

**Analysing the Impact of Business Activities on Human Rights**

**Call for proposals**

**Community-based Human Rights Impact Assessment**

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**Questionnaire for Member Organisations**

**About the Investment Project**

**1) Which is the company you would like to study ?**

* What is the name of the company or companies responsible for the investment? Where is it headquartered?
* In which sector is the company active (extractive industries, textile, food-processing industry? Public services supplier? etc.)?
* To your knowledge, what is the structure of the investment (subsidiary of a parent company, joint venture, supplier relationship, state-owned partnership, etc.)?
* What is the name of the parent company? Where is the parent company headquartered?

**2) What do you know about the investment project to be studied?**

* Location of the investment, size and duration of the project?
* At your knowledge, is the investment supported by a loan from a public financial institution (World Bank, European Investment Bank, export credit agencies)?
* Is the investment located in an export-processing zone? Is the company exempted from paying taxes?
* What’s the relation between the autotities (national and local) and the company ?
* Was the project opened to a public procurement process?
* How advanced is the implementation of the project?
* Has any Environmental or Human Rights Impact Assessment been already conducted? If yes, by whom?

**3) In what context does the company operate?**

* Is the project located in a conflict-zone?
* Does the company employ private security forces?

**About the Affected Community/People**

**4) What do you know about the community or communities that were, are, and/or will be affected by the investment?**

* Who is employed by the company (local community members, migrant workers, women, etc.)?
* Who is actually or potentially affected by the project (employees, trade-unionists, a local community, indigenous peoples, farmers, women, etc.)?
* Are women particularly vulnerable to the adverse effects of this project?
* How large is the affected community, and how have they been or could be affected? In particular, what have been the reported impacts on women?
* What is the position of the affected community on the investment project ? Is there a unique/unanimous positions or are there disagreements amongst the members of the community ? Has there been any decision, poll, vote on the investment project ?
* Has there been any conflict between the company and the affected community? Describe.
* Has there been any conflict between the national or regional autorities and the affected community ? Describe.
* What is your organisation's relation to the affected community?

**5) What abuses are alleged to have occurred in relation to the project?**

* Which human rights may be or have been or could be affected (labour rights, right to health, right to adequate housing, etc.)?
* More specifically, are violations of women's rights or gender-based violences alleged?
* Has there been any environmental damage?
* Have there been any allegations of corruption to facilitate this investment?

**6) What is the relationship between the company and its stakeholders?**

* **To your knowledge, di**d the company or the local/regional/national authorities consult with the community before the implementation of the investment project?
* Is the company required to contribute financially to the local/regional/national authorities or to the local community?

**7) Has your organisation, another NGO, or the government already taken action regarding this investment project? If so, please describe the action and the result.**

* Do you think the company would be willing to engage in a dialogue with your organisation and to participate in the case study and the resulting follow-up conversations?

**About the Team**

**8) Who would complete the case study?**

* Which FIDH member organisation(s) would participate?
* Would any other partner organisations, such as labour unions, environmental NGOs, local community groups, participate in the study?
* Who would comprise the primary research team for the case study? Which competences will be represented?
* How much time and how many persons would be dedicated to the case study? How many of these are women?
* What kind of external expertise do you think will be needed (legal, environmental experts...) for completing the study? Do you envisage partnership with research institutes?

**9) What is your objective in completing this case study?**

(Inform a large group of people about the situation, and send your recommendations to the stakeholders involved? Build capacity of local communities in terms of human rights? Engage in a dialogue with the company? Ensure your local government is aware of the situation? Obtain a remedy for human rights violations? Improve the relationship between the company and local communities?).

What would be the value-added of an HRIA and involvement of an international organisation in this project?

**10) Do you anticipate any security threats to the team or to local communities that could be heightened by participation in the case study?**

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