

FP013 Improving the resilience of vulnerable coastal communities to climate change related impacts in Vietnam, Vietnam

CSO comments on the project given as intervention during the 13th GCF Board Meeting, June 2016

- We are supportive of the project, but agree with the ITAP recommendation that greater stakeholder engagement is needed, not only in the implementation stage, but should have been better in the preparatory and project design phase as well. The information in the document shows that preparatory consultations and meetings were done mostly among the UNDP, MPI, MARD, etc. Such limited engagement may have overlooked valuable inputs from other stakeholders like the CSOs and vulnerable groups from affected communities.
- While it stated that the project will build on on-going initiatives with partner NGOs and INGOs, we feel that **the people in the communities are excluded** as the only organizations mentioned in the partnership are Vietnam Red Cross, Oxfam and the Vietnam Women's Union. The **vulnerable groups from coastal communities** should have been the priority not only during the implementation phase, but in the preparation and project design as well.
- The gender dimension of the project is weak, especially in looking at the project's impact potential [Caroline]. It needs further elaboration as to the role of women in the proposed community based programme and the specifically the decision-making bodies governing them and elaborate better the benefits they are expected to get from project results. While the document mentioned that consultations among women at the national and local level were completed during the project design, it only identified one organization – the Viet Nam Women's Union, which is affiliated with the government of Viet Nam and not representative of grassroots and community women.