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SREP Investment Plan for Nicaragua

Questions (Q) and comments (C)

- 1. Co-financing: It is noted that the SREP investment plan for Nicaragua relies to a significant extent on contributions from the GCF, already in phase I.
 - i) (Q) What efforts are planned or under way by the Government of Nicaragua to tap GCF resources for the programs proposed in the SREP investment plan?
 - ii) (Q) To what extent are the executing agencies foreseen for the implementation of these programs already in the accreditation process with the GCF?
- 2. Private sector contribution: The projected private sector contribution for the geothermal component seems rather high in particular the expected readiness of private sector investors to share in the risk of resource confirmation.
 - i) (Q) How realistic do the MDBs consider this projection?
 - ii) (Q) Have interested private sector operators who are ready to take these risks been identified?
- 3. Results:
 - i) (C) The results listed under "transformative impact" seem far more ambitious than what may be reasonably expected from the SREP intervention.
 - ii) (Q) What is the expected additional installed capacity of geothermal power until 2022?
 - iii) (Q) What are the expectations or targets regarding reduced or avoided CO₂ emissions until 2022?
- Component II: The proposed split of a \$7.5 million SREP all grant contribution on 4 subcomponents and (at least) 13 individual measures/activities seems very fragmented:
 - i) (C) We recommend to concentrate the SREP contribution under component II on subcomponent II C (renewable energy for productive uses).

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