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Re: IFC webpage 'Striving for Sustainability: IFC's Role in the Livestock Sector'

Dear all,

Thank you for your letter dated 7 March 2025, raising concerns about the content presented on the IFC's webpage [Striving for Sustainability: IFC's Role in the Livestock Sector](#).

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued interest in our work, and for the fruitful, continued dialogue that we have established so far.

As stated in IFC's [Practices for Sustainable Investment in Private Sector Livestock Operations](#), IFC works with livestock clients that are committed to enhancing animal health and welfare, protecting the environment, and promoting food safety. By investing in sustainable solutions that improve efficiency in livestock operations, it is possible to reduce global GHG emissions and eliminate deforestation in direct and sourcing operations while providing affordable and safe food in emerging markets. This is extremely important to achieve climate goals in line with the pathways identified for this sector.

Our commitment to sustainability, food security and poverty reduction is reflected in our careful approach to all investments and continued technical advisory offered to our clients.

The content on our website is based on this approach, which guides IFC's business in the sector. While we understand that there may be some disagreements, the website reflects our own policies, analyses, and communications.

We look forward to productive discussions at the upcoming engagement.

Kind regards,

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