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| **Plan Vivo Standards 2008 – Effective and Transparent Governance** | | | | |
| 1 | The project has established an effective governance structure with clear roles and lines of accountability. | | | |
| 2 | The project provides assistance to small scale farmers, forest dwellers and land-users in developing countries with recognized land tenure or user rights (forest users/producers). | | | |
| 3 | The project publishes annual reports available to the public. | | | |
| **Project Indicators to Ensure Compliance to Principle** | | | | |
| Theme | | Indicator | Reference | Requirement for Verification |
| Governance Structure | | Administrative framework with the capacity to aggregate, transact, and monitor progress across all project operations. | * Legal agreements with multiple forest users and forest user groups. * All necessary legal permissions to carry out the intended activities including the ability to establish land-tenure rights. | * Approved development plan containing all statutes, articles and agreements stating individual and organizational roles and responsibilities, as well as documented processes for key project activities. |
| Annual Reporting | | Publically available information. | * Transparent and audited financial accounts able to the secure receipt, holding and disbursement of payments. | * Populated, effectively managed database; staff able to explain and demonstrated database functions. * Approved annual reports. |

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| **Plan Vivo Standards 2008 – Ecosystem Benefits** | | | |
| Planting activities are restricted to native and naturalised species. | | | |
| Wider ecological impacts have been identified and considered expressly including impacts on local and regional biodiversity and impacts on watersheds. | | | |
| **Project Indicators to Ensure Compliance to Principle** | | | |
| Theme | Indicator | Reference | Requirement for Verification |
| Native and Naturalised Species |  | Naturalised (i.e. non-invasive) species are eligible only where they can be shown to have compelling livelihood benefits and:  1. Producers have clearly expressed a wish to use this species;  2. The areas involve are not in immediate proximity to conservation areas or likely to have any significant negative effect on biodiversity;  3. The activity is still additional i.e. the producers in the area are not doing this activity or able to do this activity without the intervention and support of the project;   * 4. The activity will have no harmful effects on the water-table. | * Approved technical specifications and example Plan Vivos. * Staff awareness of conservation aspects and priorities. |
| Regional Biodiversity |  |  | * Approved technical specifications and example Plan Vivos. * Staff awareness of conservation aspects and priorities. |
| Impacts on Watersheds |  |  | * Approved technical specifications and example Plan Vivos. * Staff awareness of conservation aspects and priorities. |