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Criteria for project selection

- In forestry projects financed by the Bank it will be ensured that local groups, including indigenous communities, participate directly or indirectly in the economic benefits generated by these projects. Deterioration of the living conditions of these groups should be avoided, respecting their land and other rights, as determined by the national legislation.
- In forestry projects that are social and community-oriented and that aim at improving living conditions in rural areas, the participation of the final beneficiaries in project activities is important. The Bank will support and encourage innovative financial mechanisms that are targeted for low-income groups and will stimulate local interest in such projects.
- Whenever pertinent, ex-post evaluation must include an assessment of the environmental impact of the project, and in community-oriented operations, of the participation of the beneficiaries of the project. In these cases, the evaluation will be financed by the Bank on a nonreimbursable basis.