

## **FP308: Improving climate resilience of vulnerable communities and enabling conditions for local climate action in Tajikistan**

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Tajikistan is one of the most climate-vulnerable countries in Central Asia, and we welcome this project as it brings adaptation closer to where climate impacts are felt. By decentralizing adaptation planning to the district level and linking this with institutional assets, capacity building, and knowledge sharing, the project bridges the gap between national climate policies and local implementation.

We appreciate that the project builds on lessons from previous initiatives. Given the project's scope across 14 geographically diverse districts, sequencing and coordination will be essential.

We also note that stakeholder engagement was undertaken at different levels; however, the remaining district consultations should have been completed prior to this meeting. Providing local groups with an active co-monitoring role is commendable, but should also serve as a reminder to ensure that participation remains genuinely inclusive and influential, not merely procedural.

We also appreciate the project's attention to different ways climate change affects women and vulnerable groups. However, we urge the accredited entity to continue strengthening the Gender Action Plan by ensuring that the specific needs of women facing multiple vulnerabilities including women with disabilities, women-headed households, widows and other marginalized groups are reflected in the implementation and monitoring. We also urge greater attention to the structural barriers identified in the gender analysis, including unequal access to land, finance, climate information and local decision-making, as well as in ensuring measures to prevent and respond to gender-based violence throughout implementation. This will help ensure that the project's benefits reach those who face the greatest barriers to climate resilience.

We highlight ITAP's recommendation to strengthen the link between district-level investments and broader watershed management, and note the response to commit to deepening coordination on this. We also recommend formalizing shared outcomes with other ongoing initiatives that have applied upstream catchment management overlapping with some of the



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project's districts. This can close the gap on the broader/upstream water management without adding further burden to the project's scope and activities.

Overall, this project is relevant and has strong potential to support locally-led resilience in the country. We encourage continued attention to coordination, adaptive management, and learning, so that the project can contribute to sustained resilience beyond its implementation period.