

CLIMATE INVESTMENT FUNDS

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APPROVAL BY MAIL: MOZAMBIQUE: SMALLHOLDER IRRIGATION FEASIBILITY PROJECT (IFC)

Comments Received from the United States

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Dear Mafalda,

We appreciated the opportunity to review the proposed “Smallholder Irrigation Feasibility Project” put forward by the IFC.

We have some questions about the proposed advisory services, and would appreciate an opportunity to discuss these issues with IFC before the project moves forward.

1. We note that the overall goal of the project is to increase smallholder farmers’ agricultural productivity and resilience to climate change, and that the project aims to demonstrate the technical and financial viability of multi-purpose irrigation schemes that will benefit smallholder farmers. However, we note that the three components of the project do not seem to include an expectation of community engagement in decisions about the water reservoirs (e.g., the location of the reservoirs), or consideration of possible social issues (in addition to financial and technical issues) that may be relevant. Section 12 describes the plans for community level engagement, but this seems to be engagement with communities after the water reservoirs, etc. have been set up. In addition, will IFC ensure that the consulting firm selected to perform the study have experience in community engagement and smallholder irrigation, in addition to civil engineering and hydrology?

2. We are interested in how lessons learned under this project would be disseminated and shared.

Thank you once again for the opportunity to review this project.

Best,

Katie Berg

U.S. Treasury Department