

PILOT PROGRAM FOR CLIMATE RESILIENCE			
MDB Request for Payment of Implementation Services Costs¹			
1. Country/Region:	Republic of Yemen	2. CIF Project ID#:	XPCRRY054A
3. Project/Program Title:	<i>Climate Information System and PPCR Program Coordination</i>		
4. Request for project/ program funding (USD)²:	<i>At time of country program submission (tentative):USD19 million</i>	<i>At time of project approval:USD19 million</i>	
5. Estimated costs for MDB project implementation services (USD)³:	<i>Initial estimate - at time of Country program submission: USD 973,000</i>	<i>MDB: World Bank</i>	
	<i>Final estimate - at time of project approval: USD 973,000</i>	<i>Date: February 26, 2013</i>	
6. Request for payment of MDB Implementation Services Costs (USD):	<input type="checkbox"/> First tranche: USD 486,500 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Second tranche: USD 486,500		
7. Project/program financing category:	a - Investment financing - additional to ongoing MDB project <input type="checkbox"/> b- Investment financing - blended with proposed MDB project <input type="checkbox"/> c - Investment financing - stand-alone <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> d - Capacity building - stand alone <input type="checkbox"/>		
8. Expected project/program duration (no. of years):	5 years		
9. Explanation of final estimate of MDB costs for implementation services:	<i>If final estimate in 5 above exceeds the relevant benchmark range, explain the exceptional circumstances and reasons: N/A</i>		

¹ In cases where the total requested payment request exceeds the relevant benchmark adopted by the SCF Trust Fund Committee, a detailed cost estimate based on quantitative assessments of inputs required (staffing arrangements and time, travel requirements, number of missions , etc) has to be provided to support the consideration of the fee request by the SCF Sub-Committee on an exceptional basis. Such an estimate would be accompanied by an explanation of the particular aspects of project design and or implementation arrangements that are causing estimated MDB implementation support and supervision costs to exceed the benchmark.

² Including the preparation grant request

³ If the final MDB cost estimate exceeds the relevant benchmark, it needs to be supported by (i) a breakdown of costs of inputs required (staff/consultant time, travel, number of missions, etc) and (ii) by an explanation of the particular aspects of project design and implementation that drive MDB costs to exceed the benchmark (Item 9 in template).

10. Justification for proposed stand-alone financing in cases of above 6 c or d⁴:

This component is designed to deliver a comprehensive and functioning national meteorological, hydrological and climate observing networks providing weather, water, and climate related data as well as to ensure the information flow amongst the individual investments as well as to carry out the oversight and overall program coordination of the PPCR. The data and analytical tools will support knowledge sharing in agriculture, coastal zone management, food security and water management. It is expected that observing networks will be more complete as a result of this program, which will benefit all sectors and existing resource management programs.

There are no ongoing or proposed MDB projects with a similar or related focus in Yemen ensuring that data will be developed and provided for on a cross-sectoral basis as to ensure inter-Ministerial program coordination, this project is therefore proposed as a stand-alone. The hydro-met system has not seen significant investment and upgrading in many years, and there are no national level hazard warning systems in the country.

Investment in these new areas will help transform the way in which hydro-meteorological information is collected, managed and used to protect those who are climate vulnerable, i.e., those at risk of flood and drought, and those dependent upon unpredictable weather for rainfed agriculture. The information systems developed under this project will significantly strengthen the knowledge base for future development and climate change related activities. It is therefore expected that many projects supported by the MDBs and others in the future would benefit from the activities and outputs of this project.

Further, the project is stand-alone as it also entails the overall program coordination, including overall results monitoring and knowledge sharing functions, to ensure regular information exchange throughout all the investments but also inter-linkage with the Inter-Ministerial Council on Climatic Change (IMCCC) and will therefore support the broader climate change agenda as put forward by the IMCCC.

Some 20 percent of the expected financing is earmarked towards institutional strengthening, to help Yemen form a strong, harmonized national program able to leverage and effectively manage a much larger pool of investments. It is critically important, in the early stages of the program, that it receive focused attention towards the achievement of its goal and that is best achieved by a dedicated, stand-alone project which combines institutional strengthening with interventions.

The Yemen MDB team has experience with the oversight of Phase I and has been conservative in the utilization of its resources. Hence, an overall allocation of US\$973,000 (of which half was already approved at the time of SPCR endorsement) is considered realistic - particularly in the light of the specific country circumstances which will require regular adjustment.

⁴ The justification should include an explanation of (i) why no linkages to ongoing or planned MDB financing have been possible or pursued, and (ii) the expected effectiveness of the proposed stand-alone SCF project in addressing the objectives and priorities of the country investment plan/strategy; and a confirmation that the proposed project forms part of the MDB's agreed country assistance strategy.