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Comments from Germany on the Approval by Mail: Mozambique: Climate Change Technical Assistance - Project ID XPCRMZ024A

Comments on proposed project:

Mozambique

Climate Change Technical Assistance Project (CCTAP)

Summary

We welcome the proposed project, and would like to commend all involved parties for submitting a well prepared proposal. There are no major objections from our point of view. We would like to suggest, however, that our recommendations (see **bold** highlights below) be incorporated during project implementation.

Individual Comments on the Proposed Project

The CCTAP will be addressing the critical issues of (i) policy and institutional reform; (ii) knowledge management and evidence building; and (iii) management and coordination support for the SPCR in Mozambique. In doing so, coordination and cooperation with current and planned activities by other donor organisations will be essential for project success.

We feel that in the document, the appreciation of implementation experiences and planned activities by other development partners, could be incorporated more thoroughly. This applies also to the work of the National Institute of Disaster Management (INGC) as an important actor for the effective implementation of adaptation measures. The document does mention that “coordination and engagement with international development partners will be a particular challenge”, that there is “a risk that broad-based technical assistance deployment could cause tensions with other development partners”, and that support to “GoM engagement with Development Partner Groups” is envisaged. However, with the weight of the SPCR in Mozambique, even more thought would have been expected as to how the SPCR could proactively contribute to a coordinated effort in implementation, joint knowledge management and coordination of the various activities on adaptation in Mozambique. **We would therefore welcome a more thorough appreciation of existing and planned efforts in adaptation in Mozambique of both Mozambican actors and development organisations, as well as an even more proactive contribution to coordinating these various efforts.**

World Bank experience as indicated in the document points to the need for a strong effort in capacity development. At this stage it remains somewhat unclear how the

capacity development required is going to be implemented. (See also comments on Learning below.)

The risks involved in the proposed implementation structure with a Climate Change Coordination Unit (CCCU), which has not been established yet, and whose role has not been defined in between the Ministries of Planning and Development (MPD) and Coordination of Environmental Affairs (MICOA) warrant careful consideration. **We would therefore recommend revisiting the institutional set-up of CCCU outside of existing structures and the roles of involved parties including of INGC.** With the bulk of CCTAP resources going into management and coordination support, a contribution broader than just coordinating the SPCR itself would be expected.

Comments on Cross-Cutting issues

Learning

Efforts to enable learning-by-doing and sharing of lessons at country, regional and global levels in the proposal could in our view be much more ambitious and creative, and at US\$ 0.5 million appear underfunded – especially since very few, if any, explicit allocations for knowledge management appear to be made in the other PPCR projects (such as the Baixo Limpopo Irrigation and Climate Resilience Project that we have just been commenting on in parallel). **We therefore recommend reconsidering and increasing the amount of resources allocated to learning and knowledge management.** This may also require modifications in the yet to be submitted proposals for other PPCR projects.

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