

May 29, 2015

Approval by mail: Nepal: Building Resilience to Climate Related Hazards (Additional Financing, BRCH-AF) (PPCR) (IBRD)

Dear CIF admin unit/Mafalda,

Due to a number of staff absences over the last two weeks in DFID we have been unable to look at the concept for additional funding until now. Unfortunately we remain with a number of concerns regarding the results it aims to deliver with the additional financing, so are unable to approve at this stage.

We would be very pleased to have a call early next week to resolve these issues if possible, however, in the meantime just to flag some of our concerns in more detail.

- On Component A – The additional activities covered by the additional \$0.5 million are overly vague, for which we would like some additional information.
- Component B – The concept note states what the existing project intends to do but only makes suggestions about what the additional funds might cover. We are also unclear to what extent the proposals are realistic under the budget proposed.
- The results framework appears under-developed in terms of definitive targets, with a focus on measuring activities rather than outcomes or impacts.
- We gather there were previous questions and concerns about the targets and results on the existing project. Can you update us about how these were addressed.
- Overall the concept note is pitched at an activity level and does not seem to make the links that one might expect to see, in terms of application of training, use of information in other planning process and improved services.
- We would like further information on the implications from the recent sad-event of the major earthquake on this project

We look forward to hearing back from you at the earliest opportunity.

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