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Dear Ms Effendi  

Co-financing Status of the GCF Financed Climate Resilient Integrated Water Management Project  

This has reference to the aforesaid issue discussed on the 4th November 2020 via Zoom.  

The GCF-funded CRIWMP is currently being implemented with an objective of strengthening the resilience of smallholder farmers, particularly women, in the Dry Zone through improved water management to enhance lives and livelihoods in three river basins in Sri Lanka; i.e. Mi Oya, Yan Oya and Malwathu Oya. CRIWMP is in its fourth year of implementation and the Project has already delivered promising results including increased water availability, improved climate information and services, and increased agricultural productivity.  

The Project activities are closely tied to both grant fund received from the GCF and the government Co-finance made available through various responsible departments and institutions to the Project activities. As of now, out of US$ 14 million in-cash and in-kind co-financing allocated to the Project, approximately US$ 1.2 million have been mobilized through the Project responsible partner institutions to support ground level project activities. However, due to a multitude of challenges faced in 2019 and 2020, including political changes and COVID-19 pandemic situation, full commitment of the Co-financing could not be materialized during above-mentioned two-year period.  

As such, the Ministry of Irrigation, being the Implementing Partner to the Project, has already requested LKR 500 million (equivalent to approx. US$ 2.69 million) as the Co-financing for Year 2021. Further, the Ministry is also exploring with the Responsible Government partner institutions that are directly responsible
for some of the key project activities for further avenues to mobilize additional financial resources to support the Project Implementation. Therefore, I would like to reassure the commitment of the Ministry in allocating the pledged resources for achieving the project objectives of this nationally significant Project.

Thank you for your extended cooperation in supporting to improve climate resilience in the country and the affected communities in the rural dry zone of Sri Lanka.

Yours sincerely

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