

Engaging with Communities and other stakeholders

IDB Invest promotes open, transparent and inclusive engagement between the client and stakeholders, particularly affected communities, as a key element to enhance the environmental and social sustainability of investments.



WHY IS IT IMPORTANT TO BUILD A MEANINGFUL STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT?



1. It is the basis for constructive relationships with local communities and other groups who may be affected by a project, or have an interest in it.



2. It helps in vulnerable groups identification specially those:



Disproportionately affected by the project.



With limited access to benefits from project opportunities.



3. It is an essential information tool about local knowledge and perspectives that should be considered in the project.

Stakeholder engagement should be a respectful and good-faith dialogue process between a project sponsor and affected or interested stakeholders.

8 PRINCIPLES THAT EVERY PROJECT SHOULD FOLLOW

While the specifics of project-level stakeholder engagement will vary depending on the nature of the project and the local context, a meaningful process should reflect the following principles and elements:

1. |

It should be an ongoing process

This should be undertaken as a process both during project preparation and implementation, rather than one or a few isolated events.

2. |

It should be based on a disaggregated analysis

This analysis must ensure that different categories of stakeholders are represented and involved.

3. |

It should be equal for all

It must ensure that all vulnerable groups among stakeholders are given a voice and are not disproportionately impacted by the project.

4. |

It should provide prior and understandable information

About relevant aspects of the project, in a language, format, and manner that is appropriate, clear, and accessible.

5. |

It should be inclusive at all stages

It must ensure that all relevant perspectives are captured and considered.

6. |

It should be free of reprisals

Participants, including those who voice opposition to the project, should be protected against reprisals, coercion or intimidation.

7. |

It should be transparent

With documentation and public disclosure of how stakeholders are engaged, what their views and concerns are, and how stakeholder perspectives are considered and reflected.

8. |

It should address grievance and concerns

It must be able to seek remedy from the client if they feel the project may cause harm to them or the environment.

KEY VALUES

PARTICIPATION

DIALOGUE

PROTECTION

TRANSPARENCY

INCLUSION