

IFI SYNERGY GROUP CAMEROON ENQUIRY ON FMO'S ROLE IN THE NACHTIGAL HYDROELECTRIC DAM CONSTRUCTION PROJECT

Dear Anneloes,

We are writing to you to seek further information on FMO's investment in the Nachtigal project in Cameroon. Our contact at Both ENDS, Anne de Jonghe, provided us with your e-mail address. Thank you for being available to answer our questions.

As you are probably well aware, the Nachtigal project is a large scale hydropower project which has long been on the agenda of the Cameroonian government. In the past few years, the project secured funding from a range of development institutions, among others FMO.

We are writing on behalf of Green Development Advocates and IFI Synergy. IFI Synergy is a Cameroonian coalition working on the topic of IFIs and accountability within Cameroon, and as such, has been following the Nachtigal project. Representatives of IFI Synergy have visited affected communities, as part of a project on strengthening the capacities of communities on social and environmental policies. During this first visit our team recorded several issues and community concerns in relation to the Nachtigal dam. These concerns include unclear and delay in compensation, coercion during the resettlement procedure, limitations in the FPIC process and failure of the project owner to contract the promised amount of local workers. Since these are preliminary results of our first visit, we are so far unable to disclose further details on these issues. We are, however, planning to continue our work in the communities. We are inclined to keep you updated on our advancements and to engage with you on possible solutions.

We are sending you questions we have with regards to this project and FMO's role.

Since FMO has a clear commitment to human rights we are specifically writing to FMO to understand how FMO implemented their human rights commitments in this particular project where many different funders are involved.

- We would appreciate to understand the outcome of FMO's contextual risk assessments in this project. How did FMO conduct the contextual risk assessment? Which actors have been consulted? What exact contextual risks did FMO find in their assessments? If any, what measures have been taken to mitigate these risks?
- Has a Human Rights Risk Assessment taken place for this project? If so, what has been the outcome? Which actors have been consulted? What risks were identified? If any, what measures have been taken to mitigate the risks?
- What is the early warning system that is in place for risk of oppression or violence?
- How did FMO verify broad community support? How is FMO monitoring the continuous broad community support? Is there any documentation available that can be shared on this?

1. Since there are many funders in the project, we would want to know which of the funder's criteria were used for the resettlement procedures and why? What has been the role of the Cameroonian government in this?

We would very much appreciate answers to our questions. If it would be more convenient for you, we are of course also available for a call.

Kind regards, also on behalf of our colleagues at Both ENDS,

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