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The Independent Redress Mechanism: Opening Doors to Accountability and Redress

GCF Structured Dialogue with Africa

3-6 April, 2018 | Bamako, Mali

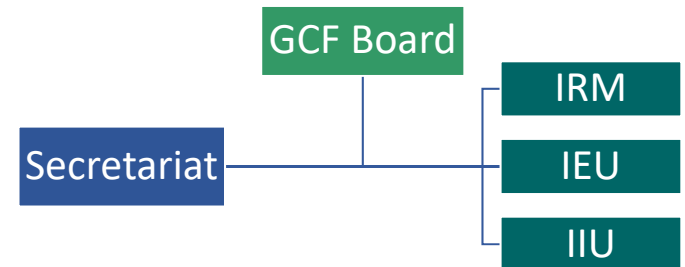


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IRM MANDATE

Article 69 of the GCF Governing Instrument:

“The Board will establish an independent redress mechanism that will report to the Board. The mechanism will receive complaints related to the operation of the Fund and will evaluate and make recommendations.”





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IRM MISSION

- Address requests from developing countries for reconsideration of funding proposals denied by the Board
- Address complaints from project affected people
- Enhance the performance of GCF's climate finance





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OUR ROLE

- Reconsideration requests
- Complaints and grievances
- Advisory
- Capacity building
- Outreach



HOW TO MAKE A REQUEST

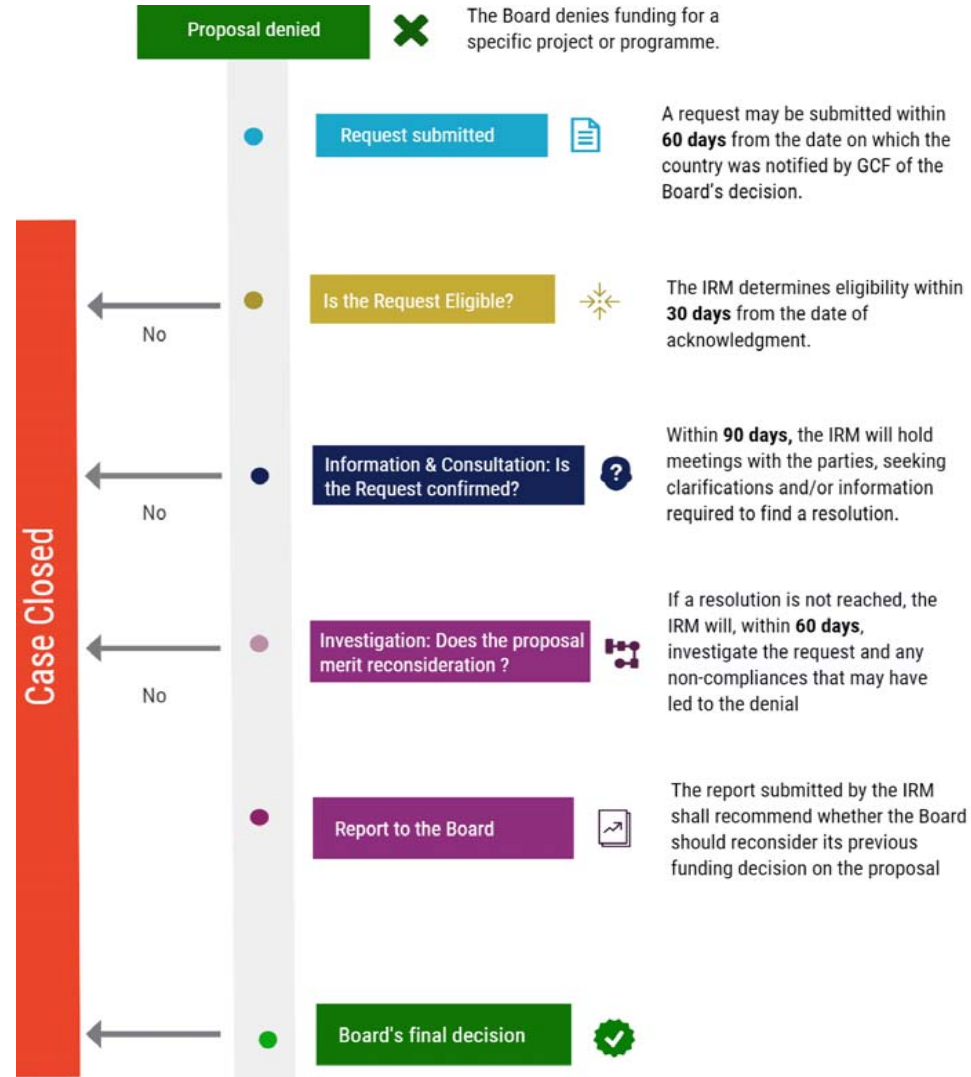
Who can make a request?	The NDA or Focal Point of a developing country
What information is needed in a request?	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Number and title of the project• Reasons for the denial• Details of the non-compliance with the GCF policies or procedures• A confirmation that the AE is committed to the project



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HOW DOES THE IRM HANDLE A REQUEST?





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ARGENTINA REQUEST

- **GCF Project:** FP057 - Climate Action for Rural Development: Community-based Adaptation and Mitigation in Argentina
- **Requester:** NDA of Argentina
- **Funding Denied:** On the 18th GCF Board Meeting
- **Date of Receipt:** 26 January 2018
- **Status:** Withdrawn on 22 March 2018





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WHY ARE GRIEVANCE MECHANISMS IMPORTANT?

- International Best Practice
 - IP and CAO at the World Bank, CRMU at the AfDB, SECU at UNDP, etc.
- Ensure accountability
- Ensure compliance with policies, including social and environmental safeguards
- Provide redress to affected people





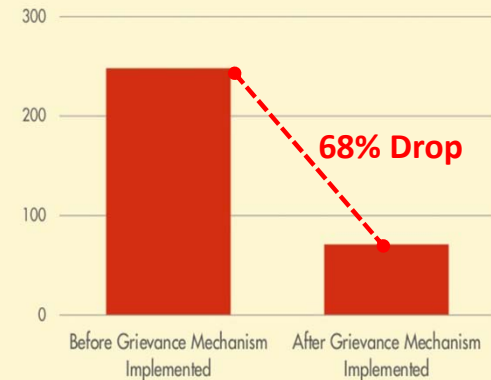
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BENEFITS OF INVESTING IN A GRIEVANCE MECHANISM

- Reduce risks, and improve social and environmental performance
- Prevent potential losses from operation shutdown
- Prevent potential conflict and litigation
- Protect the reputation of the project and financiers
- Help improve and manage community and CSO relations
- An avenue for new lessons and best practices

Protecting Value - Days lost to community protest



In one Shell operation, community protests were causing significant disruption to drilling. The introduction of a grievance mechanism enabled concerns to be captured proactively, sharply reducing delays.

Source: <https://www.slideshare.net/ethicalsector/grievance-mechanism-shell>



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WHO CAN MAKE A COMPLAINT

Any person, group or community who is, or may be, affected by the adverse impacts of a GCF financed project or programme, including one that is actively under consideration

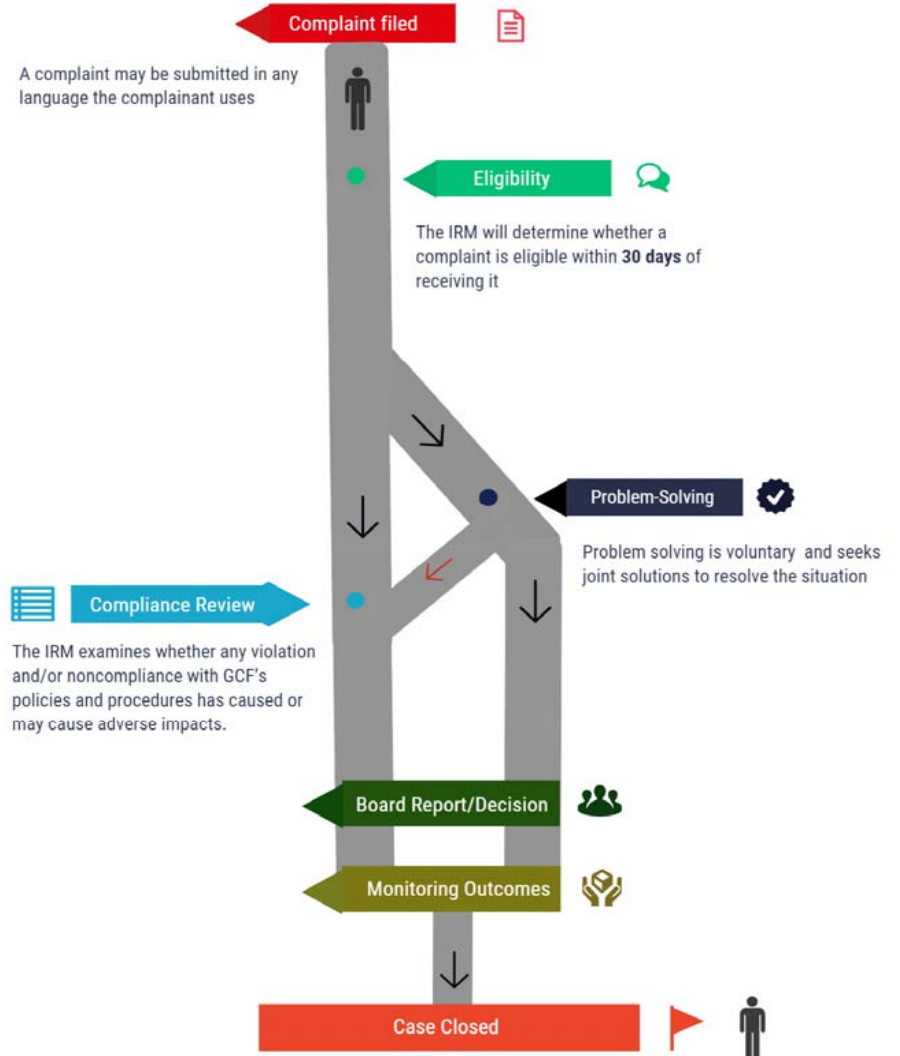




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BANGLADESH COMPLAINT

- **GCF Project:** FP004 - Climate Resilient Infrastructure Mainstreaming in Bangladesh
- **Accredited Entity:** KfW
- **Date of Receipt:** October 23, 2017
- **Complainants:** The mayor and 427 residents of Satkhira municipality, with the support of Transparency International Bangladesh
- **Issues:** Loss and damages caused by climate change
- **Status:** Not eligible; closed

FP004

ADAPTATION

BANGLADESH

Climate-Resilient Infrastructure
Mainstreaming in Bangladesh

A group of approximately 20 children and a few adults are gathered outdoors on a dry, gravelly ground. They are sitting or crouching in a semi-circle, looking towards the camera. The children are wearing various colorful clothing, including t-shirts and shorts. One child in the foreground is wearing a yellow shirt and red shorts. Another child is wearing a blue and white striped shirt. In the background, there is a large, leafy tree with yellow flowers. The sky is blue with some clouds. The overall scene suggests a community gathering or a group photo in a rural setting.

Q&A

Thank you!