

GCF Observer Network of Civil Society, Indigenous Peoples, and Local Communities

Intervention on

FP226: Resilient Puna: Ecosystem-based Adaptation for sustainable High Andean communities and ecosystems in Peru

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We appreciate elements of this funding proposal and consider this adaptation approach well-designed, and aligned with prior Peruvian government initiatives. We also appreciate the integration of ancestral knowledge and practices in ecosystem-based adaptation activities, all of which are commendable efforts.

Recognizing the consultation efforts carried out from an early stage with Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities and with members of the GCF observer network, this action does not equal to obtaining Free, Prior and Informed Consent (FPIC) from the peoples that are going to be affected by the project. We believe that this crucial step should be an integral part of the project's initial design stage rather than being planned to occur only after project approval, at the onset of the implementation phase. But although these consultation efforts differ from FPIC, we appreciate the clarification of the AE that the FPIC process will be carried out in a meaningful, effective and participatory manner.

Furthermore, considering that the targeted area of implementation of FP226 - Resilient Puna project is predominantly inhabited by Indigenous Peoples, we would have preferred a more participative and inclusive model of governance of the project, where Indigenous Peoples are not only seen as beneficiaries but as active contributors and included as part in the decision making and structure of this project. This can be done through facilitating and ensuring resources for Indigenous Peoples to conduct a self - selection process to identify their own representatives to enable a more active engagement and access to benefits from the project.

Lastly, while we acknowledge the efforts made in the development of the Gender Assessment, including its relevance and detail, we believe it could have been translated into more ambitious and specific actions at the Gender Action Plan level. For instance, we noted that some activities have a participation target for women below 10%, and there is a lack of activities aiming to work with existing female leaders in the communities.

In conclusion, while we have highlighted areas for improvement, we recognize the potential of the FP226 - Resilient Puna project to make significant contributions to adaptation efforts in the region. ###