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SREP Sub-Committee meeting -- November 11, 2015 -- Investment Plan for Bangladesh - Comments from Switzerland

Dear Mafalda,

For your records, please receive below the statement and recommendations we (Switzerland) made along with our support to endorse the SREP investment plan for Bangladesh during the SREP Subcommittee meeting on 11th November 2015:

> The SREP IP for Bangladesh is responsive to the SREP criteria, shows a rather clear commitment of the implementing MDBs to also provide co-financing and supports the involvement of private sector investors.
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> Switzerland supports its endorsement, provided that issues raised in its questions and comments are properly addressed. Notably, the results framework needs to be improved.
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> We have the following recommendations:
> - With a view on the long term development, the potentials for RE should be (re)assessed as the presently identified potentials seem quite limited in relation to the needs that will result from sustained growth.
> - The GoB needs to improve the legal and regulatory framework for RE in order to enhance the enabling environment, so that the private sector can play a larger role in financing RE infrastructure investments.
> - If the GoB subsidizes fossil fuels and electricity tariffs, an analysis of these subsidies, the electricity cross-subsidies and the needed incentives for RE investments should be made as a basis for reviewing the GoB's subsidization policies and make them more supportive of the enabling environment for RE.
> - If support is needed to address the above mentioned issues, we suggest to include some provisions in the IP.

Please add this to the comments received section of the website.

Thank you and best regards

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