

# CLIMATE INVESTMENT FUNDS

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## **APPROVAL BY MAIL: VIETNAM: M&E MAINSTREAMING CLIMATE CHANGE MITIGATION INTO NATIONAL INFRASTRUCTURE**

Response submitted by ADB to comments submitted by the United Kingdom

**CTF Vietnam M&E Technical Assistance**  
**Socialist Republic of Viet Nam: Mainstreaming Climate Change Mitigation into National Infrastructure**

**ADB Responses to UK Queries**

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| <p>We would like to see more evidence on how the project will develop local capacity on M&amp;E –e.g. for example the capacity to manage MRV schemes.</p>                           | <p>Output 1 will establish and strengthen MRVs for approved and future CTF projects in MONRE and relevant sector agencies responsible for project implementation and supervision to comply with CTF MRV schemes and mandatory government programs.</p> <p>Output 3 is the venue to enhance knowledge on climate change mitigation and disseminate the MRV schemes to MONRE and relevant agencies through trainings and workshops. Output 3 will develop a capacity development program which will be built on the results of capacity assessment study among agencies. The program will establish capacity objectives, and appropriate training and workshops activities to address capacity needs which include knowledge on climate change, key tools and skills to effectively implement M&amp;E and the proposed MRV schemes, inter-agency coordination, etc.</p> |
| <p>The proposal identifies one of the key risks as being a lack of interest in the domestic sector agencies – we would like to see more here on how this risk will be mitigated</p> | <p>ADB’s project officer responsible for the TA, based in Hanoi, is also in charge of two ADB CTF funded projects in Viet Nam. He has informed Executing Agency’s high-level officials of the proposed TA through an inception mission and meetings and asked their active involvement and supports. Because of hierarchical society in Viet Nam, the involvement of high-level officials is a key to increase their interests and participation.</p> <p>In addition, MONRE and ADB will frequently consult with sector agencies to invite high-level officials and practitioners to participate in TA activities.</p>  |

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| <p>What are the plans for capturing learning from the programme on developing MRVs, training programmes, guides, etc? This will be of wider interest for the CIFs and other funds.</p>  | <p>Output 1 will develop an MRV institutional plan built on an institutional analysis focusing on relevant agencies; Output 2 will establish mitigation guides covering MRV schemes and mitigation actions' justification approach; and Output 3 will disseminate the guides to the environment and relevant agencies and provide officials with training and workshops.</p> <p>Throughout the TA implementation, key learning activities will be captured by documenting the findings and lessons learned from the TA activities. Learnings can be shared in various events or platforms, such as regional and national forums/conferences, CTF media and knowledge products, and the MONRE website to make the information available and accessible to relevant stakeholders.</p> |
| <p>Will there be an evaluation of the TA programme itself? An evaluation of the TA programme could focus on the quality of the guides and training with the ultimate aim of helping the CIFs admin unit understand what works and what doesn't in the implementation of MRV systems and in-country capacity building to operate them. This would be very useful for the CIFs and GCF in the long term</p> | <p>ADB will carry out review missions, typically twice a year, to evaluate TA implementation to confirm progress and efficacy, identify problems, and address the problems. The findings will be summarized in an aide memoire for each mission. After the TA completion, ADB will summarize the findings and lessons learned from TA activities in a TA completion report.</p> <p>Moreover, integral to the capacity development training program is an M&amp;E mechanism (may include capacity assessment questionnaire for baseline and end line rating) which will inform the executing and implementing agencies, ADB, TA consultants, as well as other stakeholders on the quality and effectiveness of the guides and training/workshop activities.</p>                      |
| <p>We think that the proposed outputs need to be embedded in a system. Without a system that holds it all together, while important in their own right, all the outputs end up being disparate. We would that the separate outputs get pulled together into a coherent electronic system.</p>   | <p>Thank you for the recommendation. The capacity development TA framework will ensure that all outputs and activities supports and complements each other. While, part of the agency capacity enhancement will be the development of a database management system which will capture and organize all these</p>  |

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|   | <p>outputs making the data/information easier to be accessed, managed and updated.</p> <p>The TA deliverables will be developed in a paper and/or an electronic form while considering agencies' business environment. MONRE will receive deliverables in both paper and electronic forms.</p>   |
| <p>We also have some more specific comments on annex 2(results framework):</p> <p>Helpful if this included qualitative indicators; there is currently no way that the quality of the guides and the training sessions provided by consultants/delivery partners will be assessed.</p> <p>1a) consider splitting this indicator into two: i) MRVs are developed and adopted - list out relevant/target agencies; ii) and baseline for CTF projects are established.</p> <p>Milestones are needed across all indicators. Will this be done during the inception phase?</p> <p>Recommend 2a and 2b) to be monitored at %. E.g. % of CTF projects that have applied guides.</p> | <p>There are some examples, such as “80% of training participants satisfied with training/workshops” and “60% of training participants correctly performed MRV steps after training/workshops.” These will be applied to evaluate the efficacy of training and workshop. Progress on indicators will be included as part of review missions and TA completion report noted above.</p> <p>Noted. This will be incorporated in the final TA paper once CTF funding is confirmed.</p> <p>Noted. Target indicators and baseline data will also be incorporated in the final TA paper, and may be further revised as necessary during the inception phase.</p> <p>ADB's target is to apply the guides in all CTF projects in Viet Nam. ADB will discuss with MONRE and sector agencies whether this target is achievable.</p> |

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| <p>3a) Baseline is applicable, not “NA” as stated. It is important to understand the current level of climate change knowledge before the program begins</p> <p>The provision of key activities under each output is very helpful in understanding progress and in some cases provides the necessary milestones. However, it is still a bit confusing understanding how they relate to each other – e.g. training of the agencies – will this happen alongside the creation of baselines? Will the agencies help to create the baselines as part of this training?</p> | <p>Noted. ADB will consult with MONRE and relevant agencies to find out the number of trained staff as of year 2015.</p> <p>Establishing baselines is an urgent task since there are ongoing CTF projects. The consultant will assist EAs (i.e., responsible government officers) in establishing baselines. After that, MONRE and relevant government staff will receive training covering climate change topics along with the transport and energy sector mitigation guides covering establishment of baselines.</p> |