

Summary of Request #148 related to the Corridor Vc in FBH – Part 3 (Op ID 49058)

Note by IPAM

The Requesters have asked for confidentiality due to the risk of retaliation that they allege facing. Therefore, the original Request cannot be disclosed and IPAM has produced this summary for public disclosure. It should be noted that in summarising the information, IPAM has sought to maintain the original text as much as possible, with due regard for potential retaliation concerns.

During the period between 13 December 2024 and 12 March 2025, 10 families from Malo Polje and the surrounding areas in Bosnia and Herzegovina submitted to IPAM individual Requests regarding the South Mostar–Tunnel Kvanj section of the [Corridor Vc in FBH – Part 3 Project \(OP 49058\)](#).

The Requesters live between 51 and 100 meters from the planned motorway and access roads. They raise several allegations of harm, including economic displacement, pollution of drinking water and insufficient stakeholder engagement after the decision was made on the motorway alignment. The following allegations of harm have been raised:

Property devaluation and economic displacement

- Several Requesters shared that they have invested their savings into the development of private homes, villas, and tourism businesses. They claim the motorway will disrupt these plans, threatening personal investments and future income.
- Requesters claim that the combined impacts of the motorway, access roads, and embankments will reduce the market value of their properties.

Pollution of drinking water

- A major concern for Requesters is that construction activities such as deep drilling, will contaminate or disrupt fresh water in their wells, which is critical for drinking, irrigation, and household use.

Impact on agricultural activities

- Requesters allege impacts on crops, organic fruits, and vegetables both during construction and operation of the motorway. This would prevent them growing eco-friendly produce.

Stakeholder engagement and consultations

- Requesters allege inadequate stakeholder engagement and consultations after the decision on the alignment was made. Some of the Requesters were not aware that the motorway route would pass between 51 - 100 meters from their properties.
- Requesters are being directed to engage with project Contractor who is not fully aware of EBRD environmental and social requirements.