

Environmental & Social Safeguards

FP220/4 – ARCAFIM – Equity Bank Uganda Limited

FP220 Africa Rural Climate Adaptation Finance Mechanism (ARCAFIM) for East Africa region

International Fund for Agriculture Development (IFAD)

2026-07-07



ESS disclosure report form for subprojects – IFAD - ARCAFIM

Environmental and social report(s) disclosure

Accredited entity	International Fund for Agriculture Development
Programme	
FP number and programme title	Africa Rural Climate Adaptation Finance Mechanism (ARCAFIM) for East Africa region
Sector (public or private)	Private
Location (target country and, if any, specific areas)	Kenya, Uganda, Tanzania, Rwanda
ESS category	Category B
Board decision and date	Decision B.37/12 dated 24 November 2023
Sub-project	
Subproject title	ARCAFIM – Equity Bank Uganda Limited
ESS category	Category B
Location	Uganda
Environmental and Social Impact Assessment (ESIA) (if applicable)	
Date of disclosure on the accredited entity's website	N/A
Language(s) understandable to affected peoples	N/A
Link to disclosure	N/A
Other link(s)	N/A
Remarks on compliance with GCF policies	In accordance with the Green Climate Fund's Information Disclosure Policy (the "Policy"), the AE plans to disclose information relating to a Category B Sub-Project(s) being considered for investment. This disclosure is intended to satisfy the requirement set out in paragraph 17 of the GCF Policy and paragraph 65 of the GCF Revised Environmental and Social Policy to disclose an ESIA and ESMP (if not included as part of the ESIA), at least 30 days in advance of the Accredited Entity's investment decision.
Environmental and Social Management Plan (ESMP) (if applicable)	
Date of disclosure on accredited entity's website	Tuesday, July 7, 2026
Language(s) understandable to affected peoples	English
Link to disclosure	Uganda: https://equitygroupholdings.com/ug/uploads/ARCAFIM-ESMP-Uganda-2205.pdf
Other link(s)	https://www.ifad.org/en/social-environment-assessment-procedures/disclosed-documents
Remarks on compliance with GCF policies	An ESMP for each country, consistent with the requirements for a Category B subproject under ARCAFIM Category I-2 Programme, was disclosed by IFAD on 7 th July 2026
Environmental and Social Management System (ESMS) (if applicable)	
Date of disclosure on accredited entity's website	N/A
Language(s) understandable to affected peoples	N/A
Link to disclosure	N/A
Other link(s)	N/A
Remarks on compliance with GCF policies	N/A

Any other relevant ESS reports and/or disclosures (if applicable), e.g. Indigenous Peoples Plan (IPP), Indigenous Peoples Planning Framework (IPPF), Resettlement Action Plan (RAP), Resettlement Policy Framework (RPF)	
Description of report/disclosure	N/A
Date of disclosure on the accredited entity's website	N/A
Language(s) understandable to affected peoples	N/A
Link to disclosure	N/A
Other link(s)	N/A
Remarks on compliance with GCF policies	N/A
Disclosure in locations convenient to affected peoples (or, if none or not yet identified, to stakeholders)	
Date(s)	Wednesday, August 26, 2026
Place(s)	<u>Uganda</u> : Equity Bank Uganda 8H7H+9Q4, Kampala Road, Kampala, Uganda
Provision on disclosure at subproject level	Clause 11.02(oo) in the Funded Activity Agreement (FAA): In relation to each Sub-Project that is Category B (pursuant to the Environmental and Social Risk Categories), disclose the ESIA and ESMP and, as appropriate, inclusive of the Land Acquisition and/or Resettlement Action Plan ("LARAP") and any other associated information including those relevant to indigenous peoples required to be disclosed pursuant to the Information Disclosure Policy and the Sub-Project Disclosure Package"). The Accredited Entity shall disclose the Sub-Project Disclosure Package at least thirty (30) calendar days prior to approval of the relevant Category B Sub-Project, in English and in local language (if not English), on its website and in locations convenient to the affected peoples, and submit the Sub-Project Disclosure Package to the Fund for subsequent distribution to the GCF Board and the Fund's active observers and for publishing in the GCF website
Date and place of accredited entity meeting	Monday, October 19, 2026; online

Note: This form was prepared by the accredited entity stated above.

Please note that the ESS documents are subject to final review during the 30-days for Category B disclosure period.

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2023-09-21



Environmental and social safeguards report form pursuant to para. 17 of the IDP

Basic project or programme information	
Project or programme title	Africa Rural Climate Adaptation Finance Mechanism (ARCAFIM) for East Africa region
Existence of subproject(s) to be identified after GCF Board approval	Yes
Sector (public or private)	Private
Accredited entity	International Fund for Agriculture Development (IFAD)
Environmental and social safeguards (ESS) category	Category I-2
Location – specific location(s) of project or target country or location(s) of programme	Kenya, Rwanda, Tanzania, and Uganda
Environmental and Social Impact Assessment (ESIA) (if applicable)	
Date of disclosure on accredited entity's website	Thursday, September 21, 2023
Language(s) of disclosure	English
Explanation on language	English is one of the official languages commonly used in the four countries where the project will be implemented. The ESS documents will be disclosed in local languages and made be available for the specific sub-projects that affect the populations in those specific areas during the project implementation stage.
Link to disclosure	https://www.ifad.org/documents/38711624/40206666/a-rcafim-esmf-esa.pdf
Other link(s)	N/A
Remarks	A preliminary ESIA consistent with the requirements for a Category I-2 programme is contained in the "Environment and Social Management Framework".
Environmental and Social Management Plan (ESMP) (if applicable)	
Date of disclosure on accredited entity's website	Thursday, September 21, 2023
Language(s) of disclosure	English
Explanation on language	English is one of the official languages commonly used in the four countries where the project will be implemented. The ESS documents will be disclosed in local languages and made be available for the specific sub-projects that affect the populations in those specific areas during the project implementation stage.
Link to disclosure	https://www.ifad.org/documents/38711624/40206666/a-rcafim-esmf-esa.pdf
Other link(s)	N/A
Remarks	An ESMP consistent with the requirements for a Category I-2 programme is contained in the "Environment and Social Management Framework".

Environmental and Social Management System (ESMS) (if applicable)	
Date of disclosure on accredited entity's website	Thursday, September 21, 2023
Language(s) of disclosure	English
Explanation on language	English is one of the official languages commonly used in the four countries where the project will be implemented. The ESS documents will be disclosed in local languages and made be available for the specific sub-projects that affect the populations in those specific areas during the project implementation stage.
Link to disclosure	https://www.ifad.org/documents/38711624/40206666/a/rcafim-esmf-esa.pdf
Other link(s)	N/A
Remarks	An ESMS consistent with the requirements for a Category I-2 programme is contained in the "Environment and Social Management Framework". Environment and Social Management Plans consistent with the requirements for a Category I-2 project will be prepared at the sub-project levels.
Any other relevant ESS reports, e.g. Resettlement Action Plan (RAP), Resettlement Policy Framework (RPF), Indigenous Peoples Plan (IPP), Indigenous Peoples Planning Framework (IPPF) (if applicable)	
Description of report/disclosure on accredited entity's website	Indigenous Peoples Planning Framework (IPPF)/ Land Acquisition and Resettlement Guidance
Language(s) of disclosure	English
Explanation on language	English is one of the official languages commonly used in the four countries where the project will be implemented.
Link to disclosure	https://www.ifad.org/documents/38711624/40206666/a/rcafim-esmf-esa.pdf
Other link(s)	N/A
Remarks	An IPPF titled 'Indigenous Peoples Guidance' and the Land Acquisition and Resettlement Guidance are included as Annexes to the ESMF
Disclosure in locations convenient to affected peoples (stakeholders)	
Date	22 September, 2023
Place	The ESMF for Africa Rural Climate Adaptation Finance Mechanism (ARCAFIM) for East Africa region is available at the IFAD and Equity Bank's offices located at: Kenya: <u>IFAD Kenya office</u> UNON Complex, Block "Q" United Nations Avenue, Gigiri, Nairobi, Kenya <u>Equity Bank Kenya</u> 9th Floor, Equity Centre, Hospital Road, Upper Hill. P.O. Box 75104-00200 Nairobi, Kenya

	Tanzania: <u>Equity Bank Tanzania</u> 3rd floor, Ohio St, Dar es Salaam, Tanzania Uganda: <u>Equity Bank Uganda</u> 8H7H+9Q4, Kampala Road, Kampala, Uganda Rwanda: <u>Equity Bank Rwanda</u> Grand Pension Plaza, 1st Floor, KN 4 Ave, Kigali, Rwanda
Date of Board meeting in which the FP is intended to be considered	
Date of accredited entity's Board meeting	N/A
Date of GCF's Board meeting	Monday, October 23, 2023

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