

INFORMATION SUMMARY FOR THE PUBLIC

Host Country(ies)	Burundi, Kenya, Malawi, Nigeria, Rwanda, Tanzania, Uganda, and Zambia
Name of Borrower(s)	One Acre Fund
Project Description	One Acre Fund is a social enterprise that provides smallholder farmers in Sub Saharan Africa with a bundle of products and services to help them significantly improve their yields, enabling them to increase their income and grow their way out of hunger and poverty.
Proposed OPIC Loan/Guaranty	\$10,000,000 loan – 9.4 year tenor (2.4 year grace period)
Total Project Costs	\$114,000,000
U.S. Sponsor	One Acre Fund
Foreign Sponsor	N/A
Policy Review	
U.S. Economic Impact	There is \$23 million worth of planned initial U.S. procurement and \$18 million worth of planned operational U.S. procurement. There will be no exports to the United States as a result of this Project. As a result of these flows, the net impact on the U.S. trade balance is expected to be approximately \$113 million over five years.
Developmental Effects	This Project does not appear to have the potential for a significant negative effect on the U.S. economy or employment. Given the Project characteristics highlighted in the above analysis, this Project qualifies as highly developmental with a score of 75 under OPIC’s developmental standards for financial instruments.
Environment and Social Assessment	<p>The Project has been reviewed against OPIC’s 2017 Environmental and Social Policy Statement (“ESPS”) and has been determined to be categorically eligible. This Project has also been reviewed against findings in the 2017 State Department Human Rights Report for Kenya, Tanzania, Uganda, Rwanda, and Malawi. In accordance with OPIC’s environmental and social policies, projects involving agricultural supplies are screened as Category B as they have limited environmental and social impacts that can be mitigated to acceptable levels by the adoption of effective management practices.</p> <p>The primary environmental and social impact issues associated with this Project include the need for a robust Environmental and Social Management System (“ESMS”) to ensure that the Project operates in accordance with the 2012 IFC Performance Standards, proper storage and disposal practices for agro-supplies, and worker</p>

health and safety. The Project is subject to Climate Resiliency Screening per Executive Order 13677.

Applicable Standards:

Under OPIC’s ESPS, the Borrower is required to comply with applicable local and national laws and regulations related to environmental and social performance and applicable provisions of the 2012 International Finance Corporation’s Performance Standards (“PS”). For this Project, applicable provisions are:

- PS 1: Assessment and Management of Environmental and Social Risks and Impacts;
- PS 2: Labor and Working Conditions;
- PS 3: Resource Efficiency and Pollution Prevention;
- PS 4: Community Health, Safety, and Security; and
- PS 6: Biodiversity

The Project consists of providing seed, fertilizer, and skill-based training to local farmers in various African countries. The Project does not include land acquisition or involve relocation of indigenous peoples. The land being used for seed and tree planting is pre-existing farmland. However, OAF represents that at times it does utilize private security for some of its Projects. Impacts with respect to land acquisition, indigenous peoples, or cultural heritage are not anticipated and therefore P.S. 5, 7, and 8 are not triggered.

Host Country Requirements

OAF represents that it is legally incorporated in all target countries and has obtained all necessary licenses to engage in the sale of fertilizer, lending activities, seed importation, and pesticide (chemical) use and storage.

Environmental and Social Risks and Mitigation:

The Borrower has a developed Environmental and Social Policy (ESP) where environmental and social impacts associated with agro-supply distribution, including proper storage and handling procedures for agro-supplies, have been comprehensively incorporated into OAF’s operations. The overarching objective is to align environmental and social approaches of the organization with clients to promote sustainable financing relationships. OAF seeks to ensure through its ESP, evaluation and assessment processes, that the projects it finances (i) are socially and environmentally sustainable; (ii) respect the rights of staff and local communities; and (iii) are designed and operated in compliance with applicable regulatory requirements. OAF represents that it has in-country human resources, corporate operations, and infrastructure departments who are responsible for maintaining workplace health and safety policies that comply with ILO conventions on

	<p>health and safety and all domestic laws and regulations governing the safety of workers.</p> <p>The Borrower represents that it operates strictly within the guidelines provided by its host countries, and are they particularly careful when it comes to the issue of seed regulation. One Acre Fund documentation provides that it only uses hybrid or open-pollinated varieties (OPV) in countries that prohibit GMO, and are in fact not selling GMO seeds in any Project location. Further, the Borrower represents that it has obtained all necessary licenses in the countries where it offers its products and is obligated to do so.</p> <p>OPIC's statutorily required language regarding the rights of association, organization and collective bargaining, minimum age of employment, and prohibition against the use of forced labor, will be supplemented with provisions concerning non-discrimination, hours of work, the timely payment of wages, and hazardous working conditions. Standard and supplemental contract language will be applied to all workers of the Project, including any contracted workers.</p>
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