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**Comments from Jamaica on PPCR - Decision-by-mail Pacific Region:  
Proposals for Phase 1 Funding**

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I have reviewed the following proposals and approve the respective amounts in financing to support the preparation of the Strategic Programme for Climate Resilience:

**Tonga**

Overall, the proposal by Tonga is commendable in its efforts to build and integrate climate change resilience into national policies, plans and programmes. Tonga's whole of government approach and the efforts aimed at coordination involving civil society are noted.

The following which should be taken into account in the preparation of the SPCR:

- The economic and social benefits from the PPCR interventions are not clear
- The indicative budget does not itemize the specific areas of expenditure under the thematic areas. There should be a breakdown of the expenses under each theme

**Samoa**

Samoa should be congratulated for presenting a very comprehensive proposal that seeks to integrate and mainstream climate risk and resilience into development planning and activities at the national and community levels. A sincere attempt has been made to link the proposed PPCR activities to poverty reduction and social and economic development. Noteworthy is aim to ensure that the PPCR contribute to achieving Samoa's Millennium Development Goals.

In elaborating the SPCR, Samoa should ensure that civil society is to be more actively engaged in the preparation and implementation processes. It is not evident, for example, that civil society is involved in the PPCR Steering Committee.

Regards,

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