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Naoko Ishii
CEO and Chairperson

December 21, 2016

Dear LDCF Council Member,

World Bank, as the Implementing Agency for the project entitled: “*Vanuatu: Increasing Resilience to Climate Change and Natural Hazards (PMIS ID3798)*”, has submitted the attached proposed project document for CEO endorsement of a major amendment in accordance with World Bank and the Least Developed Countries Fund (LDCF) procedures.

The Secretariat has reviewed the project document. No change has been requested to the total LDCF financing amount. The major amendment involves the following adjustments:

- (i) The project has been restructured in the aftermath of Cyclone Pam, which struck Vanuatu in March 2015, causing severe damage and setbacks to resilient development in several areas. The changed context on the ground has led the Government of Vanuatu to prioritize highly vulnerable subsistence communities (e.g., in Tanna, Shepherds Province and Shefa Province) through a special focus on resilient food security and water availability measures in these areas. To address this reprioritization, the LDCF grant has been re-allocated across the project components, Components 3 and 4 have been adjusted, and the project results framework has been revised, both through streamlining and inclusion of new indicators.
- (ii) The Project Development Objective will be changed as follows:
Original: 'The objective of the Project is to help increase the resilience of communities in Vanuatu to the impacts of climate variability and change and natural hazards on food and water security as well as livelihoods.'
New: 'The objective of the Project is to strengthen disaster risk management systems and pilot investments in select villages to increase the resilience to the impacts of natural hazards and climate variability and change'.
- (iii) The project components were originally based on a sectoral approach (notably, water and agriculture). The post-cyclone situation requires an integrated approach to support extreme events that include tropical cyclones as well as droughts, both of which have potential to affect the same communities.

We consider these changes to be major amendment to the original project document which was CEO endorsed on November 08, 2012, although the overall project budget has not been changed. In keeping with LDCF procedures, the Secretariat has reviewed the proposed changes and has ascertained their appropriateness in light of the project's objectives.

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We have today posted the proposed project document on the GEF website at www.TheGEF.org for your information. We would welcome any comments you may wish to provide by January 23, 2017 before I re-endorse the project. You may send your comments to gcoordination@TheGEF.org.

If you do not have access to the Web, you may request the local field office of UNDP or the World Bank to download the document for you. Alternatively, you may request a copy of the document from the Secretariat. If you make such a request, please confirm for us your current mailing address.

Sincerely,



for Naoko Ishii
Chief Executive Officer and Chairperson

Attachment: Project Document

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