

Indorama Cotton (#42352)

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IFC has determined that the project's community engagement process has enabled Informed Consultation and Participation (ICP) of the broadly affected communities, leading to their support for the project. IFC's determination of Broad Community Support (BCS), which took place against a backdrop of the COVID-19 pandemic, took into account: i) the level of community engagement conducted to date commensurate with the impacts related to the development and operation of the project; and ii) a review of project documentation; (iii) opinions expressed in questionnaires provided to the survey team by members of the affected community; and (iv) outcome of focus groups discussions conducted with community members within the area of influence. With respect to the community members who have been affected by the government-led land consolidation process, there was an overwhelmingly understanding of the objectives of the project and a recognition of the overarching benefits the project brings to the overall cotton sector in Uzbekistan. Community members expressed broad satisfaction with the land restructuring, considering that salaried employment by Indorama Cotton or other employment was an attractive alternative to farming sometimes marginally productive land. A limited number of relatively minor comments about adverse impacts of the project, unrelated to land restructuring were received during the focus group discussions. Indorama Cotton will develop mitigation measures for these.