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**Comments from Germany on the Approval by Mail: PPCR Tajikistan:  
Environmental Land Management and Rural Livelihoods Project (IBRD)**

Dear colleagues from Tajikistan, MDB's and AU,

thank you very much for taking our comments on board and we would like to express our support for the proposal.

Some minor details, we would be extremely grateful (especially considering the deadline) if you could incorporate during implementation:

1. Comment: "We therefore recommend very strongly not only collecting and interpreting gender disaggregated data to track recipients, but to make a conscious attempt to measure the impact that the project's outputs and services have on the livelihoods and in particular on the climate resilience of female beneficiaries."

Response: "Agreed. Results for indicators 1, 2, and 4b will be disaggregated by gender." Comment on response: We are pleased that the indicators 1, 2, and 4b will be disaggregated by gender. At this time, however, this is not visible in the results framework. We trust that gender differentiation will be included in the indicators mentioned above during project implementation, and look forward to an update provided at a later stage.

2. Comment: "An indicator tracking the increase of resilience of female beneficiaries would need to be added." Response: "Indicator 2 which is a participatory assessment of well-being and changes in household assets will be disaggregated by gender in order to show degree to which women are able to better cope with climate risk." Comment to response: As mentioned above, we are pleased that the indicator 2 will be disaggregated by gender. To be able to measure the increase of resilience in an effective manner, however, we would have preferred an indicator tracking specifically the increase in resilience, not only in well-being or household/livelihood assets. By stating that we can show the degree to which women are able to cope with climate risk by assessing the well-being and changes in household assets, it is implied that increase in well-being or household/livelihood assets automatically increases the resilience. This can be correct, however, it is not automatically the case. We trust that this will be taken into account during project implementation, and look forward to an update provided at a later stage.

3. Comment: "We would therefore appreciate further clarification on who the "facilitating organisations" would be, in particular those facilitating the "climate change ...

appraisals", being a rather new and innovative approach." Response: "FOs will be contracted via competitive selection and selected according to criteria, including proven track record in participatory planning, resilience framework planning experience, among others." Comment to response: We feel that the clarification in terms of the selection process and criteria of the facilitating organizations does not address our concern on the sustainability of this approach to the extent we would have hoped for. It should be further considered how to ensure that continued support is provided after the project has ended. We trust that this will be considered during project implementation, and look forward to an update provided at a later stage.

All the best and kind regards  
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