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

Intervention on

SAP073: Building Climate Change Resilience of Vulnerable Households in Selected Localities of Ethiopia

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We appreciate this proposal to improve climate resilience in local, vulnerable communities in Ethiopia and support its approval by the Board. We also appreciate that this project will build upon integrated adaptation solutions piloted successfully under an Adaptation Fund project.

We would like to highlight a few good examples of integrating gender in project design with an intersectional approach. Representation targets for proposed activities include 40 to 70% women participants, as well as targets for youth, persons with disabilities and female-headed households. Consultations and feedback sessions will be held annually, with some open to the wider community and others designated as women-only. 100% of the trainings provided to farmers on climate smart agriculture will apply gender-responsive delivery modalities, and we hope such approaches highlight some of the dissonance between climate-smart approaches, which can perpetuate farmer reliance on loan cycles for inputs, and truly gender-responsive agriculture, which moves beyond symbolic participation by securing decision-making authority, customary land rights, and leadership roles for women farmers.

The proposal also asserts that the sustainability of all gender-related investments under the project will be ensured by implementing the GAP through existing government structures, institutionalizing the participation at the community level and integrating gender items within the project components instead of treating them as stand-alone or creating parallel systems.

We welcome this level of incorporation of a framework that ensures equitable access to and, importantly, equitable management of natural resources. We hope to see more of this approach in future projects.