

GEF - PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION REPORT (PIR)

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1 PROJECT IDENTIFICATION

1.1 Project Details

GEF ID: 10634	Umoja WBS: SB-017842
SMA IPMR ID: 85475	Grant ID: S1-32GFL-000662
Project Short Title: Harnessing the Great Green Wall Initiative (GGWI) for a Sustainable and Resilient Sahel	
Project Title: Harnessing the Great Green Wall Initiative (GGWI) for a Sustainable and Resilient Sahel	
Duration months planned:	24
Duration months age:	31
Project Type:	Medium Sized Project (MSP)
Parent Programme if child project:	
Project Scope:	Regional
Region:	Africa
Countries:	Burkina Faso, Chad, Djibouti, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Mali, Mauritania, Niger, Nigeria, Senegal, Sudan
GEF Focal Area(s):	Land Degradation
GEF financing amount:	\$ 2,000,000.00
Co-financing amount:	\$ 19,511,822.00
Date of CEO Endorsement/Approval:	2020-11-06
UNEP Project Approval Date:	2021-02-03
Start of Implementation (PCA entering into force):	2021-02-03
Date of Inception Workshop, if available:	2021-07-26
Date of First Disbursement:	2021-02-03
Total disbursement as of 30 June 2024:	\$ 1,917,000.00
Total expenditure as of 30 June:	\$ 1,582,805.00
Midterm undertaken?:	No
Actual Mid-Term Date, if taken:	

Expected Mid-Term Date, if not taken:	
Completion Date Planned - Original PCA:	2023-12-31
Completion Date Revised - Current PCA:	2024-12-31
Expected Terminal Evaluation Date:	2025-06-30
Expected Financial Closure Date:	2025-06-30

1.2 Project Description

The project long-term vision, which takes stock of lessons learnt from past initiatives, developed leading to institutional strengthening of the GGWI and mobilization of adequate investments for a resilient and sustainable Sahel. By achieving the project objective, the project will lead to the achievement of three long-term outcomes namely: (i) Institutional and governance capacities of national GGW coordinating bodies and Pan African Agency of the GGWI strengthened; (ii) the large arid and semi-arid territories of the Sahel region become hubs of investment opportunities for transformational change and (iii) a portfolio of projects for long term investment identified and implemented funded by key donors and partnership. These long-term outcomes will lead to the long-term result related to “Incomes and resilience of households and communities in the Sahel improved through implementation of GEF, GCF and various other relevant projects”. This will lead in the long-term to land degradation neutrality and poverty reduction in the Sahel region achieved through the restoration and sustainable management of land and natural resources which again further strengthen the long-term solution of the project “An appropriate institutional framework capable of coordinating a relevant and efficient programme in the region to provide the enabling environment where practices and partnerships can be scaled for a resilient and sustainable Sahel”. A reinforcing balancing loop will be created leading to positive long-term environmental results and a resilient and sustainable Sahel region. The project will be implemented through the following 3 components: Component 1: Strengthening the institutional and governance framework for GGWI coordination and partnership. This component will seek to create the enabling conditions to strengthen the institutional arrangements, roles and responsibilities, and coordination mechanisms between the African Union Commission and the Pan-African Agency for the GGWI. This could be done through transforming the AU / Steering Committee into a well-designed Platform for Partnership and Coordination, which will include a Resources Mobilization and Deployment Strategy for the implementation of the GGWI. Such an arrangement will facilitate greater efficiency in the engagement with diverse stakeholders, to foster a coordinated effort toward transformational change in the Sahel region. The UNEP Africa Office plays a role as a host of the African Ministerial Conference on Environment and this will be an important avenue for coordinating the stakeholders dialogue and development of GGWI Shared Vision in the new context of the Sahel region. UNEP’s Africa Office will take the lead in the execution of component 1. Component 2: - Identifying and prioritizing investment opportunities to transform key economic systems in the Sahel Region. This component will assess progress and opportunities including within FAO, EU, World Bank, AFD, GCF, UNCCD; NGO and other partners initiatives on mobilizing youth and women as entrepreneurs in promoting innovations that transform livelihoods, increase environmental sustainability, and enhance resilience at scale. Youth and women have a crucial role to play in promoting widespread application of emerging technologies and innovations for achieving increased productivity and tackling negative externalities in the supply chain. Most GGWI countries are already advancing models for promoting engagement of youth and women through Rural Agropoles and Integrated Community Agricultural Farms, which have potential for integration and scaling-up. For the Private sector engagement, the Great Green Wall vision for transformative changes to land management and investment in landscape restoration at scale across the region’s drylands will require concerted effort to create the enabling environment required to catalyse green economic growth and investment. The potential for investment in transformative change is clear; the Great Green Wall drylands provide a wealth of globally significant ecosystem services and well-proven approaches to the

landscape-scale restoration that provide stimulus for further restoration market investment. Moving beyond the land restoration market, the region’s dryland show strong potential for green economic growth, with numerous successful examples of global value chains for natural products and agribusinesses investing in sustainable supply chains. The Pan-African Agency of the Great Green Wall will take the lead in the execution of this component. The UNCCD Secretariat and Global Mechanism will support the Pan-African Agency in the delivery of the outputs of the component. Component 3: Convening relevant stakeholders to launch shared vision for the GGWI and Sahel region. The project will organize outreach activities to engage all major stakeholders. Special attention will be paid to harnessing joint leadership by GEF and GCF as financial mechanisms, for mobilizing other donors including IFIs, development agencies, and private foundations. Building on its accumulated experiences, achievements and network of technical and financial partners, the GEF is well positioned to play a catalytic role in supporting countries of the Sahel and Sahara region for the development of a new GGWI program. Both the GEF and GCF have expressed interest in considering programming opportunities to support GGWI member countries pursue a more transformative vision for the Sahel, such as linking environmental challenges to human development and security. UNEP’s involvement in this project confirms its commitment to supporting the GGWI since 2011 as a pioneer partner - UNEP supported the development of the first 5 years’ Plan of the GGW agency in collaboration with the 11 member States. This commitment which continues with two ongoing GEF supported projects has been reiterated at higher level by the UNEP Executive Director during UNCCD COP 14 in Delhi, India. The UN Decade for Ecosystem Restoration given its mandate of promoting ecosystem restoration and the Global Environment Benefits which can be generated for alternative livelihood and platform for strong partnership, will take the lead in the execution of Component 3.

1.3 Project Contacts

Division(s) Implementing the project	Ecosystems Division
Name of co-implementing Agency	
Executing Agency (ies)	UNEP Terrestrial Ecosystems Unit in collaboration with the following
names of Other Project Partners	National Great Green Wall Agencies/Coordination’sPanafrican Agency of Great Green Wall UNCCD Secretariat-GMUNEP Africa Office UN-Decade for Ecosystems Restoration
UNEP Portfolio Manager(s)	Johan Robinson
UNEP Task Manager(s)	Johan Robinson
UNEP Budget/Finance Officer	Paul Vrontamitis
UNEP Support Assistants	Evans Muthoka
Manager/Representative	Juan Carlos Vasques
Project Manager	Adamou Bouhari
Finance Manager	Martin Okun
Communications Lead, if relevant	

2 Overview of Project Status

2.1 UNEP PoW & UN

UNEP Current Subprogramme(s):	Thematic: Nature action subprogramme
UNEP previous Subprogramme(s):	
PoW Indicator(s):	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nature: (iii) Number of countries and national, regional and subnational authorities and entities that incorporate, with UNEP support, biodiversity and ecosystem-based approaches into development and sectoral plans, policies and processes for the sustainable management and/or restoration of terrestrial, freshwater and marine areas
UNSDCF/UNDAF linkages	Developed in consultation with the Governments and national partners including the United Nations System (UNS) and the civil society, United Nations Development UNDAF documents of respective GGW countries represent UN's contribution to the national development strategies. The Theory of Change of the program is based on the assumption that the multidimensional poverty reduction for vulnerable populations, gender inequalities, and economic disparities including youth and women, and their resilience to the adverse effects of climate change, coupled with good democratic, judicial and security governance in the respect of human rights, will be ensured through the provision of decent and sustainable economic and employment opportunities, a better prevention of violent extremism, a sustainable management of natural resources and an improved access to renewable energies, the availability of quality public and judicial services in a context of demographic control, favorable political, security and social stability and availability of necessary resources.
Link to relevant SDG Goals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Goal 15: Protect, restore and promote sustainable use of terrestrial ecosystems, sustainably manage forests, combat desertification, and halt and reverse land degradation and halt biodiversity loss
Link to relevant SDG Targets:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 15.3 By 2030, combat desertification, restore degraded land and soil, including land affected by desertification, drought and floods, and strive to achieve a land degradation-neutral world

2.2. GEF Core and Sub Indicators

GEF core or sub indicators targeted by the project as defined at CEO Endorsement/Approval, as well as results

Indicators	Targets - Expected Value			Materialized to date
	Mid-term	End-of-project	Total Target	
11- People benefitting from GEF-financed investments			15000	18000

Implementation Status 2023: 3rd PIR

2.3. Implementation Status and Risks

	PIR#	Rating towards outcomes (section 3.1)	Rating towards outputs (section 3.2)	Risk rating (section 4.2)
FY 2024	3rd PIR	S	S	L
FY 2023	2nd PIR	S	S	M
FY 2022	1st PIR	S	MS	M
FY 2021				
FY 2020				
FY 2019				
FY 2018				
FY 2017				
FY 2016				
FY 2015				

Summary of status

The project is being implemented successfully. Against expected achievements the following have been achieved:

- Institutional Audit conducted by UNEP Consultant and Presented at Ouagadougou Residential Seminar
- Capacity Development Plan developed and validated, and implementation will be considered in the GEF 8 Approved Programme
- Resources mobilisation Guide developed and shared with the countries

The workplan for the remaining activities have been developed and adopted by the recently concluded Steering Committee meeting

- 3 Opportunities for initial implementation identified: UN Decade; GEF Trust Funds and LDCF Funds
- GEF 8 Programme in support of the GGW
- Six (6) Regional Meeting organised to support resources mobilisation
- Countries Baseline Assessment Reports

- 9 Countries developed projects and take advantage of GEF TF and LDCF funding opportunities
- 2 countries (B. Faso and Niger) took advantage for UN Decade Flagship funding opportunities
- 1 country (Niger) and Partners (SWISSAID) are implementing innovative opportunities to support agrosylvopastoral activities
- 2 countries (Senegal and Burkina Faso) and ENABEL have developed and implementing project
- AU developed a New GGW Vision in collaboration with GGW partners (UNCCD, PAGG, UNEP, etc.)

2.4 Co Finance

Planned Co-finance:	\$ 19,511,822
Actual to date:	10,000,000
Progress	<p>Justify progress in terms of materialization of expected co-finance. State any relevant challenges:</p> <p>All the cofinancing pledges are being mobilized successfully. the project partners (UNCCD Accelerators, the Panafrican Agency, AfDB, National Agencies, SWISS Aid, FAO, UNDP, MOSSAIC NGO, etc) have implemented both at national and regional levels important activities that support project objectives.</p>

2.5. Stakeholder

Date of project steering committee meeting	2024-07-11
Stakeholder engagement (will be uploaded to GEF Portal)	<p>During the reporting period, the project has contributed with supporting documents to the UNEP Senior Management High Level encountered with partners including with UNCCD Executive Secretary, UN Decade for Ecosystems Restoration Officials, Sahel Initiatives etc.</p> <p>The project has engaged with other GEF Agencies and partners (February 2024) in the discussion on the GEF 8 Programme including strengthening collaboration and harmonised planning of support to the GGW initiative. The proeject has taken active part in the organisation and conducted of regional seminar of the Panafrican Agency of the GGW in Burkina Faso and has engaged with multitude of GGW initiative partners. The project has engaged with countries and other partners including African Union , SADC Secertariat, GEF secretariat, NGO and organised a side event during the AMCEN meeting organised in Addis Abeba.</p>

	<p>In the previous reporting cycle, eleven (11) regional meetings supported by the project (Project inception workshop in Nouakchott Mauritania in May 2021; Panafrican Agency of GGW and national Agencies/Coordination retreat in January 2022; Regional Communication on GGWI Workshop organized in January 2022 in collaboration with UNCCD/Global Mechanism; Regional validation of the national baselines assessments organized in April 2022 in Niamey Niger; Side Event on the GGW initiative in margin of UNCCD COP 15 in Abidjan, Cote d'Ivoire and the Panafrican Agency of the GGW Council of Ministers meeting organized in June 2022 in Abuja, Nigeria; Support to the GEF 8 Dialogue in Accra , Ghana during which a special session was organised on the GGW program, the dialogue allowed to reach a consensus on the program background and challenges to be addressed at national and regional level; Regional Stakeholders consultations meeting in January 2023 in Bamako Mali to validate the first framework of the GEF 8 Program in support of the GGW, have been opportunities to engage with the key GGWI stakeholders; Support in January 2023 to the Second Residential Seminar of the GGW initiative; Support to the GGW Youth Caravane; Support to the GGW Agency and Countries retreat in Burkina Faso in February 2023; and Support the first forum of the Private Sector engagement in the GGWI.</p> <p>The project participation and contributions to the Regional Steering Committee Meeting of the GGGI organized in Djibouti by the African Union GGWI coordination.</p> <p>11 countries out of 11 of the GGW Agency conducted national baseline assessment in their respective GGW area. The assessments have been the opportunity for each national GGW agency or Coordination to engage with different groups of national stakeholders on the planning process and awareness raising.</p> <p>The project contributed and participated in 5 national GGW Coalitions (Mali, Mauritania, Chad, Burkina Faso and Senegal) establishment and discussions.</p> <p>Engagement with youths including during the GGW Youths Caravane, women and CSO groups in all the above-mentioned meetings.</p>
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2.6. Gender

Does the project have a gender action plan?	Yes
Gender mainstreaming (will be uploaded to GEF Portal):	During the reporting cycle, the project has sponsored participation of Women and Youth organised groups in various meeting of the Great Green wall. the support by the project of strong collaboration between the women group and some private sectors (e.g. FAGRIB) in the development of some value chains in the Great Green Wall. In the previous reporting cycles and In line with national baseline assessments conducted in 8 countries, a specific chapter on Gender assessment was addressed and gender mainstreaming opportunities have been identified and will be consider in the future project designs. This assessments as guided by GEF and UNEPgender mainstreaming guidelines assessed the situation of women in the countries, the role of men and women in the implementation of the GGW initiative and identification of key entries points for gender mainstreaming the the GGW. These entry points are related to women lead local enterprise, valorisation of some natural resources and supporting women group in building their capacity to engage more in the GGW initiative implementation. The project has worked with some countries to develop and submit proposal for women-oriented initiatives for funding.

2.7. ESSM

Moderate/High risk projects (in terms of Environmental and social safeguards)	<p>Was the project classified as moderate/high risk CEO Endorsement/Approval Stage?</p> <p>No</p> <p>If yes, what specific safeguard risks were identified in the SRIF/ESERN?</p> <p>N/A</p>
New social and/or environmental risks	<p>Have any new social and/or environmental risks been identified during the reporting period?</p> <p>No</p> <p>If yes, describe the new risks or changes?</p> <p>N/A</p>
Complaints and grievances related to social and/or environmental impacts	<p>Has the project received complaints related to social and/or environmental impacts (actual or potential) during the reporting period?</p> <p>No</p> <p>If yes, please describe the complaint(s) or grievance(s) in detail, including the status, significance, who was involved and what actions were taken?</p> <p>N/A</p>

Environmental and social safeguards management	Environment and Social safeguards were also part of the baseline assessments. Each country baseline report presented the environment and social safeguard issues, and mitigation measures were identified. Most of ESS issues raised are related to the implementation of national legal framework on the ESS particularly observance of the legal safeguards' requirements for the execution of the GGW activities. The project will continue to advocate for the implementation of identified measures when projects will be developed and implemented.
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2.8. KM/Learning

Knowledge activities and products	<p>During this reporting cycle, the sharing of experience between the GGW of Sahara and Sahel and the SADC GGW project has been well established. The process of development and reviewing of the African Union GGW Strategies has also been a learning process. All the event organised in the process of the development of the GEF 8 GGW programme have been learning opportunities between the stakeholders. During these events (e.g. Residential Seminar of the GGW in Burkina Faso) have provided opportunities for more than 15 partners to present their work and engage in the exchanges for synergy and complementarity. The power point presentations have been documented and serve as important resources for all the stakeholders. UNEP has also presented the institutional audit conducted with support of the project along with resources mobilisation guidelines which were shared with relevant stakeholders.</p> <p>In the previous reporting cycles, the national baseline assessments reports from the countries include many sections related to biodiversity status and conservation challenges, climate change situations, land degradation in the GGW areas, socioeconomic assessments, gender and private sectors involvement and entrepreneurship opportunities. This information has been exploited by many donors and partners including the Panafrican Agency of the GGW, the UNCD-GM accelerators, UN Decade for Ecosystems Restoration for Flagship projects development, the CSO network for project development.</p>
Main learning during the period	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Exchange of experiences and initiatives by different partners during various Great Green Wall related events including the residential seminar organised in Burkina Faso, the GEF 8 Programme Validation Workshop in Lome, Togo - The discussion on the UNEP Led GGW institutional audit - The presentation and validation of the Great Green Wall Platform and observatory in collaboration with UNCCD Accelerator - The elaboration by the project of Resources Mobilisation Guidelines - Discussion on the draft Regional Baseline Assessment Synthesis report

	- Development of a draft publication for children aware on the GGW produced by the GGW Ambassador in consultation with the project and various partners. -
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2.9. Stories

Stories to be shared	Not yet produced.
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3 Performance

3.1 Rating of progress towards achieving the project outcomes

Project Objective and Outcomes	Indicator	Baseline level	Mid-Term Target or Milestones	End of Project Target	Progress as of current period(numeric, percentage, or binary entry only)	Summary by the EA of attainment of the indicator & target as of 30 June	Progress rating
Objective: Long term vision, which takes stock of lessons learnt from past initiatives, developed leading to institutional strengthening of the GGWI and mobilization of adequate investments for a resilient and sustainable Sahel.	Number of political, institutional and harmonization measures in favour of the GGWI and for a sustainable and resilient Sahel Number of funding mechanism in support of economic transformation in GGW region	Many initiatives and projects supported by donors in the GGWI but less harmonised and implemented by multitude of local partners.		Set of measures agreed by all stakeholders to ensure an operational institutional arrangement in support of GGW coordination and partnership. Five investments models for integrated approach identified in existing initiatives taken into account experiences from different initiatives and available for investment mobilisation A portfolio of investment opportunities for	90%	The project supported institutional analysis of the GGW and the report presented to stakeholders is now available. In collaboration with other partners/donors the project has supported development and validation of ToR for the institutional audit of the Panafrican Agency of the GGW and national agencies. The cofinancing from AfDB has been mobilized to finance the audit. The project has supported the elaboration of preliminary institutional analysis of the GGW initiative. The draft is under review. The Panafrican Agency and the Bank, have signed agreement to support the institutional audit. The project is part of the steering committee of the process together with UNCCD/GM. The project will support validation of the audit with involvement of all key stakeholders 3 investment models (Integrated Agricultural Community Farms – FACI; the Youth Forum and GGW products Economic Forum – FOREP) have been identified and adopted by the Council of Ministers meeting. Following the national baseline assessments conducted	S

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				transformational changes in GGW area to serve as partnership platform with shared vision to support millions of people and communities working towards sustainable management and use of natural resources in Sahel		in 11 countries, portfolio of projects has been identified by each country and a regional project has also been identified and is under development with the participation of all stakeholders.	
Outcome 1.1:The GGWI governance and institutional capacity roadmap, capacity development plan, and resources mobilization and deployment strategy adapted at regional level during GGW High Level Meeting	Number of governance and institutional capacity Roadmap for a strengthened GGWI institutional framework adopted by the GGW High Level Meeting	0		1	90%	The advanced report of the institutional audit is available and is under review	S
	Number of GGWI Capacity Development Plans to support institutional framework adopted by the GGW High Level Meeting and implemented	0		1	50%	Areas for consideration for the capacity development identified by the institutional audit and are use to develop capacity development plans. This plan is being considered for the Regional and National GEF 8 program concept notes.	S
	Number of Resource Mobilization and Deployment Strategies for the GGW to	0		2	100%	The project has developed a resources mobilization guidelines. Project concept Notes have been developed by	S

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	achieve LDN adopted by the GGW High Level Meeting and number of immediate opportunities for initial implementation identified					countries which are using it to mobilize investments for the GGW Initiative. Burkina Faso and Niger have accessed to UN Decade for Ecosystems Restoration Flagship projects. 8 countries develop Concept Notes for GEF 8 resources mobilization. These concep have been approved by GEF council in june together with a Regional Coordination project.Various discussions are ongoing with private sector to support investment in the GGW countries.A resource mobilization guideline is developed and validated.	
Outcome 1.2:	Availability of document and knowledge platform where innovative practices for integrated investment, targeted investment and monitoring and emerging opportunities including for private sector as models relevant to the GGWI are described	0		Innovative practices for integrated investments, targeted investment and emerging opportunities including for private as models documented and knowledge platform and monitoring developed, given due consideration to	90%	11 countries conducted analysis of good practices and opportunities for investment by private sector and also in support of women and youths initiatives.First Forum on Private Sector engagement in the GGW has been organized in June 2023 with support from the projectThe GGW Platform develop by accelarator in collaboration with the project is validated and is currently online.	S

Project Objective and Outcomes	Indicator	Baseline level	Mid-Term Target or Milestones	End of Project Target	Progress as of current period(numeric, percentage, or binary entry only)	Summary by the EA of attainment of the indicator & target as of 30 June	Progress rating
				women and youths			
	Availability of a portfolio of fundings opportunities to assist countries and partners to take advantage of funding opportunities to advance transformational change and number of strategic and quick result-oriented investments	0		A portfolio of funding opportunities which consider emerging opportunities from donors (e.g. GEF and GCF), on integrated approaches to advance systems transformation, including both horizontal and value chain dimensions.	100%	11 countries conducted baseline assessment and utilize the outcomes to develop concept notes to submitted for GEF TF, GEF/LDCF and other donors targeted by each country. GEF Council has approved in June 2024 the GGW GEF 8 Program which include 8 national child projects and 1 Coordination project. All worth more than \$77 million. UN Decade has already adopted flagship for Burkina Faso and Niger	S
	Number of countries and partners who develop initiatives and take advantage of funding opportunities during project period to advance transformational change	0	11 Countries	11 Countries	100%	Two (2) countries (Burkina Faso and Niger) took opportunities of UN Decade flagship submitted project which is approved11 countries have developed Concept Notes of projects and are negotiating with donors including GEF, bilateral, for funding.	S
Outcome 3.1. Relevant GGWI stakeholders, including donors and private sector are capacited and informed of flagship programs and increasingly willing to engage in financial support to	Number of technical and financial partners engaged and capacitated in the shared vision of GGWI and participating in a Cooperation Platform which the role of	0		At least 20 partners	90%	The project in collaboration with UNCCD accelerator has contributed in the establishment of GGW Platform. More than 15 partners are now in the platform.The project is instrumental in fostering collaboration and	S

Project Objective and Outcomes	Indicator	Baseline level	Mid-Term Target or Milestones	End of Project Target	Progress as of current period(numeric, percentage, or binary entry only)	Summary by the EA of attainment of the indicator & target as of 30 June	Progress rating
the GGWI	traditional funding mechanism					establishment of a common donors platform engaged in regular dialogue and joint organisation and planning of support to the GGWI. The platform include UNCCD/GM Accelerator, the African Development Bank; the GEF secretariat; the Islamic Development Bank; the European Commission; the World Bank; the FAO-UNEP UN Decade for Ecosystems restoration; etc.. Some technical partners are also participating the regional dialogue. These include Birdlife International, the Center of Ecological Monitoring of Senegal.	
	Number of countries, partners, private sector, using revised GGW strategy as a mean for resources mobilisation to finance in-countries activities			At least 20 countries, partners and private sector use the revised GGW Strategy with identified entry points opportunities including flagship programs is available to serve basis for resources mobilisation	90%	11 GGW countries members of the Panafrican Agency of the Great Green Wall, the Panafrican Agency, at least 8 donors agencies and technical partners (UNNCD Accelerator, FAO, UNDP, UNEP, GEF, AfDB, Birdlife International, French Development Agency-AFD) are using the Priory Investment Program approved by the Council of Ministers in 2021.8 Private sector entities are currently developing initiatives to invest in the GGW countries.	S

3.2 Rating of progress implementation towards delivery of outputs (Implementation Progress)

Component	Output/Activity	Expected completion date	Implementation status as of previous reporting period (%)	Implementation status as of current reporting period (%)	Progress rating justification, description of challenges faced and explanations for any delay	Progress Rating
1 COMPONENT 1: Strengthening the institutional and governance framework for GGWI coordination and partnership	Output 1.1: Roadmap for a strengthened GGWI governance and institutional framework, with due consideration of gender issues, is developed and submitted to the GGW High Level Meeting for adoption and implementation initiated	2024-12-31	60	80	Report of the Panafrican Agency institutional audit available. Agreement signed and process launched for the African Development Bank support to the institutional audit	MS
	Output. 2.1.1. A report documenting on innovative practices monitoring and Knowledge Management Platform is established based on review of knowledge platforms and databases such as WOCAT and Terrafrica given consideration to possibility of immediate pilot implementation, women and the youth with potential for scaling-up and achieving LDN	2024-12-31	50	70	Regional synthesis on innovative practice has been completed and will be validated during the coming cycle.	S
	Output 3.1.1. An advocacy program to help set up the coordination and partnership mechanism is developed and implementation started in collaboration with key stakeholders	2024-12-31	30	35%	Initial discussion with partners were conducted during the GEF 8 PFD development but also an agencies meeting on the GGW focusing on coordination has been organized in February 2024 in Nairobi under the leadership of GEF secretariat..	MS
	Output 1.2: A Capacity Development Plan, with due consideration of gender issues, is prepared and implementation started focusing PAAGGW and national Focal points; environment conventions and programmes focal points synergy to support institutional framework and submitted to the GGW High Level Meeting for adoption	2024-12-31	60	80	Areas for capacity building plan identified in the institutional analysis report. Each country conducted national institutional arrangement assessment and recommendation made for improvement.	MS
	Output. 2.1.2. A report documenting targeted investments in existing initiatives as models for the integrated landscape approach is elaborated and disseminated to relevant stakeholders, and women and youth trained on ecological goods and services including renewable energy and their access to strategic and quick result-oriented investments facilitated.	2024-12-31	60	80	Resources mobilisation guideline is available. Countries reported in their National Baseline Assessment Reports investments opportunities in their countries	MS
	Output 3.1.2. A Synthesis document on priority areas and potential flagship programs for targeted donors support with due consideration of gender issues, is elaborated and disseminated to relevant	2024-12-31	60	90	Document on priority areas and potential flagship programs for targeted donors support with due consideration of gender	S

Component	Output/Activity	Expected completion date	Implementation status as of previous reporting period (%)	Implementation status as of current reporting period (%)	Progress rating justification, description of challenges faced and explanations for any delay	Progress Rating
	stakeholders				issues has been developed and validated with stakeholders,	
	Output 1.3: A Resource Mobilization and Deployment Strategy with due consideration of women and youths is developed for the GGWI to achieve LDN and submitted to the GGW High Level Meeting for adoption and immediate opportunities for initial implementation are identified	2024-12-31	60	90	A resources mobilization guidelines is finalized and shared with countries and other partners. 8 countries conducted baseline assessment which led to concept notes of project as tools for resources mobilisationDraft resource mobilisation guideline, available and is under review	S
	Output 2.1.3. A report on baseline information report on emerging opportunities, including those targeting women and the youth, for transformational change is produced and disseminated to relevant stakeholders and linking GGWI stakeholders to those opportunities initiated	2024-12-31	60	80	National reports which include emerging opportunities are produced. Consultant for regional synthesis are identified.	S
	Output 3.1.3. A blueprint for mobilizing private sector engagement in the GGWI is elaborated and disseminated taken into account risk assessment analysis and gender consideration	2024-12-31	60	90	The resources mobilization guideline is available.	S
	Output 3.1.4. A Framework for countries to leverage resources for adaptation and resilience is established with due consideration of gender issues	2024-12-31	70	100	The GEF 8 Programme approved in June 2024 has adaptation component of more than	MS

The Task Manager will decide on the relevant level of disaggregation (i.e. either at the output or activity level).

4 Risks

4.1 Table A. Project management Risk

Please refer to the Risk Help Sheet for more details on rating

Risk Factor	EA Rating	TM Rating
1 Management structure - Roles and responsibilities	Low	Low
2 Governance structure - Oversight	Low	Low
3 Implementation schedule	Low	Low
4 Budget	Low	Low
5 Financial Management	Low	Low
6 Reporting	Low	Low
7 Capacity to deliver	Low	Low

If any of the risk factors is rated a Moderate or higher, please include it in Table B below

4.2 Table B. Risk-log

Implementation Status (Current PIR)

Insert ALL the risks identified either at CEO endorsement (inc. safeguards screening), previous/current PIRs, and MTRs. Use the last line to propose a suggested consolidated rating.

Risks	Risk affecting: Outcome / outputs	CEO ED	PIR 1	PIR 2	PIR 3	PIR 4	PIR 5	Current PIR	Δ	Justification
Poor coordination (national. supranational)	All	L	L	L	L				=	<p>☐ Launch workshop for stakeholder identification and engagement.☐ Formal meetings included in the Agenda.☐ Use of remote work technologies and supports.☐ Improving institutional communication.☐ Improved</p>

Risks	Risk affecting: Outcome / outputs	CEO ED	PIR 1	PIR 2	PIR 3	PIR 4	PIR 5	Current PIR	Δ	Justification
										communication between the different actors by supporting regional steering committee meetings but also at national level by working closely with the National Focal Points to ensure national GGW Alliance are really functional.
Reluctance of financial partners	All	L	L	L	L				=	Efforts to mobilize additional resources through the opportunities identified during the assessment but also by contributing to the start up implementation of the resource mobilisation strategy and access to funding mechanisms.☐ Communication and success-sharing strategy.☐ Financial efforts of national and supranational entities by acting on the announced cofinancing by countries and partners.
Limited capacity of local / technical institutions to support vulnerable communities in terms of adaptation	All	M	M	M	M				=	Capacity building of local institutions based on the outcome of the capacity needs assessment to be conducted under output 1.1.2 of component 1.☐ Promotion of Citizen Control of Public Action – This will build on the findings in line with output 3.1.1.
Poor access to resources (especially land) for women and young people / conflicts over resources	All	M	M	M	M				=	Building on the identified innovative practices as result of output 2.1.1. the project will promote proven experiences to promote access.☐ Targeted investment in support of

Risks	Risk affecting: Outcome / outputs	CEO ED	PIR 1	PIR 2	PIR 3	PIR 4	PIR 5	Current PIR	Δ	Justification
										women and youths identified in output 2.1.2. Emerging opportunities which promote access identified through output 2.1.3 will be render public and facilitation done to promote that access. Information on Partnership opportunities identified in output 3.1.1 and which will facilitate resources access will be available to all stakeholders.
Climatic disturbances (drought. flood)	All	M	M	M	M				=	Identified innovative practices. emerging opportunities and partnerships respectively in output 2.1.1. 2.1.3 and 3.1.1 will consider adaptation to climate risk will be promoted. Landscape approach as opportunity for investments will be promoted as model for climate smart option.
Insecurity in certain hot spot areas	All	M	M	M	M				=	Opportunities for partnership and investments in favour of security building identified in various project outputs will help to mitigate the security risk. The capacity building plan to be developed will include a good part of security considerations measures in developmental projects in SahelThe institutional arrangement in favour of large scale investment for transformational changes in Sahel will give due consideration to security

Risks	Risk affecting: Outcome / outputs	CEO ED	PIR 1	PIR 2	PIR 3	PIR 4	PIR 5	Current PIR	Δ	Justification
										component.
COVID-19 Persistence	All	S	S	M	L				↓	All the project outputs will be delivered under the condition that the recovery from COVID 19 will be effective and mitigation measures will be included if the pandemic disease will persists
		M	L	L	L				=	

4.3 Table C. Outstanding Moderate, Significant, and High risks

Additional mitigation measures for the next periods

Risk	Actions decided during the previous reporting instance (PIRt-1, MTR, etc.)	Actions effectively undertaken this reporting period	What	When	By Whom

High Risk (H): There is a probability of greater than 75% that assumptions may fail to hold or materialize, and/or the project may face high risks. Significant 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. 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. 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.

5 Amendment - GeoSpatial

Project Minor Amendments

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% as described in Annex 9 of the Project and Program Cycle Policy Guidelines. Please tick each category for which a change occurred in the fiscal year of reporting and provide a description of the change that occurred in the textbox. You may attach supporting document as appropriate

5.1 Table A: Listing of all Minor Amendment (TM)

Minor Amendments	Changes
Results Framework:	Yes
Components and Cost:	No
Institutional and implementation arrangements:	Yes
Financial Management:	Yes
Implementation Schedule:	
Executing Entity:	No
Executing Entity Category:	No
Minor project objective change:	No
Safeguards:	No
Risk analysis:	No
Increase of GEF financing up to 5%:	No
Location of project activity:	No
Other:	No

Minor amendments

1. Institutional Arrangement for the project Execution. This is about changing of the execution of some activities by countries and panafrican agency to ensure more ownership of the project by the key partners

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2. Budget reallocation as result of the above institutional execution arrangement changes

5.2 Table B: History of project revisions and/or extensions (TM)

Version	Type	Signed/Approved by UNEP	Entry Into Force (last signature Date)	Agreement Expiry Date	Main changes introduced in this revision

GEO Location Information:

The Location Name, Latitude and Longitude are required fields insofar as an Agency chooses to enter a project location under the set format. The Geo Name ID is required in instances where the location is not exact, such as in the case of a city, as opposed to the exact site of a physical infrastructure. The Location & Activity Description fields are optional. Project longitude and latitude must follow the Decimal Degrees WGS84 format and Agencies are encouraged to use at least four decimal points for greater accuracy. Users may add as many locations as appropriate. Web mapping applications such as OpenStreetMap or GeoNames use this format. Consider using a conversion tool as needed, such as: <https://coordinates-converter.com> Please see the Geocoding User Guide by clicking here

Location Name	Latitude	Longitude	GEO Name ID	Location Description	Activity Description
Mauritania	18.7604	-12.0771			
Senegal	14.4974	-14.4524			
Gambia	13.4432	-15.3101			
Mali	17.5739347	-3.9861092			
Niger	17.5968801	8.0828506			
Nigeria	9.077751	8.6774567			
Chad	15.4541	18.7322			
Ethiopia	9.149175	40.498867			
Burkina Faso	12.2395	-1.5584094			

Please provide any further geo-referenced information and map where the project interventions is taking place as appropriate. *

[Annex any linked geospatial file]