

# CLIMATE INVESTMENT FUNDS

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**APPROVAL BY MAIL: VIETNAM: M&E TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE: MAINSTREAMING CLIMATE  
CHANGE MITIGATION INTO NATIONAL INFRASTRUCTURE (ADB) (CTF)**

Comments Received from the United Kingdom

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**Approval by mail: Vietnam: M&E Technical Assistance: Mainstreaming Climate Change Mitigation into National Infrastructure (ADB) CTF—Comments from the UK**

Hi Mafalda,

Please see below comments from the UK on this CTF proposal from Vietnam. We would like to see responses to these questions before we provide our approval.

Thanks,

Lawrence

- We would like to see more evidence on how the project will develop local capacity on M&E –e.g. for example the capacity to manage MRV schemes.
- The proposal identifies one of the key risks as being a lack of interest in the domestic sector agencies – we would like to see more here on how this risk will be mitigated
- What are the plans for capturing learning from the programme on developing MRVs, training programmes, guides, etc? This will be of wider interest for the CIFs and other funds.
- Will there be an evaluation of the TA programme itself? An evaluation of the TA programme could focus on the quality of the guides and training with the ultimate aim of helping the CIFs admin unit understand what works and what doesn't in the implementation of MRV systems and in-country capacity building to operate them. This would be very useful for the CIFs and GCF in the long term
- We think that the proposed outputs need to be embedded in a system. Without a system that holds it all together, while important in their own right, all the outputs end up being disparate. We would that the separate outputs get pulled together into a coherent electronic system.

We also have some more specific comments on annex 2(results framework):

- Helpful if this included qualitative indicators; there is currently no way that the quality of the guides and the training sessions provided by consultants/delivery partners will be assessed.
- 1a) consider splitting this indicator into two: i) MRVs are developed and adopted - list out relevant/target agencies; ii) and baseline for CTF projects are established.
- Milestones are needed across all indicators. Will this be done during the inception phase?
- Recommend 2a and 2b) to be monitored at %. E.g. % of CTF projects that have applied guides.
- 3a) Baseline is applicable, not “NA” as stated. It is important to understand the current level of climate change knowledge before the program begins
- The provision of key activities under each output is very helpful in understanding progress and in some cases provides the necessary milestones. However, it is still a bit confusing understanding how they relate to each other – e.g. training of the agencies – will this happen alongside the creation of baselines? Will the agencies help to create the baselines as part of this training?