

UNEP GEF PIR Fiscal Year 2023

Reporting from 1 July 2022 to 30 June 2023

1. PROJECT IDENTIFICATION

1.1. Project details

This entire table is to be prepared by Task Managers

1. IDENTIFICATION

Identification Table	GEF ID.: 10634	Umoja no.: GFL-11207-14AC0003-S1-32GFL-000662-SB-017842
Project Title	Harnessing the Great Green Wall Initiative (GGWI) for a Sustainable and Resilient Sahel	
Duration	Planned	24 months
months	Extension(s)	
Division(s) Implementing the project	Division: Division of Ecosystems Unit: GEF Biodiversity and Land Degradation Unit	
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's	
	Panafican Agency of Great Green Wall	
	UNCCD Secretariat-GM	
	UNEP Africa Office	
	UN-Decade for Ecosystems Restoration	
Project Type	Medium Size Project	
Project Scope	Regional	
Region	Africa	
Countries	Burkina Faso, Chad, Djibouti, Ethiopia, Eritrea, Mali, Mauritania, Niger, Nigeria, Senegal, Sudan.	
Programme of Work	MTS 2022-2025 and PoW 2022-2023 Nature Action sub-programme Indicators: iii) Mainstreaming of biodiversity and enhanced uptake of ecosystem-based approaches for the sustainable management and/or restoration of terrestrial, freshwater and marine areas at all levels with UNEP support	
GEF Focal Area(s)	Land Degradation	
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 target(s) and SDG indicator(s)		SDG 15.2 By 2020, promote the implementation of sustainable management of all types of forests, halt deforestation, restore degraded forests and substantially increase afforestation and reforestation globally Indicator: 15.2.1 Progress towards sustainable forest management SDG 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 Indicator: 15.3.1 Proportion of land that is degraded over total land area
GEF financing amount		2,000,000 USD
Co-financing amount		19,511,822 USD
Date of CEO Endorsement		9 th November 2020
Start of Implementation		3 rd February 2021
Date of first disbursement		3 February 2021
Total disbursement as of 30 June 2023		1,105,696 USD
Total expenditure as of 30 June 2023		1,105,696 USD
Expected Mid-Term Review Date		NA
Completion Date	Planned	December 2022
	Revised	December 2024
		June 2024
Expected Financial Closure Date		December 2024

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. History of project revisions

To be completed by Task Managers

Version	Date	Main changes introduced in this revision
Rev0 (CEO ED)	November 9, 2020	N/A
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RevN (latest version at the time of this PIF)		

2. OVERVIEW OF PROJECT STATUS

To be completed by UNEP Task Manager

2.1. UNEP Subprogramme(s)

Insert the Subprogramme(s) and biennia of the PoW to which the project contributes	Specify the relevant Expected Accomplishment(s) & Indicator(s)
MTS 2022-2025 and PoW 2022-2023 Nature Action sub-programme	Indicators: iii) Mainstreaming of biodiversity and enhanced uptake of ecosystem-based approaches for the sustainable management

	and/or restoration of terrestrial, freshwater and marine areas at all levels with UNEP support
<p>1. Six (6) regional meetings supported by the project (Project inception workshop in Nouakchott Mauritania in May 2021, Panafrican Agency of GGW and national Agencies/Coordinations 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, have been opportunities to share with stakeholders ecosystem-based approaches for the sustainable management and/or restoration of terrestrial, freshwater and marine areas at all levels</p> <p>2. 8 countries out of 11 of the GGW Agency conducted national baseline assessment in their respective GGW area. The assessments were conducted in line with integrated ecosystems based management approach.</p>	

2.2. GEF Core Indicators (for all GEF 6 and later projects):

GEF Core Indicators	Indicative expected Results	
The project is considered to be soft and expected to create enabling environment (documented innovative options for SLM and stakeholders engagement; institutional and capacity needs assessments; innovative models to be scaled up; private sector and resources mobilization strategies; portfolio projects with transformation potentials, special issues related to gender and youth in the GGWI implementation) for replication and scaling up good practices and models through long term investments to achieve transformational changes in the Great Green Wall area. It is anticipated that in each of the around 15 GGWI participating countries 50 institutions (ministries, institutes, CSO, parliament; etc) and 250 individuals including 125 men and 125 women from (Private sectors investors, experts, consultants, etc) will make use of the project outputs to contribute in the implementation of the GGWI. Also at least 6 MEA national focal points (CBD, UNCCD, UNFCCC, Minamata, Ramsar, Rotterdam) and 4 National Programs/Plans coordinators (GGWI, etc) from 11 GGW Countries, PAAGGI making it 12 x 10 = 120 Experts, will benefit from the pilot capacity building activities.		
Indicator	Expected values at	
	Mid-term	End-of-project
11. Number of direct beneficiaries disaggregated by gender as co-benefit of GEF investment	n/a	1500

2.3. Implementation status and risk

	FY 2022__	FY 2023__	FY 20__	FY 20__	FY 20__
PIR #	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th
Rating towards outcomes (section 3.1)	S	S			
Rating towards outputs (section 3.2)	MS	S			

Risk rating (section 3.3)	M	M			
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Rating towards outcomes: The rating is S because the project is on track to achieve planned outcomes. Against the planned project outcomes, the following have been achieved: First iteration of the report on the institutional audit produced and is under review; (ii) Project concept Notes have been developed by countries which are using it to mobilize investments for the GGW Initiative; (iii) Concept Notes for GEF 8 resources mobilization developed by countries who are conducting negotiations with GEF operational Focal Points; (iv) 8 countries conducted analysis of good practices and opportunities for investment by private sector and also in support of women and youths initiatives; (v) Two (2) countries (Burkina Faso and Niger) took opportunities of UN Decade flagship submitted project which is approved, (vi) Draft report on Resources mobilization guidelines produced and is under review; (vii) Great green Wall countries and Panafrican Agency strengthen their working relation through internal retreat supported by the projects; and (viii) GGW Youth Caravane organized which strengthen the youths involvement in the GGW initiative; and (viii) Significant contribution to the advocacy on the initiative through successful side events during UNCCD COP 15. Based on the above, the project progress toward achieving the outcomes can be said to be Satisfactory. The adaptive management observed which consisted of working directly with the national GGW Coordination offices has helped to make significant progress.

Rating towards outputs: S. Despite the delays observed by the project at the start up, project outputs are being delivered.

Overall risk rating: The project Risk can be rated as Low. Conditions are favourable for meeting the project objectives.

Summary of status. Please structure as follows, highlighting progress, challenges and main achievements, as needed:

[section will be uploaded into the GEF Portal]

2.4. Co-financing

<p>Planned Co-finance Total: 19,511,822</p> <p>Actual to date: As of 30th June 2023 average 40% of pledged cofinancing (\$7,804,728) can be said to be mobilized. This is estimate is related to the level of commitment shown by cofinancing partners</p>	<p>The planned cofinancing are effectively being mobilised as the contributors are fulfilling their obligations as planned. The main challenge is related to the mobilisation of the Mali financing pledge as the country has experienced political instability which led to military coup and consequence suspension of international cooperation and financing. Despite this challenge, the achievement of the project objective is not at risk.</p>
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2.5. Stakeholder engagement

Stakeholder engagement	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 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. 2. 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. 3. The project participation and contributions to the Regional Steering Committee Meeting of the GGGI organized in Djibouti by the African Union GGWI coordination. 4. 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. 5. The project contributed and participated in 5 nationals GGW Coalitions (Mali, Mauritania, Chad, Burkina Faso and Senegal) establishment and discussions. 6. Engagement with youths including during the GGW Youths Caravane, women and CSO groups in all the above-mentioned meetings.
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2.6. Gender

Gender mainstreaming	<p>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</p>
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	<p>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.</p> <p>[section will be uploaded into the GEF Portal]</p>
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2.7. Environmental and social safeguards management

Environmental and social safeguards management	<p>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.</p> <p>[section will be uploaded into the GEF Portal]</p>
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2.8. Knowledge management

Knowledge activities and products	<p>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 Panafrikan Agency of the GGW, the UNCD-GM accelerators, UN Decade for Ecosystems Restoration for Flagship projects development, the CSO network for project development.</p> <p>[section will be uploaded into the GEF Portal]</p>
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2.9. Stories to be shared

Stories to be shared	<p>The project is instrumental in involvement new actors including the parliamentarians and indigenous people network in the GGWI processes. These have been very well appreciated at all level and has raised the profile of GEF, UNEP and the project in stakeholders engagement and building trust.</p> <p>The project has supported the first Forum of Private Sector Engagement in the GGW initiative.</p>
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3. PROJECT PERFORMANCE AND RISK

Based on inputs by the Project Manager, the UNEP Task Manager¹ will make an overall assessment and provide ratings of:

(i) Progress towards achieving the project Results(s)- see section 3.1

(ii) Implementation progress – see section 3.2

Section 3.3 on Risk should be first completed by the Project Manager. The UNEP Task Manager will subsequently enter his/her own ratings in the appropriate column.

3.1 Rating of progress towards achieving the project outcomes [copy and paste the CEO Endorsement (or latest formal Revision) approved Results Framework, adding/deleting outcome rows, as appropriate] Project objective and Outcomes	Indicator	Baseline level	Mid-term target	End-of-project target	Summary by the EA of attainment of the indicator & target as of 30 June 2023	Progress rating ²
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.	In collaboration with other partners/donors the project has supported development and validation of ToR for the institutional audit of the Panafrikan 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 Panafrikan Agency and the Bank, have signed a agreement to support the institutional audit. The project is part of the steering committee of the	S

¹ For joint projects and where applicable ratings should also be discussed with the Task Manager of co-implementing agency.

² Use GEF Secretariat required six-point scale system: Highly Satisfactory (HS), Satisfactory (S), Marginally Satisfactory (MS), Marginally Unsatisfactory (MU), Unsatisfactory (U), and Highly Unsatisfactory (HU).

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				<p>Five investments models for integrated approach identified in existing initiatives taken into account experiences from different initiatives and available for investment mobilisation</p> <p>A portfolio of investment opportunities for 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</p>	<p>process together with UNCCD/GM. The project will support validation of the audit with involvement of all key stakeholders</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Following the national baseline assessments conducted 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.</p>	<p>S</p> <p>S</p>
Outcome 1.1:						

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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	The draft 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	Areas for consideration for the capacity development identified by the institutional audit and are being considered for the Regional and National GEF 8 program concept notes.	s
	Number of Resource Mobilization and Deployment Strategies for the GGW to achieve LDN adopted by the GGW High Level Meeting and number of immediate opportunities for initial implementation identified	0		2	Project concept Notes have been developed by 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. Concept Notes for GEF 8 resources mobilization developed by countries who are conducting negotiations with GEF operational Focal Points	S

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					Various discussions are ongoing with private sector to support investment in the GGW countries. A resource mobilisation guideline is drafted and is under review.	
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 women and youths	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 project	S
	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	11 countries conducted baseline assessment and utilize the outcomes to develop concept notes to be submitted for GEF TF, GEF/LDCF and other donors targeted by each country. UN Decade has already adopted flagship for Burkina Faso and Niger	S

3.1 Rating of progress towards achieving the project outcomes [copy and paste the CEO Endorsement (or latest formal Revision) approved Results Framework, adding/deleting outcome rows, as appropriate] Project objective and Outcomes	Indicator	Baseline level	Mid-term target	End-of-project target	Summary by the EA of attainment of the indicator & target as of 30 June 2023	Progress rating²
				both horizontal and value chain dimensions.		
	Number of countries and partners who develop initiatives and take advantage of funding opportunities during project period to advance transformational change	0		TBD at inception workshop	Two (2) countries (Burkina Faso and Niger) took opportunities of UN Decade flagship submitted project which is approved 11 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 the GGWI	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 traditional funding mechanism	0		At least 20 partners	The project is instrumental in fostering collaboration and 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	S

3.1 Rating of progress towards achieving the project outcomes [copy and paste the CEO Endorsement (or latest formal Revision) approved Results Framework, adding/deleting outcome rows, as appropriate] Project objective and Outcomes	Indicator	Baseline level	Mid-term target	End-of-project target	Summary by the EA of attainment of the indicator & target as of 30 June 2023	Progress rating²
					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	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

Outputs/Activities ³	Expected completion date ⁴	Implementation status as of 30 June 2021 (%)	Implementation status as of 30 June 2022 (%)	Progress rating justification ⁵ , description of challenges faced and explanations for any delay	Progress rating ⁶
COMPONENT 1: Strengthening the institutional and governance framework for GGWI coordination and partnership					
Output 1.1: Output 1.1.1. 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	Q2 Yr 2 and Q4 Yr 2		60%	Draft report of the Panafrican Agency institutional audit available. Agreement signed and process launched for the African Development Bank support to the institutional audit	S
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	Q4Yr2		60%	Areas for capacity building plan identified in the draft institutional analysis report. Each country conducted national institutional arrangement assessment and recommendation made for improvement.	S
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	Q4Yr 2		60%	8 countries conducted baseline assessment which led to concept notes of project as tools for resources mobilisation Draft resource mobilisation guideline, available and is under review	S
Component 2: Identifying and prioritizing investment opportunities to transform key economic systems in the Sahel Region					

³ Outputs and activities (or deliverables) as described in the project logframe (and workplan) or in any updated project revision.

⁴ The completion dates should be as per latest workplan (latest project revision).

⁵ As much as possible, describe in terms of immediate gains to target groups, e.g. access to project deliverables, participation in receiving services; gains in knowledge, etc.

⁶ To be provided by the UNEP Task Manager

Outputs/Activities ³	Expected completion date ⁴	Implementation status as of 30 June 2021 (%)	Implementation status as of 30 June 2022 (%)	Progress rating justification ⁵ , description of challenges faced and explanations for any delay	Progress rating ⁶
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 ⁷ and Terrafrica given consideration to possibility of immediate pilot implementation, women and the youth with potential for scaling-up and achieving LDN	Q3Yr2		50%	Regional synthesis on innovative practice has been started with the validation of the ToR by all the countries and recruitment of consultants completed.	S
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.	Q4Yr 2		60%	Draft resources mobilisation guideline is available. Countries reported in their National Baseline Assessment Reports investments opportunities in their countries	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	Q4 Yr2		60%	National reports which include emerging opportunities are produced. Consultant for regional synthesis are identified.	S
Component 3. Convening relevant stakeholders to launch shared vision for the GGWI and Sahel region					

⁷ WOCAT : World Overview of Conservation Approaches and Technologies

Outputs/Activities ³	Expected completion date ⁴	Implementation status as of 30 June 2021 (%)	Implementation status as of 30 June 2022 (%)	Progress rating justification ⁵ , description of challenges faced and explanations for any delay	Progress rating ⁶
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	<i>Q3Yr2</i>		30%	ToR for institutional audit of the GGI is developed and validated. The recruitment process under AfD funding is launched; however the project has supported elaboration of preliminary institutional analysis report to serve the GEF 8 Program development among others.	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 stakeholders	<i>Q4Y2</i>		60%	11 countries establish priority areas for financing. Two (Burkina Faso and Niger) countries have accessed to UN Decade flagship project.	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	<i>Q3 2021</i>		60%	11 Countries Baseline reports include section on private sector engagement opportunities in the respective countries First Forum on engagement of private sector in the GGW organised in June 2023.	S
Output 3.1.4. A Framework for countries to leverage resources for adaptation and resilience is established with due consideration of gender issues	<i>Q4Yr2</i>		70%	National Baseline reports constitute a strong platform for designing adaptation projects in support of the GGWI implementation. 3 countries (Burkina Faso, Mali and Mauritania) are developing LDCF Projects in support of their national GGW action plan.	S

3.3. Risk Rating

Table A. Risk-log

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.

Risk	Risk affecting:	Risk Rating							Variation respect to last rating	
	Outcome / outputs	CEO ED	PIR 1	PIR 2	MTR	PIR 3 (this PIR)	PIR 4	PIR 5	Δ	Justification
Risk 1- Poor coordination (national, supranational)	Outcomes 1-3	2	L	L					=	
Risk 2 - Reluctance of financial partners	All outcomes & outputs	1	L	L					=	
Risk 3 - Limited capacity of local / technical institutions to support vulnerable communities in terms of adaptation	All outcomes & outputs	3	L	L					=	The various workshops on possible investment option have contributed to do awareness raising for national teams and Coordination on adaption options
Risk 4: : Poor access to resources (especially land) for women and young people / conflicts over resources	All outcomes & outputs	3	M	M					=	
Risk 5: Climatic disturbances (drought, flood)	All outcomes & outputs	3	H	H					=	
Risk 6: Insecurity in certain hot spot areas	All outcomes & outputs	2	H	H					=	The security situation in Sahel and in the GGW countries has become worse particularly in the some GGW countries including Burkina Faso, Mali and Niger. In Ethiopia, the political and conflict situation make it difficult to conduct even the baseline assessment.
Risk 7: COVID-19 Persistence	All outcomes & outputs	2	L	L					=	The COVID 19 pandemic has seriously dropped in the countries with daily updating near to zero. The positive evolution can be testified by the lifting of the different measures and restriction including public gathering, mask wearing, physical distancing etc.
Consolidated project risk		n.a	M	M					=	

Table B. Outstanding medium & high risks

List here **only risks from Table A above that have a risk rating of M or worse in the current PIR**

Risk	Actions decided during the previous reporting instance (PIR _{t-1} , MTR, etc.)	Actions effectively undertaken this reporting period	Additional mitigation measures for the next periods		
			What	When	By whom
Risk 4: Poor access to resources (especially land) for women and young people / conflicts over resources		Assessment of gender aspects including in Relation to Land Tenure in 11 countries	National Studies	2022 and 2023	National GGW coordinators with support from thematic Resource persons/Consultants
Risk 5: Climatic disturbances (drought, flood)		Assessment of Climate change situation in the GGW areas in 11 countries	National Studies	2022 and 2023	National GGW coordinators with support from thematic Resource persons/Consultants
Risk 6: Insecurity in certain hot spot areas		Assessment of security situation and impacts in the GGW area	National Studies	2022 and 2023	National GGW coordinators with support from thematic Resource persons/Consultants
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Add rows as needed to reflect additional risks					

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.
Medium 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.

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.

- ☐ Results framework
- ☐ Components and cost
- ☒ Institutional and implementation arrangements
- ☐ Financial management
- ☒ Implementation schedule
- ☐ Executing Entity
- ☒ Executing Entity Category
- ☐ Minor project objective change
- ☐ Safeguards
- ☒ Risk analysis
- ☐ Increase of GEF project financing up to 5%
- ☒ Co-financing
- ☐ Location of project activity
- ☐ Other

[Annex document linked to reported minor amendment]

Minor amendments	[Provide a description of the change that occurred in the fiscal year of reporting]
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Institutional and implementation arrangements	Due to difficulties in collaborating the Panafican Agency of the GGW, some activities have been executed directly by the National GGW coordination supported by national consultants. The execution of these activities was done through Small Scale Funding Agreements with funds transferred to countries
Financial management	
Executing Entity Category	From Regional Execution Entity, the project observed adaptive management which provided opportunities for national GGW coordination to execute activities and delivered planned results
Risk analysis	The National Assessment has included a risk assessment and how to implement better activities in the GGW area
Co-financing	The political situation in Mali has produced a change of co-financing pledges as most donors suspended their cooperation with the country

GEO Location Information: The Regional Nature of the project does not allow for specific project location. However, in next reporting period, location of each national GGW area will be provided with indication of suggestion on the ground activities

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](#)

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Great Green Wall Region	16.7522	30.4689	3371321	Great Green Wall Region	

Please provide any further geo-referenced information and map where the project interventions is taking place as appropriate. *
[Annex any linked geospatial file]

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