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Comments from Germany on the Approval by Mail: CTF Philippines: Cebu Bus Rapid Transit Project (IBRD)

Dear colleagues,

Concerning the M+E question we appreciate the explanation and justification and think it goes in the right direction. However, we would reiterate our statement that M+E of project results as such is an inherent element of project implementation and falls therefore upon MDB responsibility and we don't see a justification for an exclusive CTF financing of that component of the project. However, we can see an added value in capacity building beyond the project level and dissemination of results - as explained in the response - "to provide a strong analytical foundation for BRT planning and promotion efforts in similar contexts". This constitutes a contribution to lessons learned and transformative impact of this project and we would therefore encourage ADB to dedicate a special effort to this dissemination and learning aspect and can thus support CTF financing of this component.

Thank you.
regards

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