



ESG · SDG

Sustainability & Development Impact *at Dhaman*

Environment & Social Management System, and Development
Impact Framework

LEADERSHIP COMMITMENT

A Non-Negotiable Mandate

Since 1974, the Arab Investment & Trade Credit Guarantee Corporation “Dhaman” has mitigated commercial and political risk for Arab trade and investment. That mandate is now formalized through two instruments - the Development Impact Framework and the Environment & Social Management System (ESMS) - which embed sustainability into medium to long-term trade and investment guarantees issued by Dhaman.

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Our success will be measured not only by our financial sustainability but, more importantly, by our contribution to the sustainable and inclusive growth of our member countries.

Key Commitments

Sustainable Development

To be the leader in promoting sustainable trade and investment in the Arab world, balancing economic growth with environmental protection and social well-being.

Alignment with Global Standards

Aligning policies with the UN Sustainable Development Goals and adopting international standards and best practices for high environmental and social performance.

Continuous Improvement

Continuously improving Dhaman's understanding and management of sustainability, credit, and political-risk challenges, present and future.

Support for Stakeholders

Providing investors, exporters, and financial institutions with confidence to engage with Arab member states, fostering prosperity and positive social and economic impact.

Responsible Decision-Making

Integrating environmental, social, governance, climate change, energy transition, and other relevant criteria into medium- to long-term insurance operations.

DEVELOPMENT IMPACT FRAMEWORK

From Mandate to Measurable Impact

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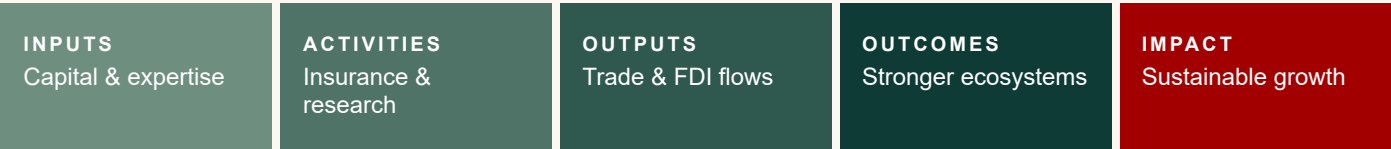
Promoting Arab economic integration to achieve sustainable development.

MISSION

Supporting member countries through investment and trade, facilitating Arab and foreign FDI, and strengthening international trade.

Theory of Change

Dhaman's guarantees and risk mitigation catalyse FDI and trade that drive the region's economic integration and sustainable development.



Four Strategic Priorities

A **International Trade Ecosystem Development**

Reducing risk and creating new market access to drive trade-led economic growth and regional integration.

B **FDI Ecosystem Strengthening**

Greater investors' confidence, increased financing for strategic projects.

C **Enhanced Access to Finance**

Supporting financial institutions, ECAs, and projects — including those serving SMEs — to expand access to finance for productive activity.

D **Institutional Capacity Building**

Strengthening Arab ECAs and financial institutions through reinsurance, knowledge sharing, and capacity building.

ENVIRONMENT & SOCIAL MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

Managing Environmental & Social Risk in Insured Transactions

The Environment and Social Management System (ESMS) applies to medium to long-term (MLT) projects and transactions of 2–15 years' tenor across Trade Credit Insurance (2+ years, USD 10 million+), Investment Insurance (3+ years, USD 3 million+), the business lines with the greatest development-impact potential.

IFC Performance Standards

Dhaman benchmarks its ESG practices against the IFC's eight Performance Standards, a framework adopted by several multilateral credit and political risk insurance agencies worldwide.

PS1 Assessment & Management of E&S Risks and Impacts

PS3 Resource Efficiency & Pollution Prevention

PS5 Land Acquisition & Involuntary Resettlement

PS7 Indigenous Peoples

PS2 Labor and Working Conditions

PS4 Community Health, Safety & Security

PS6 Biodiversity Conservation

PS8 Cultural Heritage

Risk Categorisation

A

Significant, diverse, potentially irreversible impacts. Full ESG assessment and stakeholder consultation; robust monitoring and reporting.

B

Site-specific, limited, generally reversible impacts. Streamlined ESG assessment with regular monitoring.

C

Minimal or no adverse impacts. Preliminary screening and periodic review only.

Financial Institutions are classified FI-1, FI-2, or FI-3 according to the environmental and social risk profile of their existing or proposed lending and guarantee portfolios.

Exclusion List

Dhaman does not provide insurance services to:

Nuclear Industries

Defence Industries

Casinos

Spirits & Tobacco

PROCESS & GOVERNANCE

A Four-Step Due Diligence Process

1 Screening Check eligibility, the exclusion list, and key ESG risks and opportunities.	2 Categorising Classify the transaction as A, B, C, or FI-1/2/3 by its potential ESG impact.	3 E&S Due Diligence Impact assessment, desktop review, and — where warranted — a site visit.	4 Decision & Monitoring Making decisions and monitoring environmental and social performance.
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SDG POLICY & ALIGNMENT

Sustainable Development Goals: Our Policy Commitment

Dhaman aligns its operations with the UN Sustainable Development Goals at two levels: an institution-wide commitment tracked through the Development Impact Framework, and a transaction-level policy applied through the ESMS to every insured project.

TIER 1 · INSTITUTIONAL IMPACT 13 SDGs to which Dhaman's overall mission and insurance portfolio contribute, tracked at impact level across the Logical Framework .	TIER 2 · TRANSACTION-LEVEL PRIORITY 13 priority SDGs identified as most directly tied to insured investment and trade transactions, used to screen and classify projects.
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The 13 SDGs, Grouped by Theme

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ECONOMIC GROWTH & TRADE

Decent Work & Economic Growth; Industry, Innovation & Infrastructure, and Partnerships for the Goals — advanced directly through trade credit insurance, FDI facilitation, and Dhaman’s institutional partnerships.

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SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

No Poverty, Zero Hunger, Good Health and Well-being, and Quality Education — supported through insured transactions in food security, health, and education sectors.

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ENVIRONMENT & CLIMATE

Clean Water and Sanitation, Affordable and Clean Energy, Responsible Consumption and Production, Climate Action, and Life Below Water — safeguarded through ESMS environmental screening and the exclusion policy.

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URBAN & REGIONAL RESILIENCE

Sustainable Cities and Communities — advanced through insured infrastructure and capital-goods projects across Arab member states.

SDG REFERENCE

THE GLOBAL GOALS

For Sustainable Development



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