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Subject: TR: Haiti - Emergency Response Project from WB and IDB entitled: "Emergency Program for Solar Power Generation and Lighting for Haiti"

Dear All,

Due to the critical situation in Haiti, France supports the CEO-GEF "Emergency Program for Solar Power Generation and Lighting for Haiti" FIP proposal. The project is timely, responding to the emergency of the situation related to the earthquake in Haiti, by innovative means.

We would like however to suggest to take into consideration the following comments:

- These small solar technologies require the use of large amounts of battery so that the equipment could be autonomous at night, which, on one hand, implies to be sure it will be possible to implement in the crisis situation Haïti is facing and which, on the other hand, can have significant environmental impacts: how will these batteries be stored? How will they be recycled?
- These technologies also require maintenance. How is this taken into account? Do the contracts include maintenance and recycling of waste materials beyond supply?
- It would be interesting to provide us with a carbon footprint of such an operation as a whole to have some reference, even if the project is not primarily focused on greenhouse gas emissions.

Thank you,
Best regards,

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