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Environmental protection is at the core of IFDC’s vision of “Healthier soils and plants for a food-secure and environmentally sustainable world.” Realizing this vision requires a commitment to protecting the environment and minimizing our impact on the natural world. We aim to implement sustainable practices in all our operations and promote environmentally responsible behavior among our employees, contractors, and partners to reduce environmental risks and climate impacts and address the causes of environmental degradation and climate change.

In all countries in which IFDC works, we will comply with all relevant environmental laws and regulations, as well as requirements put forth by donor agencies. As such, IFDC programs, where applicable, monitor potential environmental impacts and prepare mitigation actions.

IFDC explores and promotes environmentally friendly technologies and practices in all areas of our operations, including but not limited to fertilizer use, pesticide use, and water use.

- **Fertilizer Use:** IFDC uses guidelines such as the 4Rs to ensure the judicious use of appropriate fertilizers to optimize productivity, improve fertilizer use efficiency, and mitigate emissions caused by improper usage.
- **Pesticide Use:** IFDC ensures the safe and environmentally aware use of pesticides, such as are found in the Programmatic Pesticide Evaluation Report-Safe Use Action Plan (PERSUAP).
- **Water Use:** IFDC promotes and trains on sustainable agricultural water usage and on practices that reduce and mitigate runoff of agricultural inputs into water resources.

IFDC recognizes that environmental protection is a shared responsibility, and we will work with our partners to promote environmental sustainability. IFDC reserves the right to not partner with specific organizations with inadequate environmental policies.

Our environmental performance will be regularly reviewed, and we will set measurable environmental targets to ensure that we are making progress in our efforts to protect the environment.

IFDC is committed to environmental protection and will strive to create a culture of environmental awareness and responsibility throughout our organization, continually working to improve our environmental performance.