

## **CSO Comments on FP059 GIZ Grenada (BM19, March 2018)**

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### **Climate Resilient Water Sector in Grenada (G-CREWS)**

We support the project overall. It has a well developed theory of change and a comprehensive approach to addressing the climate resiliency of both drink water supply and demand in Grenada, including through encouraging behavioural changes, in the context of climate-change related extreme weather events.

There are a few issues that we feel should be addressed, for example through inclusion of respective provisions in the Funded Activity Agreement:

- We had some questions regarding the financial sustainability of the Challenge Fund for water resilient commercial water users; while there is a detailed description of the governance structure and procedures, it is not clear if that funding can be maintained after the end of the project. Likewise, it is not clear if the continuity of funding for operation and maintenance of the new infrastructure beyond the project duration is sufficiently assured.
- The project implementation seems to rely very heavily on the use of international consultants. To ensure the domestic capacity for sustainability of project implementation benefits, there should be a clear commitment to pair international experts with domestic staff to ensure lasting capacity transfer.
- Lastly, given the persistent poverty in Grenada, we would like to see a clear commitment in the Funded Activity Agreement that the current government full cost coverage of water tariff for the poorest and most vulnerable private households is maintained and implemented in a gender-responsive way during the reform of the water tariff scheme which will see multiple increases over the project duration. An updated needs assessment should be done just before the introduction of the water tariff increase in year 3 of project implementation that considers the ability to pay of all affected households for the new significantly higher tariff as the new tariff could increase the number of households that have to be considered vulnerable or unable to pay significantly.