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CIF Gender Action Plan—Comments received from Canada

Dear CIF Administrative Unit,

During the Joint CTF-SCF meetings in Jamaica, the Committee approved the CIF Gender Action Plan, which would be finalized to reflect the comments made at the meeting. As promised, please find below written comments that support Canada's meeting intervention, during which we noted that some of the indicators seemed low and that we would appreciate an elaboration on how the CIF Admin Unit will refine the tracking, evaluative approaches and reporting methods.

Tracking and Evaluation

The Gender Action Plan should consider how gender items will be integrated into any future CIF evaluations, particularly in light of the recommendations contained in the Independent Evaluation of the CIFs. On tracking, it would be useful for the Gender Action Plan to describe how the CIF Admin Unit plans to ensure that gender issues are mainstreamed in CIF planning, and how it will assess the level of gender mainstreaming in each project. In particular, the CIF Admin Unit will need to design an approach for rolling up data across MDBs, as MDBs each have their own gender marker systems to code the level of gender integrated into a project.

Reporting and Results Framework

Outcomes 1 and 4: The target for Outcome 1 (% of CIF projects including women specific activities) seems low at 30% and should be more ambitious, in line with best practice. Similarly, the target for Outcome 4 seems low at 30% and should be more ambitious.

Outcomes 1 and 4: It will be important to establish baselines for these targets; they currently state TBD. Once the baselines are established, the timing for evaluations against the target may need to be updated.

Outcome 3: The target should be clarified, as it is not clear currently what the target is, nor how to assess, ex post, whether it has been met.

We look forward to seeing the final Gender Action Plan, and look forward to seeing progress towards its implementation.

Regards,
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