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**Comments from B.E.A International on the Decision-by-Mail -  
(Caribbean regional program) Saint Lucia Phase 1 Funding**

St. Lucia's SPCR is most welcome and should be supported. Considering the fact the program is in the first phase and that there are no lessons learnt from similar initiatives, the team has done a great job from a consultative process and approach to document a good proposal. However, reservations and observations are made on the high risks likely as a result of data accuracy and a strategic suggestion is to incorporate more of the meteorological information and data from early warning systems. In addition, the role of private sector is not strongly pronounced. It is important that synergies and linkages with private sectors are established from the beginning and not at a later stage. The same applies for the other proposals from Tonga, Samoa and Papua New Guinea. Great efforts have been made in preparing these proposals. Private sector participation is essential and should be incorporated in all the proposals as appropriate.

Best wishes.  
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