

Checklist for project supporters

The following checklist can assist you in the search for better projects and provide a structure to help you reach your decisions.

Sustainability

- Is the project target-oriented and comprehensively planned? Does the project have a long-term value?
- Does the project have possible negative side-effects (for example, ecological or social effects)? How will those be dealt with?
- Technical requirements: is the use of the technology secure over the long-term? Are replacement parts easy to obtain? Can the instruments be maintained and repaired at low cost? Can local workers do the repairs?
- Will the project be financed over the long-term?

Local participation

- Is the local population integrated into the work of the project goals and measures as well as in the further development of the project? Have considerations been made to include all impacted groups, such as women, children, and those without land ownership?
- Technical requirements: are the proposed technologies suited to the geographical, social and cultural characteristics of the region?
- Will all residents have access to the projected project results and benefits, regardless of their social status?

Rights, administration

- Who will be responsible for the project when the organization is no longer onsite? Is it possible for the project to continue without the help of external organizations?
- Does the project lead to or encourage unfair working conditions? Will corruption and exclusion be avoided as much as possible, and how?

Impact

- Is it possible to estimate the impact of the project? Will there be opportunities for evaluation?

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