

# CLIMATE INVESTMENT FUNDS

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## **APPROVAL BY MAIL: TANZANIA: SREP MINI-GRIDS PROJECT**

Response Submitted by IFC to the Comments Submitted by the United Kingdom

## IFC's Response to the Comments from the UK to the IFC-SREP Mini-Grids Project

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UK Comments	IFC Response
<p>1. In the responses provided by the Government of Tanzania and the MDBs to the questions we raised in approving the Investment Plan, it was stated that <b>“IFC will recruit a team member, based in Dar, to lead on the RERE project”</b>. We do not see a specific reference to the appointment of an IFC lead in Dar in the project document, and we would like to confirm that this is still the case.</p>	<p>IFC acknowledges that this information was not part of the Project Proposal document. We would like to confirm that a staff person will be recruited for this project and this person will be based in Dar es Salaam.</p>
<p>2. In addition to the national co-ordination provided by REA, with increasing interest and action on mini-grids regionally and globally, we believe there is an important priority in improved international co-ordination and learning around mini-grids. The IFC (through the World Bank Group) is already a member of the <b>SE4ALL Clean Energy Mini-Grids High Impact Opportunity (HIO)</b> and we would encourage the IFC to engage with that to promote alignment with wider efforts, and to share tools and experiences. For example it would make sense for IFC's proposed work on Mini-Grids Quality Assurance and standards in Tanzania, to be co-ordinated with that under the HIO, led by the US Department of Energy. Similarly the market development tools developed by IFC in Tanzania would have strong relevance to the AfDB-led Green Mini-Grids Africa Regional Facility – and vice versa.</p>	<p>IFC fully agrees with the comments provided by the UK. The IFC team intends to share the tools and experiences with the SE4ALL Clean Energy Mini-Grids High Impact Opportunity (HIO) and in particular the Action Learning and Evaluation (ALE) effort that the World Bank is coordinating in partnership from DfID. This information will also be provided as input to the US Department of Energy led effort to develop a common quality assurance framework for mini-grids. The IFC team is already in contact with the AfDB regarding their mini-grids facility (to date, mainly in the context of Kenya) and will continue to collaborate and share tools and information in connection with their regional facility. Finally, it is worth mentioning that the tools, information and experiences from this SREP-supported program will also be made available via the web portal that is indicated in the proposal.</p>