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

Intervention on

SAP074: Yemen Climate Water Information Management & Early Warning Systems (CWIMEWS)

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We welcome this proposal, which would be the first single-country project for Yemen, to improve the country's climate water information management and early warning systems. Early warning systems are critical infrastructure to save lives at risk due to climate emergencies, and we support the GCF's continued investment in this area, especially in fragile contexts.

We would also like to see this system continue to serve the country's vulnerable communities beyond the conclusion of GCF grant funding, and we want to ensure the sustainability of the operation of and financing for the systems post-project period, given that the current fiscal situation precludes the Government of Yemen's formal commitment to a dedicated budget line for the system's operations and maintenance.

We recognize the World Bank's suggestions that other potential sources could fill in the gaps after project closure, one of which is phase three of the Bank's own I-WISE program. While we support funding going to Yemen for strengthening its adaptation efforts, we do question why, if this project would complement I-WISE, which from our understanding is part of a larger programme worth 600 million USD, the World Bank could not commit to funding these activities via that avenue.

This line of inquiry also raises the question of the rationale of the accredited entity applying for GCF grant funding.

On a separate note, we also push for dedicated women community facilitators and establishing specialized local recruitment channels to achieve the target of trained women facilitators.