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## **Comments from the United Kingdom on the Strategic Program for Climate Resilience for Tonga**

The UK Government endorses Tonga's SPCR and welcomes the findings of the independent review, noting the SPCR's strengths in the areas of coordination including with Tonga's Joint National Plan, rigorous prioritisation of activities, excellent stakeholder consultation and a component that addresses poor and vulnerable communities.

The UK recommends that the Government of Tonga and the MDBs look into some of the improvements suggested by the independent review in implementation phase, including:

**A regional approach** to technical assessments for climate proofing infrastructure and use of risk management tools (this is also a recommendation for the Pacific regional track).

Consideration of a parametric **insurance** facility for small farmers that would provide rapid compensation.