



PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION REPORT (PIR)

for the project:

Strengthening capacity of institutions in The Gambia to meet transparency requirements of the Paris Agreement

The Gambia/West Africa region

FY23

July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023

Executing Partners

**Ministry of Environment, Climate Change & Natural Resources
Republic Of The Gambia**

Project Information			
Project Title:	Strengthening capacity of institutions in The Gambia to meet transparency requirements of the Paris Agreement		
Country(ies):	The Gambia	GEF ID:	10485
GEF Agency(ies):	Conservation International	Duration In Months:	43 Months
Executing Agency(ies):	Ministry of Environment, Climate Change and Natural Resources (MECCNAR)	Actual Implementation Start Date:	10 th November, 2021
GEF Focal Area(s):	Climate Change	Expected Project Completion Date:	31 st May, 2025
GEF Grant Amount:	1,100,000	Expected Financial Closure Date:	30 th November, 2025
Expected Co-financing:	145,000	Date of Last Steering Committee Meeting:	N/A
Co-financing Realized as of June 30, 2023:	N/A	Mid-Term Review-Planned Date:	N/A ¹
Date of First Disbursement:	N/A	Mid-Term Review-Actual Date:	N/A
Cumulative disbursement as of June 30, 2023	21,839	Terminal Evaluation-Planned Date:	August 2024
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Minor Amendment Categories	Minor Amendment Justification
	Minor amendments are changes to the project design or implementation that do not have significant impact on the project objectives or scope, or an increase of the GEF project financing up to 5%. Please select the box that is most applicable for FY23 and include an explanation for the minor amendment request.
Results Framework <input type="checkbox"/>	
Components and cost <input type="checkbox"/>	
Institutional and implementation arrangements <input type="checkbox"/>	
Financial management <input type="checkbox"/>	
Implementation schedule <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	MECCNAR has not signed the grant agreement due to a requirement for it to be vetted by The Ministry of Justice hence delays in official launch of the project since GEF CEO Endorsement (October 2021).
Executing Entity <input type="checkbox"/>	
Executing Entity Category <input type="checkbox"/>	
Minor project objective change <input type="checkbox"/>	

¹ Since this is a medium-sized project, a mid-term review will not be conducted (as per the ProDoc)

Safeguards <input type="checkbox"/>	
Risk analysis <input type="checkbox"/>	
Increase of GEF project financing up to 5% <input type="checkbox"/>	
Co-financing <input type="checkbox"/>	
Location of project activity <input type="checkbox"/>	
Other <input type="checkbox"/>	

MINOR AMENDMENT RESPONSE FROM CI-GEF

All the minor amendments have been approved by CI-GEF

The CI-GEF Project Agency Project Implementation Report (PIR) is composed of six sections:

- Section I: Project Implementation Progress Status Summary:** provides a brief summary of the project as well as the implementation status and rating of the previous and current fiscal years;
- Section II: Project Results Implementation Progress Status and Rating:** describes the progress made towards achieving the project objective and outcomes, the implementation rating of the project, as well as recommendations to improve the project performance, when needed;
- Section III: Project Risks Status and Rating:** describes the progress made towards managing and mitigating project risks, the project risks mitigation rating reassessment as needed, as well as recommendations to improve the management of project risks;
- Section IV: Project Environmental and Social Safeguards Implementation Status and Rating:** describes the progress made towards complying with the Environmental & Social Safeguards and the Plans prepared during the PPG phase, the safeguard plans implementation rating, as well as recommendations to improve the project safeguards;
- Section V: Project Implementation Experiences and Lessons Learned:** describes the experiences learned by the project managers and the lessons learned through the process of implementing the project; and
- Section VI: Project Geocoding:** documents the precise and specific geographic location(s) of activities supported by GEF investments based on information available in project documentation.

SECTION I: PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION PROGRESS STATUS SUMMARY

PROJECT SUMMARY

The overall objective is “To strengthen the institutional and technical capacity of The Gambia to respond to the Transparency Requirements of the Paris Agreement”.

To accomplish the targets, the project will include four components:

Component 1: Strengthen the capacity of national institutions to manage the National Green House Gas Inventory (GHGI) and Measuring, Reporting and Verification (MRV) system to improve transparency over time.

Component 2: Strengthen the capacity of key stakeholders in The Gambia on Green House Gas (GHG) data management for the GHGI and MRV system.

Component 3: Development of an integrated knowledge management platform for sharing transparency activities.

Component 4: Monitoring and Evaluation.

PRIOR PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION STATUS

N/A this is the first PIR.

CURRENT PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION STATUS (FY23)

No activities have started. The Grant Agreement is pending signature from the Government of Gambia because of a requirement for it to be vetted by The Ministry of Justice hence delays in official launch of the project since GEF CEO Endorsement in October 2021.

SUMMARY: PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION PROGRESS STATUS

PROJECT PART	PRIOR FY22 IMPLEMENTATION PROGRESS RATING	CURRENT FY23 IMPLEMENTATION PROGRESS RATING ²	RATING TREND ³
OBJECTIVE	N/A This is the first year of implementation therefore, there is no prior project implementation rating.	U	N/A This is the first year of implementation therefore, there is no prior project implementation rating.
COMPONENTS AND OUTCOMES	N/A	U	N/A
ENVIRONMENTAL & SOCIAL SAFEGUARDS	N/A	N/A (No planned ESMF activities were implemented due to a delay in signing of the grant agreement with the Government of Gambia)	N/A

PROJECT RISK RATING⁴

PROJECT PART	PRIOR FY22 IMPLEMENTATION PROGRESS RATING	CURRENT FY23 IMPLEMENTATION PROGRESS RATING	RATING TREND
RISKS	N/A This is the first year of implementation	H	N/A This is the first year of implementation

² **Implementation Progress (IP) Rating:** Highly Satisfactory (HS), Satisfactory (S), Moderately Satisfactory (MS), Moderately Unsatisfactory (MU), Unsatisfactory (U), and Highly Unsatisfactory (HU). For more details about IP rating, please see the Appendix I of this report

³ **Rating trend:** Improving, Unchanged, or Decreasing

⁴ **Risk Rating:** Low (L), Moderate (M), Substantial (S), High (H)

SECTION II: PROJECT RESULTS IMPLEMENTATION PROGRESS STATUS AND RATING

This section describes the progress made since the start of the project towards achieving the project objective and outcomes, the implementation progress rating of the project, as well as recommendations to improve the project performance. This section is composed four parts:

- a. Progress towards Achieving Project Expected Objective: this section measures the likelihood of achieving the objective of the project
- b. Progress towards Achieving Project Expected Outcomes (by project component)
- c. Overall Project Results Progress Rating, and
- d. Recommendations for improvement

a. Progress towards Achieving Project Expected Objective:

This section of the report assesses the progress in achieving the objective of the project.

PROJECT OBJECTIVE:	To strengthen the institutional and technical capacity of The Gambia to respond to the Transparency Requirements of the Paris Agreement.
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OBJECTIVE INDICATORS	END OF YEAR INDICATOR STATUS	PROGRESS RATING ⁵	COMMENTS/JUSTIFICATION
Indicator a: The number of institutions strengthened and equipped to coordinate and share GHG sectoral data for the management of the National GHGI and MRV system.	Implementation has not yet started due to delays.	D	The start of the project has been delayed since the grant agreement has not been signed by MECCNAR due to requirement by the government that all project agreements be vetted by The Ministry of Justice.
Indicator b: One Functional National Green House Gas Inventory (GHGI) and Measuring, Reporting, and Verification (MRV) system.	Implementation has not yet started due to delays.	D	The start of the project has been delayed since the grant agreement has not been signed by MECCNAR due to requirement by the government that all project agreements be vetted by The Ministry of Justice.
Indicator c: Number of stakeholders trained on management of the MRV system and GHGI (<i>Target: 205 trainees of which 25% Female</i>) ⁶	Implementation has not yet started due to delays.	D	The start of the project has been delayed since the grant agreement has not been signed by MECCNAR due to requirement by the government that all project agreements be vetted by The Ministry of Justice.
Indicator d: The number of Sector Hubs with enhanced capacity to participate in	Implementation has not yet started due to delays.	D	The start of the project has been delayed since the grant agreement has not been signed by MECCNAR due to

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⁶ This tallies with the Core Indicator.

OBJECTIVE INDICATORS	END OF YEAR INDICATOR STATUS	PROGRESS RATING ⁵	COMMENTS/JUSTIFICATION
the process of preparation of Biennial Update Report (BUR) of The Gambia ⁷ .			requirement by the government that all project agreements be vetted by The Ministry of Justice.
Indicator e: The number of knowledge management platforms for sharing information on transparency-related activities.	Implementation has not yet started due to delays.	D	The start of the project has been delayed since the grant agreement has not been signed by MECCNAR due to requirement by the government that all project agreements be vetted by The Ministry of Justice.

OBJECTIVE IMPLEMENTATION PROGRESS RATING	JUSTIFICATION
U	This section is rated Unsatisfactory because 100% of the indicators are delayed. No activities have started due to the delay in signing the Grant Agreement by Government of Gambia

b. Progress towards Achieving Project Expected Outcomes (by project component).

This part of the report assesses the progress towards achieving the outcomes of the project.

COMPONENT 1	Strengthen the capacity of national institutions to manage the National Green House Gas Inventory (GHGI) and Measuring, Reporting, and Verification (MRV) system to improve transparency over time
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Outcome 1.1:	Strengthened coordination, data sharing, and engagement of key institutions/stakeholders in managing the National GHGI and MRV system.
Outcome 1.2:	A functional National Green House Gas Inventory (GHGI) and MRV system in line with UNFCCC standards.

OUTCOMES TARGETS/INDICATORS	END OF PROJECT INDICATOR TARGET	END OF YEAR INDICATOR STATUS	PROGRESS RATING ⁸	COMMENTS/JUSTIFICATION
<i>Outcome Indicator 1.1.1: Number of institutions coordinating and sharing GHG sectoral data for the management of the National GHGI and MRV system.</i>	<i>Target 1.1.1: At least 5 national institutions (one (1) institution from each GHG emission sector – Energy, AFOLU, Transport, Waste, Industrial</i>	N/A	D	The start of the project has been delayed since the grant agreement has not been signed by MECCNAR due to requirement by the government that all project agreements be vetted by The Ministry of Justice.

⁷ The Gambia has just submitted the Third National Communication in July 2020. The focus of this project is to support Sector Hubs to participate in the preparation First Biennial Update Report (FBUR)

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OUTCOMES TARGETS/INDICATORS	END OF PROJECT INDICATOR TARGET	END OF YEAR INDICATOR STATUS	PROGRESS RATING ⁸	COMMENTS/JUSTIFICATION
	Processes and Product Use (IPPU) sharing GHG sectoral data for the management of the National GHGI and MRV system.			
<i>Outcome Indicator 1.1.2: Number of skilled focal points from the 5-GHG sectors and 10 sub-sectors functioning as a hub for data collection and processing.</i>	<u>Target 1.1.2:</u> At least fifty-five (55) skilled focal points from each of the 5 GHG sectors and 10 sub-sectors functioning as a hub for GHG data collection and processing (25% women).	N/A	D	The start of the project has been delayed since the grant agreement has not been signed by MECCNAR due to requirement by the government that all project agreements be vetted by The Ministry of Justice.
<u>Outcome Indicator 1.2.1:</u> Number of functional National Green House Gas Inventories (GHGI) and Measuring, Reporting, and Verification (MRV) systems.	<u>Target 1.2.1:</u> One (1) functional GHGI and one (1) online MRV system for collecting and managing NDC information.	N/A	D	The start of the project has been delayed since the grant agreement has not been signed by MECCNAR due to requirement by the government that all project agreements be vetted by The Ministry of Justice.
<u>Outcome Indicator 1.2.2:</u> Number of stakeholders utilizing the GHGI and MRV System	<u>Target 1.2.2:</u> 50 trained on management of the MRV system and GHGI (10 personnel from each GHG emitting sector - AFOLU, Energy,	N/A	D	The start of the project has been delayed since the grant agreement has not been signed by MECCNAR due to requirement by the government that all project agreements be vetted by The Ministry of Justice.

OUTCOMES TARGETS/INDICATORS	END OF PROJECT INDICATOR TARGET	END OF YEAR INDICATOR STATUS	PROGRESS RATING ⁸	COMMENTS/JUSTIFICATION
	Transport, IPPU, and Waste) (at least 25% of the trainees are women).			

OBJECTIVE IMPLEMENTATION PROGRESS RATING	JUSTIFICATION
U	This section is rated Unsatisfactory because 100% of the indicators are under delayed. No activities have started due to the delay in signing the Grant Agreement by Government of Gambia

COMPONENT 2 Strengthen the capacity of key stakeholders in the Gambia on GHG data management for the GHGI and MRV system

Outcome 2.1: Strengthened capacity of stakeholders to collect, process and feed GHG sectoral data into the GHGI.

OUTCOMES TARGETS/INDICATORS	END OF PROJECT INDICATOR TARGET	END OF YEAR INDICATOR STATUS	PROGRESS RATING ⁹	COMMENTS/JUSTIFICATION
<i>Outcome Indicator 2.1.1:</i> Number of stakeholders from each GHG emission sector (AFOLU, Energy, Transport, IPPU, and Waste) collecting, processing, and feeding GHG data into the GHGI	<i>Targets 2.1.1:</i> (i) Cumulatively, 80 stakeholders trained to collect, process, and transmit GHG data (ii) At least 20 technical personnel (with 25% of the trainee's women) (4 from each GHG emission sector - AFOLU, Energy,	N/A	D	The start of the project has been delayed since the grant agreement has not been signed by MECCNAR due to requirement by the government that all project agreements be vetted by The Ministry of Justice.

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OUTCOMES TARGETS/INDICATORS	END OF PROJECT INDICATOR TARGET	END OF YEAR INDICATOR STATUS	PROGRESS RATING ⁹	COMMENTS/JUSTIFICATION
	Transport, IPPU, and Waste) trained in domestic MRV systems, tracking NDCs, enhancement of GHG inventories, and emission projections.			
	<i>Target 2.1.2:</i> At least five Sector Hubs are able to effectively participate in the preparation of the Biennial Update Report (BUR).	N/A	D	The start of the project has been delayed since the grant agreement has not been signed by MECCNAR due to requirement by the government that all project agreements be vetted by The Ministry of Justice.

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COMPONENT 3	Development of an integrated knowledge management platform for sharing transparency activities.
Outcome 3.1:	An integrated knowledge management platform linked to the Global CBIT Coordination Platform is functional and used by stakeholders as a one-stop source of information for transparency-related activities.

OUTCOMES TARGETS/INDICATORS	END OF PROJECT INDICATOR TARGET	END OF YEAR INDICATOR STATUS	PROGRESS RATING ¹⁰	COMMENTS/JUSTIFICATION
<u>Outcome Indicator 3.1.1:</u> Number of knowledge management platforms for sharing information on transparency-related activities.	<u>Target 3.1.1:</u> One (1) integrated knowledge management platform for sharing information on transparency-related activities.	N/A	D	The start of the project has been delayed since the grant agreement has not been signed by MECCNAR due to requirement by the government that all project agreements be vetted by The Ministry of Justice.

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COMPONENT 4 Monitoring and Evaluation.

Outcome 4.1: An integrated monitoring and evaluation framework for the project.

OUTCOMES TARGETS/INDICATORS	END OF PROJECT INDICATOR TARGET	END OF YEAR INDICATOR STATUS	PROGRESS RATING ¹¹	COMMENTS/JUSTIFICATION
<u>Outcome Indicator 4.1.1:</u> Number of M&E Reports generated by the project	<u>Targets 4.1.1:</u> - Ten (10) periodic M&E reports (2 Annual Progress Implementation Reports (PIRs))	N/A	D	The start of the project has been delayed since the grant agreement has not been signed by MECCNAR due to requirement by the government that all project agreements be vetted by The Ministry of Justice.

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OUTCOMES TARGETS/INDICATORS	END OF PROJECT INDICATOR TARGET	END OF YEAR INDICATOR STATUS	PROGRESS RATING ¹¹	COMMENTS/JUSTIFICATION
	submitted to the GEF, and 8 Quarterly Technical and Financial reports submitted to CIGEF) - One (1) Final CBIT Tracking Tool - One Terminal Evaluation Report submitted to the GEF			

OBJECTIVE IMPLEMENTATION PROGRESS RATING	JUSTIFICATION
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c. Overall Project Results Rating

OVERALL PROJECT RESULTS IMPLEMENTATION RATING

OVERALL RATING	JUSTIFICATION	RATING TREND ¹²
U	This section is rated Unsatisfactory because 100% of the indicators are under delayed. No activities have started due to the delay in signing the Grant Agreement by Government of Gambia	N/A This is the first year of implementation therefore, there is no prior project implementation rating.

¹² Rating trend: Increasing, Unchanged or Decreasing

d. Recommendations

CORRECTIVE ACTION(S)	RESPONSIBLE PARTY	DEADLINE
To address the delay in the signing of the Grant Agreement by the Government of Gambia, it is recommended that AFD and CI-GEF explore the option of conducting a diplomatic visit to The Gambia to fast track communication and resolve the issue.	AFD/CI-GEF	30 th December 2024

SECTION III: PROJECT RISKS STATUS AND RATING

a. Progress towards Implementing the Project Risk Mitigation Plan

This section describes the activities implemented to manage and reduce high, substantial, modest, and low risks of the project. This section has three parts:

- a. Ratings for the progress towards implementing measures to mitigate project risks and a project risks annual reassessment
- b. Recommendations for improving project risks management.

Progress towards Implementing the Project Risk Mitigation and Plan Project Risks Annual Reassessment

PROJECT RISKS	PRODOC RISK MITIGATION MEASURE	MITIGATION MEASURES IMPLEMENTATION	PROGRESS RATING ¹³	COMMENTS/JUSTIFICATION	PRODOC RISK RATING	CURRENT FY23 RISK RATING	RISK RATING TREND ¹⁴
<p>Risk 1: Corona Virus Pandemic (COVID-19) will cause delays and/or slow implementation of project activities including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Delays to set up the project. - Delays recruiting project staff. - Delay/long periods before procurement and delivery of GHGI hardware. - Low stakeholders turn-out/involvement 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The project will follow CIGEF’s COVID19 guidelines, prepare and implement other safeguard plans to address risks as outlined here: 2. The project will prepare the following safeguard plans which will indicate activities being put in place to address risks brought about by COVID-19: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Labor and Working Conditions - Accountability and Grievance Mechanism - Stakeholder Engagement Plan 3. Quarterly technical and financial reports submitted to CI-GEF 	N/A – project hasn’t started implementation yet. Though Corona Virus incidents has reduced due to global and government measures.	D	N/A – project hasn’t started implementation yet.	High (H)	Moderate	Decreasing

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	<p>Agency should indicate project implementation progress, any delays, and adaptive measures being put in place by project teams. This measure will enable the Agency to guide how best to adapt to the situation on the ground from technical and financial perspectives.</p> <p>4. The project team will develop and implement the project's Adaptive Management Plan for the COVID-19 situation. This plan will also include activities that will be implemented by project managers (leads) to ensure that their teams deliver selected project activities while working remotely.</p> <p>5. During implementation, the project budget will cover procurement and recurrent costs of PPE and utilities such as hand sanitizers, face masks, gloves among</p>						

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	<p>others, for project staff.</p> <p>6. Creation of a COVID-19 repository and preparing a communication strategy for disseminating information related to COVID19 with project teams and stakeholders. This measure will also entail communicating to stakeholders the impact that COVID-19 will have on the project and the adaptive measures required.</p>						
<p>Risk 2: Inadequate participation of all stakeholders and partners, poor cooperation between participating institutions, and stakeholders remain engaged and supportive of the program</p>	<p>1. Continuous engagement of institutions, regular reporting, monitoring of progress, and acknowledgment of efforts and achievements by each institution</p> <p>2. Participating institutions will be actively involved from the beginning in design, implementation, and management decisions</p> <p>3. Roles and responsibilities will be explicit, and participants allowed to transparently implement while sharing regular updates on the progress</p>	<p>N/A – project hasn't started implementation yet.</p>	<p>D</p>	<p>N/A – project hasn't started implementation yet.</p>	<p>Medium (M)</p>	<p>Medium (M)</p>	<p>Unchanged</p>

PROJECT RISKS	PRODOC RISK MITIGATION MEASURE	MITIGATION MEASURES IMPLEMENTATION	PROGRESS RATING ¹³	COMMENTS/JUSTIFICATION	PRODOC RISK RATING	CURRENT FY23 RISK RATING	RISK RATING TREND ¹⁴
	4. Communication plans and stakeholder requirements and expected outputs will be fully developed 5. Regular progress and monitoring meetings will be held						
Risk 3: Political risks associated with changes in governance, security, and/or government policies	1. Continuous awareness and dialogue with stakeholders will also ensure minimal impacts on the project in case of any political changes. 2. The establishment of an inter-ministerial coordinating committee will also ensure the sustainability of this project in case changes occur in the institutions.	N/A – project hasn't started implementation yet.	D	N/A – project hasn't started implementation yet.	Medium (M)	Medium (M)	Unchanged
Risk 4: Low expert retention	The project will train a pool of staff at the national levels that will serve as focal points.	N/A – project hasn't started implementation yet.	D	N/A – project hasn't started implementation yet.	Modest (M)	Modest (M)	Unchanged
Risk 5: Lack of Data	Establish partnerships with national and regional bodies that may have access to relevant data	N/A – project hasn't started implementation yet.	D	N/A – project hasn't started implementation yet.	High (H)	High (H)	Unchanged
Risk 6: Low enrollment in trainings	Design deliberate outreach and awareness creation schemes at the start of the project focusing on the value and	N/A – project hasn't started implementation yet.	D	N/A – project hasn't started implementation yet.	High (H)	High (H)	Unchanged

PROJECT RISKS	PRODOC RISK MITIGATION MEASURE	MITIGATION MEASURES IMPLEMENTATION	PROGRESS RATING ¹³	COMMENTS/JUSTIFICATION	PRODOC RISK RATING	CURRENT FY23 RISK RATING	RISK RATING TREND ¹⁴
	anticipated positive impacts of the project.						
Risk 7: Climate Change: The Gambia, as with many developing countries suffer greatly from effects of climate change with frequent floods, storms, droughts affecting infrastructure and disrupting services	<p>1. Procurement and installation of climate-proof equipment and technology</p> <p>2. Integration and implementation of climate-sensitive activities and green technologies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Raising awareness on risks of climate change on the project Development of climate risk mitigation strategies 	N/A – project hasn't started implementation yet.	D	N/A – project hasn't started implementation yet.	Medium (M)	Medium (M)	Unchanged
Risk 8: Insufficient resources are made available by The Gambia government, and other partners to support the implementation of the project leading to low uptake of GHG emission MRV technologies/approaches by the sectors	<p>1. Develop a project exit strategy and action plan: (Development of a future of action for sustaining financial resources for the project as well as efficient and effective expenditure to attract more support and donor interest):</p> <p>A project exit strategy and action plan will be developed in consultation with stakeholders. The Strategy will provide actions that will ensure the project's long-term impact – including identification of measures to mitigate the</p>	N/A – project hasn't started implementation yet.	D	N/A – project hasn't started implementation yet.	Medium (M)	Medium (M)	Unchanged

PROJECT RISKS	PRODOC RISK MITIGATION MEASURE	MITIGATION MEASURES IMPLEMENTATION	PROGRESS RATING ¹³	COMMENTS/JUSTIFICATION	PRODOC RISK RATING	CURRENT FY23 RISK RATING	RISK RATING TREND ¹⁴
	<p>risk of no uptake of GHG emission MRV technologies/approaches.</p> <p>2. Identify and empower sector-specific “influential champions”: The project will identify sector-specific “<i>influential champions</i>” from operational, strategic, and political levels across various key stakeholders. The champions will be empowered to communicate and raise awareness about the project at various national forums.</p> <p>3. Active involvement of GHG sectoral teams from government institutions and other state and non-state actors throughout the project cycle:</p> <p>GHG sectoral teams from government institutions and other state and non-state</p>						

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	<p>actors will be involved throughout the project cycle (including involvement in planning and decision making among others) – PIF, PPG, and Implementation Phase.</p> <p>4. Capacity-building activities responsive to country needs: Trainings and other capacity-building activities/content will be tailored to respond to stakeholders' needs.</p> <p>Packaging of information tailored to a specific audience: Capacity building material/content will be simplified and packaged in a language understood by target stakeholders and tailored to each target audience e.g., government, CSOs, private sector, academia, etc.</p>						

OVERALL RATING OF PROJECT RISKS	JUSTIFICATION	RISK RATING TREND ¹⁵
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¹⁵ Rating trend: Increasing, Unchanged or Decreasing

High	<p>The Risk Rating for FY23 is High.</p> <p>The project has not started due to the delays in signing of the Grant Agreement by The Government of Gambia. Despite the project team effort to contact the government about the matter through various points of contacts, no progress has been made. In addition, the previous site visits to the country were not successful. If this challenge persists, the project runs a risk of not achieving the outcomes identified at the CEO-Endorsement stage.</p>	<p>N/A This is the first year of implementation therefore, there is no prior project implementation rating.</p>
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Recommendations

MITIGATION AND CORRECTIVE ACTION(S)	RESPONSIBLE PARTY	DEADLINE
<p>Given that attempts to fast track the signing of the Grant Agreement have not been successful, the team should consider using creative ways to foster relationships with the government with an aim of understanding the specific reasons behind the delay and identifying areas of support needed for the Grant Agreement to be signed.</p>	<p>AFD/CI-GEF</p>	<p>30th June 2024</p>

SECTION IV: PROJECT ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL MANAGEMENT IMPLEMENTATION STATUS AND RATING

This section of the PIR describes the progress made towards complying with the approved ESMF plans, as well as recommendations to improve the implementation of the ESMF plans, when needed. This section is divided into seven parts:

- a. Progress towards complying with the CI-GEF Agency’s ESMF
- b. Information on progress, challenges and outcomes on stakeholder engagement
- c. Information on the progress towards achieving gender sensitive measures/targets
- d. Information on the implementation of the accountability and grievance mechanism
- e. ESMF lessons learned and Knowledge Management Products developed and disseminated
- f. Overall project ESMF implementation rating
- g. Recommendations

a. Progress towards complying with the CI-GEF Agency’s ESMF

MINIMUM ESMF INDICATORS	PROJECT TARGET	END OF YEAR STATUS	CUMULATIVE STATUS	PROGRESS RATING ¹⁶	COMMENTS/JUSTIFICATION
ACCOUNTABILITY AND GRIEVANCE MECHANISM					
1. Number of conflict and complaint cases reported to the project’s Accountability and Grievance Mechanism	0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A – grant agreement has not been signed and the project has not started implementation
2. Percentage of conflict and complaint cases reported to the project’s Accountability and Grievance Mechanism that have been resolved <i>(for projects approved before November 2020)</i>	100%	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A – grant agreement has not been signed and the project has not started implementation.

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3. Number of times the Accountability and Grievance Mechanism is communicated/disseminated to stakeholders (for projects approved after November 2020)					
GENDER MAINSTREAMING					
1. Number of men and women that participated in project activities (e.g. meetings, workshops, consultations)	Men – 120 and Women -40 Total - 160	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A – grant agreement has not been signed and the project has not started implementation
2. Number of men and women that received benefits (e.g. employment, income generating activities, training, access to natural resources, land tenure or resource rights, equipment, leadership roles) from the project	Men- 120 and women – 40 Total - 160	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A – grant agreement has not been signed and the project has not started implementation
3. Number of strategies, plans (e.g. management plans and land use plans) and policies derived from the project that include gender considerations (this indicator applies to relevant projects)	4	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A – grant agreement has not been signed and the project has not started implementation

STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT					
1. Number of people (sex disaggregated) that will be involved in project implementation phase	Men -120 and Women 40 ()160	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A – grant agreement has not been signed and the project has not started implementation
2. Number of stakeholder groups (government agencies, civil society organizations, private sector, indigenous peoples and others) that will be involved in the project implementation phase	30	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A – grant agreement has not been signed and the project has not started implementation
1. Number of engagement (e.g. meeting, workshops, consultations) with stakeholders during the project implementation phase (on an annual basis)	40	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A – grant agreement has not been signed and the project has not started implementation

b. Information on progress, challenges and outcomes on stakeholder engagement

N/A project has not started implementation yet. Awaiting grant agreement.

c. Information on the progress towards achieving gender sensitive measures/targets

N/A – grant agreement has not been signed and the project has not started implementation.

d. Information on the implementation of the accountability and grievance mechanism

N/A – grant agreement has not been signed and the project has not started implementation.

e. ESMF lessons learned and Knowledge Management Products (KMPs)¹⁷ developed and disseminated.

N/A – grant agreement has not been signed and the project has not started implementation.

f. Overall project ESMF implementation rating *(To be completed by the CI-GEF Agency)*

SUMMARY: PROJECT ESMF IMPLEMENTATION RATING BY TYPE OF PLAN

ESMF PLAN REQUIRED BY THE PROJECT	CURRENT FY23 IMPLEMENTATION RATING	RATING TREND
Accountability and Grievance Mechanism	NA	NA as this is the first PIR.
Gender Mainstreaming Plan (GMP)	NA	NA as this is the first PIR.
Stakeholder Engagement Plan (SEP)	NA	NA as this is the first PIR.

OVERALL PROJECT ESMF IMPLEMENTATION RATING

RATING	JUSTIFICATION	RATING TREND
NA	The project has not started implementation; therefore, it was not possible to rate it on the implementation of the ESMF.	NA as this is the first PIR for the project

g. Recommendations *(To be completed by the CI-GEF Agency)*

CORRECTIVE ACTION(S)	RESPONSIBLE PARTY	DEADLINE
The project needs to setup as soon as possible its accountability and grievance mechanism and make sure to socialize it with stakeholders in the initial engagement activities (as soon as it starts implementation) and continue to do it in a periodic way throughout the whole implementation phase.	PMU	June 2024

¹⁷ Knowledge Management Products are those that are both intended to transmit knowledge but at the same time enable action by their audiences. For example, a lessons learned report, compilation of good practices and recommendations, etc.

SECTION V: PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION EXPERIENCES, KNOWLEDGE MANAGEMENT AND LESSONS LEARNED

Required topics

1. Knowledge activities/products (when applicable), as outlined in the knowledge management plan approved at CEO endorsement/approval.

Additional topics (please choose two)

2. Engagement of the private sector
3. Scientific and technological issues
4. Interpretation and application of GEF guidelines
5. Financial management and co-financing
6. Project institutional arrangements, including project governance
7. Capacity building
8. Implementation of safeguard policies, including gender mainstreaming, accountability and grievance mechanisms, stakeholder consultations
9. Factors that improve likelihood of long term sustainability of project impacts
10. Factors that encourage replication, including outreach, dissemination of lessons learned, and communications strategies

SECTION VI: PROJECT GEOCODING

This section of the PIR documents the precise and specific geographic location(s) of activities supported by GEF investments based on information provided in the Project Document. The following information should be contained in this section:

- a. Geo Location Information of Project Location(s) for the current fiscal year
- b. Project Map and Coordinates from Project Document

Geo Location Information of Project Location(s) for the current fiscal year (add additional columns as needed)

Geo Location Information	Location No. 1	Location No. 2	Location No. 3
<p>CLASSIFICATION <i>Indicate whether the site is NEW (for new sites this FY23), EXISTING (already existing in the previous PIR) or CEO Endorsed/Approved (indicate whether the site is included at CEO Endorsement/Approval). Please add more columns for projects with more than 3 locations. Note: if the site is NEW, provide a justification in the box after this table</i></p>	National (Country wide) Existing		
<p>GEO NAME ID <i>Provide the location's Geo Name ID in a numerical format. IDs are available in the GeoNames' geographical database covering all countries and containing millions of placenames with free access at: http://www.geonames.org.</i></p>			
<p>LOCATION NAME <i>Name of the geographic locations in which the activity is taking place. In instance when a GeoNames ID is provided above, the name of the said ID should be reflected. Otherwise, the location name provided will be considered as an exact location.</i></p>	The Gambia		
<p>LATITUDE <i>Provide locations in Decimal Degrees WGS84 format, a notation expressing geographic coordinates as decimal fractions of a degree. Include at least four decimal points.</i></p>	13° and 17° West		
<p>LONGITUDE <i>Provide locations in Decimal Degrees WGS84 format, a notation expressing geographic coordinates as decimal fractions of a degree. Include at least four decimal points.</i></p>	13° and 14° North		
<p>LOCATION DESCRIPTION <i>(Optional field) Text description that qualifies in a sentence or so the location in which an activity is taking place, such as for example "mini-grid energy system" or "park ranger site".</i></p>	-		
<p>ACTIVITY DESCRIPTION <i>(Optional field) Text description that qualifies in a sentence or so the activity taking place at the location, for example, "Installing a mini-grid energy system".</i></p>	-		

Please provide a justification regarding changes in location during implementation. Justifications should also be provided in the event the geographic location of key project activities cannot be provided at CEO Endorsement/Approval stage.

(Geo Name ID: Location Name)

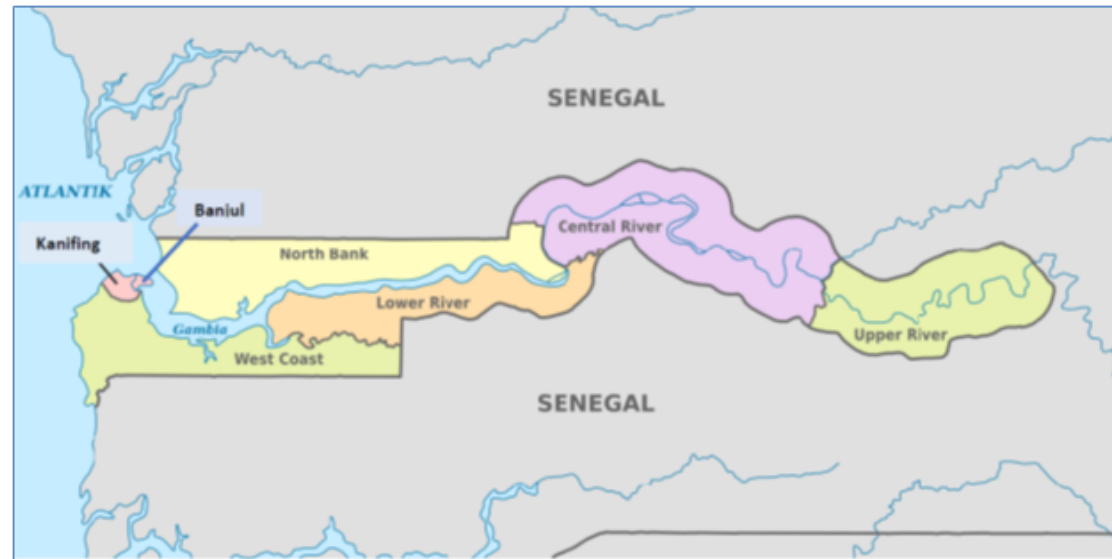
Justification: N/A – grant agreement has not been signed and the project has not started implementation.

Project Map and Coordinates

Please provide geo-referenced information and image map where the project interventions took place. If available, please provide attachments as appropriate such as in the case of locations presented along geometric shapes in popular formats like shapefiles, KML and GeoJSON.

(Geo Name ID: Location Name)

Map:



APPENDIX I: PROJECT ANNUAL IMPLEMENTATION PROGRESS RATING

Rating		Overdue (O)	Delayed (D)	Not started on schedule (NS)	Under implementation on schedule (IS)	Completed/Achieved (CA)
Highly Satisfactory (HS)	HS	0%		100%		
Satisfactory (S)	S	20%		80%		
Moderately Satisfactory (MS)	MS	40%		60%		
Moderately Unsatisfactory (MU)	MU	60%		40%		
Unsatisfactory (U)	U	80%		20%		
Highly Unsatisfactory (HU)	HU	100%		0%		

- **Highly Satisfactory:** 100% of the indicators: a) have been completed/achieved, b) are under implementation on schedule, and/or c) have not started but are on schedule, according to the original/formally revised Project Annual Workplan for the project. The project can be presented as an example of “good practice” project,
- **Satisfactory:** 80% of the indicators: a) have been completed/achieved, b) are under implementation on schedule, and/or c) have not started but are on schedule, according to the original/formally revised Project Annual Workplan for the project; except for only 20% that are delayed and/or overdue and need remedial action,
- **Moderately Satisfactory:** 60% of the indicators: a) have been completed/achieved, b) are under implementation on schedule, and/or c) have not started but are on schedule, according to the original/formally revised Project Annual Workplan for the project; while 40% are delayed and/or overdue and need remedial action,
- **Moderately Unsatisfactory:** 40% of the indicators: a) have been completed/achieved, b) are under implementation on schedule, and/or c) have not started but are on schedule, according to the original/formally revised Project Annual Workplan for the project; while 60% are delayed and/or overdue and need remedial action,
- **Unsatisfactory:** only 20% of the indicators: a) have been completed/achieved, b) are under implementation on schedule, and/or c) have not started but are on schedule, according to the original/formally revised Project Annual Workplan for the project; while 80% are delayed and/or overdue and need remedial action, and
- **Highly Unsatisfactory:** 100% of the indicators: a) are overdue, and/or b) delayed in their implementation, according to the original/formally revised Project Annual Workplan for the project.

APPENDIX II: RISK RATINGS

Rating	
Low (L)	L
Moderate (M)	M
Substantial (S)	S
High (H)	H

- **Low Risk (L):** There is a probability of up to 25% that assumptions may fail to hold or materialize, and/or the project may face only modest risks.
- **Moderate Risk (M):** There is a probability of between 26% and 50% that assumptions may fail to hold or materialize, and/or the project may face only modest risks.
- **Substantial Risk (S):** There is a probability of between 51% and 75% that assumptions may fail to hold and/or the project may face substantial risks.
- **High Risk:** There is a probability of greater than 75% that assumptions may fail to hold or materialize, and/or the project may face high risks.

APPENDIX III: PROGRESS TOWARDS ACHIEVING PROJECT EXPECTED OUTPUTS

INDICATORS	PROJECT TARGET	END OF YEAR INDICATOR STATUS	PROGRESS RATING ¹⁸	COMMENTS/JUSTIFICATION
Outcome 1.1: Strengthened coordination, data sharing, and engagement of key institutions/stakeholders in managing the National GHGI and MRV system.				
Output 1.1.1: The national task force on GHGI and mitigation strengthened and formalized as a framework for inter-ministerial coordination and GHG data sharing.				
Output Indicator 1.1.1: Number of institutions party to the framework for inter-ministerial coordination and GHG data sharing.	Target 1.1.1: At least one (1) national institution from each of the 5 GHG emission sectors (Energy, AFOLU, Transport, Waste, IPPU) sharing GHG sectoral data for the management of the National GHGI and MRV system.	N/A	D	N/A – grant agreement has not been signed and the project has not started implementation.
Output 1.1.2: Stakeholder roles defined in the operationalization of the GHGI, MRV system, and GHG data management.				
Output Indicator 1.1.2: <i>Number of Stakeholders actively participating in GHG, MRV system, and GHG Data management.</i>	Target 1.1.2: At least 10 institutions participating in the operationalization of the GHGI and MRV system documented.	N/A	D	N/A – grant agreement has not been signed and the project has not started implementation.
Output 1.1.3: Focal points in each of the key government ministries and institutions identified, strengthened, institutionalized, and functioning as hubs for GHG data collection and processing.				
Output Indicator 1.1.3: <i>Number of Focal points from sector hubs participating in GHG data collection and processing.</i>	Target 1.1.3: At least 2 skilled focal points from each of the 5-sectors and 10 sub-sectors ¹⁹ functioning as a hub for GHG data collection and processing with at least 25% being women (Total 50).	N/A	D	N/A – grant agreement has not been signed and the project has not started implementation.
Output 1.1.4: Gender focal points on climate change in the key institutions established and strengthened				
Output Indicator 1.1.4: <i>Number of gender focal points (on climate change) from the key sector hub</i>	Target 1.1.4: At least one (1) gender focal point (on climate change) from each of the 5 key sector hub	N/A	D	N/A – grant agreement has not been signed and the project has not started implementation.

¹⁸ **O**= Overdue; **D**= Delayed; **NS**= Not started on schedule; **IS**= Under implementation on schedule; and **CA**= Completed/Achieved

¹⁹ The focal points will be cauterised as follows from the 5 sectors of **Energy** (2), **Transport** (Road – 2, Civil Aviation- 2, water -2), **Waste** (2), **IPPU** (3) and **AFOLU** (Agriculture -6 Forestry -2 Wetlands -2, Land – 2 and Wildlife department -2). Other important sub sectors; **Bureau of Statistics** (2), **Revenue Authority** (2) **National Water and Sewerage Services** (2), **Water department** (2). Other stakeholders **NGOs** (4), **CSOs** (4), **Academic institutions and research** (7). (**Total 50**).

<i>institutions identified and trained.</i>	institutions established and trained.			
Outcome 2.1: Strengthened capacity of stakeholders to collect, process and feed GHG sectoral data into the GHGI.				
Output 1.2.1: Technical guides on data transmission and communication in compliance with IPCC standards developed.				
Output Indicator 1.2.1: Number of Technical guides on data transmission and communication in place	Target 1.2.1: At least 1 technical guideline on GHG data transmission and communication developed.	N/A	D	N/A – grant agreement has not been signed and the project has not started implementation.
Output 1.2.2: Functional online MRV system for collecting and managing NDC information.				
Output 2.1.1: Field data teams from the key emission sectors (AFOLU, energy, transport, Industry Processing and Product Use (IPPU), and waste) trained in the collection, processing, and transmission of GHG data.				
Output Indicator 2.1.1: <i>Number of field teams trained in the collection, processing, and transmission of GHG data</i>	Target 2.1.1: At least eighty (80) people from the GHG sector institutions and coordinating agency trained in domestic MRV systems, tracking NDCs, enhancement of GHG inventories and emission projections (At-least 25% women).	N/A	D	N/A – grant agreement has not been signed and the project has not started implementation.
Output 2.1.2: At least twenty people from the hubs and coordinating agency trained in domestic MRV systems, tracking NDCs, enhancement of GHG inventories, and emission projections (at least 25% of the trainees are women).				
Output Indicator 2.1.2: Number of people utilizing the GHGI, MRV System and equipped to track NDCs.	Target 2.1.2: At least 4 technical personnel from each of the 5 GHG emission sectors (AFOLU, Energy, Transport, IPPU, and Waste) trained in domestic MRV systems, tracking NDCs, enhancement of GHG inventories and emission projections (<i>In total 20 Trainees of which 25% are women</i>)	N/A	D	N/A – grant agreement has not been signed and the project has not started implementation.
Output 2.1.3: Sector Hubs participate in the process of preparation of the Biennial Update Report (BUR).				
Output Indicator 2.1.3: Number of Sector Hubs facilitated to participate in the preparatory process for the first Biennial Update	Target 2.1.3: At least 2 skilled focal points from each of the 5-sectors and 10 sub-sectors	N/A	D	N/A – grant agreement has not been signed and the project has not started implementation.

Reports (BURs).and processing.	²⁰ functioning as a hub for GHG data collection and processing with at least 25% being women (Total 50) .			
Output 2.1.4: Best practices shared and scaled out through peer exchange programs/workshops for stakeholders on transparency activities.				
Output Indicator 2.1.4: Number of sharing and learning Sessions/ workshops conducted.	Target 2.1.4: At least 2 national workshops for learning and sharing experiences conducted.	N/A	D	N/A – grant agreement has not been signed and the project has not started implementation.
Output 2.1.5: One final project report published (outlining project achievements, lessons learnt, gaps and opportunities, and way-forward for CBIT in The Gambia).				
Output Indicator 2.1.5: Comprehensive final project report on CBIT Gambia Published.	Target 2.1.5: At least one final project report documenting project results, lessons learnt, gaps and opportunities, and way-forward for CBIT in the Gambia published.	N/A	D	N/A – grant agreement has not been signed and the project has not started implementation.
Outcome 3.1: An integrated knowledge management platform linked to the Global CBIT Coordination Platform is functional and used by stakeholders as a one-stop source of information for transparency-related activities.				
Output 3.1.1: An integrated knowledge management platform for sharing transparency activities established and operational				
Output Indicator 3.1.1: Number of integrated knowledge management platform for sharing transparency activities established and operational	Target 3.1.1: At least 5 sectors sharing aggregated data in the integrated knowledge management platform periodically.	N/A	D	N/A – grant agreement has not been signed and the project has not started implementation.
Output 3.1.2: Knowledge Management Products generated and disseminated				
Output Indicator 3.1.2: Number of policy briefs and fact sheets prepared and disseminated.	Target 3.1.2: At least one comprehensive policy brief and five fact sheets (one for each GHG emission sector) prepared and disseminated during the project life.	N/A	D	N/A – grant agreement has not been signed and the project has not started implementation.
Outcome 4.1: An integrated monitoring and evaluation framework for the project.				
Output 4.1.1: Periodic M&E reports generated and submitted to ClGEF Agency.				

²⁰ The focal points will be cauterised as follows from the 5 sectors of **Energy (2)**, **Transport** (Road – 2, Civil Aviation- 2, water -2), **Waste (2)**, **IPPU (3)** and **AFOLU** (Agriculture -6 Forestry -2 Wetlands -2, Land – 2 and Wildlife department -2). Other important sub sectors; **Bureau of Statistics (2)**, **Revenue Authority (2)** **National Water and Sewerage Services (2)**, **Water department (2)**. Other stakeholders **NGOs (4)**, **CSOs (4)**, **Academic institutions and research (7)**. **(Total 50)**.

Output Indicator 4.1.1: Number of periodic M&E Reports submitted to CIGEF	Target 4.1.1: <i>Eight (8)</i> Quarterly Technical and Financial Reports; Two (2) Annual Progress Implementation Reports (PIRs)	N/A	D	N/A – grant agreement has not been signed and the project has not started implementation.
Output 4.1.2: A Terminal Evaluation Report generated by the project				
Output Indicator 4.1.2: Number of Terminal Evaluation Reports generated by the project	Target 4.1.2: One Terminal Evaluation Report by the project	N/A	D	N/A – grant agreement has not been signed and the project has not started implementation.