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Comments from Canada on Approval-by-mail of PPCR Funding: St. Vincent and the Grenadines: Proposal for Phase 1 Funding

Dear Patricia,

Thank you for the opportunity for Canada to provide comments on the St.Vincent and the Grenadines proposal for Phase 1 Funding. In principal, we agree with the proposal for funding. However, we suggest that the following points be considered during project design:

- 1) There is a lack of information on how gender will be mainstreamed in this important initiative.
- 2) The proposal would be strengthened by including mention of a strategy to reach out to vulnerable groups and engage civil society.
- 3) Although the objectives of the regional strategy are outlined (p.22), the details with regard to how the regional strategy will be implemented to complement national-level activities are not explicitly defined. As mentioned previously, there needs to be strong linkages and coordination between national and regional initiatives.

Thank you,

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