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Comments from Japan on the Endorsement by Mail of the SPCR for Samoa

Dear Patricia,

We are pleased to endorse the proposed SPCR for Samoa and expect achieving higher impacts and benefits through PPCR projects based on the "no regrets" initiatives.

For maximizing synergies through collaboration between PPCR projects and those of JICA, we would like to introduce to you a few projects being carried out in Samoa by JICA (Japan International Cooperation Agency) as follows. JICA has been providing Samoa with its continuous support mainly to address climate change issues through disaster reduction, conservation of natural environment, creation of a circulating society and development of infrastructures.

i) The Programme for Improving the Weather Forecasting System and Meteorological Warning Facilities <http://www2.jica.go.jp/ja/evaluation/pdf/2009_0961940_1_s.pdf>(Grant), which is aimed at enhancement on disaster warning system, will probably make some synergies to the Investment Project 2 mentioned in the SPCR.

ii) Each of Samoa Power Sector Expansion Project <http://www.jica.go.jp/english/news/jbic_archive/autocontents/english/news/2008/000001/index.html>(OD A loan) and Miyako-jima's Water Supply Model Project in Samoa <<http://gwwweb.jica.go.jp/km/ProjectView.nsf/VIEWParentSearch/18D05D5FFC20AFED492576FE0032186D?OpenDocument&pv=VW02040102>>(Technical Assistance) will bring about some synergies on reduction of energy loss and providing community with water respectively anticipated in Investment Project 2.

And, for your information, we'd like to let you know that JICA has also extended its ODA loan to the Power Sector Expansion Project (2007) referred in Annex5 on page 90 of the SPCR while ADB has provided Samoa with its grant and loan.

Best regards,

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