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More recently, Désiré has developed a methodology, and put together a team, to assess ex-ante the development outcomes of all private sector operations in which the Bank has been approached to participate, and the additionality of the Bank, as well as other Development Finance Institutions, in these transactions. The Additionality and Development Outcome Assessment (ADOA) has been since 2008 an integral part of the Bank decision process when deciding whether or not to participate in private sector operations.

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