

CLIMATE INVESTMENT FUNDS

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COMMENTS FROM SWITZERLAND

Thank you for your answers to our questions and your responses to our comments.

We have the following concluding remarks:

Switzerland supports the approval of the project but recommends that the AfDB and the GoL proceed with the extension of the distribution grid and the installation of mini-grids to connect remote cities in Nimba County as soon as possible and that they therefore seek financing from other sources. The project will only unfold its potential for transformational change in Liberia, if and once the people living in the remote cities of Nimba county have gained access to electricity generated from this plant or other successive investments in renewable energy.

The following two questions still need some sort of response:

Re. answer Nr.16: Our question was referring to the progress already realized in the WB project not its objectives of which we are well aware. This (the progress) is not documented in the PAD to which the indicated links leads.

Re. answer Nr.22: Unfortunately the answer is still truncated and it is still unclear whether the GoL considers a future private investment into the plant desirable or not.