

FP305: Building the resilience of Togo's national health system and vulnerable communities to climate-sensitive health outcomes

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We welcome this proposal's focus on improving health outcomes. Climate change is increasingly shaping disease patterns and creating barriers to healthcare, making health one of the clearest ways people experience climate impacts. By prioritizing vulnerable communities, women, children, and marginalized populations, the project places people, their health and the resilience of public systems at its center.

We also appreciate the emphasis on strengthening public goods, including climate-health surveillance, early warning systems, resilient health infrastructure, institutional capacity and local level capacity-building.

We also appreciate the Local Communities Plan and its use of international standards along with national legislation. Yet having one Gender and ESS advisor may not be commensurate with the work entailed to truly operationalize this plan and other safeguards plans; as such, we recommend better clarity as to how this important responsibility is not concentrated in one person but is spread through the project implementation structure.

We note that community health workers carry significant responsibilities under this project, including climate-health communication, disease surveillance and early warning dissemination. We would welcome clarity on how their work will be adequately supported and resourced.

While the ESS disclosure identifies risks that community health workers face, such as vector-borne diseases, extreme heat and unsafe travel conditions during outreach activities, the proposed mitigation measures focus largely on construction contractors. We therefore seek clarification on the occupational health and safety measures that will specifically protect community health workers in the field.

We want to comment as well on several issues raised by ITAP:

On the climate rationale, we welcome the project's recognition that climate change does not simply increase disease incidence but changes the distribution, seasonality and intensity of



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climate health risks. This reflects the current scientific understanding and supports the need for stronger surveillance and early warning systems.

We also encourage continued strengthening of the monitoring and learning framework. As climate and health remains a relatively new area within the GCF portfolio, this project presents an important opportunity to build the evidence on adaptation outcomes and institutional resilience, beyond measuring project outputs alone.