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**Comments from Japan on Approval by mail: Mozambique Roads & Bridges
Management and Maintenance Project - APL2 (PPCR) IBRD**

Dear the CIF Administrative Unit,

I would like to send you Japan's comment for this PPCR project below.

Mozambique is listed as LLDC country and major part of the population is the smallholders which conduct farming activities in self-sufficiency manner. In these years, climate change causes damages to smallholders; especially farmlands in the lowland can easily be devastated by flood and drought. Some of these smallholders had to leave their families to find job in South Africa. In many cases, the women owe the lives of their families left, and their situation becomes more vulnerable.

With the proposed PPCR activities that provide climate-resilient transport system especially in construction of roads and bridges in the Limpopo Basin Area where people often suffer from flood, at first their lives can be more secured, and secondly their constant access to the market to earn for their living also can make people less vulnerable. Moreover, these activities include capacity-building programs for local contractors, and it will augment ownership of local stakeholders in implementation of projects.

JICA implements several technical cooperation projects in agriculture sector which is targeting for improvement of livelihood of inhabitants including in the Limpopo Basin Area. And also road maintenance capacity development project is undergoing. Moreover JICA has climate change and disaster prevention program as one of the priority.

With these JICA program and projects, APL2 and PPCR projects can be synergistically effective in constructing climate-resilient transportation system, thus these projects play significant role in improvement of infrastructure and disaster prevention.

Thank you for your attention.

Regards,
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