

**[Approved by mail]: Haiti – Municipal Development and Urban Resilience Project (PPCR) (World Bank)
(XPCRHT070A) –Germany Comments**

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<p>Germany appreciates the project proposal that is based on a comprehensive climate risk management approach and addresses various risk factors and corresponding co-benefits in its solution approach with regard to tackling climate change, poverty alleviation and (informal) urbanization. As the project focuses on urban areas and strengthening their resilience while around 60% of the Haitian population still depend on agricultural activities for ensuring their subsistence, Germany kindly requests to outline how the drivers of urbanization and available urbanization scenarios for Haiti are considered/ will be addressed within the project’s design and implementation for ensuring sustainable project achievements. Germany recommends to combine/ align the project with/ to other measures addressing the needs of people living in rural areas as an alternative development option mitigating driving factors (i.e. climate change) of growing urbanization going hand in hand with increasing pressures on public service provision in urban areas. Germany kindly asks to outline the urbanization scenarios and time horizons that were used within the project design phase.</p>	
<p>GER kindly asks to go beyond this consciousness and consider and align the project’s intervention to other projects working in the rural areas of Haiti - not only from the Bank, but also from other donors. For instance, there is a GIZ project on “Strengthening living conditions of vulnerable communities in regions of seasonal water shortage in South Eastern Haiti”. This mapping would allow for taking a holistic approach and for complementing the PPCR’s work on urban areas with other activities undertaken in the rural areas and existent needs. After project approval, GER kindly asks to present a map of other projects working in the rural areas and potential synergies towards the foreseen project’s interventions.</p>	
<p>Germany welcomes the project’s foreseen activities on undertaking risk assessments and respective planning at sub-national level, e.g. development of risk frameworks at municipal level or of a comprehensive risk management plan for the river basin Rivière Haut du Cap. Germany encourages to strongly align these planning processes to the national level and the respective national contingency plan for Haiti, as Haiti is a policy holder of the CCRIF, the Caribbean Catastrophe Risk Insurance Facility, who receives, in an event of loss, payouts from CCRIF whose use of resources are pre-determined in its contingency plan, as in the case of Hurricane Matthew. Hence, the membership of Haiti in CCRIF has also crucial linkages to the project’s component 3 that have to be considered within the project’s design and implementation. In this regard, Germany further recommends examining synergies and potential co-benefits to the German Red Cross’ and World Food Program’s (WFP) work undertaken on forecast-based financing. Forecast-based financing is an innovative approach using the scientific data to indicate elevated risks and then release humanitarian funding for actions before a potential disaster. The German Red Cross and the WFP currently test this approach in Haiti as a high risk country.</p>	
<p>Regarding the project’s sub component 1.1 Germany kindly asks to outline exactly the fund allocation based on a population-based formula. Germany encourages organizing the fund allocation according to a strong focus on the poor and vulnerable target group as a complementary criteria to the envisaged performance criteria.</p>	

<p>Germany kindly asks to outline with regard to the project's component 2.1 which concrete combinations of green and grey infrastructure are foreseen and how the approach of ecosystem-based adaptation is feeding into the project design and implementation.</p>	
<p>As the project also foresees resettlement activities, Germany would be very interested in the outcomes of the mentioned resettlement consultations and the Resettlement Action Plan that have been undertaken, as this is a highly sensitive process, whose lessons learned and insights will be helpful for further project designs in the future.</p>	
<p>Germany welcomes that the project's comprehensive results framework makes clear reference to the PPCR indicators. However, for getting more insights on potential transformative change, Germany kindly asks to include one indicator on the percentage of administrative staff at municipal level reporting improved capacities and higher awareness for climate and disaster risks management. As the project also foresees cleaning and dredging activities in the river basin, Germany kindly asks to include one indicator on the project areas' residents' improved awareness on pollution and waste management</p>	
<p>Indicator on technical training received by municipal staff: The proposed indicator goes one step further, as it tries to capture, at the results-level, the self-assessment of improved capacities. Only from the fact of having received training, however, no direct conclusion can be made on having improved capacities. If possible, GER would very much welcome to reformulate the indicator according to the proposed result-based one</p> <p>So this will not be tracked but can be covered in the citizen satisfaction survey that will be covered under the project.": Thank you, this is very much welcomed, as Germany sees in the higher awareness for pollution related issues among the urban population one key factor for ensuring sustainability of the envisaged cleaning interventions.</p>	
<p>Germany encourages linking the assessed results under the outlined results framework to their potential contribution to the SDGs, if project resources allow for that.</p>	