

CLIMATE INVESTMENT FUNDS

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Dear Mafalda,

Thanks for the opportunity to review this project. We have a couple of questions.

It appears that the primary problem these producers are facing is a lack of markets, and that there is significant risk that the credit line will be underutilized until this issue is addressed. The document mentions several initiatives underway to expand access to markets. How likely is it that access to markets will improve significantly in the short term?

We would appreciate more information on how the existing parametric insurance facility will be adapted for these producers. What is the impact of bundling the parametric insurance coverage into the loans -- the additional cost to borrowers for the loan, as well as the savings on insurance premiums?

Thank you,
Katie Berg