

Accelerating Impacts of CGIAR Climate Research for Africa (AICCRA) in Zambia
Disclosure Notice for Environmental and Social Management Plan (ESMP)

Accelerating Impacts of CGIAR Climate Research for Africa (AICCRA) is a project being implemented in Africa to help deliver a climate-smart African future driven by science and innovation in agriculture. It is led by the Alliance of Bioversity International and Centre for International Tropical Agriculture (CIAT) and supported by a grant from the International Development Association (IDA) of the World Bank.

The **Project Development Objective** is to strengthen the technical, institutional, and human capacity needed to enhance transfer of climate-relevant information, decision-making tools, and technologies in support of scaling efforts in IDA-eligible countries in Africa. The project is structured into 3 major components and comprises of **Component 1:** Knowledge generation and sharing; **Component 2:** Strengthen Partnership for delivery; and **Component 3:** Validating Climate-Smart Agriculture Innovations through Piloting.

AICCRA-Zambia, led by the International Water Management Institute (IWMI), is focused on bridging the gap between research institutes and development organizations to promote the adoption of improved technologies including digital climate advisories, for the purpose of enhancing the resilience of the country's agriculture and food systems. The project aims to strengthen local capacity by training intermediaries to communicate climate services, as well as by implementing a local internship program; providing accelerator grants for Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs) and entrepreneurs; and assessing challenges in the enabling environment for startups.

The AICCRA-Zambia activities with the SMEs are focused on co-funding new investments with private sector to address development and business challenges related to the scaling of the developed Climate-Smart Agricultural (CSA) technology packages. This collaboration is focused on scaling out and demonstrating several CSA technologies developed by AICCRA-Zambia and are suitable for smallholder farmers in the various agro-ecological zones.

The scale-out and demonstrative of these CSA innovations and technologies are expected to lead to some environmental and social (E&S) risks at the proposed sites for demonstrations. In line with this expectation and in accordance with the requirements of the project's Environmental and Social Risk Management (ESRM) guide, the AICCRA-Zambia team conducted site specific E&S screening and broader E&S review on the proposed scale-out CSA innovations. Based on the Environmental and Social (E&S) risks identified through the assessment, this Environmental and Social Management Plan (ESMP) has been prepared to outline measures for avoiding and mitigating those risks.

In line with the foregoing, a NOTICE is hereby served to partners, project workers, and stakeholders that the ESMP is published and electronically available at the following link ([insert link](#))

Lastly, we wish to indicate that the ESMP will also be disclosed at the World Bank's information shop and website.

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