

August 14, 2015

**Approval by mail: Kingdom of Cambodia: Rainwater Harvesting and Drip Irrigation for High-value Crop Production in Cambodia (PPCR) (ADB) –Comments from Canada**

Dear CIF Admin Unit,

Canada approves this project and would like to make following comments:

- We are pleased to see the Private Sector Set-Aside moving forward, providing evidence of the successful use of concessional financing in adaptation projects in the private sector.
- It is particularly noteworthy that the increased/ more resilient agricultural production has a buyer who is not just present, but also contributing financially.
- We are also pleased to see ADB's intention to coordinate with related projects in Cambodia to ensure complementarily across the projects.
- We would like to commend the project proponents for the quality of their gender information provided in the project. Notably:
  - The GE sections of the document are well done. It is commendable that a gender and poverty alleviation impact assessment was commissioned and the results seems of high quality.
  - The GE sections (section 14 + section 5.3), are succinct with valuable GE information and, overall, are comprehensive. It highlights that 70% of the workforce are women and that 63% of women surveyed are the primary income earners for their households, which raises and highlights a lot of vulnerability points such as intra-household decision-making, no bank accounts, control over money at household level. We note that these are all sensitive questions and potentially harmful if not properly addressed, reaffirming the importance of the project to be highly women sensitive with specific approaches tailored to their realities by paying careful attention to barriers and harmful practices or approaches. In this regard, areas of risks are that should be considered are:
    - Are the workers working standards, pay equity/contract conditions the same among men and women?
    - How are women's rights considered (improved); and,
    - What are the protection strategies?

Kind regards,

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