

UNEP GEF PIR Fiscal Year 2023

Reporting from 1 July 2022 to 30 June 2023

INSTRUCTIONS TO COMPLETE THIS PIR

1. *Instructions in blue are directed to Task Managers / Administrative Officers*
2. *Instructions in red are directed to Project Managers and Executing Agencies*
3. When filling up the respective cells, use the Normal style from the template. The text will look like this.

1. PROJECT IDENTIFICATION

1.1. Project details

Identification Table		GEF ID.:4087	Umoja no.:N/A
		SMA IPMR ID: N/A	Grant ID: N/A
		Project Short Title: Syria/IMP_BS	
Project Title		Implementation of National Biosafety Framework for Syrian Arab Republic	
Duration months	Planned	48 months	
	Extension(s)	N/A	
Division(s) Implementing the project		UN Environment Programme Ecosystems Division GEF Biodiversity and Land Degradation Unit Biodiversity and Land Branch	
Name of co-implementing Agency		N/A	
Executing Agency(ies)		Ministry of State for Environment Affairs, Syria	
Names of Other Project Partners		N/A	
Project Type		Medium Size Project	
Project Scope		National	
Region		West Asia	
Countries		Syria Arab republic	
Programme of Work		Sub programme: Foundational: Environmental Governance. Indicators: Nature Action: Outcome 2A/ Output 2.9/ indicator (i); Environmental Governance indicator (ii)	
GEF Focal Area(s)		Biodiversity	
UNSDCF / UNDAF linkages		N/A	
Link to relevant SDG target(s) and SDG indicator(s)		Goal 2: End hunger, achieve food security and improved nutrition and promote sustainable agriculture Target: 2.5 - By 2020, maintain the genetic diversity of seeds, cultivated plants and farmed and domesticated animals and their related wild species, including through soundly managed and diversified seed and plant banks at the national, regional and international levels [BIOSAFETY], and promote access to and fair and	

	equitable sharing of benefits arising from the utilization of genetic resources and associated traditional knowledge, as internationally agreed Indicator - 2.5.1: Number of plant and animal genetic resources for food and agriculture secured in either medium or long term conservation facilities Indicator - 2.5.2: Proportion of local breeds, classified as being at risk, not-at-risk or unknown level of risk of extinction	
GEF financing amount	US\$875,000.00	
Co-financing amount	US\$953,000.00	
Date of CEO Endorsement	29 October 2010	
Start of Implementation	14 April 2011	
Date of first disbursement	N/A	
Total disbursement as of 30 June 2021	N/A	
Total expenditure as of 30 June 2021	N/A	
Expected Mid-Term Review Date	N/A	
Completion Date	Planned	February 2016
	Revised	N/A
Expected Terminal Evaluation Date	N/A	
Expected Financial Closure Date	N/A	

1.2. Project description

The objective of Syrian implementation of National Biosafety Framework project is that by the end of this project, Syria has in place a comprehensive, workable and transparent national biosafety framework, in line with its national needs and priorities as well as its international obligations.

COMPONENT 1: Finalize, adopt and implement a fully functional and responsive regulatory regime in line with new developments, national needs and priorities and other international obligations

Expected Results

- Fully functional biosafety legislative system in place and working by 2015
- Application and enforcement of regulatory regime

COMPONENT 2: Establish an effective national mechanism for handling requests, carrying out risk assessment, and decision making for GMOs and their products

Expected Results

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Fully functional, effective and integrated system for Risk Assessment, Risk Management and Decision making on LMOs and their products in place ▪ Fully functional and integrated system in place for handling requests on LMOs and their products <p>COMPONENT 3: Set up a workable and fully functional system for monitoring, enforcement and emergency measures.</p> <p><i>Expected Results</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Establishment of roles, responsibilities and procedures for monitoring, enforcement and emergency measures ▪ Technical means for monitoring and inspections are in place ▪ Emergency measures established and made operational by MoE, and relevant Governmental & Non-Governmental Organisations. <p>COMPONENT 4: a fully functional improved system for public information, education and participation in decision making process</p> <p><i>Expected Results</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Access to information for the public ensured ▪ Public awareness of information sources and possibilities to influence the authorization process enhanced

1.3. History of project revisions - NA

Version	Date	Main changes introduced in this revision
Rev0 (CEO ED)		
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RevN (latest version at the time of this PIF)		

2. OVERVIEW OF PROJECT STATUS - NA

2.1. UNEP Subprogramme(s)

Insert the Subprogramme(s) and biennia of the PoW to which the project contributes	<p>Specify the relevant Expected Accomplishment(s) & Indicator(s) Insert the Subprogramme and Pow and Indicator(s) to which the project contributes</p> <p>Subprogrammes Nature action . Foundational: Environmental Governance</p> <p>PoW Indicators</p>
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	Nature Action: Outcome 2A/ Output 2.9/ indicator (i); Environmental Governance indicator (ii)
<p><i>The project was approved and PCA signed just as the war in Syria started. Project could not be started as GEF Funds could not be transferred to the country. We sought guidance from the UN country team at the time and were guided that the UN focus on humanitarian assistance and not development related work. In the absence of banks, UNDP could not administer funds transmitted through a Fax Authorisation and returned the funds. IA will initiated action for either a suspension or cancellation of the project</i></p>	
<p>[Section to be shared with relevant Regional and Global SubProgramme Coordinators]</p>	

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

GEF Core Indicators	Indicative expected Results	
<p><i>Discuss GEF core indicators targeted by the project, as well as expected results. (maximum one paragraph)</i></p>		
<i>Indicator</i>	<i>Expected values at</i>	
	<i>Mid-term</i>	<i>End-of-project</i>

2.3. Implementation status and risk - NA

[complete the fiscal year and select: 1st PIR; 2nd PIR; Final PIR; select HS; S; MS; MU; U; HU; unknown; not rated to rate the progress towards outcomes and outputs in third and fourth lines; select H; S; M; L; to rate risks for the fiscal year you are reporting in the fifth line. Add more columns if needed]

	FY 20__	FY 20__	FY 20__	FY 20__	FY 20__
PIR #	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th
Rating towards outcomes (section 3.1)					
Rating towards outputs (section 3.2)					
Risk rating (section 3.3)					

<p><i>Summary of status. Please structure as follows, highlighting progress, challenges and main achievements, as needed:</i></p> <p><i>Rating towards outcomes: The rating is X because this, this, and this. This should be aligned with progress reported on section 3.1.</i></p> <p><i>Rating towards outputs: Aligned with progress reported on section 3.2.</i></p> <p><i>Overall risk rating: justify consolidated project risk given on Table A in section 3.3.</i></p>

[section will be uploaded into the GEF Portal]

2.4. Co-financing

Planned Co-finance Total: <i>(total only)</i>	<i>Justify progress in terms of materialization of expected co-finance. State any relevant challenges.</i> <i>(maximum one paragraph)</i>
Actual to date: <i>Complete (in \$ and %). State the date for which this value is valid)</i>	

2.5. Stakeholder engagement

Stakeholder engagement	<i>Describe progress, challenges and outcomes on stakeholder engagement (based on the description of the Stakeholder engagement plan included at CEO endorsement). For older projects that did not have a Stakeholder Engagement Plan in the CEO Endorsement Document, simply mention any kind of stakeholder engagement activities undertaken during the reporting period.</i> <i>(maximum two paragraphs)</i> [section will be uploaded into the GEF Portal]
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2.6. Gender

Gender mainstreaming	<i>Describe progress, challenges and outcomes related to the gender-responsive measures documented at CEO Endorsement/ Approval in the gender action plan or equivalent. Older projects that were designed before gender mainstreaming should proactively report any possible gender benefits, as appropriate.</i> <i>(maximum two paragraphs)</i> [section will be uploaded into the GEF Portal]
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2.7. Environmental and social safeguards management

Environmental and social safeguards management	<i>Describe progress, challenges and outcomes related to the environmental and social safeguard-responsive measures documented at CEO Endorsement/ Approval in social safeguard action plan or equivalent. Older projects that were designed before environmental and social safeguard mainstreaming should proactively report any possible social safeguard benefits, as appropriate.</i> <i>(maximum one paragraph)</i> [section will be uploaded into the GEF Portal]
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2.8. Knowledge management

Knowledge activities and products	<i>Provide a narrative of knowledge activities/ products (when applicable), as outlined in knowledge management approved at CEO Endorsement/ Approval</i> <i>(maximum one paragraph)</i>
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2.9. Stories to be shared

Stories to be shared	<p><i>Optional for mature projects: Provide a brief summary of any especially interesting and impactful project results that are worth sharing with a larger audience, and/or investing communications time in, if any.</i></p> <p><i>(maximum one paragraph)</i></p> <p>[section to be shared with communication division/ GEF communication]</p>
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3. PROJECT PERFORMANCE AND RISK

Based on inputs by the Project Manager, the **UNEP Task Manager**¹ 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 - NA

[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 2022	Progress rating ²
Objective:					<i>Fill</i>	<i>Fill</i>
Outcome 1.1:					<i>Fill</i>	<i>Fill</i>
					<i>Fill</i>	<i>Fill</i>
					<i>Fill</i>	<i>Fill</i>
Outcome 1.2:					<i>Fill</i>	<i>Fill</i>
					<i>Fill</i>	<i>Fill</i>
					<i>Fill</i>	<i>Fill</i>

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).

3.2 Rating of progress implementation towards delivery of outputs - NA

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:					
Output 1.1: <i>Fill</i>	<i>Fill</i>	<i>Fill</i>	<i>Fill</i>	<i>Fill</i>	<i>Fill</i>
Activity 1.1.1 <i>optional (to be decided by TM⁷)</i>					
:					
Output 1.2: <i>Fill</i>	<i>Fill</i>	<i>Fill</i>	<i>Fill</i>	<i>Fill</i>	<i>Fill</i>
Output 1.3: <i>Fill</i>	<i>Fill</i>	<i>Fill</i>	<i>Fill</i>	<i>Fill</i>	<i>Fill</i>
<i>Add rows as needed to reflect the project structure</i>					

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

⁷ The Task Manager will decide on the relevant level of disaggregation (i.e. either at the output or activity level).

3.3. Risk Rating - NA

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	Outcomes 1-3	L	L	L	L	L			=	<i>This explanation should focus on what changed respect to the previous rating.</i>
Risk 2	All outcomes & outputs	M	M	M	M	L			↓	
Risk 3	Output 2.3	M	M	M	M	L			=	
:			M	L	L	L			=	
:					H	M			↓	
:					M	L			↓	
Risk k						M			↑	
Consolidated project risk		n.a	M	M	M	L			↓	<i>This section focuses on the variation. The overall rating is discussed in section 2.3.</i>

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					
Risk					
Risk					
:					
<i>Add rows as needed to reflect additional risks</i>					

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 - **Project never started due to the Political situation**
- A decision has to be made on Syria Biosafety Project

[Annex document linked to reported minor amendment]

Minor amendments	<p><i>[Provide a description of the change that occurred in the fiscal year of reporting]</i></p> <p><i>The project could not be initiated due to Syria crisis and conflict. Recommendation is to either suspend or cancel the project</i></p>
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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 Required field	Latitude Required field	Longitude Required field	Geo Name ID Required field <u>if</u> the location is not an exact site	Location Description Optional text field	Activity Description Optional text field
Damascus	N 33° 30' 36"	E 36° 17' 28"	Damascus		

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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