

Summary of the Request MICI-BID-EC-2018-0131

Due to the confidentiality request presented by the Requesters, a summary of the Request is presented below:

The Request raises a series of harms related to the "Program for the Reconstruction of Electricity Infrastructure in Areas Affected by the Earthquake in Ecuador" (EC-L1219), specifically related to the relocation of the electric sub transmission lines, among which are:

- Health impacts caused by the radiation generated by the lines, since they would be relocated to an inappropriate distance from highly traveled roads.
- Impacts to the Requesters' living conditions as they claim that there could be a possible economic impact caused by investors withdrawing from the tourist areas because of the new line location.
- Environmental impact because the sub transmission line could affect the birds that fly between the coastal area and the mountains in the area.
- Poor risk assessment since the lines would be placed in high-risk areas where there could be landslides caused by seismic events, in addition to limiting tsunami and earthquake evacuation routes.
- Additionally, the Requesters allege that the project did not carry out adequate public consultations and socialization of the program impacts prior to the start of the construction work.

Finally, the Request expresses the desire to pursue both phases of the MICI process: The Consultation Phase and the Compliance Review Phase.