

# CLIMATE INVESTMENT FUNDS

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**APPROVAL BY MAIL: JAMAICA IMPROVING CLIMATE DATA AND INFORMATION MANAGEMENT  
PROJECT (PPCR)**

Comments from the United Kingdom

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**RE: Approval by mail: Jamaica: Improving Climate Data and Information Management Project (PPCR) IBRD**

Dear Mafalda

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Jamaica: Improving Climate Data and Information Management Project (PPCR).

We have a few points which we would like you to consider / respond to before we finally approve this project.

1. **Component 1** – this component has substantial emphasis on investing in new and upgrading critically needed systems, maintenance is a recognised recurring issue, while government willingness to support O&M is noted and welcomed, financial constraints and pressures make this a risk.
  - a) What can be done to ensure equipment procured is robust, and build on past lessons?
  - b) Also while diesel may well be the best back up option for the weather radar, it would be good to state why renewable options are not viable.
2. **Component 2 -2.1** Updating statistically downscaled high resolution climate change scenarios:
  - a) Please can you clarify the link to regional PPCR track work in this area, including the UWI team in Jamaica who will also be implementing related regional PPCR track activities.
3. Sub-component 2.3 Preparation of a detailed health sector vulnerability assessment and a costed resilience strengthening plan for climate proofing the nations health facilities and operations. There is a high risk that proposed investments are not implemented due to financial constraints. Can this sub component also look at mechanisms for funding/financing e.g through savings expected or identification of other sources.
4. Subcomponent 2.4 Carry out community risk profiling and developing targeted early warning messaging for vulnerable groups.
  - a) To note: Several agencies operating in this area so co-ordination essential.
  - b) Need to keep a strong focus on decision-relevant data and to ensure a strong link is made with potential users (otherwise ambitions won't be achieved.)
  - c) It is important to develop the targets for this area, when is this likely to be undertaken?

Will you be able to get back to us on these points by 19<sup>th</sup> May 2015?

Best regards

Amanda