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Comments from Canada on the Approval by Mail: Bangladesh - Climate Change Capacity Building and Knowledge Management

Dear Colleagues at the CIF Admin Unit,

As a follow-up to my email of June 2, below please find additional comments from the Government of Canada.

- The TA proposes to support the establishment of an Information Knowledge Management network for collection, generation and analysis of knowledge related to traditional resilience, adaptability and innovativeness of the local communities, who have battled natural disasters over the centuries, and their dissemination to potential beneficiaries. This activity is very much consistent with the need for research and knowledge identified as one of the priorities in The Bangladesh Climate Change Strategy and Action Plan 2008 of the Government of Bangladesh and the SPCR - Strategic Program for Climate Resilience. **The TA should provide special attention to capturing and analysing data specific to women and also ensure that women have access to the information disseminated by the network.**
- The major challenges will be ensuring GOB ownership, taking into consideration the frequent transfers of Government officials and the usual bureaucratic delays in getting the TA started. We are pleased that these issues have been addressed in the document. It is important to identify one or more champions in Government who could uphold this program give it the momentum and support required from GOB's side and also be able to advocate and lobby at high levels.
 - The results at various level (Design and Monitoring Framework), though challenging considering the short duration of the project 1.5 years, are achievable given more than ten years of donor involvement (UNDP, DFID and EU) in capacity building of the Ministry of Environment and Forests (MOEF). To ensure that expected results are achieved, the performance monitoring framework introduced at the planning stage should provide concrete indicators of results both quantitatively and qualitatively. In addition, a risk identification and management exercise should be undertaken and included Project/Program Approval Request document.

Regards,

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