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Comments from the United States on Approval by Mail: Request for Endorsement of the Strategic Program for Climate Resilience for Papua New Guinea

On behalf of the United States, we would like to submit the following questions and comments on the Papua New Guinea SPCR:

1. How will the mitigation projects be prioritized in the Climate Change Trust Fund (CCTF)? Will those be grants or loans and how will they compete with adaptation projects?
2. Will the adaptation portion of the CCTF be kept at \$5 million – or some other funding level after the \$5 million in PPCR seed funding is depleted?
3. Do you expect to use the full \$4.5 million for training and policy development outlined in the first subset of Component 3 (enabling framework)? Will there not be any initial infrastructure investment?
4. Is the \$2 million for an SPCR project management unit something that the government will integrate into its budget in the future?
5. Please comment on why such a significant portion of the SPCR is focused on training, capacity building and staffing as opposed to more tangible outputs?
6. Please include USAID projects Coastal Communities Adaptation Project (CCAP) and Mangrove Rehabilitation for Sustainably-Managed, Healthy Forests (MARSH) in the annex as projects underway in this area. We recommend that the USAID office in Port Moresby and the ADB and Papua New Guinea PPCR team be in contact to ensure appropriate investment coordination.

Thank you,
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