



Climate Change Technical Assistance

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| Comment 1 | Jane Higgins | United Kingdom | <p>This is to confirm UK Government approval of funding for two projects under Mozambique’s SPCR, “Baixo Limpopo Irrigation and Climate Resilience” and “Climate Change Technical Assistance” and for the related implementation and supervision services. Baixo Limpopo Irrigation & Climate Resilience Project Clarification and justification of the intended transformational impacts of this pilot project. Whilst the term ‘climate resilience’ is used in relation to infrastructure and crops, it is not clear what this will actually mean in practice nor how investments at pilot project level will have transformational effects. Technical Assistance Project · Given the ambitious nature of the activities included in this proposal, it will be very important to ensure that knowledge management and evidence-related activities are given due weight during implementation of the Technical Assistance (TA) support. The project should therefore include text relating to ‘strengthening the evidence-base’ at the objective level. · Preparation of the National Climate Change Strategy is already underway and we are aware that the Government of Mozambique urgently needs to access TA funds to support this process. We would therefore urge the CIF Admin Unit to take all necessary measures to mobilize start-up of activities under this project as soon as possible following the PPCR sub-committee approval. Many thanks for your help on clarifying our queries.</p> | May 11, 2012 |
| Comment 2 | Ina von Frantzius | Germany | <p>Individual Comments on the Proposed Project The CCTAP will be addressing the critical issues of (i) policy and institutional reform; (ii) knowledge management and evidence building; and (iii) management and coordination support for the SPCR in Mozambique. In doing so, coordination and cooperation with current and planned activities by other donor organisations will be essential for project success. We feel that in the document, the appreciation of implementation experiences and planned activities by other development partners, could be incorporated more thoroughly. This applies also to the work of the National Institute of Disaster Management (INGC) as an important actor for the effective implementation of adaptation measures. The document does mention that “coordination and engagement with international development partners will be a particular challenge”, that there is “a risk that broad-based technical assistance deployment could cause tensions with other development partners”, and that support to “GoM engagement with Development Partner Groups” is envisaged. However, with the weight of the SPCR in Mozambique, even more thought would have been expected as to how the SPCR could proactively contribute to a coordinated effort in implementation, joint knowledge management and coordination of the various activities on adaptation in Mozambique. We would therefore welcome a more thorough appreciation of existing and planned efforts in adaptation in Mozambique of both Mozambican actors and development organisations, as well as an even more proactive contribution to coordinating these various efforts. World Bank experience as indicated in the document points to the need for a strong effort in capacity development. At this stage it remains somewhat unclear how the capacity development required is going to be implemented. (See also comments on Learning below.) The risks involved in the proposed implementation structure with a Climate Change Coordination Unit (CCCU), which has not been established yet, and whose role has not been defined in between the Ministries of Planning and Development (MPD) and Coordination of Environmental Affairs (MICOA) warrant careful consideration. We would therefore recommend revisiting the institutional set-up of CCCU outside of existing structures and the roles of involved parties including of INGC. With the bulk of CCTAP resources going into management and coordination support, a contribution broader than just coordinating the SPCR itself would be expected. Comments on Cross-Cutting issues Learning Efforts to enable learning-by-doing and sharing of lessons at country, regional and global levels in the proposal could in our view be much more ambitious and creative, and at US\$ 0.5 million appear underfunded – especially</p> | May 11, 2012 |



since very few, if any, explicit allocations for knowledge management appear to be made in the other PPCR projects (such as the Baixo Limpopo Irrigation and Climate Resilience Project that we have just been commenting on in parallel). We therefore recommend reconsidering and increasing the amount of resources allocated to learning and knowledge management. This may also require modifications in the yet to be submitted proposals for other PPCR projects.