

GEF - PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION REPORT (PIR)

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1 PROJECT IDENTIFICATION

1.1 Project Details

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| GEF ID: 10002 | Umoja WBS: SB-011112.02 |
| SMA IPMR ID: 38890 | Grant ID: S1-32CBL-000001 |
| Project Short Title: Eswatini CBIT | |
| Project Title: Capacity Building for Enhanced Transparency in Climate Change Monitoring, Reporting and Verification (Eswatini) | |
| Duration months planned: | 36 |
| Duration months age: | 54 |
| Project Type: | Medium Sized Project (MSP) |
| Parent Programme if child project: | |
| Project Scope: | National |
| Region: | Africa |
| Countries: | Eswatini |
| GEF Focal Area(s): | Climate Change Mitigation |
| GEF financing amount: | \$ 1,000,000.00 |
| Co-financing amount: | \$ 270,000.00 |
| Date of CEO Endorsement/Approval: | 2019-08-01 |
| UNEP Project Approval Date: | 2019-11-07 |
| Start of Implementation (PCA entering into force): | 2019-12-23 |
| Date of Inception Workshop, if available: | 2020-11-19 |
| Date of First Disbursement: | 2020-03-02 |
| Total disbursement as of 30 June 2024: | \$ 629,500.00 |
| Total expenditure as of 30 June: | \$ 286,338.00 |
| Midterm undertaken?: | n/a |

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| Actual Mid-Term Date, if taken: | |
| Expected Mid-Term Date, if not taken: | |
| Completion Date Planned - Original PCA: | 2022-12-31 |
| Completion Date Revised - Current PCA: | 2025-06-30 |
| Expected Terminal Evaluation Date: | 2025-12-31 |
| Expected Financial Closure Date: | 2026-06-30 |

1.2 Project Description

Project Objective: Capacity Building for Enhanced Transparency in Climate Change Monitoring, Reporting and Verification

Component: Strengthen eSwatini's National Transparency & Monitoring, Reporting & Verification (MRV) framework for climate actions

This project will assist Eswatini in overcoming the barriers that prevent the country from meeting its international commitments as set out in Articles 4 and 13 of the Paris Agreement. The CBIT work will cover the establishment of an online MRV system, reporting tools, templates and training and capacity development of new and existing teams in transparency related activities. Effective engagement of data users and data suppliers in the MRV system will result in generation of good quality and timely climate reports. Continuous preparation of these reports using established institutions and engagement of stakeholders will increase ownership and uptake of report findings at all levels. This will lead to improved capacities of national teams to better meet the Paris Agreement MRV processes. Finally, improved quality of climate change data and information will result in policy decisions that are better informed by available evidence, thereby informing policy actions on GHG emissions reduction and increasing eSwatini's resilience to adapt to climate change.

Executing Agency: Ministry of Tourism and Environmental Affairs (MTEA)

Other Partners involved (targeted technical support): UNEP Copenhagen Climate Centre (UNEP-CCC)

1.3 Project Contacts

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| Division(s) Implementing the project | Climate Change Division |
| Name of co-implementing Agency | |
| Executing Agency (ies) | Ministry of Tourism and Environmental Affairs (MTEA) |
| names of Other Project Partners | N/A |
| UNEP Portfolio Manager(s) | Asher Lessels |
| UNEP Task Manager(s) | Julien Lheureux |
| UNEP Budget/Finance Officer | Fatma Twahir |
| UNEP Support Assistants | Kerubo Moseti |
| Manager/Representative | Dudzile Nhlengethwa-Masina |
| Project Manager | Simangele Mahlinza |
| Finance Manager | Thobani Hlatshwako |
| Communications Lead, if relevant | N/A |

2 Overview of Project Status

2.1 UNEP PoW & UN

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| UNEP Current Subprogramme(s): | Thematic: Climate action subprogramme |
| UNEP previous Subprogramme(s): | |
| PoW Indicator(s): | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Climate: (iii) Number of national, subnational and private-sector actors reporting under the enhanced transparency arrangements of the Paris Agreement with UNEP support. |
| UNSDCF/UNDAF linkages | UNDAF (2016-2022) Priority Area 1: "Poverty and inequality reduction, inclusive growth and sustainable development", under Outcome 1.2 "Communities and national institutions resilience and management of natural resources improved by 2020" |
| Link to relevant SDG Goals | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Goal 13: Take urgent action to combat climate change and its impacts |
| Link to relevant SDG Targets: | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 13.3 Improve education, awareness-raising and human and institutional capacity on climate change mitigation, adaptation, impact reduction and early warning |

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 | N/A | 30 Male | 30 | 25 males (58%). National stakeholders have benefitted from Project Steering Meetings, Inception workshops, technical working sessions, and national consultations workshops. |
| 11- People benefitting from GEF-financed investments | N/A | 30 Female | 30 | 18 females (42%). National stakeholders have benefitted from Project Steering Meetings, Inception workshops, technical working sessions, and national consultations workshops. |

Implementation Status 2023: 4th 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 | 4th PIR | MS | MS | M |
| FY 2023 | 3rd PIR | MS | MU | S |
| FY 2022 | 2nd PIR | MS | MS | M |
| FY 2021 | 1st PIR | S | MS | M |
| FY 2020 | | | | |
| FY 2019 | | | | |
| FY 2018 | | | | |
| FY 2017 | | | | |
| FY 2016 | | | | |
| FY 2015 | | | | |

Summary of status

Rating towards outcome:

Outcome: Institutional Framework and technical capacities for planning, monitoring, reporting NDC strengthened.

Progress towards achieving the outcome level indicators and targets is still ongoing. The project team is in place and actively working on implementing the project activities. While the work under some of the outputs (1, 4, 5, 6) is advanced, there is still much to be initiated and completed under outputs 2, 3 and 7. In particular, the MTEA is facing significant procurement delays in establishing the Climate Transparency Unit (output 2) and in hiring the consultancy firm that will be work on the National Climate Change Strategy and Action Plan update (output 3). It is however expected that the recently secured extension of the project timeline until 30 June 2025 will allow the team the time needed to complete the project. The project team will be in a better position to assess this in the 2nd quarter of 2025.

In the meantime, and because of the risks described below, the rating towards the outcome is considered as **Marginally Satisfactory (MS)**.

Rating towards outputs:

UNEP-CCC engaged the consultants to support the institutionalisation of the Unit and the IT Consultancy firm is on board. The MTEA has provided internal specialist technical support pending the finalization of the climate change bill currently under development which proposes new institutional arrangements by MTEA. Following the preparation of a budget and workplan revision, approved by UNEP in March 2024, the new technical completion date of the project is now 30 June 2025.

Output 1: Climate change coordination framework established for the Government of eSwatini and key stakeholders, with sectoral focal points to plan, track and report (internally) climate actions.

Significant progress has been made under this output. Three of the 4 main activities under this output are very advanced and nearing completion, including the gap and needs analysis for existing institutional arrangements for planning and implementing climate actions and a draft of the communications plan. The corresponding deliverables are also nearly completed after undergoing various rounds of review.

Output 2: Climate transparency unit institutionalized

Due to administrative constraints within the MTEA, the initial plan for establishing the Transparency Unit had to be revised. However, 3 members of the MTEA have been assigned to work with the project team as the “acting Transparency Unit”. They will be trained and guided for managing the MRV system and data until a Transparency Unit is officially established and consequently institutionalised. Activities under this output are behind schedule. The MTEA will have to prioritize the establishment of the Climate Transparency Unit in the 2nd half of 2024 to ensure this output is delivered before project completion.

Output 3: National Climate Change Strategy and Action Plan (NCCSAP) reviewed and updated to ensure that Nationally Determined Contribution (NDC) implementation is mainstreamed

No significant progress has been made so far, since the consultancy firm to undertake the work under output 3 still has to be hired by the MTEA. At the time of this report, the draft ToRs for the recruitment of the Consultancy Firm that will update the NCCSAP are currently under development. The MTEA will have to prioritize the recruitment of the consultancy firm in the 2nd half of 2024 to ensure this output is delivered before project completion.

Output 4: An online Monitoring, Reporting & Verification (MRV) platform established

The needs assessment of existing technological and institutional capacity for the development of an online data management platform is nearly completed. The International Firm has been contracted and has started work on developing the Online MRV Platform (also referred to as the NDC Registry). The work is progressing well.

Output 5: Tools, templates and guidelines for MRV of climate change data developed

Work under this deliverable is progressing well. The gap analysis report of current tools, templates and guidelines used in eSwatini's MRV system is completed and undergoing finalisation. The review of international good practice tools, templates and guidelines has commenced and will set the groundwork for the preparation of Eswatini templates and manuals (activities 5.3 and 5.4).

Output 6: Country-specific metrics, indicators and methodologies developed for tracking NDC climate actions

Work under this output builds on initial work completed in collaboration with the genesis team responsible for refining the NDC Implementation plan. The scoping exercise to identify existing data sources and monitoring mechanisms for NDC climate actions is nearly completed, and the project is working on developing indicators for country specific NDC mitigation and adaptation actions. The groundwork is established for a successful completing of the output.

Output 7: Capacity building delivered on the MRV system in Eswatini

This is the last output and it builds on the results of the other outputs, ensuring that personnel within the MTEA and other groups of key stakeholders are trained and equipped to manage and utilise the MRV system after the project is completed. Accordingly, many of the activities under this output are still to be started. These activities will start gaining momentum towards the end of year 2024.

Based on the above and the detailed analysis carried out in section 3.2, the project rating towards the achievement of output is considered as **Marginally Satisfactory (MS)**.

Overall risk rating:

The project faces a number of risks that could jeopardize its ability to reach the expected objective and targets by the time it reaches technical completion in June 2025. Amongst them is that MTEA is experiencing challenges in terms of completing project activities on time owing to the lapse of the GEF funded project staff contract (PMC budget was exhausted in 2023) which makes workload heavy on the MTEA's in-house staff, since their work is competing with other responsibilities.

In particular, the MTEA has been facing challenges in carrying out the recruitment process of the Climate Transparency Unit's IT expert (output 2) and the consultancy firm that will revise the National Climate Change Strategy and Action Plan (output 3). The MTEA needs to make these recruitment processes a priority during Q3 and Q4 of year 2024.

Finally, it is noteworthy to mention that stakeholder engagement and input of data into the MRV system being developed is outside the control of the project team. While the MTEA will utilise various techniques to facilitate the process of engaging the stakeholders and encouraging them to input data into the system, the fact that this is beyond the project's control could affect the usefulness of the MRV system once it is up and running. A course of action for mitigating this risk will be determined as the project enters its final year of implementation.

As such, the project is currently rated at **Moderate** risk.

2.4 Co Finance

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| Planned Co-finance: | \$ 270,000 |
| Actual to date: | 99,760 |
| Progress | <p>Justify progress in terms of materialization of expected co-finance. State any relevant challenges:</p> <p>During the period under review, the MTEA has mobilized US\$ 60,580 of in-kind co-financing. Adding to the US\$ 39,180 mobilized during previous reporting periods, this leads to a total of US\$ 99,760 mobilized since project start. The co-finance contributions from MTEA went towards the following: office equipment, salaries (Accountant, Project Coordinator, rent, telephone/internet, vehicle cost and other services / utilities (tel/fax, electricity/heating, maintenance).</p> |

2.5. Stakeholder

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| Date of project steering committee meeting | 2024-06-20 |
| Stakeholder engagement (will be uploaded to GEF Portal) | Given the delays in the start of project activities, a new inception event was organized on 21 November 2023, to bring national stakeholders up to speed. National stakeholders were first engaged through a questionnaire which was sent to participants prior to the inception meeting. This questionnaire aimed at building an understanding of current levels of knowledge and capacity to gather, analyse, |

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| | <p>share and report on climate and sustainable development challenges, plans, actions, progress and wider impacts. This also was meant to identify existing strengths and needs as well as contact points for representatives that have an interest in providing data, expertise or making use of related data for decision making and strategies.</p> <p>The inception meeting was followed by a two-days training workshop that was held on the 22-23 November 2023. The main focus of the on the training of key stakeholders on “NDC Tracking: Improving indicators, filling CTF Tables and introducing the BTR road map tool”.</p> <p>The entire event lasted 3 days, from the 21st of November to the 23rd of November 2023. On the first day, stakeholders were reintroduced to the project through an inception meeting that also served the purpose of stakeholder engagement for data gathering. This built on the scoping questionnaire, which was distributed to all stakeholders before the workshop, allowing an exploration of the initial data provided by some stakeholders, while others took the opportunity to clear up any doubts or uncertainties that developed during the delays experienced by the project. In addition, a stakeholder mapping exercise was conducted. The results from the analysis of the data gathered before, during and after the inception meetings (primarily through the questionnaire instruments) will contribute strongly to deliverables 1, 2, 3, 4, 16, 20 & 24 of the project.</p> <p>The second and third days of the workshop focused on training of key stakeholders on “NDC Tracking: Improving indicators, filling CTF Tables and introducing the BTR road map tool”. This aimed at helping the MTEA and other key stakeholder better understanding the reporting protocols under the ETF, which will lead to the development of Eswatini’s first BTR in late 2024, a process that the CBIT project is also contributing to.</p> <p>Representatives from Eswatini also participate in the Global Transparency Forum held in Tokyo, Japan, in May 2024, organized by the Capacity-building Initiative for Transparency Global Support Programme (CBIT-GSP). The event was an opportunity for peer learning from other countries that are also implementing CBIT projects.</p> <p>There was a Project Steering Committee Meeting held on the 20th of June 2024 with 12 members in physical attendance. Representative of UNEP and UNEP-CCC participated virtually in the meeting. The meeting provided a project progress update and reported on the challenges and administrative delays of the project.</p> |
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2.6. Gender

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| Does the project have a gender action plan? | Yes |
| Gender mainstreaming (will be uploaded to GEF Portal): | <p>The in-country training workshop that was held on the 22-23 November 2023, was attended by over 31 national stakeholders with 52% representation by women and 48% by men representing government departments, parastatals and private sector with some of the sectors represented being Energy, Waste, Forestry, Disaster Risk reduction and Management.</p> <p>The third Project Steering Committee meeting was held on the 20th of June 2024 with 12 members in attendance of which 4 females out of 12 members were in attendance. This accounts to a 40% representation of females and 60% of males.</p> |

2.7. ESSM

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| 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 | |

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| safeguards management | The is project was rated at “Low” safeguard risk category as it mainly focuses on normative issues, i.e., institutional capacity building toward improved reporting on NDC so the government meets the transparency requirements on the climate change commitments and reports the progress in a reliable manner. |
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2.8. KM/Learning

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| Knowledge activities and products | In the period under review, no significant progress has been achieved in regard to knowledge management. |
| Main learning during the period | The Global Transparency Forum held in Japan in May 2024 by The Capacity-building Initiative for Transparency - Global Support Programme (CBIT-GSP) provided a peer learning from other countries that are also implementing CBIT projects. |

2.9. Stories

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| Stories to be shared | N/A |
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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: Capacity Building for Enhanced Transparency in Climate Change Monitoring, Reporting and Verification | Indicator 1: Number of sectoral development plans integrating NDC implementation targets | 0 | N/A | 1 | 0 | While the project is making progress, this target has not been met due to the delay caused by the administrative challenges faced by MTEA. The attainment of this target depends on implementation of most of activities of the project, progress towards achieving this end-of-project target will likely only be measurable in the 1st half of year 2025. | MS |
| Outcome: Institutional Framework and technical capacities for planning, monitoring, reporting NDC strengthened | Indicator 1.1: Number of visits per month to the public MRV platform | 0 | N/A | 30 | 0 | Focal points are yet to be appointed; however focal institutions have been identified. The MRV platform is currently being developed, together with the building of capacity to manage it. It is expected the MRV online platform will be operational by the end of year 2024. The project will be in a better position to assess this indicator in the 2025 PIR | MS |
| | Indicator 1.2: Number of sectoral focal points for NDC implementation tracking providing data concurrently to the established platform as per | 0 | N/A | 4 | 0 | While some training has been provided to technical sectoral teams, the process of providing data has not yet started due to the MRV system still being under development. The project will be in a | MS |

| 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 |
|--------------------------------|--|--------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------|---|--|-----------------|
| | guidelines | | | | | better position to assess this indicator in the 2025 PIR. | |
| | Indicator 1.3: Climate Transparency Unit annual workplan is approved | Unit not yet established | N/A | Yes | No | The Climate Transparency Unit was not yet officially established, however, some members of the MTEA are acting in various roles in the meantime. As such, the CTU he workplan is yet to be approved. | MS |

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 | Output 1: Climate change coordination framework established for the Government of eSwatini and key stakeholders, with sectoral focal points to plan, track and report (internally) climate actions. | 2024-06-30 | 5% | 75% | Activities under this output are ongoing. New tentative completion date: 31 October 2024 | S |
| Strengthen Eswatini's National Transparency & MRV framework for climate actions | Activity 1.1: Conduct a gap and needs analysis for existing institutional arrangements for planning and implementing climate actions | 2024-03-31 | 10% | 80% | New tentative completion date: 31 July 2024 This activity is being finalised with the completion and approval of the corresponding deliverable | S |
| | Activity 1.2: Review the outputs from activities 9.1.2 and 9.1.3 of the proposed FNC/BUR project with regards to potential efficiency increases of existing institutional arrangements relating to the MRV System | 2024-03-31 | 10% | 90% | New tentative completion date: 31 July 2024 The results of the review are incorporated into the gap and needs analysis report, which is being finalised. | 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 |
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| | Activity 1.3: Provide technical support to develop a legal and regulatory framework to implement proposed institutional arrangements | 2024-03-31 | 0% | 80% | New tentative completion date: 31 August 2024 This activity is largely completed, with the corresponding deliverable(s) being reviewed before finalisation. | S |
| | Activity 1.4: Establish communication plan, including the potential use of planned engagement activities to promulgate the outputs of this component | 2024-03-31 | 0% | 50% | New tentative completion date: 31 October 2024 While a template and draft of the communication plan has been developed and discussed, the plan is to incorporate this with the existing communication structure of the government of Eswatini. This process is being explored as part of the activity. | MS |
| | Output 2: Climate transparency unit institutionalized | 2025-06-30 | 3% | 7% | Due to administrative constraints within the MTEA, the initial plan for establishing the Transparency Unit had to be revised. Three members of the MTEA have been assigned to work with the project team as the "acting Transparency Unit". They will be trained and guided for managing the MRV system and data until a Transparency Unit is officially established and subsequently institutionalised. | MS |
| | Activity 2.1: Analyse constraints and barriers in establishing the proposed Transparency Unit | 2024-06-30 | 0% | 50% | Partially completed. Delays in completion are due to administrative constraints within the MTEA and the revision of the initial plan for establishing the transparency unit. New tentative completion date: 31 October | MS |

| 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 |
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| | | | | | 2024 | |
| | Activity 2.2: Engage two consultants to operationalize the Transparency Unit | 2024-03-31 | 20% | 50% | Partially done. The IT Expert from MTEA team is available, while the IT consultant ToRs are under development. It was also agreed in the latest project revision that the MTEA would appoint its own in-house staff to coordinate the Climate Transparency Unit, so only the IT expert will be hired. New Tentative Completion Date: 30 September 2024 | MU |
| | Activity 2.3: Coordinate and maintain the MRV online system within the Transparency Unit | 2025-06-30 | 0% | 0% | MRV online system not yet developed. This will start once the online system is operational. | MS |
| | Activity 2.4: Regularly engage the Transparency Unit and the National Climate Change Committee to ensure coordination of secretariat functions | 2025-06-30 | 0% | 5% | Transparency Unit partially established but NCCC currently non-functional. The work under this activity will start in the 2nd half of 2024. | MS |
| | Activity 2.5: Advise the Transparency Unit on technical aspects of proposed institutional arrangements and supporting legal and regulatory framework | 2025-06-30 | 0% | 0% | Institutional Arrangements and Regulatory framework not yet in place. The work under this activity will start in the 2nd half of 2024. | MS |
| | Activity 2.6: Prepare handover materials and conduct training to ensure that the consultant roles will be replaced by government staff | 2025-06-30 | 0% | 0% | Activity not yet done. An interim Transparency Unit has been recently established but it is not officially established yet. The IT Consultant has not yet been recruited. The work under this activity will start in the 2nd half of 2024 | MS |
| | Activity 2.7: Provide project information to the CBIT Global | 2025-06-30 | 0% | 10% | During workshops and meetings organized | 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 |
|-----------|---|--------------------------|---|--|--|-----------------|
| | Coordination Platform | | | | under the CBIT Global Support Programme, information requested by the GSP is provided as per the request. Further information will be provided to the GSP by the MTEA over the next 12 months, as activities progress on the CBIT Eswatini project | |
| | Output 3: National Climate Change Strategy and Action Plan (NCCSAP) reviewed and updated to ensure that Nationally Determined Contribution (NDC) implementation is mainstreamed | 2025-06-30 | 10% | 10% | Most activities under this output are still in their initial stages, since the MTEA still needs to hire a consultancy firm to work on this output. | MU |
| | Activity 3.1: Update the National Climate Change Strategy and Action Plan (NCCSAP) and develop M&E framework for the NCCSAP to align with the NDC | 2024-06-30 | 30% | 30% | The consultancy firm's recruitment process is still at infant stage (drafting ToRS). This activity will likely start towards the end of year 2024. New tentative completion date: 31 June 2025 | MU |
| | Activity 3.2: Hold consultations with climate change framework focal points and technical working groups, as identified in output 1, to develop sectoral strategies as part of the updated NCCSAP | 2024-06-30 | 5% | 5% | The consultation process was initiated, but there is limited progress since the recruitment of the consultancy firm in charge of this activity has not yet taken place. New tentative completion date: 30 September 2024 | MU |
| | Activity 3.3: Undertake public consultation process to finalize the updated NCCSAP and present to Parliament | 2024-09-30 | 0% | 0% | Process not started. The consultancy firm needs to be hired by the MTEA. New tentative completion date: 31 March 2025 | MS |
| | Activity 3.4 Produce annual NCCSAP implementation reports in close coordination with the Transparency Unit | 2025-03-31 | 0% | 0% | NCCSAP not yet updated. The consultancy firm needs to be hired by the MTEA. New tentative completion date: 31 March 2025 | MS |

| 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 |
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| | Output 4: An online Monitoring, Reporting & Verification (MRV) platform established | 2025-03-31 | 0% | 28% | Activities under output 4 are ongoing. The completion of activity 4.1 will set the groundwork for completing the other activities. The resulting MRV system will be initially populated with the assistance of the “acting transparency unit”, together with the project team. | S |
| | Activity 4.1: Conduct a needs assessment of existing technological and institutional capacity for the development of an online data management platform | 2024-03-31 | 0% | 90% | New tentative completion date: 31 July 2024 The needs assessment is completed and is being finalised after review from the project team and the MTEA. | S |
| | Activity 4.2: Establish an online portal to support MRV system reporting and policy planning | 2025-03-31 | 0 | 10% | SRS for the system has been drafted and is under review. The work on the online portal will continue during the 2nd half of 2024. | S |
| | Activity 4.3: Engage stakeholders to provide input on the structure of the online platform including other relevant reporting requirements (e.g., SDG data | 2024-06-30 | 0% | 10% | Some stakeholder engagement has been conducted in the initial assessment of existing technological and institutional capacity, however, this is to be followed up with more targeted engagement in the 2nd half of 2024. New tentative completion date: 31 December 2024 | MS |
| | Activity 4.4: Populate the portal with data on challenges and vulnerabilities, sectoral climate actions, action indicators, investment, the wider impacts of actions, and supporting data such as stakeholder contact information, key datasets, etc. (continuous activity) | 2025-03-31 | 0% | 0% | The initial population of the MRV system being developed will be supported by the acting transparency unit. The complete population of the system will be an ongoing process to be managed and completed by the MTEA (through a | 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 |
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| | | | | | transparency unit) as the necessary data is gathered and/or becomes available. This activity will begin in the 2nd half of 2024, once the online portal is established. | |
| | Output 5: Tools, templates and guidelines for MRV of climate change data developed | 2025-03-31 | 0% | 25% | Progress is being made on the activities under this output. The completion of activity 5.1 will lay the groundwork for the completion of the other activities. | S |
| | Activity 5.1: Conduct gap analysis of current tools, templates and guidelines used in eSwatini's MRV system | 2024-03-31 | 0% | 90% | This activity is largely completed and the gap analysis report is being finalised. New tentative completion date: 31 July 2024 | S |
| | Activity 5.2: Review international good practice tools, templates and guidelines and evaluate their applicability in eSwatini's MRV system | 2024-06-30 | 0% | 10% | This activity has commenced and is being tailor to match the context of Eswatini. The report will be finalized in October 2024. New tentative completion date: 31 October 2024 | MS |
| | Activity 5.3: Develop country-specific templates to streamline data collection and reporting for government and data providers | 2024-12-31 | 0% | 0% | Work on this activity will commence in Q3 2024. The timeline for completion remains the same. | S |
| | Activity 5.4: Develop material including a national GHG manual to support the development of long-term institutional memory | 2024-12-31 | 0% | 0% | Work on this activity will commence in Q3 2024. The timeline for completion remains the same. | S |
| | Output 6: Country-specific metrics, indicators and methodologies developed for tracking NDC climate actions | 2024-12-31 | 1% | 26% | Many of the activities under this output were advanced in coordination with other transparency projects being undertaken in Eswatini. The results will be further enhanced under this project. The planned | 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 |
|-----------|--|--------------------------|---|--|---|-----------------|
| | | | | | completion date remains end of December 2024 | |
| | Activity 6.1: Conduct scoping exercise to identify existing data sources and monitoring mechanisms for NDC climate actions | 2023-12-31 | 5% | 80% | The report is under development. This scoping exercise is largely completed and the results are being reviewed. New tentative completion date: 31 August 2024 | MS |
| | Activity 6.2: Develop indicators for country specific NDC mitigation and adaptation actions | 2024-09-30 | 0% | 40% | Significant work has been done on this activity together with the genesis team during the refinement of the NDC Implementation Plan. New tentative completion date: 31 October 2024 | S |
| | Activity 6.3: Develop methodologies for data collection activities associated with NDC action indicators | 2024-09-30 | 0% | 10% | While work under this activity has commenced, it is still in the initial stage and will follow the development of the complete list of indicators. New tentative completion date: 31 December 2024 | S |
| | Activity 6.4: Conduct stakeholder engagements to collect updated baseline data for developed indicators | 2024-09-30 | 0% | 0% | Stakeholders will be engaged and consulted for baseline data (adding to data already available at the MTEA) after the complete list of indicators is finalised, in Q4 2024. Data collection will follow the methodologies to be developed under activity 6.3. New tentative completion date: 31 December 2024 | S |
| | Activity 6.5: Update the NDC as needed to ensure alignment with NCCSAP | 2024-09-30 | 0% | 0% | This activity will be commenced when the draft NCCSAP is completed and approved. | MS |

| 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 |
|-----------|---|--------------------------|---|--|--|-----------------|
| | | | | | Given the delays incurred by the MTEA in the implementation of activities under output 3, it is uncertain whether this activity can be completed on time. New tentative completion date: 31 December 2024 | |
| | Output 7: Capacity building delivered on the MRV system in Eswatini | 2025-03-31 | 3% | 11% | New tentative completion date: 30 June 2025 This is the final output and most of its activities will only be conducted after the MRV system have been developed and stakeholder validation is completed. | MS |
| | Activity 7.1: Conduct needs assessment for capacity building exercises within relevant institutions such as government departments responsible for tracking NDC implementation | 2023-12-31 | 3% | 30% | Progress made during stakeholder engagement activity on the 21st of November 2023. Additionally, data is still being gathered through questionnaire instruments distributed to stakeholders in November 2023. The data analysis will be completed once a sufficient number of stakeholders have completed the questionnaires and it is considered representative of the Eswatini context. This activity is closely related to activity 1.1 and most of the results are presented in D1 (which is being finalised). New tentative completion date: 31 December 2024 | MS |
| | Activity 7.2: Build capacity among national experts in improved GHG inventory processes such as IPCC inventory methodologies, QA/QC tools, inventory management and reporting templates | 2024-06-30 | 0% | 10% | Various members of the MTEA have been included in the project team to build their capacity. They will act as the | MS |

| 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 |
|-----------|--|--------------------------|---|--|---|-----------------|
| | | | | | Transparency Unit, until an official Transparency Unit is established. New tentative completion date: 31 December 2024 | |
| | Activity 7.3: Develop and implement a capacity building program for focal points, technical working groups and stakeholders involved in NDC indicator tracking and reporting | 2024-06-30 | 0% | 0% | Activity delayed. This activity will be commenced once the other outputs are sufficiently advanced. New tentative completion date: 30 June 2025 | MU |
| | Activity 7.4: Build capacity for stakeholders on data supply and data quality | 2024-09-30 | 0% | 0% | Activity delayed. This activity will be commenced once the other outputs are sufficiently advanced. New tentative completion date: 30 June 2025 | MU |
| | Activity 7.5: Develop a 'train the trainers' scheme by providing support and materials that will enable capacity building exercises to be continued post-project | 2024-09-30 | 0% | 0% | Activity delayed. This activity will be commenced once the other outputs are sufficiently advanced. New tentative completion date: 30 June 2025 | MU |
| | Activity 7.6 Engage decision makers on how to integrate climate information into national policy | 2025-03-31 | 5% | 5% | Activities ongoing. The timeline for completion remains the same. This activity will be commenced once the other outputs are sufficiently advanced. Nonetheless, the draft Climate Bill currently being discussed by the government of Eswatini presents an opportunity for advancing this activity | MS |
| | Activity 7.7: Conduct peer exchange at the regional and international level | 2024-12-31 | 0% | 30% | MTEA attended the Global Transparency Platform in Tokyo in May 2024, and the GHG Inventory Preparation and Reporting Workshop. The MTEA will work towards attending additional peer exchange | 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 |
|-----------|-----------------|--------------------------|---|--|---|-----------------|
| | | | | | events until project completion in June 2025. New tentative completion date: 30 June 2025 | |

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 | Moderate | Moderate |
| 3 Implementation schedule | Moderate | Low |
| 4 Budget | Low | Low |
| 5 Financial Management | Low | Low |
| 6 Reporting | Moderate | Low |
| 7 Capacity to deliver | Moderate | Moderate |

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 |
|--|-----------------------------------|--------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------------|---|---|
| Lack of data availability. These impacts on the completeness and accuracy of the analyses that we perform (GHG inventories and policy analysis). | All | H | M | M | M | M | | M | = | The justification as highlighted in the PIR 2023 still suffices for the PIR 2024 since progress on climate change coordination and implementation |

| Risks | Risk affecting: Outcome / outputs | CEO ED | PIR 1 | PIR 2 | PIR 3 | PIR 4 | PIR 5 | Current PIR | Δ | Justification |
|---|-----------------------------------|--------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------------|---|--|
| | | | | | | | | | | have been delayed in the climate change program. The Fourth National Communications, the initial Biennial Update Report project, and the NDC project which are intrinsically linked to the CBIT project, have covered considerable groundwork in improving data collection and working to improve its completeness. However, there are still problems in certain sectors that are poorly organized. This is a gap rather than a risk. As such, addressing this gap will be one of the goals of this CBIT project. This risk shall also be addressed through the actions No. 7 and 8 outlined in section 4.3 below. |
| Staff turnaround at the national level. This provides inconsistent pool of experts throughout the project | All | M | N/A | N/A | M | L | | L | ↓ | The replacement of the National Programme coordinator who resigned in the reporting period from government service, is likely to impact the project administration further as it transitions to new management. The NPC plays a critical role in the operational and technical guidance on transparency issues to the project and acted as the liaison between the Project Management Unit and the Government. To |

| Risks | Risk affecting: Outcome / outputs | CEO ED | PIR 1 | PIR 2 | PIR 3 | PIR 4 | PIR 5 | Current PIR | Δ | Justification |
|---|-----------------------------------|--------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------------|---|---|
| | | | | | | | | | | overcome this challenge, the MTEA has appointed an interim Project Coordinator from its in-house staff. |
| Limited sustainability of project impact due to reliance on external experts | All | M | L | L | L | L | | L | = | The Ministry continuously avails opportunities for various trainings at national and international (virtually) level to capacitate local experts to build their self-sufficiency. To date the GHG inventory and mitigation assessment is now equipped with quite a number of experts |
| Data confidentiality. This could mean that useful data are not available to the project team. | All | M | M | M | M | M | | M | = | There has been no significant change in this risk. It has been observed that national stakeholders still show reluctance in sharing data under the guise of confidentiality. The implementation and finalization of project activities is expected to help overcome this challenge. In particular, this risk should be addressed through actions No. 7 and 8 outlined in section 4.3 below. |
| Lack of buy-in from Government/Ministries. This does not ensure that activities are given the support and prioritization required to create a sustainable system. | All | M | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | | N/A | | Since the implementation of project activities is at early stage. the governments'/ministries' buy-in on the project's activities will be imminent. MTEA will continue to assess the level of buy-in/collaboration from ministries in |

| Risks | Risk affecting: Outcome / outputs | CEO ED | PIR 1 | PIR 2 | PIR 3 | PIR 4 | PIR 5 | Current PIR | Δ | Justification |
|---|-----------------------------------|--------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------------|---|--|
| | | | | | | | | | | the next PIR (2025). |
| 2021 PIR: Restrictions related to the COVID 19 pandemic (i.e. in-person meetings, travel, etc.) in Eswatini | All | | M | L | L | L | | L | = | All COVID-19 restrictions in relation to in-person meetings lifted. |
| 2021 PIR: Lengthy administrative, financial and procurement processes within the MTEA | All | | S | M | M | M | | M | = | Procurement policy has been developed and financial accounts created, however, since not all administrative issues are resolved the risk to the project is still there. This risk is associated with the Moderate risk for category "Capacity to deliver" in section 4.1 above. This risk shall be addressed through actions No. 1 to 6 outlined in section 4.3 below. |
| 2021 PIR: The current civil unrest that Eswatini is experiencing is impacting the implementation of project activities | | | M | L | L | L | | L | ↓ | The country has been gradually stabilizing in regard to politics |
| 2021 PIR: Delay in starting the implementation of project activities will impact the project's overall technical completion date | | | M | M | S | L | | L | ↓ | The project implementation has already started and some of the project activities are near completion. A new extension was approved by UNEP, bringing the project's technical completion date to 30 June 2025. |
| 2022 PIR: The administrative / legal transition of UDP to UNEP-CCC caused significant delays to the implementation of the majority of the project's activities. | | | | M | S | L | | L | ↓ | UNEP-CCC has now engaged all the experts and IT Firm that will be undertaking the work under its responsibility |
| 2022 PIR: Delayed engagement of the MTEA's Project Management Unit staff to | | | | M | L | L | | L | = | Project staff contract lapsed and were replaced with in-house staff |

| Risks | Risk affecting: Outcome / outputs | CEO ED | PIR 1 | PIR 2 | PIR 3 | PIR 4 | PIR 5 | Current PIR | Δ | Justification |
|--|-----------------------------------|--------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------------|---|---|
| support project activities. | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2023 PIR: Lack of progress in the recruitment of Climate Transparency Unit Staff | Output 2 | | | | M | M | | | | An Interim Climate Transparency Unit (CTU) has been established with acting staff. however the CTU's IT consultant has still not been hired by the MTEA. This risk is associated with the Moderate risk for category "Capacity to deliver" in section 4.1 above. This risk shall be addressed through actions No. 1 to 6 outlined in section 4.3 below. |
| 2023 PIR: Turnover of UNEP-CCC coordination staff and delayed hiring of international and national consultants by UNEP-CCC | All Outputs | | | | S | L | | L | = | The UNEP-CCC Coordination staff has been stabilized over the course of the reporting period and both international and national consultants are on board. |
| 2023 PIR: Staff turnover within the MTEA | All | | | | M | L | | L | ↓ | The resignation of the Climate Change Programme Coordination and the termination of the CBIT Project Coordinator's contract due to exhaustion of PMC budget has deepened the delays in project progress of the activities under MTEA oversight. While the interim Project Coordinator (who is in house staff from the MTEA) is still trying to acquaint herself with the project. she has been very supportive in coordinating project activities and |

| Risks | Risk affecting: Outcome / outputs | CEO ED | PIR 1 | PIR 2 | PIR 3 | PIR 4 | PIR 5 | Current PIR | Δ | Justification |
|--|-----------------------------------|--------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------------|---|---|
| | | | | | | | | | | preparing reports during the period under review. |
| 2024 PIR: Delayed recruitment of the Climate Transparency Unit IT expert | | | | | | M | | M | | IT Consultant Terms of References drafted but not yet finalized. This causes a delay in the full operationalization of the Transparency Unit. This risk is associated with the Moderate risk for category "Capacity to deliver" in section 4.1 above. This risk shall be addressed through actions No. 1 to 6 outlined in section 4.3 below. |
| 2024 PIR: Delayed recruitment of a Consultancy Firm to update the National Climate Change Strategy and Action Plan | | | | | | M | | M | | Terms of References for Consultancy Firm still being drafted. This causes a delay in the updating of the National Climate Change Strategy and Action Plan. This risk is associated with the Moderate risk for category "Capacity to deliver" in section 4.1 above. This risk shall be addressed through actions No. 1 to 6 outlined in section 4.3 below. |
| 2024 PIR: Lack of national stakeholders' ownership of and contributions to the MRV system | | | | | | M | | M | | Stakeholder engagement and input of data into the MRV system being developed is outside the direct control of the project team. While the MTEA will utilise various techniques to facilitate the process of engaging the stakeholders and encouraging |

| Risks | Risk affecting: Outcome / outputs | CEO ED | PIR 1 | PIR 2 | PIR 3 | PIR 4 | PIR 5 | Current PIR | Δ | Justification |
|-------|-----------------------------------|--------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------------|---|---|
| | | | | | | | | | | them to input data into the system. the fact that this is beyond the project's control could affect the usefulness of the MRV system once it is up and running. This risk is associated with the Moderate risk for category "Governance Structure - Oversight" in section 4.1 above. This risk shall be addressed through actions No. 7 and 8 outlined in section 4.3 below. |
| | | | M | M | S | M | | M | ↓ | The project faces a number of risks that could jeopardize its ability to reach the expected objective and targets by the time it reaches technical completion in June 2025. Amongst them is that MTEA is experiencing challenges in terms of completing project activities on time owing to the lapse of the GEF funded project staff contract (PMC budget was exhausted in 2023) which makes workload heavy on the MTEA's in-house staff, since their work is competing with other responsibilities. In particular, the MTEA has been facing challenges in carrying out the recruitment process of the Climate |

| Risks | Risk affecting: Outcome / outputs | CEO ED | PIR 1 | PIR 2 | PIR 3 | PIR 4 | PIR 5 | Current PIR | Δ | Justification |
|-------|-----------------------------------|--------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------------|---|---|
| | | | | | | | | | | <p>Transparency Unit's IT expert (output 2) and the consultancy firm that will revise the National Climate Change Strategy and Action Plan (output 3). The MTEA needs to make these recruitment processes a priority during Q3 and Q4 of year 2024. Finally, it is noteworthy to mention that stakeholder engagement and input of data into the MRV system being developed is outside the control of the project team. While the MTEA will utilise various techniques to facilitate the process of engaging the stakeholders and encouraging them to input data into the system, the fact that this is beyond the project's control could affect the usefulness of the MRV system once it is up and running. A course of action for mitigating this risk will be determined as the project enters its final year of implementation. As such, the project is currently rated at Moderate risk.</p> |

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 |
|---|--|---|------|------|---------|
| 2023 PIR: Lack of progress in the recruitment of Climate Transparency Unit Staff | Action 1 [2023]: PMU to organize an online meeting between the UNEP, the PMU, and MTEA management to discuss the status of the Climate Transparency Unit staff recruitment | Meeting completed. Clarifications were provided on the establishment of the CTU. | | | |
| 2023 PIR: Turnover of UNEP-CCC coordination staff and delayed hiring of the consultants by UNEP-CCC | Action 2 [2023]: Once recruitments are completed. UNEP-CCC to prepare a revised work plan with updated completion dates for all of its activities and share it with MTEA / UNEP Action 3 [2023]: Implementation progress is to be assessed in January 2024 as part of the July-December 2023 Half-Yearly Progress Report. to determine the length of the extension MTEA would need to complete the project | Action 2: Action completed. Workplan with updated completion dates has been revised Action 3: Action completed. Implementation progress was assessed and used to prepare the workplan revision and extension request. | | | |
| 2023 PIR: Staff turnover within the MTEA | Action 4 [2023]: National Project Director to arrange for an online meeting with | Action completed. CBIT co-ordination responsibilities assigned to in-house officer | | | |

| Risk | Actions decided during the previous reporting instance (PIRt-1, MTR, etc.) | Actions effectively undertaken this reporting period | What | When | By Whom |
|--|--|--|--|---|---------|
| | the UNEP Task Manager to discuss project coordination implications following the resignation of the National Climate Change Programme Coordinator. | in MTEA. | | | |
| 2024 PIR: Delayed recruitment of Climate Transparency Unit IT expert | N/A | N/A | Action 1 [2024]: the MTEA needs to finalize the TORs for the IT expert no later than mid-September 2024 Action 2 [2024]: the MTEA needs to advertise the position for the IT expert by end of September 2024 latest Action 3 [2024]: The contract between the MTEA and the selected IT expert should be signed by end of November 2024 latest. | Action 1: By 15 September 2024 Action 2: By 30 September 2024 Action 3: By 30 November 2024 | MTEA |
| 2024 PIR: Delayed recruitment of a Consultancy Firm to update the National Climate Change Strategy and Action Plan | N/A | N/A | Action 4 [2024]: the MTEA needs to finalize the TORs for the consultancy firm no later than mid-September 2024 Action 5 [2024]: the MTEA needs to advertise the position for the consultancy firm by end of | Action 4: By 15 September 2024 Action 5: By 30 September 2024 Action 6: By 30 November 2024 | MTEA |

| Risk | Actions decided during the previous reporting instance (PIRt-1, MTR, etc.) | Actions effectively undertaken this reporting period | What | When | By Whom |
|---|--|--|---|--|---------|
| | | | September 2024 latest Action 6 [2024]: The contract between the MTEA and the selected consultancy firm should be signed by end of November 2024 latest. | | |
| Lack of national stakeholders' ownership of and contributions to the MRV system | N/A | N/A | Action 7 [2024]: to strengthen national ownership and buy-in. the MTEA will organize at least 2 workshops with relevant national stakeholders on the development and operationalization of the online MRV system. The reports and attendance lists of the 2 workshops will be shared with UNEP. | Action 7: Between September 2024 and June 2025 | MTEA |
| | | | Action 8 [2024]: the MTEA shall develop alternative ways to incentivize the sectoral focal points' uptake / ownership of the MRV system (i.e. for example through the issuance of certificates to the sectoral focal points when they | By 31 March 2025 | MTEA |

| Risk | Actions decided during the previous reporting instance (PIRt-1, MTR, etc.) | Actions effectively undertaken this reporting period | What | When | By Whom |
|------|--|--|---|------|---------|
| | | | share / upload their climate data on the MRV portal as per the protocols, etc.). Incentive proposals shall be shared with UNEP in Q1 2025. | | |

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: | No |
| Components and Cost: | No |
| Institutional and implementation arrangements: | No |
| Financial Management: | No |
| 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

Implementation Schedule: given the delays incurred by the project with the procurement of experts, the planned technical completion date of the project was revised to 30 June 2025 (budget / workplan revision 3), instead of 30 June 2024 previously.

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 |
|---------------------------|-----------|-------------------------|--|-----------------------|--|
| Original legal instrument | | 2019-11-06 | 2019-12-31 | 2022-12-31 | N/A |
| Revision 1 | Extension | 2023-03-31 | 2023-05-09 | 2024-06-30 | The project was originally planned to start in January 2020. but due to delays faced by the MTEA in setting up the project management unit and delays related to Covid-19. the project was only kicked off in November 2020. While the implementation of project activities was expected to gain momentum in 2021. these have been further delayed due to the administrative and procurement challenges faced by the MTEA in entering into an agreement with the UNEP-DTU Partnership. The new planned technical completion is now 30 June 2023. |

| Version | Type | Signed/Approved by UNEP | Entry Into Force (last signature Date) | Agreement Expiry Date | Main changes introduced in this revision |
|------------|-----------|-------------------------|--|-----------------------|--|
| Revision 2 | Extension | 2023-03-21 | 2023-03-27 | 2025-06-30 | The MTEA was to subcontract the UNEP-DTU Partnership (UDP) to provide targeted technical support on a number of project activities. As a result of administrative and legal challenges associated with UDP's transition to the new UNEP Copenhagen Climate Centre (UNEP-CCC) entity, this arrangement could not materialize and this impacted the project's overall workplan. The revision was aimed to accommodate the aforementioned challenges. The project was extended to accommodate these challenges, with a new technical completion date on 30 June 2024. |
| Revision 3 | Extension | 2024-03-15 | 2024-04-10 | 2026-06-30 | In addition to the |

| Version | Type | Signed/Approved by UNEP | Entry Into Force (last signature Date) | Agreement Expiry Date | Main changes introduced in this revision |
|---------|------|-------------------------|--|-----------------------|--|
| | | | | | transition of UDP to the new UNEP-CCC entity. UNEP-CCC's procurement activities associated with its technical assistance took longer than anticipated, impacting the project's overall implementation schedule the procurement. The revision factored in the delays and also rephase unspent funds from previous years to the subsequent years 2024 and 2025. The new planned technical completion date is now 30 June 2025 and agreement expiry is 30 June 2026 |

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

N/A

[Annex any linked geospatial file]