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Comments from the UK--Approval by mail: Ghana: Enhancing Natural Forest and Agroforest Landscapes Project (IBRD) FIP

Dear Sir/Madam,

In regards proposal *Ghana: Enhancing Natural Forest and Agroforest Landscapes Project*, submitted by the Government of Ghana and the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (IBRD), please find below some request for clarifications that we would request that you would go back to the IBRD to seek clarifications on behalf of DECC and DFID.

- a) We note that there is a potential overlap with activities proposed under the Forest Carbon Partnership Facility. A study to consider how to manage such overlaps is currently underway, and we will take our line on this issue based on the findings of this study and consensus on the agreed way forwards. We would like to see the recommendations included in this paper to be taken into considerations during the further project design.
- b) Results framework: Currently there seems to be discordance between indicator 4 in the Results Framework and the potential for CO2 emission reduction presented in the economic analysis. Could IBRD clarify the underlying assumptions feeding into both targets (i.e. origin of the assumption on halving deforestation in the intervention areas, assumptions related to leakage and permanence)? In addition, could IBRD provide more information on how the emission factors of each pilot program were calculated?
- c) Pg 67 of the PAD has a helpful overview of potential risks and impacts of the projects, but there are no corresponding mitigation actions provided in the project design, especially on the impact of monoculture plantations on biodiversity.
- d) Could IBRD elaborate on the ownership rights of the emission reductions generated by the program?
- e) It would be helpful to get more detail on the way the various project components link together, specifically component 1 & 2. Coherence between components is not clear from the current description of the project elements.
- f) We noted in the original FIP Ghana Action plan that benefit sharing mechanisms around Community Resource Management (CREMA) systems in areas with significant in-migration will be particularly challenging. A thorough assessment should be carried out in the design phases.

Thank you very much for your patience, and we look forward to receiving your reply.

Kind regards

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