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Addendum

Response of the Independent Office of Evaluation of IFAD to Member States' Comments

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Comments from India	Independent Office of Evaluation of IFAD (IOE) response
<p>a. The document mentions that there is a contrast between the significant results achieved to date and the implementation delays and challenges faced by most projects in Nepal. IFAD may highlight the key factors resulting in such significant results and how does IFAD propose to reflect these learnings in other country strategies to reap maximum benefits?</p> <p>b. We have no objection on the recommendations of the document and suggest management to take further necessary actions.</p>	<p>The key factors are explained in paragraph 57 of the executive summary of the country strategy and programme evaluation (CSPE) for Nepal: “The serious challenges of working in rural Nepal with isolated communities and underdeveloped infrastructure (notably roads and potable water) cannot be overstated. At the same time, design complexity and underestimation of project staffing needs at local level also contributed to the delays.”</p> <p>IOE appreciates the interest in the Nepal CSPE.</p>