

Statement on the Environment

IDE works to create smallholder prosperity (alleviate poverty) in a manner that is both environmentally sustainable and economically viable. IDE is committed to operate within the boundaries of the natural resource base and strive to do no harm. This environmental focus is integral to IDE global operations and country strategies and a major consideration in every aspect of the work we carry out. 'Environment' is defined broadly to include ecological aspects, the global setting within which we operate, and the health and safety of those we work with and their communities.

To promote environmentally sound and sustainable development, IDE:

- Recognizes the interconnection between poverty and the environment
- Promotes sustainable resource management practices, systems and policies
- Avoids sacrificing the interests of future generations to meet the needs of the current generation
- Strives to minimize and mitigate its adverse environmental impacts on soil, water quality and quantity, biodiversity, and climate change
- Commits to continuously improve the environmental sustainability of its overall operations and value chain approach
- Builds partnerships to address local and regional environmental issues
- Takes a watershed perspective to design socially and environmentally sustainable programs
- Encourages environmentally and economically sustainable agricultural practices that reduce risks to producers and consumers

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