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COMMENTS FROM UNITED KINGDOM

Thank you for this well written proposal. The UK has a number of questions related to the proposal and wonder whether the project team would mind answering them. These are:

- Q1) Regarding Sustainability, we note that the budget for this project is relatively small and that the transformational challenge is large. Is the World Bank confident that the project will get to the desired point, where the mini-grid sector can scale leading to the transformation envisaged? If so, what are the grounds for this confidence? What would happen it the project fails to create the transformation desired with the available funds?
- Q2) Regarding the alignment with the Economic, Social and Environmental Development Impact investment criteria, would it be possible to include Jobs Created, and disaggregated by gender as an Economic Benefit of the project?