

CLIMATE INVESTMENT FUNDS

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**APPROVAL BY MAIL: INDIA: GRID-CONNECTED ROOFTOP SOLAR PROGRAM (CTF)
(WORLD BANK) (XCTFIN211A)**

Comments received from the United Kingdom

Mafalda,

Thank you for this proposal. We think that this is a very well worked up proposal so thank you to the project team for their hard work on this. We have a few questions that we'd like answers to before approving the project:

- Given the potential of this type of programme being replicated elsewhere, what steps will be taken to capture lessons learned as the programme is implemented?
- As the proposal makes clear that there are significant opportunities for employment creation. Is there any reason why employment created should not be included in the Results Framework?
- Is implementation of rooftop PV at scale desirable in the long run? Table 6 on page 51 shows how tariffs for other customers increase as levels of penetrations of rooftop PV increase, "if no action is taken". What kind of action would need to be taken?
- On page 42 there is a summary of the advantages and disadvantages of rooftop solar in India. The disadvantages include that rooftop solar is an intermittent energy source, not a substitute for peak demand. Are you able to provide more detail on the risks around intermittency, the impacts of this and how it will be managed?

Kind regards,

Kate