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Our Vision	<p>CSR has been a way of life at IDFC Limited (“IDFC” or “the Company”) ingressed into its philosophy and vision.</p> <p>The ‘headline’ objective of IDFC’s CSR policy is to ensure that CSR activities are not performed in silos and that it be skillfully and inextricably woven into the fabric of the Company’s business strategy for overall value creation for all stakeholders. IDFC believes that profitability must be complemented by a sense of responsibility towards all stakeholders with a view to make a material, visible and lasting difference to the lives of disadvantaged sections of the people, preferably in the immediate vicinity in which the Company operates but at the same time ensure widespread spatial distribution of its CSR activities pan-India befitting its status as a conscientious corporate citizen.</p> <p>The policy shall apply to all CSR initiatives and activities to be undertaken by IDFC and its group companies (“IDFC Group”)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">(i) through IDFC Foundation (“Foundation”) (a Section 25 company incorporated under the Companies Act, 1956 and a wholly owned subsidiary of IDFC) at various locations, within India, for the benefit of targeted segments of the society;(ii) directly by IDFC or any of its subsidiaries on its own;(iii) through external agencies, NGOs having the requisite track record of 3 years in the relevant project/ program
Company’s Philosophy on CSR	<p>Since 2007, IDFC Limited has formally set aside over 1.7% of its PAT every year for IDFC Foundation and Corporate Social Responsibility (“CSR”) activities. This annual grant enables IDFC to invest in various non-commercial interventions.</p> <p>Section 135 of the Companies Act, 2013 (“the Act”) read with Companies (Corporate Social Responsibility Policy) Rules 2014 requires IDFC to mandatorily spend on CSR.</p> <p>IDFC would continue to carry out CSR activities through its wholly owned subsidiary company, namely, IDFC Foundation.</p>
CSR Committee	<p>CSR Committee of the Board of Directors (“Board”) would consist of 3 or more directors, out of which at least 1 director shall be an Independent Director.</p> <p>IDFC at its meeting held on April 25, 2014 approved the constitution of a three-member Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) Committee of the Board, comprising of Executive Chairman, Managing Director & CEO and one</p>

Independent Director.

The Committee, as mandated under Section 135 (3) of the Companies Act, 2013, shall (a) formulate and recommend to the Board, a Corporate Social Responsibility Policy which shall indicate the activities to be undertaken by the IDFC as specified in Schedule VII; (b) recommend the amount of expenditure to be incurred on the activities referred to in Section (a); and (c) monitor the Corporate Social Responsibility Policy of the Company from time to time. (d) Annually report to the Board, the status of the CSR activities and contributions made by IDFC (e) Any other requirements mandated under the Act or Rules issued thereunder.

CSR Activities

- 1) IDFC's CSR activities would be in the form of well-defined projects or programmes, the outcomes of which could be measured objectively.
- 2) Schedule VII lists out which may be included by companies in their corporate social responsibility activities. The said activities include the following:
 - Eradicating hunger, poverty and malnutrition, promoting preventive health care and sanitation including contribution to the Swachh Bharat Kosh set up by the Central Government for the promotion of sanitation and making available safe drinking water;
 - Promoting education, including special education and employment enhancing vocation skills especially among children, women, elderly, and the differently abled and livelihood enhancement projects;
 - Promoting gender equality, empowering women, setting up homes/hostels for women & orphans; setting up old age homes, day care centres & such other facilities for senior citizens and measures for reducing inequalities faced by socially & economically backward groups;
 - Ensuring environmental sustainability, ecological balance, protection of flora and fauna, animal welfare, agro forestry, conservation of natural resources and maintaining quality of soil, air and water including contribution to the Clean Ganga Fund set up by the Central Government for rejuvenation of river Ganga;
 - Protection of national heritage, art and culture including restoration of buildings and sites of historical importance and works of art; setting up public libraries; promotion and development of traditional arts and handicrafts;
 - Measures for the benefit of armed forces veterans, war widows and their dependents;
 - Training to promote rural sports, nationally recognised sports, paralympic sports and Olympic sports;
 - Contribution to the Prime Minister's National Relief Fund or any other

fund set up by the Central Government for socio-economic development and relief and welfare of the Scheduled Castes, the Scheduled Tribes, other backward classes, minorities and women;

- Contributions or funds provided to technology incubators located within academic institutions which are approved by the Central Government;
- Rural development projects.
- Such other activities as may be prescribed from time to time

3) However, out of the aforesaid activities, IDFC's CSR activities would seek to –

- (a) serve the poor, marginalised and underprivileged
- (b) promote inclusion
- (c) be sustainable
- (d) meet needs of the larger community and society.

4) Foundation would primarily focus on CSR activities promoting the development of –

- (a) livelihoods;
- (b) rural areas;
- (c) social infrastructure such as healthcare and education; and
- (d) other infrastructure that would meet the objectives of Inclusion and environmental sustainability such as water supply, sanitation, sustainable urbanization, public transport systems, renewable energy, slum re-development and affordable housing.

The scope of the policy has been kept as wide as possible, so as to allow the Company to respond to different situations and challenges appropriately and flexibly, subject to the activities enumerated in Schedule VII of the Companies Act, 2013.

Restricted Activities

- 1) The Company shall endeavor not to include any of the business activities undertaken in the normal course of business of the Company within the ambit of CSR activities.
- 2) Contribution of any amount directly or indirectly to any political party under Section 182 of the Act, shall not be considered as CSR activity.
- 3) CSR Projects or activities that benefit only the employees of the Company and their families shall not be considered CSR activities.
- 4) No contribution to be made for any activities undertaken outside India. The surplus, if any arising out of the CSR projects or programmes or activities shall not form part of the business profit of the Company.
- 5) Expenditure not in line with the CSR Activities shall not be included.
- 6) One off events such as Marathons/awards/charitable contributions/advertisement/sponsorships of TV programmes etc would not be qualified as CSR expenditure
- 7) Expenses incurred by companies for fulfillment of any Act/Statute of regulations would not count as CSR Expenditure under the Companies Act.

CSR Expenditure

- Every year, IDFC Group (those subsidiaries, to whom the CSR provisions are applicable) would transfer to Foundation an amount equivalent to at least 2% of its average net profits (calculated under Section 198 of the Act) during the three immediately preceding financial years (less any contribution made directly by the Company or its subsidiaries or through any external agency/NGO) on such schedule and to finance such CSR Activities as may be mutually agreed.
- The costs of research and capacity building, employee costs and other administrative overheads would form a part of the programmes and projects so selected.
- IDFC shall give preference to the local area and areas around it where it operates, for spending the amount earmarked for Corporate Social Responsibility activities. CSR Projects or Programs or activities undertaken in India only shall amount to CSR Expenditure.
- If for some reason the funds remitted to IDFC Foundation are not utilized within the fiscal year, such unutilised funds would be automatically carried forward for utilization in the succeeding year(s) for CSR activities.

Collaboration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The Company may undertake the CSR activities either on its own or through a Trust/ Society/ Not for Profit Company. ▪ The Company may collaborate for undertaking the CSR activities along with its group companies, including its eligible holding or subsidiary companies or any other companies outside the group, as the case may be. ▪ The Company may also undertake CSR activities through external agencies, NGOs having the requisite track record of 3 years in the relevant project/ program and a report on the same shall be disclosed separately.
Capacity Building/ Training	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The Company may build the CSR capabilities of its own personnel as well as those of implementing agencies through Institutions with established track record or such experience, as may be required under the applicable laws. ▪ The Company shall ensure that the total expenditure for training or capacity building of its personnel (including administrative overheads) does not exceed 5% of the total CSR expenditure of the Company in one financial year or such other higher percentage as may be prescribed from time to time under applicable laws.
Accounts and Audit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ IDFC Foundation shall maintain separate accounting for CSR related expense and a separate Bank account may be opened to deal with CSR related expense and receipts. ▪ In case specified projects or programs are to be undertaken through third party agencies the Company would need to specify the manner of accounting and tracking the expenditure incurred through third party agencies. ▪ The Company may conduct audit for CSR related expense at such intervals as may be recommended by CSR Committee and approved by the Board.
Monitoring/ Evaluation Mechanism and assessment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The Board shall ensure activities as are included in CSR Policy of the company are undertaken by the company. ▪ The CSR Committee shall monitor CSR policy of the Company from time to time. ▪ The CSR Committee shall institute a transparent monitoring mechanism for implementation of the CSR projects or programs or activities undertaken by the company which shall include the following :

	<p>i) <u>release of funds for CSR Project/Programme:</u> The amounts sanctioned for a CSR project or programme, will be released in stages or installments as per progress, as may be determined by the CSR Committee. CSR committee may design the procedure/guidelines applicable from time to time and release of funds to any project in a year shall be as per the guidelines finalized by the CSR Committee.</p> <p>(ii) <u>Review by Board/CSR Committee:</u> On a quarterly basis, the Board of Directors and CSR Committee will review the implementation of CSR.</p> <p>(iii) <u>Utilisation Certificate:</u> Funds released to the implementing agency would be based on satisfactory utilization certificate duly certified by an authorised officer/ CEO of the done entity and satisfactory performance report submitted by the said person, as may be decided by the CSR Committee.</p> <p>(iv) <u>External Agency assessment:</u> The impact assessment/ evaluation of major projects may be carried out by an external agency to critically assess the fulfillment of project objectives.</p> <p>(v) <u>Audit:</u> the amount spent on CSR by the Company will be subject to audit.</p>
Tax Treatment	Tax treatment of CSR spent will be in accordance with Income Tax Act, 1961 as amended from time to time and other applicable rules or circulars (issued by CBDT).
Dissemination of Information	The CSR Policy of the company shall be placed on the website of the Company www.idfc.com. A detailed status report on the CSR activities carried out by the Company shall be disclosed every year as a part of the Board Report in the Annual Report. The CSR committee will also make a Responsibility Statement stating that the CSR Policy implementation and monitoring thereof is in letter and spirit, in compliance with the CSR objectives.
Approved by	IDFC Board after recommendation by CSR Committee.
Amendment	This Policy may be amended from time to time by the Board on the recommendation of the CSR Committee.
Review History	Approved on January 2015 Policy to be reviewed annually.