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**Comments from United Kingdom on the Approval by Mail: Revised Project Concept under the Strategic Program for Climate Resilience for Yemen**

Dear Patricia

The UK welcomes and endorses the revised project concept under the SPCR for Yemen and apologies for the delay in responding.

We would ask that the following comments be taken into consideration:

1. How much of the USD \$11m will be channelled through the Yemen Social Fund for Development (SFD)? Will this funding be separate, or part of the SFD's current budget and results framework?
2. Part of the project will be focussed on mitigating the effects of climate change on women's livelihoods through the SFD. This is definitely a very important part of the proposal. However, participation by women in the current SFD Labor Intensive Works Program (LIWP) has been less than hoped. We would therefore request quantitative and qualitative supporting evidence on the levels of women's participation in the LIWP and other comparable projects, and more detail on plans to address this issue.
3. The comments made by the representative for Germany were very useful for further project developmet, and it will be particularly important that as the proposal is developed, progress is made on the issues flagged around participation, gender, learning and project synergies.

Many thanks

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