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**Comments Received from the United Kingdom--Approval by Mail: PPCR St. Lucia:  
Disaster Vulnerability Reduction Project (IBRD)**

Dear Colleagues

Re: PPCR St Lucia Disaster Vulnerability Reduction Project.

The UK welcomes this project. We are pleased to see that gender is a critical theme which is tied into the business surveys and assessment and gender-related findings will serve as a cornerstone of loan design, while also contributing towards the physical resilience of individuals, households and businesses to disasters and climate change.

The UK is content to endorse this project but would welcome further information on how the team is coordinating with other Caribbean countries' DVRPs and how it will work with and support the ***Improving Geospatial Data and Management for Adaptation Planning, Sea Level Rise and Storm Surge Impact Analysis*** component in the regional SPCR, given that St Lucia is the focal point country for this. In addition for the 'Climate Adaptation Financing Facility' (CAFF) component it will be important to have a process to help generate a pipeline of investments, as other experience from the region is that the take-up of this sort of instrument can be very slow without this support.

Many thanks

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