

JUSTIFICATION FOR NON-SUBSTANTIVE CHANGES

1. Justification for Requested Changes

On January 31, 2020, Health and Human Services Secretary Alex M. Azar declared a public health emergency for the United States in responding to the COVID-19 crisis. This crisis impacts those abroad as well as domestically, and the United States International Development Finance Corporation (DFC) is working to support projects within its mission which respond to this crisis. Part of this effort is to create a more streamlined approval process for agency designated “COVID Response” projects. In accordance with OMB M-20-21, Implementation Guidance for Supplemental Funding Provided in Response to the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19), this approach takes into account the agency’s mission achievement, expediency of response, and the need to maintain transparency and accountability.

In order to expediently achieve the agency’s mission, DFC proposes to create a second version of its Impact Assessment Questionnaire (DFC-007) which adds no new questions, but allows designated “COVID Response” projects to submit a shorter version of the form via a fillable and printable Excel file which will then be submitted by e-mail. The agency will continue to collect the information sufficient to ensure these projects fall within the agency’s mission, to ensure the agency can properly account for its decisions, and to publish any required reports or evaluations. This shortened form is intended for use only during the continued worldwide crisis and for no longer than the expiration for the currently approved DFC-007 full form.

All projects which are not designated as “COVID Response” projects will be required to continue to complete the DFC-007 full form. The majority of respondents will fall into this category.

2. There is no change to the estimated burden associated with these changes.
3. There is no change to the estimated annualized cost to the Federal government associated with these changes.