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Dear Mafalda,

Thank you for the opportunity to review this interesting project. Before we move forward with a decision on the project, we have some questions about the proposed river bank protection infrastructure as well as the check-dams in the upper watershed.

1. We could not find a detailed description of the proposed river bank protection infrastructure or its location, and were therefore wondering about how the IDB reached the conclusion that negative impacts are considered to be minor to moderate, and that it is unlikely that the project will require resettlement. Could you please provide us with more information on these points? It would be helpful to have a bit more description of how the IDB decided the risk category for this project.
2. With respect to the upper watershed check dams, we have questions about whether these will provide a sustainable solution to the problem. Will the project also need to look at deforestation and agricultural practice issues to be successful?

Thank you for your assistance.

Best,

Katie Berg
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