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Information request regarding "Sustainable Dairy" project

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To:

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Dear Ms. [REDACTED],

Thank you for reaching out and for sharing your concerns regarding the Sustainable Dairy project implemented by IFC under the FRFS initiative.

We appreciate the time and effort you put into outlining the issues you have observed, as well as your continued engagement on environmental and social safeguards, animal welfare, and supply chain sustainability.

We acknowledge the seriousness of the concerns you have raised regarding Alvoar's ESG practices and the broader implications for animal welfare and biodiversity.

We are consulting with IFC to gather additional information on the Sustainable Dairy Project, currently financed by FRFS.

Please note that the attribution of Canada's funding of the Sustainable Dairy Project under the GROW facility is an error. It is currently being rectified on the IFC disclosures site.

We would welcome the opportunity to schedule a call to hear your concerns in greater detail. We propose scheduling a meeting at a mutually convenient time the week of March 16th, 2026.

Please share your availability for the week of March 16th, so we can find a mutually convenient time to schedule a meeting.

Thank you again for bringing these matters to our attention.

Kind regards,

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From: [REDACTED]@sinergiaanimal.org>

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Subject: Information request regarding "Sustainable Dairy" project

Dear Global Affairs Canada team,

I'm writing to request more information on the "Sustainable Dairy" project, which is being implemented by the IFC in partnership with the Government of Canada through the Facility for Resilient Food Systems (FRFS) / Advancing Gender Equality, Resilience, Opportunity, and Inclusion Worldwide (GROW) initiative.

This USD 940,000 is specifically meant to support the Brazilian dairy company Alvoar, which is an active client of IFC. In 2023, IFC provided Alvoar with a USD 30 million equity investment, to support its expansion plans.

At the time, several civil society organizations raised serious concerns with the IFC regarding Alvoar's lack of good ESG policies and the overall lack of sustainability of its expansion plans. We also published an undercover investigation video which showed that Alvoar's suppliers violate good animal welfare practices, set by the IFC.

Last year we shared additional concerns with IFC on the lack of progress and transparency regarding the implementation of the Environmental & Social Action Plan, and regarding the fact that the measures that Alvoar is adopting are not strong enough to address the serious animal welfare violations that we found in our investigation.

We urged IFC to require Alvoar to adopt a public policy that is aligned with IFC's own good practice note, IFC's Practices for Livestock Operations and with Global SLP. We also expect Alvoar to publish a time bound plan for the implementation of this policy across its entire supply chain.

We appreciate that the Sustainable Dairy project might be partly a response to these concerns. However, the KPIs of the project are focused on trainings, and not on actual changes in policies by Alvoar. We are also concerned that the focus on emission intensity reduction might actually have negative impacts on animal welfare (as it often implies stronger confinement of animals) and biodiversity (as it impacts the way feed is produced, which in turn is a driver of deforestation).

We would welcome a call with the team that is responsible for this project, to share our concerns in more detail and to learn more on how this project could drive meaningful change at Alvoar and its supply chain.

Kind regards,

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