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Section 2 - Project Summary, Ecosystems, Approaches and Threats

Q3. Project Title

Developing Inclusive Safeguard Mechanisms for Climate Financing and Biodiversity Conservation

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Q4a. Is this a resubmission of a previously unsuccessful application?

☒ No

Q5. Key Ecosystems, Approaches and Threats

Please select up to 3 biomes that are of focus, up to 3 conservation actions that characterise your approach, and up to 3 threats to biodiversity you intend to address, from dropdown lists.

Biome 1

Tropical-subtropical forests

Biome 2

No Response

Biome 3

No Response

Conservation Action 1

Legal & Policy Frameworks

Conservation Action 2

Livelihood, Economic & Moral Incentives

Conservation Action 3

No Response

Threat 1

Biological resource use (hunting, gathering, logging, fishing)

Threat 2

Natural system modifications (fires, dams)

Threat 3

Climate change & severe weather

Q6. Summary of project

Please provide a brief non-technical summary of your project: the problem/need it is trying to address, its aims, and the key activities you plan on undertaking.

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Section 3 - Dates & Budget Summary

Q7. Country(ies)

Which eligible country(ies) will your project be working in?

Country 1	Bolivia	Country 2	No Response
Country 3	No Response	Country 4	No Response

Do you require more fields?

☒ No

Q8. Project dates

Start date:	End date:	Duration (e.g. 1 year, 8 months):
01 April 2025	30 September 2026	1 year, 6 months

Q9. Budget Summary

Darwin Initiative Funding Request	2025/26	2026/27	Total request
(1 Apr - 31 Mar) £	£122,060.00	£77,940.00	200,000.00

Q10. Do you have proposed matched funding arrangements?

☒ Yes

Please ensure you clearly outline your matched funding arrangement in the budget.

Q11. If you have a significant amount of unconfirmed matched funding, please clarify how you will fund the project if you don't manage to secure this?

No Response

Q12. Have you received, applied for, or plan to apply for any other UK Government funding for your proposed project or a similar project?

☒ No

Section 4 - Darwin Objectives and Conventions

Q13. Problem the project is trying to address

Please describe the problem your project is trying to address in terms of biodiversity and its relationship with multi-dimensional poverty.

The Bolivian Amazon is currently facing a critical crisis marked by biodiversity loss and multi-dimensional poverty. According to the UNDP, 75% of individuals living in multi-dimensional poverty in Bolivia are Indigenous Peoples (IP)[1]. Within these communities, women are particularly vulnerable, struggling with the dual challenges of climate change and entrenched gender inequalities[2][3].

Bolivia is experiencing unprecedented levels of deforestation, having lost 696,000 hectares of natural forest in 2023 alone, resulting in approximately 370 million tons of CO₂ emissions. This alarming situation positioned Bolivia as the third highest country globally for primary forest loss in 2022 [4]. Major drivers of this crisis include commodity agriculture—particularly sugarcane, soy, and cattle ranching—coupled with the decriminalization of illegal deforestation and an increase in authorizations for land conversion. Human-induced fires, often set for agricultural purposes, have further intensified the crisis, leading to the loss of around 10 million hectares of forest in 2024 [5]. These destructive practices not only threaten biodiversity but also undermine the livelihoods of IP, including the Tacana, who inhabit the buffer zone of Madidi National Park, one of the world's most biodiverse protected areas [6].

A 2023 report on the Tacana Indigenous Territory highlights the significant environmental impact of land-use changes, specifically the conversion of 972 hectares of forest to annual crops, which emitted greenhouse gases (GHG) equivalent to 685,834 tons of CO₂ from 2021 to 2023. Additionally, agricultural practices such as crop residue burning and pasture management contribute significantly to GHG emissions. The alarming trend of rising burned areas—from just 7 hectares in 2021 to 1,132 hectares in 2023 for forests—alongside a staggering increase in pastureland underscores the urgent need for effective fire prevention and sustainable resource management [7].

As of August 2024, Bolivia's Justice Court has paved the way for the carbon credits market, offering a unique opportunity for IP to access funding for economic initiatives aimed at conserving their forests and biodiversity [8]. However, the absence of tailored regulations that address the unique needs of IP poses a significant risk of further marginalization as Bolivia enters these emerging markets. The lack of robust, Indigenous-led safeguards opens the door for potential exploitation by external actors, undermining the rights and traditional governance systems of these communities.

Established in 2010, the Cancun Safeguards were designed to mitigate potential social and environmental risks arising from initiatives related to reducing emissions from deforestation and forest degradation. These safeguards are critical for protecting the rights of IP and local communities. However, participating countries have considerable leeway in how they implement these safeguards, often resulting in varying interpretations and approaches that fail to achieve international consensus on their effectiveness [9].

In summary, while climate funding mechanisms like carbon credits have the potential to provide critical resources for IP, enabling them to enhance their livelihoods while protecting their ecosystems, the current framework is insufficiently designed to support their active participation. Without effective safeguards, IP risk being sidelined in the decision-making processes that directly affect their territories and cultural heritage.

Q14. Biodiversity Conventions, Treaties and Agreements

Q14a. Your project must support the commitments of one or more of the agreements listed below. Please indicate which agreement(s) will be supported.

- ☒ Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD)
- ☒ United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC)
- ☒ Global Goals for Sustainable Development (SDGs)

Q14b. National and International Policy Alignment

Using evidence where available, please detail how your project will contribute to national policy (including NBSAPs, NDCs, NAPs etc.) and in turn international biodiversity and development conventions, treaties and agreements that the country is a signatory of.

NBSAP and NAP: The project significantly enhances Bolivia's NBSAP by strengthening the capacity of Indigenous communities to manage and conserve biodiversity effectively, as outlined in the Política y Estrategia Plurinacional para la Gestión Integral y Sustentable de la Biodiversidad 2019 - 2030. While the NAP is currently under development, this project will implement community-driven adaptation strategies that improve the resilience of the Tacana people, ensuring their traditional knowledge and practices are integrated into broader adaptation efforts.

NDCs: By focusing on the integration of Indigenous knowledge and practices into climate financing mechanisms, the project supports these objectives. It fosters sustainable land-use practices and mitigates deforestation, thereby contributing to Bolivia's emission reduction targets.

CBD: As a signatory to the CBD, Bolivia is committed to conserving biological diversity and promoting sustainable development. This project support CBD's objectives by empowering Indigenous communities to take active roles in biodiversity conservation and ecosystem management, thereby enhancing local stewardship and sustainable practices.

Paris Agreement: By facilitating Indigenous participation in carbon credit markets, the project supports Bolivia's NDC commitments and promotes low-emission development pathways that align with global climate objectives.

UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP): By advocating for Indigenous-led safeguard mechanisms, it ensures that the rights and traditional governance systems of these communities are respected within climate financing initiatives.

SDGs: The project directly supports several Sustainable Development Goals, particularly Goal 1 (No Poverty), Goal 13 (Climate Action), and Goal 15 (Life on Land). By addressing multi-dimensional poverty among Indigenous Peoples and promoting sustainable land management practices, the project contributes significantly to achieving these global objectives.

Section 5 - Method, Innovation, Capability & Capacity

Q15. Methodology

Describe the methods and approach you will use to achieve your intended Outcome and contribute towards your Impact. Provide information on:

- how you have reflected on and incorporated **evidence and lessons learnt** from past and present similar activities and projects in the design of this project.
- the specific approach you are using, supported by **evidence** that it will be effective, and **justifying why you expect it will be successful** in this context.
- how you will undertake the work (activities, materials and methods).
- what the **main activities** will be and where these will take place.
- how you will **manage the work** (governance, roles and responsibilities, project management tools, risks etc.).

We will employ a comprehensive participatory methodology, refined from Practical Action (PA)'s previous successful initiatives. This methodology, rooted in behavioral change communication strategies, was developed in past PA projects focused on territorial approaches for local development. These initiatives, conducted in collaboration with CIPTA (Indigenous Council of the Tacana People) and funded by donors such as UK-PACT, proved highly effective in fostering sustainable environmental management by integrating the Tacana

communities' environmental core values and social attitudes. Building on these valuable lessons, the approach will be adapted to enhance the outcomes of the current project.

The project will also account for Bolivia's ongoing efforts to develop a Safeguard Information System (SIS), which has not yet been submitted to the UNFCCC. Nevertheless, Bolivia has made significant progress with its environmental and social safeguard frameworks under the Mechanism for Climate Mitigation in Agriculture (MCMA). Recent consultations with indigenous peoples and local communities have focused on ensuring informed and effective participation in a subnational results-based payment approach. Subnational jurisdictions like Charagua and Pando are currently testing their safeguard frameworks and SIS under the guidance of the Vice President's Office and the Plurinational Authority of Mother Earth (APMT). Our project introduces a novel bottom-up approach that not only aligns with national and subnational efforts but goes beyond consultations to ensure that the co-created safeguard mechanisms are deeply rooted in local realities. By incorporating indigenous knowledge and active community participation, we aim to create safeguards that are both context-specific and compliant with international standards. This approach strengthens the alignment with Bolivia's evolving processes and facilitates the seamless integration of the SIS into the country's national reporting framework.

Key activities include high-quality data collection through participatory mapping, community workshops, and interviews to identify the social, economic, and environmental threats and gaps within the Tacana territory. These findings will be systematically analyzed and validated in collaboration with CIPTA to ensure that local knowledge shapes the safeguards. Women's participation will be a priority, with a target of 40% involvement during data collection and a minimum of 20% representation in governance and decision-making workshops. Activities will be adapted to fit the daily lives of the Tacana people, with flexibility for home interviews when needed, ensuring their full participation.

Project governance and management will go beyond standard consultations, prioritizing genuine consent and collaboration through deep community engagement and shared decision-making. PA's established governance protocols, aligned with FCDO due diligence standards, will be enhanced to foster active participation and ownership from the Tacana people at every stage. A Project Leader (PL) will oversee daily operations, supported by a Technical Working Group and a Monitoring, Evaluation, and Learning (MEL) Manager, ensuring compliance with legal, cultural, and safeguarding frameworks. The PL will report to PA's Country Director and work closely with community leaders, CIPTA and APMT to integrate local knowledge into decision-making, ensuring that governance mechanisms reflect community values and priorities. This participatory, consent-driven model ensures that the project's outputs—particularly the co-created safeguards—are directly shaped by the community, making them more relevant, robust, and sustainable.

Q16. Innovation

Please specifically outline how your approach or project is innovative.

Is it the application of a proven approach in a distinctly different geography/issue/stakeholder (novel to the area), or in a different sector (novel to the sector), or an unproven approach in any sector (novel to the world)?

Our project introduces a groundbreaking, bottom-up approach rooted in the cosmovision of the Tacana Indigenous People, making it novel both to the sector and geography. Unlike traditional carbon market frameworks that impose external standards, our methodology integrates Indigenous worldviews into a participatory management system where safeguards are prioritized based on local needs. Global standards like ART-TREES and the UNDP High Integrity Carbon Markets Initiative (HICMI) serve as references, not prescriptions, allowing the process to be driven by Indigenous values.

The project's innovation lies in its endogenous, anthropocentric approach, where decision-making flows from the community upward, ensuring that Indigenous voices shape risk identification and solutions. This inclusive process addresses gender equity, fostering Indigenous women's participation in governance, making it a truly

collaborative and sustainable model.

Building on Practical Action's proven behavioral change strategies and successful collaborations with CIPTA, the project adapts these approaches to the carbon market context, incorporating the most recent HICMI tools. This methodology is scalable and has the potential to be replicated across other Indigenous communities, both in Bolivia and beyond, offering a pioneering model for inclusive environmental governance and equitable participation in global carbon finance mechanisms.

Moreover, our project complements Bolivia's ongoing development of its Safeguard Information System (SIS), aligning with national efforts to safeguard Indigenous rights and contribute to global climate finance. By grounding our approach in local realities and aligning with Bolivia's SIS framework, we ensure our project's outcomes are relevant and robust for both national and international goals.

Q17. Capability and Capacity

How will the project support the strengthening of capability and capacity of identified local and national partners, and stakeholders during its lifetime at organisational or individual levels? Please provide details of what form this will take, who will benefit (noting any Gender Equality and Social Inclusion (GESI) considerations), and the post-project value to the country.

The project is centered on strengthening the Indigenous Council of the Tacana People (CIPTA) and their communities, enhancing their planning and governance capabilities. Through the development of safeguard structures, CIPTA will gain critical skills to effectively participate in carbon markets and environmental governance. An initial workshop will introduce voluntary carbon markets and emissions trading schemes, offering a clear understanding of their risks and benefits, thus enabling CIPTA's informed engagement.

Workshops will provide strategic training on governance tools, planning, and organizational skills, tailored to address legal, economic, social, and environmental safeguards. Women's leadership and youth participation are prioritized, with a goal of 40% women's involvement in safeguarding workshops. This gender-responsive approach ensures equitable participation in decision-making and capacity building.

The project will also deepen knowledge on forest conservation, climate change risks, and nature-based solutions (NbS). By integrating these themes, CIPTA will be equipped to develop long-term strategies that align with their environmental and social realities, ensuring sustainable management of their territories.

Institutional strengthening will occur organically through leadership development, including fostering young environmental leaders within CIPTA. This approach ensures that the project's benefits extend beyond its duration, empowering CIPTA to lead future governance and environmental finance initiatives.

Ultimately, the project positions CIPTA and other indigenous communities as key players in carbon market participation, aligning with Bolivia's efforts to develop a national Safeguard Information System (SIS). The post-project value lies in creating a replicable model of inclusive, sustainable governance that strengthens both local and national capacities.

If necessary, please provide supporting documentation e.g. maps, diagrams, references etc., as a PDF using the File Upload below:

 [Practical Action - References and Map](#)

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Section 6 - GESI, Awareness, Change Expected & Exit Strategy

Q18. Gender Equality and Social Inclusion (GESI)

All applicants must consider whether and how their project will contribute to promoting equality between persons of different gender and social characteristics. Please include reference to the GESI context in which your project seeks to work. Explain your understanding of how individuals may be disadvantaged or excluded from equal participation within the context of your project, and how you seek to address this. You should consider how your project will proactively contribute to ensuring individuals achieve equitable outcomes and how you will ensure meaningful participation for all those engaged.

Our project is deeply committed to promoting gender equality and social inclusion (GESI), particularly within the context of the Tacana Indigenous People, who have historically faced marginalization. We recognize that individuals may be disadvantaged due to entrenched social norms, traditional gender roles, and limited access to resources, which often restrict women and youth from participating fully in decision-making processes. For example, women frequently encounter barriers that prevent them from asserting their voices in community governance, while youth may lack opportunities to engage meaningfully in environmental discussions.

To address these disparities, our project implements specific strategies designed to empower marginalized groups. We set clear targets for women's participation, ensuring that at least 40% of attendees in the project workshops are women. By strengthening the leadership role of the Council of Women of the Tacana Indigenous People (CIMTA), we aim to enhance women's organizational skills and enable them to influence community conservation efforts actively.

Additionally, our approach integrates gender-sensitive training modules that address biases and promote an understanding of the importance of equitable participation. Workshops will be structured to foster interaction between young women and men, encouraging a healthy exchange of ideas and experiences that promote cognitive maturity and collaborative solutions. We disaggregate data by gender, ethnicity, and age to ensure inclusive monitoring, empowering marginalized groups while promoting sustainable practices and climate resilience for lasting change.

We employ continuous feedback mechanisms, ensuring that the voices of all participants are heard and considered in project planning and implementation. By monitoring participation and disaggregating data by gender, ethnicity, and age, we create a responsive project environment. Ultimately, our goal is to empower both women and youth, facilitating their active engagement in sustainable environmental governance while promoting social equity and fostering long-term benefits for the Tacana community.

Q19. Change expected

Detail the expected changes and benefits to both biodiversity and multi-dimensional poverty reduction, and links between them, that this work will deliver. You should identify what will change and who exactly will benefit a) in the short-term (i.e. during the lifetime of the project) and b) in the long-term (after the project has ended).

In the short term:

- Co-created innovative social and environmental safeguard mechanisms established for the Tacana Indigenous People, ensuring the protection of indigenous rights and territories: a solid and established safeguards system strengthens the rights and governance over the territory of 3,773 indigenous people (CIPTA).
- Tacana communities equipped with novel planning and self-determination tools, enabling active engagement in environmental finance mechanisms. Adequate legal planning tools, also guarantee forest's preservation and conservation of 389,304 designated hectares comprised by 41.5% of dense Amazonian Forest in Humid Plains, oriented to CIPTA's Timber and non-Timber Forest use.
- Recommendations provided for the integration of newly developed safeguards into national regulatory

frameworks, facilitating broader applicability across other indigenous territories in Bolivia. The convenience for legal purposes against current illegal logging and mining should be noted.

- Increased stakeholder awareness and capacity regarding the importance of biodiversity conservation and the role of indigenous communities in environmental stewardship: CIPTA, CIMTA, local authorities and private sector.

In the long term:

- Implementation of an innovative bottom-up approach successfully institutionalizes Tacana indigenous-led social and environmental safeguard mechanisms within a territorial pilot, enhancing forest conservation and facilitating access to climate funding, such as carbon markets.
- Integrating social and governance considerations from safeguards into funding mechanisms design and governmental regulation open the access to adequate resources, information, and technical expertise.
- An effective engagement to direct or in benefit sharing arrangement carbon credits market will increase the current annual gross income of 600 nuclear families (3,773 men and women indigenous people).
- Secure tenure rights to land, (a) with legally recognized documentation, and (b) who perceive their rights to land as secure, in the long-term build resilience of the poor (the daily average net income per capita of CIPTA's member is GDP 1.38 solely GDP 0.42 over the World Bank's definition of extreme poverty) and reduce the exposure and vulnerability to climate-related extreme events and other economic, social and environmental shocks and disasters to the most vulnerable.

Q20. Pathway to change

Please outline your project's expected pathway to change. This should be an overview of the overall project logic and outline why and how you expect your Outputs to contribute towards your overall Outcome and, in the longer term, your expected Impact.

Our project aims to reduce biodiversity loss and multidimensional poverty while safeguarding the rights of the Tacana Indigenous communities in the Bolivian Amazon.

Outputs:

We will implement an interactive training program that enhances the Tacana people's understanding of environmental and social safeguards, governance, and carbon markets. Collaborative design sessions will produce innovative social and environmental safeguard mechanisms, grounded in local knowledge and practices. Additionally, we will provide comprehensive recommendations for integrating these safeguards into national regulatory frameworks.

Short-term Outcomes:

These outputs will establish co-created safeguard mechanisms that protect indigenous rights and territories. By equipping Tacana communities with novel planning tools, we enable active engagement in environmental finance mechanisms, promoting self-determination and resilience.

Long-term Outcome:

The successful institutionalization of these safeguards within a territorial pilot will enhance forest conservation and facilitate access to climate funding, such as carbon markets, ensuring the Tacana can sustainably manage their resources.

Impact:

Ultimately, our project strives to create a sustainable model that not only benefits the Tacana but also sets a precedent for inclusive participation and equitable benefit-sharing across other indigenous territories in Bolivia, thereby contributing to broader climate justice and sustainable development goals.

Q21. Sustainable benefits and scaling potential

Q21a. How will the project reach a point where benefits can be sustained post-funding? How will the required knowledge and skills remain available to sustain the benefits? How will you ensure your data and evidence will be accessible to others?

We will embed capacity-building initiatives within the Tacana Indigenous communities, focusing on enhancing local knowledge and skills in environmental governance and carbon market dynamics. Training programs will empower community members, particularly women and youth, to take on leadership roles, ensuring that essential skills are retained within the community.

Furthermore, we will establish collaborative governance frameworks that integrate the co-created social and environmental safeguard mechanisms into existing community structures, fostering a sense of ownership and responsibility.

Data and evidence generated throughout the project will be compiled into accessible digital formats and shared through community workshops and online platforms. This will facilitate knowledge dissemination beyond the Tacana territory, allowing other indigenous groups and stakeholders to learn from our findings and adapt them to their contexts. By promoting transparency and open access, we aim to create a replicable model for sustainable practices in indigenous communities across Bolivia.

Q21b. If your approach works, what potential is there for scaling the approach further? Refer to Scalable Approaches (Landscape, Replication, System Change, Capacitation) in the guidance. What might prevent scaling, and how could this be addressed?

The proposal has substantial potential for replication among other indigenous populations in Bolivia and beyond. This scalability can drive inclusive-sustainable participation in environmental finance, enhancing biodiversity conservation, reducing carbon emissions, and alleviating multidimensional poverty. By fostering gender equity and strengthening the governance and resilience of Indigenous Peoples, our project can serve as a valuable model for other communities.

Integrating our methodology with Bolivia's SIS provides a strategic pathway for broader implementation, ensuring alignment with national frameworks and adherence to international standards. While challenges such as resistance from traditional governance structures and limited resources may arise, we will engage stakeholders at all levels, incorporating their needs and perspectives into the adaptation process. Partnerships with local governments and NGOs will facilitate knowledge transfer and resource mobilization. The adaptability of our methodology, informed by successful practices from the LEAF project, will support systemic change in environmental governance across indigenous territories.

Section 7 - Risk Management

Q22. Risk Management

Please outline the 7 key risks to achievement of your Project Outcome and how these risks will be managed and mitigated, referring to the Risk Guidance. This should include at least one Fiduciary, two Safeguarding, and one Delivery Chain Risk.

Risk Description	Impact	Prob.	Gross Risk	Mitigation	Residual Risk
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Fiduciary (financial): funds not used for intended purposes or not accounted for (fraud, corruption, mishandling or misappropriated).	Inadequate financial oversight might lead to delayed reporting, inaccurate tracking of expenses, or even unintentional misallocations and hinder our ability to achieve project objectives effectively.	Major	Rare	Moderate	We will strengthen our robust financial management protocols by conducting regular internal cross-monitoring visits to project intervention areas and ensuring consistent oversight from our finance team. Additionally, we will uphold transparent reporting mechanisms, enabling clear accountability, and provide ongoing staff training on best practices in financial management.	Minor
Safeguarding: risk of sexual exploitation abuse and harassment (SEAH), or unintended harm to beneficiaries, the public, implementing partners, and staff.	A lack of awareness or inadequate safeguarding policies during project implementation can result in instances of SEAH involving staff, beneficiaries, or partners, leading to reputational damage, legal repercussions, and harm to those involved, particularly vulnerable community members.	Major	Unlikely	Moderate	We will conduct comprehensive training for all staff on our safeguarding policies, while also ensuring beneficiaries are informed about our SEAH reporting mechanisms. To reinforce these efforts, we will implement regular audits and establish confidential feedback channels to promote accountability, ensure compliance, and enable the early detection and resolution.	Moderate
Safeguarding: risks to health, safety and security (HSS) of beneficiaries, the public. Implementing partners, and staff.	Inadequate risk assessments or a lack of culturally sensitive approaches in project activities could unintentionally harm the well-being, safety, or rights of beneficiaries and local communities undermining the project's impact and long-term sustainability.	Major	Unlikely	Moderate	We will carry out thorough risk assessments before all project interventions, ensure community engagement in planning, and apply Prior Informed Consent (PIC) principles. A grievance mechanism will be available for beneficiaries to report concerns, and project activities will be adjusted based on feedback	Minor

Delivery Chain: the overall risk associated with your delivery model.	The complexity of engaging multiple communities may lead to misaligned expectations, resulting in delays or inefficiencies in project activities, potentially compromising the achievement of project objectives and outcomes.	Moderate	Possible	Moderate	We will use a structured, participatory framework with transparent communication of project goals, regular community consultations, and feedback loops. A dedicated field team, already working with communities, will engage local leaders to address concerns and adapt activities as needed, ensuring alignment with priorities through culturally appropriate materials and strategies.	Minor
Risk 5	Low attendance of stakeholders in workshops may result in inadequate representation of women and Indigenous populations in the safeguard design and strategic decision-making processes. This lack of involvement can lead to decisions that do not reflect the needs and priorities of these critical groups, undermining project effectiveness and sustainability.	Moderate	Likely	Major	We will implement targeted outreach to boost participation, especially among women and youthmembers. This involves scheduling workshops at convenient times, offering transportation, and ensuring culturally relevant sessions. Additionally, we will provide incentives like food and childcare to encourage attendance and foster a sense of ownership in decision-making.	Moderate
Risk 6	Changes in the local landscape, such as political unrest or social instability, may disrupt project timelines by causing delays in access to project sites, and limiting stakeholder engagement.	Minor	Likely	Moder	To mitigate this risk, we will monitor the political and social climate closely, maintaining open communication with local leaders and communities. We will create contingency plans with flexible timelines and alternative strategies to adapt our activities as needed, ensuring the safety of staff and stakeholders while minimizing project disruptions.	Minor

Risk 7	Natural disasters, such as floods or fires, may disrupt project activities and access to communities, affecting the implementation timeline and resource availability. Such events can damage infrastructure and hinder communication, leading to delays in achieving project objectives.	Minor	Likely	Moder	We will conduct regular risk assessments to identify vulnerable areas and potential impacts of natural disasters. By partnering with local authorities, we will ensure timely access to information and support. Additionally, we will schedule fewer activities during periods of heightened risk, allowing for adaptive project management to minimize disruptions effectively.	Minor
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Q23. Project sensitivities

Please indicate whether there are sensitivities associated with this project that need to be considered if details are published (detailed species location data that would increase threats, political sensitivities, prosecutions for illegal activities, security of staff etc.).

☒ Yes

Please provide brief details.

Bolivia has experienced political instability associated with elections in recent years. Changes in government or political unrest could disrupt project activities and coordination and engagement with government agencies. The project intervention area is vulnerable to environmental challenges, such as floods, and wildfires that can disrupt project activities. The project will employ flexible and adaptive management approaches, e.g., regular communication with local stakeholders, monitoring of political and environmental conditions, and contingency planning.

Section 8 - Workplan

Q24. Workplan

Provide a project workplan that shows the key milestones in project activities.

 [Practical Action - WorkPlan](#)

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Section 9 - Monitoring and Evaluation

Q25. Monitoring and evaluation (M&E)

Describe how the performance of the project will be monitored and evaluated, making reference to who is responsible for the project's M&E. How will the project robustly evaluate the innovation to support its future application?

The M&E component is fully integrated into the project’s planning methodology to ensure effective monitoring progress and impact evaluation against project indicators. We have a monitoring and evaluation system applied and validated in different projects, which aims to:

- To have a reliable system that allows us to permanently verify project progress.
- Achieve greater impact aligned to our strategy, including capturing and using learning to strengthen our work and contribute to major changes, improve our MEL approaches, increase community empowerment and adopt an adaptive approach.
- Increase the conditions for ownership of the innovations and changes introduced by the project by local stakeholders.
- Be operationally feasible and effective in terms of planning, implementation, budget, risk management and compliance.
- Ensure the application of the theory of change model embodied in the logical framework.
- Link the planning and implementation of the activities foreseen in the Annual Operative Plan (AOP) to the achievement of qualitative and quantitative indicators.

The Project Coordinator and the MEL Manager will meet formally or online every month to review progress. Also, we have a strategic team and a set of tools and guidance for monitoring, learning and evidence generation that supports and assists project managers to implement projects that achieve high impact.

Total project budget for M&E (£)	
(this may include Staff and Travel and Subsistence Costs)	
Total project budget for M&E (%)	
(this may include Staff and Travel and Subsistence Costs)	
Number of days planned for M&E	

Section 10 - Logical Framework & Standard Indicators

Q26a. Logical Framework (logframe)

Darwin Initiative projects will be required to monitor and report against their progress towards their Outputs and Outcome. This section sets out the expected Outputs and Outcome of your project, how you expect to measure progress against these and how we can verify this.

 [Practical Action - Logic Framework and Theory of Change](#)

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Impact:

Reduce biodiversity loss and multidimensional poverty by promoting inclusive participation and equitable benefit-sharing, while safeguarding the rights of the indigenous communities in the Bolivian Amazon

Outcome:

Implementation of an innovative bottom-up approach successfully institutionalizes Tacana indigenous-led social and environmental safeguard mechanisms enhancing forest conservation and facilitating access to climate

funding, such as carbon markets.

Project Outputs

Output 1:

An interactive training program implemented, utilizing innovative methodologies to enhance the Tacana people's understanding of environmental and social safeguards, governance, and carbon markets.

Output 2:

A pilot system for environmental and social safeguard mechanisms developed collaboratively with Tacana indigenous communities, grounded in local knowledge and cultural practices, ensuring it is relevant and effective in addressing community needs and protecting indigenous rights.

Output 3:

A comprehensive document of recommendations for national government authorities outlining strategies to incorporate the newly developed safeguards into national frameworks, supporting broader applicability across other indigenous territories in Bolivia.

Output 4:

No Response

Output 5:

No Response

Do you require more Output fields?

It is advised to have less than 6 Outputs since this level of detail can be provided at the activity level.

☒ No

Activities

Each activity is numbered according to the Output that it will contribute towards, for example 1.1, 1.2 and 1.3 are contributing to Output 1.

- 1.1 Conduct a comprehensive landscape assessment to identify key environmental, social, and economic challenges facing the Tacana territory.
- 1.2 Facilitate participatory mapping exercises with Tacana communities to visually identify threats to their land and resources.
- 1.3 Develop and implement a tailored training program focusing on social and environmental governance, human rights, and carbon market dynamics.
- 2.1 Organize collaborative design sessions to co-create social and environmental safeguard mechanisms to sure that are grounded in local knowledge, cultural practices, and community needs.
- 2.2 Develop a draft framework for the safeguard mechanisms, incorporating input from Tacana community members and stakeholder consultations, including gender equity and the unique challenges faced by marginalized groups within the community.
- 2.3 Conduct validation workshops where community members and stakeholders review the draft framework and provide feedback.
- 2.4 Collaborate with CIPTA to integrate the co-created safeguards into existing governance mechanisms within the Tacana territory.
- 3.1 Develop policy briefs and advocacy materials that communicate the successes and lessons learned from the pilot implementation of the safeguard mechanisms to local and national stakeholders.
- 3.2 Develop a comprehensive document of recommendations for national government authorities on how to

incorporate the newly developed safeguards into national frameworks.
3.3 Disseminate the document among national stakeholders.

Q26b. Standard Indicators

Standard Indicator Ref & Wording	Project Output or Outcome this links to	Target number by project end	Provide disaggregated targets here
e.g. DI-A01: Number of people in eligible countries who have completed structured and relevant training	e.g. Output indicator 3.4 / Output 3	e.g. 60	e.g. 30 non-indigenous women; 30 non-indigenous men
DI-C01: Number of best practice guides and knowledge products published and endorsed	Output indicator 3.1	3	1 briefs and 2 advocacy materials related to safeguarding
DI-A01: Number of people in eligible countries who have completed structured and relevant training	Output indicator 1.2	40	24 male indigenous leaders, 16 indigenous women leaders
DI-B03: Number of new or improved community management plans available and endorsed	Output indicator 2.2	1	01 management tool of CIPTA (Life Plan/Strategic Plan) incorporates a safeguard mechanism for carbon market and climate finances initiatives
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If you cannot identify three Standard Indicators you can report against, please justify this here.

No Response

Section 11 - Budget and Funding

Q27. Budget

Please complete the appropriate Excel spreadsheet, which provides the Budget for this application. Some of the questions earlier and below refer to the information in this spreadsheet.

 [Practical Action - Budget](#)

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Q28. Alignment with other funding and activities

This question aims to help us understand how familiar you are with other work in the geographic/thematic area, and how this proposed project will build on or align with this to avoid any risks of duplicating or conflicting activities.

Q28a. Is this new work or does it build on existing/past activities (delivered by anyone and funded through any source)?

☒ New Initiative

Please give details.

In Bolivia, Practical Action has worked in the territory since 2015 and has strengthened relationships with indigenous organizations, national/subnational governments, and other NGOs such as WCS and Conservation International which implement conservation projects in the same territory, mainly with Tacana's indigenous groups, funded by Darwin, Critical Ecosystem Partnership Funds, among others. Practical Action will coordinate with them to avoid duplication and to promote complementary actions. While there may be other organisations or projects operating in the same geographical area or sectors, the project is committed to avoiding duplication and conflicting activities. It will seek to collaborate with existing initiatives to share lessons learned and ensure mutual benefit. By fostering cooperation and information exchange, the project will complement ongoing efforts and enhance the overall impact on biodiversity conservation and poverty alleviation

Q28b. Are you aware of any current or future plans for work in the geographic/thematic area to the proposed project?

☒ No

Q29. Value for Money

Please demonstrate why your project is good value for money in terms of impact and cost-effectiveness of each pound spend (economy, efficiency, effectiveness and equity). Why is it the best feasible project for the amount of money to be spent? Please make sure you read the guidance documents, before answering this question.

Practical Action (pA) is an FCDO Supply Partner with Level 1 Code of Conduct Compliance based on verification of our policies and procedures, including those governing VfM and procurement. Procurement routes and delegation of authority ensure efficient procurement at the right quantity, quality and price. pA's comprehensive expenses policy includes staff salaries, travel, communications, workshops, and staff care, with cost limits defined locally. Salaries are benchmarked to ensure we attract and retain suitably qualified staff at appropriate rates (Bolivia salaries were benchmarked this year). We adhere to pA and donor policies and ensure flow-down to partners.

The overhead rate is 11% based on pA's FCDO-approved NPAC. pA has a locally established office in Bolivia with

local staff whose local networks and knowledge enable us to start quickly and to engage with critical stakeholders effectively from day one. Using our existing offices, facilities and staff will reduce the time and cost of new offices. Our MEL framework will enable effective oversight and adaptive management will respond to learning and changes in context to deliver the project efficiently.

Q30. Capital items

If you plan to purchase capital items with Darwin funding, please indicate what you anticipate will happen to the items following project end. If you are requesting more than 10% capital costs, please provide your justification here.

We plan to purchase the following capital items:

- Laptops, projector, printer and camera [REDACTED]
- Furniture for local offices [REDACTED]

which will be transferred at the end of the project to CIPTA.

Section 12 - Safeguarding & Ethics

Q31. Safeguarding

All projects funded under the Biodiversity Challenge Funds must ensure proactive action is taken to promote the welfare and protect all individuals involved in the project (staff, implementing partners, the public and beneficiaries) from harm. In order to provide assurance of this, projects are required to have specific procedures and policies in operation.

Please outline how your project will ensure:

- (a) beneficiaries, the public, implementing partners, and staff are made aware of your safeguarding commitment and how they can confidentially raise a concern,**
- (b) safeguarding issues are investigated, recorded and what disciplinary procedures are in place when allegations and complaints are upheld,**
- (c) you will ensure project partners also meet these standards and policies.**

Indicate which minimum standard protocol your project follows and how you meet those minimum standards, i.e. CAPSEAH, CHS, IASC MOS-PSEA. If your approach is currently limited or in the early stages of development, please clearly set out your plans to address this.

pA believes it is unacceptable for anyone to experience exploitation or abuse. All staff have annual training and must read, sign and follow our 'Global Complaints and Whistleblowing', 'Safeguarding' and 'Code of Conduct' policies. We are a member of the Misconduct Disclosure Scheme and offer an external confidential whistleblowing and complaints service. A Trustee, Shivani Wadhwa, is designated as senior safeguarding officer. In Bolivia our safeguarding focal points to co-ordinate and implement policy and procedures are Monica Montaña and Maria Arancibia. The 'Safeguarding' and 'Global Complaints (Whistleblowing)' policies are used during induction for employees and are included in contracts with consultants and partners.

If an employee, Trustee, volunteer, consultant or partner develops concerns or suspicions regarding harm, sexual exploitation or abuse by a pA employee or anyone acting on our, they must report their concerns via established reporting procedures. Their duty is to report concerns so that pA can investigate appropriately. All reports of actual or suspected exploitation or abuse are investigated by pA. This might include the use of appropriate interviewing practices with complainants and witnesses and/or engaging professional investigators. Where necessary, PA will notify the police, local authorities and/or other relevant agencies such as the Charity Commission. If misconduct is discovered, the organisation's disciplinary procedure will be followed, in addition

to any appropriate external measures. The safety of the survivor and person reporting the concern will be of paramount importance and steps will be taken to maintain their safety.

pA has a Framework for Community Safeguarding that guides project design, implementation, and management. It includes reporting mechanisms, responding to incidents, onward referral to authorities, and incident recording. It also contains a checklist for safeguarding on projects and a risk assessment guide. As part of this, reporting and whistleblowing mechanisms are made clear both to implementing partners and communities.

Defra recommend you appoint a safeguarding focal point to ensure the project's PSEAH work is taken forward. This can be a separate member of staff or a current member of staff who spends a proportionate amount of time for safeguarding and PSEAH activities. Please name this individual here - this person should also be included in your overall staff list at Q34 and in your budget.

[REDACTED]

Q32. Ethics

Outline your approach to meeting the key principles of good ethical practice, as outlined in the guidance.

The project will ensure target communities receive comprehensive information regarding project objectives, methods, participation criteria, and the intended distribution of project outputs. Prior Informed Consent will be sought before activities commence. The budget includes all travel and subsistence expenses for participants living in poverty to enable them to participate fully.

To uphold ethical standards, the project will undergo a thorough ethics review at Practical Action, and necessary permissions will be obtained from relevant agencies in each country. Additionally, a health and safety risk assessment will be conducted. All personal data collected will be anonymized with participant codes and securely stored separately.

The data collected will be considered the property of the communities in which it was collected, and storage and access arrangements will be established at the start of the project. Communication material will be periodically reviewed to ensure compliance with ethical standards of editing, respectful representation and informed consent. Publicly available material will be licensed under the Creative Commons 'Attribution non-commercial, no derivatives' protocol.

Section 13 - British Embassy or High Commission Engagement

Q33. British embassy or high commission engagement

It is important for UK Government representatives to understand if UK funding might be spent in the project country/ies. Please indicate if you have contacted the relevant British embassy or high commission to discuss the project and attach details of any advice you have received from them.

☒ Yes

Please attach evidence of request or advice if received.

 [Practical Action - Letter of support UK Embassy.](#)

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Section 14 - Project Staff

Q34. Project staff

Please identify the core staff (identified in the budget), their role and what % of their time they will be working on the project.

Name (First name, surname)	Role	% time on project	1 Page CV or job description attached?
Yolanda Frías	Project Leader	100	Checked
Maria Claudia Valdivia	Livelihoods and Biodiversity Adviser	25	Checked
Efrain Chavez	Local Technician	100	Checked
Monica Montaña	MEL Manager	35	Checked

Do you require more fields?

☒ No

Please provide 1 page CVs (or job description if yet to be recruited) for the project staff listed above as a combined PDF.

 [Practical Action - CV of key staff](#)

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Have you attached all project staff CVs?

☒ Yes

Section 15 - Project Partners

Q35. Project Partners

Please list all the Project Partners (including the Lead Organisation who will administer the grant and coordinate delivery of the project), clearly setting out their roles and responsibilities in the project including the extent of their engagement so far.

Lead Organisation name:	Practical Action
Website address:	https://latam.practicalaction.org/bolivia/

Why is this organisation the Lead Organisation, and what value to they bring to the project?	Practical Action (pA) serves as the Lead Organisation for this project, drawing on its extensive experience and longstanding relationship with the Indigenous Council of the Tacana People, established in 2015. As an international NGO with country registration in Bolivia, pA is deeply rooted in the local context, possessing a nuanced understanding of the social, cultural, and environmental dynamics that affect Indigenous communities.
(including roles, responsibilities and capabilities and capacity):	In Bolivia, where pA has operated since 2010, a multidisciplinary team of 21 local experts ensures that strategies are tailored to meet the unique needs of the communities served. This local insight is invaluable for implementing effective, context-sensitive interventions.
	pA has a proven track record of pioneering initiatives, such as "Green Businesses," "Attitudinal Change Approaches," and "Participatory Development Market Systems," which drive positive change in forest management and community livelihoods. By integrating gender strategies, and youth-led environmental monitoring, pA is uniquely positioned to lead this project, ensuring it delivers meaningful benefits to the Tacana communities while fostering sustainable practices that conserve the region's rich biodiversity.
	As the sole partner, pA will oversee project execution, ensuring that social and environmental safeguards, along with gender equity and social inclusion, are embedded in all activities. Responsibilities will include developing a comprehensive gender strategy, enhancing capacity for women's organisations, and promoting youth-led. The established local staff, equipped with an understanding of Bolivia's cultural and environmental landscape, will drive the project's success, facilitating active participation from the Tacana community and ensuring they reap the benefits of the initiative. In this regard, we attach a letter of support to our project from the 'Consejo Indigena del Pueblo Tacana' (CIPTA).

International/In-country Partner	☒ International
Allocated budget (proportion or value):	
Representation on the Project Board (or other management structure)	☒ Yes
Have you included a Letter of Support from the Lead Organisation?	☒ Yes

Do you have partners involved in the project?

☒ No

Please provide a combined PDF of all Letters of Support for all project partners or explain why this has not been included.

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Section 16 - Lead Partner Track Record

Q36. Lead Organisation Capability and Capacity

Has your organisation been awarded Biodiversity Challenge Funds (Darwin Initiative, Darwin Plus or Illegal Wildlife Trade Challenge Fund) funding before (for the purposes of this question, being a partner does not count)?

☒ No

Please provide the below information on the Lead Organisation.

What year was your organisation established/ incorporated/ registered?	01 January 2010
What is the legal status of your organisation?	☒ NGO
Other explained	No Response
How is your organisation currently funded?	In 2023 our income [REDACTED] came from: grants from governments and multilateral institutions as SDC, Government of Flanders, FCDO and Canadian Embassy (46%); donations from trusts and foundations as Zurich Foundation (25%) and donations of NGOs (29%) as Eko Energy and Practical Action UK.

Describe briefly the aims, activities and achievements of your organisation. Large organisations please note that this should describe your unit or department.

Aims	Our goal is a world that works better for everyone. Our four key aims: - Agriculture and forest - Farming that works. - Electricity and clean cooking - Energy that transforms. - Water and waste management - Cities fit for people. - Climate change and disasters - Resilience that protects.
Activities	In Bolivia: - Agroforestry for sustainable and competitive cocoa and coffee in the Amazon. - Conservation of local biodiversity (agriculture and forestry) - Community-based Forest management and governance with indigenous communities' full participation. - Forest and landscape restoration. - Development of participatory market systems for green businesses.

Achievements	For over 14 years Practical Action championed landscape governance and agroforestry in Peru and Bolivia. The successful approach restored degraded forests – which has kept land in production, assisted food security, preserved biodiversity and contributed to the maintenance of an important ‘carbon sink’. Meanwhile, yields have doubled in three years.
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Provide detail of 3 contracts/projects held by the Lead Organisation that demonstrate your credibility as an organisation and provide track record relevant to the project proposed. These contracts/awards should have been held in the last 5 years and be of a similar size to the grant requested in your application.

Contract/Project 1 Title	Enhancing actions towards sustained GHG emissions reductions in Bolivia and Ecuador by strengthening MRV systems in Agriculture, Forestry and Other Land Use (AFOLU) aligned with NDCs reporting and transparency requirements.
Contract value/Project budget (include currency)	[REDACTED]
Duration (e.g. 2 years, 3 months)	1 year
Role of organisation in project	We were the local partner and work directly with Tacana communities and national stakeholders, to ensure that gender and social considerations are integrated into MRV systems, facilitating credible GHG emission reductions aligned with NDC and sustainability goals in the AFOLU sector. The project was funded by UK PACT.
Brief summary of the aims, objectives and outcomes of the project	The project aims to accelerate credible GHG emission reductions by equipping key stakeholders in the public, private, and financial sectors with skills and policy recommendations to enhance Monitoring, Reporting, and Verification (MRV) systems. This will support NDC goals and access to climate financing while ensuring environmental integrity and incorporating a gender perspective. Expected results include customized MRV recommendations for Bolivia and Ecuador, training reports with disaggregated data, a guide for data management, a digital repository of best practices on Gender Equality and Social Inclusion (GESI), and prioritization of gender-sensitive strategies in agriculture and forestry, along with workshops and training sessions.
Client/independent reference contact details (Name, e-mail)	Isabelle Smith [REDACTED]

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Contract value/Project budget (include currency)

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Duration (e.g. 2 years, 3 months)

1 year

Role of organisation in project

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Brief summary of the aims, objectives and outcomes of the project

The project aims to accelerate credible GHG emission reductions by equipping key stakeholders in the public, private, and financial sectors with skills and policy recommendations to enhance Monitoring, Reporting, and Verification (MRV) systems. This will support NDC goals and access to climate financing while ensuring environmental integrity and incorporating a gender perspective. Expected results include customized MRV recommendations for Bolivia and Ecuador, training reports with disaggregated data, a guide for data management, a digital repository of best practices on Gender Equality and Social Inclusion (GESI), and prioritization of gender-sensitive strategies in agriculture and forestry, along with workshops and training sessions.

**Client/independent
reference contact details
(Name, e-mail)**

Isabelle Smith

Contract/Project 2 Title

Implementation of two actions for the participatory development of the LT-LED (Long-Term Low Emission Development)

Contract value/Project budget (include currency)

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Duration (e.g. 2 years, 3 months)

4 months

Role of organisation in project	Practical Action, funded by the UNDP Climate Promise Programm, has led and implement this project in Bolivia, aligned with national climate change agenda.
Brief summary of the aims, objectives and outcomes of the project	The project aims to facilitate the participatory development of a Long-Term Low Emission Development Strategy (LT-LED) through stakeholder consultations. It includes promoting gender equity and social inclusion in climate adaptation and mitigation, alongside a territorialization strategy for climate action plans involving municipalities and indigenous communities. Key results involve diagnosing differential climate impacts on genders, proposing solutions for women's access to financial resources, replicating the "Women's Energy Fund" for rural women-led enterprises, and developing recommendations to enhance women's financial access. The project will identify stakeholders, conduct participatory workshops, adapt existing regulations, and provide training on climate strategies and action plans.
Client/independent reference contact details (Name, e-mail)	Virginia Tapia Terrazas [REDACTED]
Contract/Project 3 Title	Youth and women from indigenous Tacana communities in Bolivia conserve and manage their forests sustainably through incentives for production under agroforestry systems and attitudinal change
Contract value/Project budget (include currency)	[REDACTED]
Duration (e.g. 2 years, 3 months)	1 year, 6 months
Role of organisation in project	Practical Action, funded by the Flanders and Canada Government, has led and implement this project in Bolivia.
Brief summary of the aims, objectives and outcomes of the project	The project aims to enhance forest conservation and sustainable management for the Tacana communities surrounding Madidi National Park by focusing on youth-led environmental monitoring and women's financial education. Key results include developing gender strategies and communication guidelines, building women's financial capacities, and launching a business school to improve access to information and markets. The project raises awareness of gender issues in finance and promotes the role of women and youth in biodiversity conservation. It also seeks to establish conservation agreements and incentives benefiting 84 families, implementing agroforestry practices to improve productivity and income, especially for women and Indigenous families.

Client/independent reference contact details (Name, e-mail)	Humberto Gómez
	Program facilitator and local representative
	Bolivia BOS+
	[REDACTED]
	Claudia Daza
	Coordinator
	CFLI Bolivia
	[REDACTED]

Have you provided the requested signed audited/independently examined accounts?

☒ Yes

Section 17 - Certification

Q36. Certification

If this section is incomplete the entire application will be rejected.
Please note if you do not upload the relevant materials below your application may be ineligible.

On behalf of the

Trustees

of

Practical Action

I apply for a grant of

£200,000.00

I certify that, to the best of our knowledge and belief, the statements made by us in this application are true and the information provided is correct. I am aware that this application form will form the basis of the project schedule should this application be successful.

(This form should be signed by an individual authorised by the applicant institution to submit applications and sign contracts on their behalf.)

- I have enclosed CVs for key project personnel, a cover letter, letters of support, a budget, logframe, theory of change, Safeguarding and associated policies, and project workplan.
- Our last two sets of signed audited/independently verified accounts and annual report (or other financial evidence – see Finance Guidance) are also enclosed.

Checked

Name	Shirley Kelly Pazos Bashualdo
Position in the organisation	Bolivia Country Director

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Please attach the requested signed audited/independently examined accounts.

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Please upload the Lead Organisation's Safeguarding Policy, Whistleblowing Policy and Code of Conduct as a PDF. Optionally you can also upload your Health, Safety and/or Security policy or Security Plan here.

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Section 18 - Submission Checklist

Checklist for submission

I have read the Guidance, including the "Darwin Initiative Guidance", "Monitoring Evaluation and Learning Guidance", "Standard Indicator Guidance", "Risk Guidance", and "Finance Guidance".	Checked
I have read, and can meet, the current Terms and Conditions for this fund.	Checked
I have provided actual start and end dates for the project.	Checked
I have provided the budget based on UK government financial years i.e. 1 April – 31 March and in GBP.	Checked
I have checked that the budget is complete, correctly adds up and I have included the correct final total at the start of the application.	Checked
The application has been signed by a suitably authorised individual (clear electronic or scanned signatures are acceptable).	Checked
I have attached the below documents to my application: a cover letter from the Lead Organisation.	Checked

• a completed logframe as a PDF using the template provided.	Checked
• a 1 page Theory of Change as a PDF which includes the key elements listed in the guidance.	Checked
• a budget (which meets the requirements above) using the template provided.	Checked
• a signed copy of the last 2 annual report and accounts for the Lead Organisation (or other financial evidence – see Finance Guidance), or provided an explanation if not	Checked
• a completed workplan as a PDF using the template provided.	Checked
• a copy of the Lead Organisation's Safeguarding Policy, Whistleblowing Policy and Code of Conduct (Question 31).	Checked
• a copy of the Lead Organisation's Health, Safety and/or Security policy or Security Plan (Question 31)	Checked
• 1 page CV or job description for all the Project Staff identified at Question 34, including the Project Leader, or provided an explanation of why not, combined into a single PDF.	Checked
• a letter of support from the Lead Organisation and partner(s) identified at Question 35, or an explanation of why not, as a single PDF.	Checked
I have been in contact with the FCDO in the project country(ies) and have included any evidence of this. If not, I have provided an explanation of why not.	Checked
The additional supporting evidence is in line with the requested evidence, amounts to a maximum of 5 sides of A4, and is combined as a single PDF.	Checked
(If copying and pasting into Flexi-Grant) I have checked that all the responses have been successfully copied into the online application form.	Checked
I have checked the Darwin website immediately prior to submission to ensure there are no late updates.	Checked
I have read and understood the Privacy Notice on the Darwin Initiative website.	Checked

We would like to keep in touch!

Please check this box if you would be happy for the lead applicant (Flexi-Grant Account Holder) and project leader (if different) to be added to our mailing list. Through our mailing list we share updates on upcoming and current application rounds under the Biodiversity Challenge Funds. We also provide occasional updates on other UK Government activities related to biodiversity conservation and share our regular newsletter. You are free to unsubscribe at any time.

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Data protection and use of personal data

Information supplied in the application form, including personal data, will be used by Defra as set out in the Privacy Notice, available from the [Forms and Guidance Portal](#).

This Privacy Notice must be provided to all individuals whose personal data is supplied in the application form. Some information may be used when publicising the Darwin Initiative including project details (usually title, lead organisation, project leader, location, and total grant value).

Project Title: Developing Inclusive Safeguard Mechanisms for Climate Financing and Biodiversity Conservation.

Project Summary	SMART Indicators (including disaggregated targets)	Means of Verification	Important Assumptions
Impact: Reduce biodiversity loss and multidimensional poverty by promoting inclusive participation and equitable benefit-sharing, while safeguarding the rights of the indigenous communities in the Bolivian Amazon.			
Outcome: Implementation of an innovative bottom-up approach successfully institutionalizes Tacana indigenous-led social and environmental safeguard mechanisms enhancing forest conservation and facilitating access to climate funding, such as carbon markets.	O1. 01 methodology for the development of a training programme on forests, biodiversity and carbon markets for indigenous peoples, systematised and appropriated by CIPTA, at the end of the project. O2. 01 environmental and social safeguard mechanisms developed and validated by leaders of CIPTA y 40 representatives of Tacana Indigenous communities to protect biodiversity and forest in their territory, at the end of the project. O3.- 01 comprehensive document of recommendations for national government authorities outlining strategies to incorporate the newly developed safeguards into national frameworks, supporting broader applicability across other indigenous territories in Bolivia	O1. Methodology document for the development of safeguard mechanisms. O2. Social and environmental safeguards tools for climate and carbon market initiatives. O3. Recommendations document for the incorporation of an inclusive safeguard mechanism for indigenous territories in Bolivia's regulatory framework.	- A stable political situation remains until the carbon credits market's national regulation is built and approved. - Community and indigenous leaders will advocate for the project, fostering a supportive environment for its implementation. - Extreme weather events such as wildfires and flooding do not delay field activities (workshops, meetings, etc.)
Outputs: 1.- An interactive training program implemented, utilizing innovative methodologies to enhance the	1.1.01 participatory analysis of the environmental, economic and social threats faced by the	Participatory workshop reports. Technical consultancy reports.	- Tacana leaders are interested in participating in training processes on new and innovative topics such as carbon

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Tacana people's understanding of environmental and social safeguards, governance, and carbon markets.	Tacana people has been carried out by the end of the first six months of the project. 1.2. 40 Indigenous leaders (40% women) of CIPTA trained on social and environmental governance, human rights, and carbon market dynamics, at the end of the first six months of the project. <i>DI-A01</i>		markets and climate finance to conserve forests and biodiversity in their territories.
2.- A pilot system for environmental and social safeguard mechanisms developed collaboratively with Tacana indigenous communities, grounded in local knowledge and cultural practices, ensuring it is relevant and effective in addressing community needs and protecting indigenous rights.	2.1 A safeguard mechanism co-created with the Tacana indigenous communities based on a participatory methodology has been finalised at the end of the first year of the project. 2.2 01 management tool of CIPTA integrates safeguard mechanism for carbon markets and climate finance projects, at the end of the project. <i>DI-B03</i>	Participatory workshop reports. Technical consultancy reports..	- Tacana communities will actively participate in the project and be open to co-creating safeguard mechanisms.
3.- A comprehensive document of recommendations for national government authorities outlining strategies to incorporate the newly developed safeguards into national frameworks, supporting broader applicability across other indigenous territories in Bolivia.	3.1 03 knowledge products to disseminate the co-creation methodology and safeguards mechanism, lessons learned and recommendations for incorporating safeguards into national regulations, at the end of the project. <i>DI-C01</i>	Knowledge products: systematisation synthesis, advocacy materials.	- National government authorities will be open to integrating the developed safeguards into existing frameworks.
Activities 1.1 Conduct a comprehensive landscape assessment to identify key environmental, social, and economic challenges facing the Tacana territory. 1.2 Facilitate participatory mapping exercises with Tacana communities to visually identify threats to their land and resources.			

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- 1.3 Develop and implement a tailored training program focusing on social and environmental governance, human rights, and carbon market dynamics.
- 2.1 Organize collaborative design sessions to co-create social and environmental safeguard mechanisms to sure that are grounded in local knowledge, cultural practices, and community needs.
- 2.2 Develop a draft framework for the safeguard mechanisms, incorporating input from Tacana community members and stakeholder consultations, including gender equity and the unique challenges faced by marginalized groups within the community.
- 2.3 Conduct validation workshops where community members and stakeholders review the draft framework and provide feedback.
- 2.4 Collaborate with CIPTA to integrate the co-created safeguards into existing governance mechanisms within the Tacana territory.
- 3.1 Develop policy briefs and advocacy materials that communicate the successes and lessons learned from the pilot implementation of the safeguard mechanisms to local and national stakeholders.
- 3.2 Develop a comprehensive document of recommendations for national government authorities on how to incorporate the newly developed safeguards into national frameworks.
- 3.3 Disseminate the document among national stakeholders.