare.”⁹

Project: West Africa Food System Resilience Program (FSRP) Phase 2¹⁰

Recipient: No evidence found.

Amount: US\$ 18,350,000 (Global Environment Facility)

Location: Western and Central Africa

Date approved: N/A

Project summary: The development objective is “to increase preparedness against food insecurity and improve the resilience of food systems in participating countries.”¹¹

Environmental Safeguards Category: No evidence found.

Farm animal welfare standards: No evidence found.

Project: Agriculture Resilience, Value Chain Development and Innovation (ARDI) Program¹²

Recipient: No evidence found.

Amount: US\$ 90,000,000 (IBRD)

Location: Jordan

Date approved: N/A

Project summary: The project’s objective is to “strengthen the climate resilience and enabling environment for agriculture development in selected value chains.”¹³

Environmental Safeguards Category: No evidence found.

Farm animal welfare standards: No evidence found.

⁷ <https://projects.worldbank.org/en/projects-operations/project-detail/P508202>

⁸ Ibid.

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<https://documents1.worldbank.org/curated/en/099100325121010967/pdf/P508202-56060350-112a-435e-afd8-0de4b8dae0a2.pdf>

¹⁰ <https://projects.worldbank.org/en/projects-operations/project-detail/P511653>

¹¹ Ibid.

¹² <https://projects.worldbank.org/en/projects-operations/project-detail/P507315>

¹³ Ibid.

Project: Tocantins Productive Resilient and Inclusive Development Project¹⁴

Recipient: Government of Tocantins

Amount: US\$ 120,000,000 (IBRD)

Location: Brazil

Date approved: N/A

Project summary: Climate-smart and inclusive agriculture and family farmers are referenced.¹⁵

Environmental Safeguards Category: No evidence found.

Farm animal welfare standards: No evidence found.

Project: Women Entrepreneurship Development and Access to Finance¹⁶

Recipient: Ministry of Finance

Amount: US\$ 100,000,000 (IDA)

Location: Benin

Date approved: N/A

Project summary: Climate-smart agriculture is referenced.¹⁷

Environmental Safeguards Category: No evidence found.

Farm animal welfare standards: No evidence found.

Project: West Africa Coastal Areas Blue Economy and Resilience Multi-Phased Program¹⁸

Recipient: Ministries of Finance

Amount: US\$ 300,000,000 (IDA)

Location: Regional (Western and Central Africa)

Date approved: N/A

Project summary: Project activities include “primary production and harvesting of living natural resources such as fishes and other sea products.”¹⁹ According to World Bank’s response to FWF’s request for additional information: “[The project] is not expected to support any large-scale commercial farming or related activities. The project may potentially support small-scale aquaculture activities, in which case *ESS6: Biodiversity Conservation and Sustainable Management of Living Natural Resources* will apply.”

Environmental Safeguards Category: No evidence found.

Farm animal welfare standards: No evidence found.

Project: Guinea-Bissau Sustainable Agriculture and Rural Development Project²⁰

Recipient: Republic of Guinea-Bissau

Amount: US\$ 40,000,000 (IDA)

¹⁴ <https://projects.worldbank.org/en/projects-operations/project-detail/P509041>

¹⁵ Ibid.

¹⁶ <https://projects.worldbank.org/en/projects-operations/project-detail/P500561>

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<https://documents1.worldbank.org/curated/en/099012725180515578/pdf/P500561-660708f8-0cf3-4bcd-87e9-d6d5d06b0934.pdf>

¹⁸ <https://projects.worldbank.org/en/projects-operations/project-detail/P509153>

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<https://documents1.worldbank.org/curated/en/099012925151037120/pdf/P509153-b8a98a01-76f2-4a34-9bec-2f93007f1c38.pdf>

²⁰ <https://projects.worldbank.org/en/projects-operations/project-detail/P509731>

Location: Guinea-Bissau

Date approved: N/A

Project summary: Among other items, “the project would promote production diversification (e.g. horticulture, short-cycle livestock), for improved income opportunities, resilience, and nutritional quality of diets.”²¹

Environmental Safeguards Category: No evidence found.

Farm animal welfare standards: No evidence found.

Project: Poultry and Aquaculture Development Project²²

Recipient: Ministry of Planning, Statistics and Regional Integration

Amount: US\$ 100,000,000 (IDA)

Location: Congo

Date approved: N/A

Project summary: The project objective is to “to improve cost-effectiveness, market access and resilience of target poultry and aquaculture value chains in Congo.”²³ “Poultry production in ROC is based on two main production systems - commercial and traditional. While the traditional systems currently contribute the largest share to national output, the proposal is to focus project support on the commercial system as this offers the best prospects in terms higher productivity, increased efficiency and job creation. Additionally, with respect to aquaculture, the focus will be on inland aquaculture and will target commercially oriented producers or those seeking to intensify and commercialize production.”²⁴

Environmental Safeguards Category: No evidence found.

Farm animal welfare standards: “Project activities under Component 1 and 2 may lead to expansion of agricultural and fishing activities into sensitive biodiversity hotspots, including localized ones and/or natural and modified critical habitats, and aquaculture farms can facilitate spread of diseases to wild fish or introduction of invasive species in the ecosystems. The ESMF and the ESCP exclusion criteria will exclude from financing any activities that may involve alien species and any significant risks to biodiversity, animal welfare, land conversion or legally protected natural resources.” There is no reference to specific farm animal welfare standards.²⁵

Project: Philippines Sustainable Agriculture Transformation Program²⁶

Recipient: Ministry of Planning, Statistics and Regional Integration

Amount: US\$ 1,000,000,000 (IBRD)

Location: Philippines

Date approved: N/A

²¹ Ibid.

²² <https://projects.worldbank.org/en/projects-operations/project-detail/P505271>

²³ Ibid.

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<https://documents1.worldbank.org/curated/en/099120224063534170/pdf/P505271-53f94a28-5272-48e6-9a79-fd298a5175ce.pdf>

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<https://documents1.worldbank.org/curated/en/099070925173513624/pdf/P505271-675f4c60-6c6b-440e-80d8-a1adde392c16.pdf>

²⁶ <https://projects.worldbank.org/en/projects-operations/project-detail/P507504>

Project summary: The project includes “livestock activities focusing on hog and pig, buffalo, and chicken farming” and “inland aquaculture activities, i.e., extensive and semi-intensive systems for aquaculture production of the aquatic species.”²⁷ There are references to using cages for aquaculture production, though not for terrestrial species.²⁸

Environmental Safeguards Category: No evidence found.

Farm animal welfare standards: Animal welfare is listed as an environmental risk of the project and the stated mitigation measure is to “follow IFC’s good practice in Animal welfare in animal husbandry.”²⁹

Project: Regenerative Agriculture for Agro-Pastoral Livelihoods in Ethiopia³⁰

Recipient: Sasakawa Africa Association, Ethiopia

Amount: US\$ 2,750,000 (World Bank’s Japan Social Development Fund)

Location: Ethiopia

Date approved: N/A

Project summary: “The project’s overarching objective is to enhance Agro-pastoralist (AP) communities’ livelihoods and climate resilience in the target regions by promoting regenerative agriculture practices in crop and livestock production, strengthening the extension system, improving agribusiness skills, and creating new or better employment opportunities for youth, women, and marginalized groups along the agriculture and livestock value chains.”³¹

Environmental Safeguards Category: No evidence found.

Farm animal welfare standards: No evidence found.

Project: Nigeria Sustainable Agricultural Value-Chains for Growth³²

Recipient: Federal Ministry of Finance

Amount: US\$ 500,000,000

Location: Nigeria

Date approved: N/A

Project summary: The project objective is “[t]o foster sustainable growth and job creation across selected agricultural value chains.”³³

Environmental Safeguards Category: No evidence found.

Farm animal welfare standards: No evidence found.

Project: Sustainable Fisheries Development Project³⁴

Recipient: Ministry of Finance

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<https://documents1.worldbank.org/curated/en/099021825081533887/pdf/P507504-7710b375-a02a-4c6c-94cc-b0d6e357da30.pdf>

²⁸ Ibid.

²⁹ Ibid.

³⁰ <https://projects.worldbank.org/en/projects-operations/project-detail/P505075>

³¹ Ibid.

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<https://documents1.worldbank.org/curated/en/099070825151521031/pdf/P510848-76a55931-8ee7-4d73-b00e-cdf187675334.pdf>

³³ Ibid.

³⁴ <https://projects.worldbank.org/en/projects-operations/project-detail/P512407>

Amount: US\$ 132,930,000 (IBRD)

Location: Vietnam

Date approved: N/A

Project summary: The development objective is to “[e]nhance the management of [the] fisheries sector and increase value-added through upgrading with ‘smart infrastructure’.”³⁵

Environmental Safeguards Category: No evidence found.

Farm animal welfare standards: One subproject “includes training, linking the private sector for aquaculture products, marketing, support for origin tracking, and certification to meet VietGAP, SRP, and ASC standards.”³⁶

Project: Transforming Landscapes for Resilience and Development in Zambia II³⁷

Recipient: Republic of Zambia, Ministry of Finance and National Planning

Amount: US\$ 100,000,000 (IDA), US\$ 7,000,000 (Scaling Climate Action by Lowering Emissions), US\$ 10,000,000 (Africa Climate Change Program), US\$ 10,000,000 (Climate Investment Funds), US\$ 10,380,000 (Global Environment Facility)

Location: Zambia

Date approved: September 2025

Project summary: Agricultural and value chain “expansion” are project objectives.³⁸

Environmental Safeguards Category: No evidence found.

Farm animal welfare standards: No evidence found.

Project: Sustainable and Inclusive Finance³⁹

Recipient: Financial Sector Management and Credit Coordination Division of MOF

Amount: US\$ 90,000,000 (IDA Credit)

Location: Nepal

Date approved: Pipeline

Project summary: Livestock is referenced.⁴⁰

Environmental Safeguards Category: No evidence found.

Farm animal welfare standards: No evidence found.

Project: Second Somalia Economic Resilience Development Policy Financing⁴¹

Recipient: Somalia

Amount: US\$ 125,000,000

³⁵ Ibid.

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<https://documents1.worldbank.org/curated/en/099070925041036630/pdf/P512407-8775a1c5-6ae4-485e-a6f2-b321e48223f2.pdf>

³⁷ <https://projects.worldbank.org/en/projects-operations/project-detail/P507971>

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<https://documents1.worldbank.org/curated/en/099070825114511598/pdf/P507971-d583826a-69a8-422b-87fc-0202118149b0.pdf>

³⁹ <https://projects.worldbank.org/en/projects-operations/project-detail/P508961>

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<https://documents1.worldbank.org/curated/en/099122124190031063/pdf/P508961-53e94794-15ee-4a36-9ef7-62eecd985c9.pdf>

⁴¹ <https://projects.worldbank.org/en/projects-operations/project-detail/P506857>

Location: Somalia

Date approved: August 2025

Project summary: Climate-smart agriculture and livestock are referenced.⁴²

Environmental Safeguards Category: No evidence found.

Farm animal welfare standards: No evidence found.

Project: Accelerate Bhutan's Job Transformation through Renewable Natural Resource Value Chains⁴³

Recipient: Bhutan

Amount: US\$ 34,500,000 (IDA Credit 9,600,000, Global Partnership for Sustainable and Resilient Landscapes - PROGREEN 4,700,000, Local Beneficiaries 3,740,000, IDA Shorter Maturity Loan (SML) 3,100,000, IDA Grant 17,000,000)

Location: Bhutan

Date approved: June 2025

Project summary: "The Project will directly benefit about 42,000 people (about 65 percent females), comprising individual members of small and medium scale holdings in agriculture and livestock, members of producer organizations and upstream service enterprises."⁴⁴

Environmental Safeguards Category: No evidence found.

Farm animal welfare standards: No evidence found.

Project: South Sudan Resilient Livestock Sector Project⁴⁵

Recipient: South Sudan

Amount: US\$ 40,000,00 (IDA)

Location: South Sudan

Date approved: June 2025

Project summary: The project's objective is "to enhance animal health, improve rangeland management, and strengthen resilience of livestock production in project areas."⁴⁶

Environmental Safeguards Category: No evidence found.

Farm animal welfare standards: No evidence found.

Project: Low-Carbon Agriculture and Soil Health Improvement Program⁴⁷

Recipient: China

Amount: US\$ 150,000,000 (IBRD)

Location: China

Date approved: May 2025

Project summary: Project beneficiaries include: "Existing farms (family farms, farmers cooperatives, agro-enterprises) [that] will be selected to implement at least three low-carbon

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<https://documents1.worldbank.org/curated/en/099041525112536395/pdf/P506857-644a451d-b51b-42ef-9c69-a2ec4ec2e34f.pdf>

⁴³ <https://projects.worldbank.org/en/projects-operations/project-detail/P506825>

⁴⁴ Ibid.

⁴⁵ <https://projects.worldbank.org/en/projects-operations/project-detail/P500553>

⁴⁶ Ibid.

⁴⁷ <https://projects.worldbank.org/en/projects-operations/project-detail/P505267>

agriculture (LCA) and sustainable land management practices to integrate the planting industry, livestock and poultry farming industry, aquatic aquaculture industry, and forestry system, among others.”⁴⁸

Environmental Safeguards Category: No evidence found.

Farm animal welfare standards: No evidence found.

Project: Program for Sustainable and Competitive Agriculture in Costa Rica⁴⁹

Recipient: Costa Rica

Amount: US\$ 120,000,000 (IBRD)

Location: Costa Rica

Date approved: May 2025

Project summary: “Livestock Practices to be Financed for Climate Action [include] Dual-purpose Production (Meat, Breeding, and Development): Rational grazing, device handling, drone use, pasture recovery, legume association, living fences, adapted breeds, genetic improvement, improved pastures, food supplements, forage banks, forage conservation, proper animal nutrition management, mineral use in nutrition, record preparation and use, and silvopastoral systems [and] Milk Production: Use and application of organic remnants, rational slurry use, biodigesters, fertigation, composting, efficient water use through water harvesting, improved fertilization plans, biofactories of bio-input products, bio-input application, renewable energy use, and solar panels.”⁵⁰

Environmental Safeguards Category: No evidence found.

Farm animal welfare standards: No evidence found.⁵¹

Project: Emergency Food Security Project⁵²

Recipient: No evidence found.

Amount: US\$ 95,000,000 (IDA)

Location: Afghanistan

Date approved: April 2025

Project summary: The development objective is “to improve [the] resilience of [the] agriculture production system for target beneficiaries.”⁵³

Environmental Safeguards Category: No evidence found.

Farm animal welfare standards: No evidence found.

Project: Empowering Microfinance and Enterprises for Resilience and Growth⁵⁴

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<https://documents1.worldbank.org/curated/en/099041025195521615/pdf/P505267-cdc70c93-d0dc-4150-b8ca-b5f72cc08457.pdf>

⁴⁹ <https://projects.worldbank.org/en/projects-operations/project-detail/P504033>

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<https://documents1.worldbank.org/curated/en/099120924220540091/pdf/P504033-b39cbbbd-447b-4803-90c0-c74289ccb742.pdf>

⁵¹ There is a reference to Costa Rica’s Animal Welfare Act but this law does not provide any specific standards for farm animal welfare.

⁵² <https://projects.worldbank.org/en/projects-operations/project-detail/P506507>

⁵³ Ibid.

⁵⁴ <https://projects.worldbank.org/en/projects-operations/project-detail/P504220>

Recipient: Aga Khan Foundation

Amount: US\$ 16,000,000 (Afghanistan Resilience Fund)

Location: Afghanistan

Date approved: March 2025

Project summary: “Intensive animal rearing” and poultry production is referenced.⁵⁵

Environmental Safeguards Category: No evidence found.

Farm animal welfare standards: “Animal welfare concerns” is listed as a risk of the project and “implement[ing] welfare standards” is listed as a mitigation measure. No specific farm animal welfare standards are provided.⁵⁶

Project: Resilient Productive Landscapes II⁵⁷

Recipient: Haiti

Amount: US\$ 50,000,000

Location: Haiti

Date approved: March 2025

Project summary: “The project will also fund on-farm agriculture investments to adopt Climate Smart Agriculture technologies and practices and nature-based solutions (NBS).”⁵⁸ Risks related to animal husbandry are referenced.⁵⁹

Environmental Safeguards Category: No evidence found.

Farm animal welfare standards: No evidence found.

Project: Cambodia Inclusive Livestock Value Chains Project⁶⁰

Recipient: Cambodia

Amount: US\$ 20,000,000 (Global Agriculture and Food Security Program)

Location: Cambodia

Date approved: March 2025

Project summary: “The Project Development Objective is to sustainably improve livestock-based livelihoods and strengthen animal health services in target project locations.”⁶¹ According to the project’s procurement plan, 14 slaughterhouses will be upgraded.⁶²

Environmental Safeguards Category: No evidence found.

Farm animal welfare standards: The Environmental and Social Review Summary states: “The project activities are associated with sustainable livestock management including feed and

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<https://documents1.worldbank.org/curated/en/099040625033039208/pdf/P504220-1f1c82d6-6c8c-4fcb-b464-fc4da5082754.pdf>

⁵⁶ Ibid.

⁵⁷ <https://projects.worldbank.org/en/projects-operations/project-detail/P504222>

⁵⁸ Ibid.

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<https://documents1.worldbank.org/curated/en/099101724121519936/pdf/P504222-2291cf90-b5f7-450b-bca4-0db689611b1c.pdf>

⁶⁰ <https://projects.worldbank.org/en/projects-operations/project-detail/P180535>

⁶¹ Ibid.

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<https://documents1.worldbank.org/curated/en/099081125055038009/pdf/P180535-8c490e63-2d16-4e4a-b39d-8cc7717af60e.pdf>

fodder production, animal husbandry, transport, and slaughter. Although the project will not involve direct physical investments in livestock production, it will support technical assistance activities that include promoting productivity enhancement measures and techniques for animal breeding, genetics and animal nutrition. The project interventions will be consistent with Good International Industry Practices (GIIP) animal welfare including International Finance Corporation (IFC) Good Practice Note: Improving Animal Welfare in Livestock Operations, and GIIP in animal husbandry techniques with due consideration for religious and cultural principles.”⁶³ The Environmental and Social Commitment Plan states: “The ESMF provides practical guidance for impacts screening check list, and identification and preparation of environmental and social management instruments (ESCOP) that will be prepared once subproject sites are identified and based on project design completed during the project implementation, including animal welfare.”⁶⁴

Project: Agriculture Sector Recovery in Türkiye's Earthquake-affected Provinces⁶⁵

Recipient: Turkey

Amount: US\$ 250,000,000 (IBRD)

Location: Turkey

Date approved: December 2024

Project summary: “Subcomponent [2.1] activities aim to facilitate recovery of productive capacity, increase production efficiency, and enhance climate resilience among small and medium-scale livestock farm enterprises engaged in cattle, sheep, goat and poultry production systems in earthquake-affected areas.”⁶⁶

Environmental Safeguards Category: No evidence found.

Farm animal welfare standards: No evidence found.

Project: Financial Access For Sustainable And Transformational (fast) Growth Project⁶⁷

Recipient: Tanzania

Amount: US\$ 250,000,000

Location: Tanzania

Date approved: July 2024

Project summary: “The project development objective is to promote access to finance and growth of SMEs in Tanzania.” Support for the livestock sector is referenced.⁶⁸

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<https://documents1.worldbank.org/curated/en/099030325085074859/pdf/P180535-8171a552-1abe-41bc-b9f1-2b09eaf6d172.pdf>

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<https://documents1.worldbank.org/curated/en/099030325085037365/pdf/P180535-fd248ba3-260a-4581-9f0b-b45ec8d27ad8.pdf>

⁶⁵ <https://projects.worldbank.org/en/projects-operations/project-detail/P181428>

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<https://documents1.worldbank.org/curated/en/099102524014526582/pdf/P181428-7f3f2d19-4e5c-4ae0-8c9b-cd83e110d58f.pdf>

⁶⁷ <https://projects.worldbank.org/en/projects-operations/project-detail/P500471>

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<https://documents1.worldbank.org/curated/en/099051324224518162/pdf/P500471-6c1e2983-a68a-4ae4-8ba9-917a3d187a28.pdf>

Environmental Safeguards Category: No evidence found.

Farm animal welfare standards: No evidence found.

Project: Sustainable Fodder Production and Low Methane Livestock Development
Program-for-Results⁶⁹

Recipient: China

Amount: US\$ 200,000,000 (IBRD)

Location: China

Date approved: June 2024

Project summary: “The Program Development Objective is to improve productivity and lower methane emissions in selected livestock sub-sectors and enhance the governance system for greening the livestock sector in the Program Counties of Gansu Province.”⁷⁰ “[Subcomponent 2.2] will finance investments to upgrade veterinary services and laboratory capacities and accelerate the adoption of good animal husbandry, food safety and welfare practices in selected livestock value chains contributing to the prominent One Health agenda in China.”⁷¹

Environmental Safeguards Category: No evidence found.

Farm animal welfare standards: According to the Environmental and Social Review Summary: “The operation of [livestock production] facilities will have potential environmental impacts including pesticides use, odors, noise, wastewater, manure generation and disposal, other solid waste and hazardous waste, animal welfare issues, zoonotic diseases and transboundary animal diseases, OHS issues, but aim to contribute to positive global public goods by targeting to achieve promoting low GHG emission livestock value chain development and improved grassland management.” Additionally: “The EIA and integrated ESMP will be prepared in compliance with both domestic regulations and the World Bank’s ESF, General EHS guidelines and relevant Industry Sector Specific EHS guidelines for Dairy Processing and Meat Processing, as well as GIIP such as the IFC Good Practice Note on Improving Animal Welfare in Livestock Operation. Mitigation measures will be developed to adequately avoid, minimize and/or mitigate these impacts in the ESMP which will be integrated in the EIA, and will also be integrated into the design.”⁷² Farm animal welfare is mentioned extensively in the Environmental and Social Systems Assessment and conditions are described as follows: “Livestock housing conditions favorable to animal welfare. The newly built livestock farms or farming zones that EIA cleared were designed to comply with Technical Specification for Design of Livestock Farm with a certain activity space for animals to stand, stretch, turn around, sit, and interact with herd or flock mates. Walls are built to protect animals from predators, pests, and excessive noise. There are special feed channels and drinking tanks, equipped with harmless disposal of manure, effluent drainage, ventilation, lighting facilities, or equipment. Special open ground for animal sports are provided.” With respect to slaughtering: “Gansu Province implements the fixed-point slaughter system for live pigs, cattle, and sheep, which generally relies on the slaughter facilities built by large enterprises engaged in animal husbandry as officially recognized fixed-point

⁶⁹ <https://projects.worldbank.org/en/projects-operations/project-detail/P181021>

⁷⁰ Ibid.

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<https://documents1.worldbank.org/curated/en/099092023152626798/pdf/P1810210d642760290b0840d7b971e0aaa7.pdf>

⁷² Ibid.

slaughterhouses. The slaughterhouses are designed with lairage for reception of animals delivered, where water and feed are provided. The slaughter workshop is highly automatically controlled mechanical equipment, and the first process is stunning, sticking, and then bleeding, to avoid the animal sentient situation of slaughtering.”⁷³ Farm animal welfare is not included in the Implementation Status and Results Report.⁷⁴

Project: Livestock and Agriculture Modernization Project (LAMP)⁷⁵

Recipient: Ministry of Economy and Finance

Amount: US\$ 350,000,000 (IDA)

Location: Niger

Date approved: June 2024

Project summary: “Phase 1 of the LAMP MPA will prioritize building resilient crop and livestock productive capacity; building the foundation for improved agriculture marketing; and facilitating access to agriculture finance.”⁷⁶

Environmental Safeguards Category: No evidence found.

Farm animal welfare standards: No evidence found.

Project: Sindh Livestock and Aquaculture Sectors Transformation Project⁷⁷

Recipient: Pakistan

Amount: US\$ 135,000,000 (IDA)

Location: Pakistan

Date approved: June 2024

Project summary: The development objective is “[t]o promote climate-smart and competitive small and medium producers in the livestock and aquaculture sectors in Sindh.”⁷⁸ A project procurement document states: “[P]otential areas of intervention are competitive, inclusive, and climate-smart development of dairy, red meat from large ruminants, red meat from small ruminants, and aquaculture with geographical concentration and targeting of project interventions using a market-driven and competitive selection process.”⁷⁹

Environmental Safeguards Category: No evidence found.

Farm animal welfare standards: No evidence found.

Project: Resilient Agri-food Clusters Development Project⁸⁰

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<https://documents1.worldbank.org/curated/en/099071524112544914/pdf/P181021-bc95dc3b-42cf-4dde-b08d-f6e33204a984.pdf>

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<https://documents1.worldbank.org/curated/en/099110324222551324/pdf/P181021-778d4d71-42c4-4330-9bef-46e024e92a81.pdf>

⁷⁵ <https://projects.worldbank.org/en/projects-operations/project-detail/P179276>

⁷⁶ Ibid.

⁷⁷ <https://projects.worldbank.org/en/projects-operations/project-detail/P179003>

⁷⁸ Ibid.

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<https://documents1.worldbank.org/curated/en/099081525001517118/pdf/P179003-da99febe-0c6f-48c9-a27d-00cef21c0131.pdf>

⁸⁰ <https://projects.worldbank.org/en/projects-operations/project-detail/P178120>

Recipient: Kyrgyz Republic

Amount: US\$ 30,000,00 (IDA)

Location: Kyrgyz Republic

Date approved: April 2024

Project summary: “Sub-component 2.3: Improved livestock breeding and information management system. This sub-component would support improvement of animal breeding policies and regulations, development of a national dairy breeding plan, artificial insemination services, and strengthening of public services.”⁸¹

Environmental Safeguards Category: No evidence found.

Farm animal welfare standards: No evidence found.

The World Bank’s farm animal welfare policy

The World Bank’s Environmental and Social Standard 6, Biodiversity Conservation and Sustainable Management of Living Natural Resources, 37 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 (such as milk, eggs, wool) will employ GIIP in animal husbandry techniques, with due consideration for religious and cultural principles.”⁸² Footnote 19 states that the IFC’s Good Practice Note on Improving Animal Welfare in Livestock Operations is an example of GIIP.⁸³

The World Bank’s Environmental Health and Safety Guidelines for Mammalian Livestock Production,⁸⁴ Meat Processing,⁸⁵ Poultry Processing⁸⁶ and Poultry Production,⁸⁷ respectively, each state: “For guidance on animal welfare, see the IFC Good Practice Note ‘Animal Welfare in Livestock Operations.’”

The World Bank’s environmental safeguard categories

⁸¹ Ibid.

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<https://pubdocs.worldbank.org/en/837721522762050108/Environmental-and-Social-Framework.pdf#page=81&zoom=80>

⁸³ Ibid.

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<https://www.ifc.org/content/dam/ifc/doc/2000/2007-mammalian-livestock-production-ehs-guidelines-en.pdf>

⁸⁵ <https://www.ifc.org/content/dam/ifc/doc/2000/2007-meat-processing-ehs-guidelines-en.pdf>

⁸⁶ <https://www.ifc.org/content/dam/ifc/doc/2000/2007-poultry-processing-ehs-guidelines-en.pdf>

⁸⁷ <https://www.ifc.org/content/dam/ifc/doc/2000/2007-poultry-production-ehs-guidelines-en.pdf>

“Category A: A proposed project is classified as Category A if it is likely to have significant adverse environmental impacts that are sensitive, diverse, or unprecedented. These impacts may affect an area broader than the sites or facilities subject to physical works. EA for a Category A project examines the project's potential negative and positive environmental impacts, compares them with those of feasible alternatives (including the "without project" situation), and recommends any measures needed to prevent, minimize, mitigate, or compensate for adverse impacts and improve environmental performance. For a Category A project, the borrower is responsible for preparing a report, normally an EIA (or a suitably comprehensive regional or sectoral EA) that includes, as necessary, elements of the other instruments referred to in para. 7.”⁸⁸

Category B: A proposed project is classified as Category B if its potential adverse environmental impacts on human populations or environmentally important areas—including wetlands, forests, grasslands, and other natural habitats—are less adverse than those of Category A projects. These impacts are site-specific; few if any of them are irreversible; and in most cases mitigatory measures can be designed more readily than for Category A projects. The scope of EA for a Category B project may vary from project to project, but it is narrower than that of Category A EA. Like Category A EA, it examines the project's potential negative and positive environmental impacts and recommends any measures needed to prevent, minimize, mitigate, or compensate for adverse impacts and improve environmental performance. The findings and results of Category B EA are described in the project documentation (Project Appraisal Document and Project Information Document).

Category C: A proposed project is classified as Category C if it is likely to have minimal or no adverse environmental impacts. Beyond screening, no further EA action is required for a Category C project.

Category FI: A proposed project is classified as Category FI if it involves investment of Bank funds through a financial intermediary, in subprojects that may result in adverse environmental impacts.”⁸⁹

⁸⁸ Paragraph 7 states: “Depending on the project, a range of instruments can be used to satisfy the Bank's EA requirement: environmental impact assessment (EIA), regional or sectoral EA, strategic environmental and social assessment (SESA), environmental audit, hazard or risk assessment, environmental and social management framework (ESMF). EA applies one or more of these instruments, or elements of them, as appropriate. When the project is likely to have sectoral or regional impacts, sectoral or regional EA is required.”

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<https://thedocs.worldbank.org/en/doc/f3077ee7a3590f4f4610ede4734496fc-0290012023/original/OP-4-01-Environmental-Assessment.pdf>