Climate Investment Funds

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SREP Investment Plan for Cambodia

Comments Received from the United Kingdom

Dear Mafalda,

We have reviewed the proposed investment plan for Cambodia and have the following questions for the project team:

- Regarding Component 1 of the Investment Plan, we note that they are primarily aimed at either the household level in the case of elements a, b and c. We also note that element d, solar farms will supply electricity to Special Economic Zones and grid connected projects. We are keen to understand how community facilities, such as schools, street lighting, waste treatment etc fit with the plan.
- We have concerns about the development of biomass energy as set out in Component 2. We would like assurances that the burning of biomass will not negatively affect soil composition and fertility in the areas that it comes from. We would also like assurances that the use of biomass as an energy source will significantly reduce net emissions and will have an acceptable impact on air quality.
- The IP notes that biogas and waste-to-energy were NOT included for consideration due to poor performance in Cambodia. We seek an assurance that whatever factors led to poor performance of biogas and waste-to-energy sector will not negatively affect this investment plan.
- As the 'availability of sites' is one of the criteria in selecting options we would like to have an assurance that any sites chosen for this project follow the international best practices in relocation, if relocation is involved.

Kind regards,

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