

October 13, 2015

**Approval by mail: Haiti: Climate Proofing of Agriculture in the Centre-Artibonite Loop (PPCR) (IDB) –
Comments from UK**

Dear Mafalda,

Many thanks for sight of the attached IDB proposal for Haiti. The UK has reviewed this, and is happy to approve this project.

We do have a few questions and comments regarding the proposal, which I have listed below – we would be grateful for a response from IDB to clarify any queries as appropriate.

- It is very positive to see EWS messaging strengthened to include the level of alert and evacuation routes.
- The project will aim to train farmers on improved farming techniques. How will it ensure that farmers will be able to afford and put into practice improved techniques? What other constraints are there (aside from lack of knowledge) that have so far prevented the use of improved farming techniques?
- It is indicated that the reconstruction of the FAMV campus will follow national building standards – could IDB please confirm if these standards are sufficiently robust and climate-smart?
- How will the check dams and other soil conservation infrastructure be maintained? It would be useful to understand further what measures have been put in place to ensure sustainability.
- It is interesting to note that an RCT method is being used for the impact evaluation, which as far as we are aware is unprecedented in related work within the region, and we look forward to seeing the results of this IE. But as soil and water conservation work will be undertaken across a watershed, where will the control group be based, in order to ensure sufficient comparability between the results without impacting on the effectiveness of the intervention?

We look forward to hearing from IDB.

Kind regards,
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