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Approval by mail: Tajikistan - project preparation grant for Building Climate Resilience in Pyanj River Basin (ADB)

H'all:

Greetings and I hope that this e-mail finds you well. Below are some brief comments on Tajikistan FYI.

BRIEF COMMENTS

The concept paper is well prepared and articulates very important issues of relevance to climate change resilience and sustainable development. However, the focus is very much public sector in orientation with very little or no reference to the private sector engagement. For instance, the excerpts from the paper: on (i) climate-proofed infrastructure is operational in the communities, including irrigation, water supply, flood protection, forestation and water retention systems and technologies; and (ii) increased capacity of communities to respond to climate change, including strengthening of institutions and advisory services, early warning systems, micro financing and micro insurance; and indicative implementation arrangements; provide adequate grounds for private sector intervention and implementation, but, somehow there is no attempt to highlight in some of the key areas in water infrastructure and supply chain that have a bearing and direct consequences to private sector

From Appendix 22 of the concept paper part of the Terms of references highlight engagement of: Micro-finance and Micro-insurance Specialists assumed to bring in the process of climate change resilience a private sector dimension. This is a good attempt, but, a business angle and or integration should be considered as well for the effective business transformative impact with a long term projection of private sector participation and increased role in climate change resilience/adaptation and mitigation.

Nevertheless, bravo to ADB and team; and the support to Tajikistan should be approved and issues mentioned above should be considered for lessons to be learned from the CIF innovative process.

Best! And Arios! Patrick Karani

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