

Comments received from the UK--Brazil: Sustainable production in areas previously converted to agricultural use project (FIP) IBRD

Dear Patricia

I hope you had a good Easter break

We have read through the Brazil proposal entitled, *Brazil: Sustainable production in areas previously converted to agricultural use project (under the low carbon emission agriculture plan)*, submitted by the Government of Brazil and the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (IBRD). this proposal was a joy to read, being very clear and well presented. Gender and social impacts are well covered, and the project team has done an excellent job in demonstrating how this project fits within the Investment Plan.

We have a few questions/comments for which we would be happy to receive a short written clarification prior to approval

1. The proposal states that Brazil would be able to finance the training and TA components (1&2) without FIP finance. But it is the M&E that really adds the value and justifies why 100% of the project should be financed from the FIP grant. Whilst we think the M&E component (3) of this project is excellent we would like a bit more detail on the justification for FIP providing 100% of the funds for components 1&2.
2. Once the baseline has been assessed for CO₂e we would like the project results framework to be updated accordingly.
3. Given that some of the transformational impacts will only be seen in the medium-longer term (e.g. increased yields) we would appreciate further details of how these longer term impacts will be recorded beyond the 4 years of project implementation.
4. Field technicians are given considerable implementation responsibility. They are not paid, only given a stipend, which is only released if producer participants are satisfied with the training. Is there a risk associated with their capacity to absorb this extra work.

Once available, we would be very interested to see the evaluation of the impact on farm-deforestation described in 48(d) which will be a valuable contribution to our understanding of leakage.

All the best
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