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Management's response to Member States' comments

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Comments from the United Kingdom	Management response
No substantial comments from country office (BHC Colombo) – it all looks sensible and welcomes the focus on rural poverty reduction combined with enhanced climate resilience.	Management appreciates the comments from the United Kingdom and its High Commission in Colombo, Sri Lanka.
It is positive to see a narrower focus on two key strategic objectives focussed on IFAD's comparative advantage as opposed to an "everywhere, all at once" approach. Whilst remaining flexible/responsive to government priorities will be key, good to ensure that where possible this strategy guides future interventions to avoid spreading too thinly across areas.	Management agrees with the comments from the British High Commission (BHC) and confirms that the country strategic opportunities programme (COSOP) will guide future interventions to ensure focused and targeted support to Sri Lanka that is aligned with the country's national priorities.
They have clearly worked to ensure alignment of the strategy to those of the Sri Lankan government/other donors. Key file 3 also helpfully identifies the key partners IFAD plans to engage on different areas. It could be worth raising in the session that we would be happy to support IFAD in either identifying who in the different organisations might be best placed to help get things through or to help them lobby stakeholders if they find anything is stalling.	Management thanks the United Kingdom for its generous offer to support IFAD's operations in Sri Lanka. The IFAD country team for Sri Lanka will ensure consultations on the ground with the BHC in Colombo.
Positive to see inclusion of lessons learned from the previous COSOP and how these are informing the design and implementation of the new version.	Management appreciates the comments and assures the United Kingdom that future project designs and implementation will continue to incorporate lessons learned from the implementation of previous COSOPs.