



## Step 8: Environmental and Social Safeguards (ESS)

### THE CHALLENGE:

Climate projects deliver positive outcomes  
BUT can create unintended environmental  
or social risks if not properly designed.

Environmental and social safeguards:

- Projects do not cause environmental and social harm
- Risks are identified and managed properly
- Vulnerable groups are protected
- Benefits are delivered responsibly and sustainably



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## How to conduct ESS analysis





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Before moving to Step 9, check:

- Are the environmental and social risks identified
- Are mitigation measures clearly defined?
- Are safeguards integrated into project design? (not just listed separately)
- Is there a system for monitoring and grievance?
- Does the project protect vulnerable groups?
- Are responsibilities for safeguards clearly assigned?
- Do proposed measures align with funder requirements?

