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IRB application approval number: PHND-23-0312

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Project title: Strengthening the measurement tools and evidence base for collective approaches to smallholder livelihoods: The impact of coffee collectives on women's empowerment in Mexico

Division: PHND

PI: Jessica Heckert

Country of study: Mexico

Date of IRB approval: 03/01/2023

Dear Dr. Heckert,

The IRB has approved your protocol submission to conduct the research activity name **Strengthening the measurement tools and evidence base for collective approaches to smallholder livelihoods: The impact of coffee collectives on women's empowerment in Mexico**. This study meets the criteria for expedited review procedures as set forth in the code of federal regulations (45 CFR 46.110 Category 7) and presents no more than minimal risks to human subjects. The IRB will file all documents related to this study under the project number listed above. The IRB notes this study will be funded by the Walmart Foundation.

This approval is valid until the study's completion. There is no expiration date. According to our policies and procedures the IRB will require periodic progress reports to ensure that the study is being conducted according to study procedures. In addition, in accordance with IRB policies and procedures all studies are subject to possible random selection for quality assurance audits by the IRB. **The next progress report for this study is due on September 1, 2023.** Should any changes become necessary (i.e. procedures, methodologies) or be made or added to this study, you must immediately notify the IRB. No activity should commence without IRB modification approval. **When the study is completed you are required to submit a final report.** The form is available on our website.

As a reminder the IRB requires that all staff directly working with human subjects in research complete IFPRI'S CITI ethics training course. This letter indicates that the project complies with the IFPRI IRB's ethical guidelines and is subject to all of IFPRI's policies and procedures governing research with human subjects. In cases where local approval is needed, it is the responsibility of the researcher to obtain this approval and comply with local guidelines.

Please keep the IRB advised of this.

We wish you all the best in your research efforts. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact Olivette Burton, IFPRI IRB Coordinator via phone or the email address copied on this correspondence.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Lieven', with a long, sweeping horizontal line underneath.

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