

September 11, 2014

Comments from Germany--Approval by Mail: PPCR Cambodia: Promoting Climate-Resilient Agriculture in Koh Kong and Mondulhiri Provinces Project (ADB)

Dear Colleagues,

Before commenting on the Proposal, allow me to introduce myself briefly. My name is Romeo Bertolini and I took over, amongst others, the responsibility of CIFs at BMZ at Frank's Climate Unit.

Pls. add my mail address to your list.

Looking forward to working with you!

Regards

Romeo

With regards to the proposal, no objection from our side. We, however recommend to consider earlier comments on the revised SPCR for Cambodia, submitted on 22nd January 2014, as well as our comments made below (see **bold** highlights) during project implementation. Moreover, we appreciate the *Response from ADB—Approval by mail: Endorsement of Revised SPCR for Cambodia (PPCR)*, submitted on 6th February 2014.

Individual Comments

The *Promoting Climate-Resilient Agriculture in Koh Kong and Mondulhiri Provinces as part of the Greater Mekong Subregion Biodiversity Conservation Corridors (BCC) Project* foresees four interventions related to climate-resilient agriculture and water resources, which complement BCC Project's regular activities financed from ADB. It seeks to increase adaptive capacity and reduce climate vulnerability of ecosystems and communities in the BCC Project area, as well as to support diversified livelihoods and income generating opportunities. The intended PPCR intervention is expected to strengthen to BCC Project's intended overall impact, which is 'climate-resilient sustainable forest ecosystems benefiting local livelihoods'.

Given the major importance of agriculture and water resources for the livelihoods of large parts of the population, as well as the high vulnerability to climate change of these sectors (which has been highlighted in the National Adaptation Programme of Action (NAPA)), the overall approach of the proposed project seems to be meaningful in the Cambodian context. The project is based on previously conducted vulnerability assessments, includes an appropriate Monitoring Evaluation (M&E) system, and its results framework adequately refers to all five PPCR core indicators. In addition, the proposal mentions public private partnerships and private sector participation in three areas. Yet, as only two of these areas are described, **we kindly suggest clarifying what the third area of public private partnerships and private sector participation will be.**

We appreciate that the proposed project is "consistent with the BCC Project's impact, the country operations business plan (2014-2016), and government priorities, including the NAPA in agriculture and water resources" (p. 3). However, the project proposal does neither mention the Cambodia Climate Change Strategic Plan (CCCSP) 2014-2023, which captures the main strategic objectives and directions for a climate-resilient development of Cambodia in the next ten years, nor the Sectoral Climate Change Strategic Plans (SCCSPs), which focus on sector-specific responses to climate change. **Thus, we recommend outlining if and how the proposed project is aligned to the Cambodia Climate Change Strategic Plan (CCCSP)**

2014-2023 and to one or more of the Sectoral Climate Change Strategic Plans (SCCSPs). Moreover, despite the fact that two of the five intended results (1 and 2; corresponding to PPCR core indicators A2.1 and B2) are directly related to mainstreaming climate change adaptation, the proposal does not make any reference to the evolving National Adaptation Plan (NAP) Process in Cambodia.

Thus, in line with our earlier comments on the revised SPCR, we recommend describing briefly how the proposed project fits into the context of the National Adaptation Plan (NAP) Process in Cambodia and how potential synergies between the foreseen interventions and the NAP Process can be exploited.