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

Dear Andrea

This is to confirm UK Government approval of funding for two projects under Mozambique's SPCR, "Baixo Limpopo Irrigation and Climate Resilience" and "Climate Change Technical Assistance" and for the related implementation and supervision services.

Baixo Limpopo Irrigation & Climate Resilience Project

- Clarification and justification of the intended transformational impacts of this pilot project. Whilst the term 'climate resilience' is used in relation to infrastructure and crops, it is not clear what this will actually mean in practice nor how investments at pilot project level will have transformational effects.

Technical Assistance Project

- Given the ambitious nature of the activities included in this proposal, it will be very important to ensure that knowledge management and evidence-related activities are given due weight during implementation of the Technical Assistance (TA) support. The project should therefore include text relating to 'strengthening the evidence-base' at the objective level.
- Preparation of the National Climate Change Strategy is already underway and we are aware that the Government of Mozambique urgently needs to access TA funds to support this process. We would therefore urge the CIF Admin Unit to take all necessary measures to mobilize start-up of activities under this project as soon as possible following the PPCR sub-committee approval.

Many thanks for your help on clarifying our queries.

Best

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