The Interim Principles for Responsible Carbon Finance in Clean Cooking

Increasing buyer confidence in clean cooking carbon projects by implementing values on:

INTEGRITY
TRANSPARENCY
FAIRNESS
SUSTAINABILITY
Theme 1

INTEGRITY

Project claims are evidence-based, case-specific, and substantiated.

I1: Project developers use baselines that are realistic and geography specific. Any assumptions made are conservative.

I2: Project developers accurately monitor fuel consumption or stove usage. Any assumptions made are conservative.

I3: Project developers claim only those co-benefits that are substantiated and can be evidenced.
Non-commercially sensitive information on clean cooking carbon markets is accessible.

**T1:** Market actors are transparent about the proportion of carbon revenue reaching actors further down the value chain.

**T2:** Market actors enable buyers to reflect co-benefits in carbon credit prices.
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Theme 3

FAIRNESS

Carbon projects solicit informed consent from users and share revenue fairly along clean and improved cooking value chains.

F1: Project developers actively engage users in the design of projects.

F2: Project developers ensure users make informed decisions on their participation at the start of a carbon project.

F3: Project developers share carbon revenue with users in recognition of their role in generating emissions reductions.

F4: Investors and intermediaries earn carbon revenue that is proportionate to the value they add and the risks they assume.
Carbon markets complement other forms of funding and do no long-term harm to local clean and improved cooking markets.

S1: Providers of official development assistance and philanthropic capital ensure their funds are complementary with carbon finance.

S2: Project developers avoid creating excessive market distortion in clean and improved cooking markets.

S3: Governments create an enabling environment to incentivize the development of national clean and improved cooking carbon markets.