

## FP016 Strengthening the Resilience of Smallholder Farmers in the Dry Zone to Climate Variability and Extreme Events through an Integrated Approach to Water Management, Sri Lanka (NOTE: note delivered)

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*CSO comments on the project given as intervention during the 13<sup>th</sup> GCF Board Meeting, June 2016*

- We strongly disagree with the ITAP recommendation of rejecting this project. Upon reviewing the document and consulting our CSO colleagues in Sri Lanka, the project is deemed to be greatly beneficial to its target recipients. CS groups from Sri Lanka have articulated this support in a letter that was shared with Board members..
- The proposal showed strong country ownership Our local CSO colleagues report that stakeholder engagement has also been done thoroughly – including with field visits and discussions with community members, – and we are excited about the clear commitment to work with the community-based organizations to ensure that their preferences re: location, technology of improvement infrastructure and local governance structure will be followed.
- The project is also very much aligned with the fund’s gender policy It is aimed at prioritizing empowerment of women who were heads of households, young and unemployed, those with disabilities, those that have been displaced due to conflict, those that were affected by flooding, those with undernourished children,etc. The overall design of project also provides gender responsive and transformative results as it aims to empower women farmers through enhanced access and control of water supply needed in farming.