

January 9, 2015

**Approval by mail: Grenada: Additional Financing to the Regional Disaster Vulnerability Reduction Program (RDVRP) (IBRD) PPCR**

Dear Mafalda,

DFID has no objections to the funding request or major issues with the proposal which has been in the pipeline for some time and happy to approve the decision below.

However a number of comments as this project is taken forward to implementation:

- We agree that it is important for the team to meet regularly for co-ordination of activities which can be challenging in this region - especially inter-institutional and information sharing amongst agencies. It is helpful that the team will meet frequently with the reactivated NCCC, as this could be a useful forum for co-ordination, lessons, and information sharing, especially with regard to the hydro-met data collection strengthening where several regional programmes are also active nationally.
- We understand that LIDAR is being planned as part of the initial geothermal exploration works in Grenada - it would be useful to explore/confirm coverage and specifications and collaborate if opportunities exist.
- We feel that gender aspects of this programme could be improved. The current proposal takes a passive approach to monitoring gender, rather than using opportunities to identify how women and girls can better benefit, and any barriers to this, which could be addressed by the project and measured.

Regards,

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