



Project Implementation Report

(1 July 2023 – 30 June 2023)

Project Title:	Programme for cleantech innovation and green jobs - Phase 2
GEF ID:	10826
UNIDO ID:	190103
GEF Replenishment Cycle:	GEF-7
Country(ies):	Morocco
Region:	MNA - Middle East and North Africa
GEF Focal Area:	Climate Change Mitigation (CCM)
Integrated Approach Pilot (IAP) Programs¹:	n/a
Stand-alone / Child Project:	Child Project of Global Cleantech Innovation Programme
Implementing Department/Division:	ENE / CTI
Co-Implementing Agency:	n/a
Executing Agency(ies):	Department of Sustainable Development at the Ministry of Energy Transition and Sustainable Development and 4 C MAROC
Project Type:	Medium-Sized Project (MSP)
Project Duration:	60 Months
Extension(s):	None
GEF Project Financing:	USD 913,242
Agency Fee:	USD 82,192
Co-financing Amount:	USD 3,078,000
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UNIDO Approval Date:	12/17/2021
Actual Implementation Start:	12/31/2022
Cumulative disbursement as of 30 June 2023:	USD 103,500
Mid-term Review (MTR) Date:	30 June 2024
Original Project Completion Date:	31 March 2026
Project Completion Date as reported in FY22:	N/A
Current SAP Completion Date:	12/31/2025
Expected Project Completion Date:	31 March 2026
Expected Terminal Evaluation (TE) Date:	15 January 2026
Expected Financial Closure Date:	30 Sept 2026
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I. Brief description of project and status overview

Project Objective	
<p>The project's objective is to support sustainable and inclusive economic growth by strengthening regional innovation ecosystems that promote clean technology innovation and entrepreneurship in start-ups and SMEs.</p> <p>GCIP Morocco has three components, in line with the GCIP Framework, which have been designed based on the current needs of developing countries, including Morocco, as well as recommendations from the GEF's independent evaluation of GCIP conducted in 2018, and with feedback from the previous nine GCIP country projects implemented between 2013 and 2019.</p> <p>As part of the GCIP Framework, the GCIP Morocco receives support from the GCIP global coordination child project (GEF ID: 10461), further referred to as GCIP Global. More specifically, it is supported by global project executing entities (global PEEs), including the Network for Global Innovation (NGIN), the Cleantech Group (CTG), the Private Financing Advisory Network (PFAN), and UNIDO.</p> <p>In particular, the project will:</p> <p>1) Transform early-stage innovative cleantech solutions into scalable enterprises;</p> <p>The focus is on early-stage innovative cleantech solutions and provision of acceleration support related to entrepreneurship and business skills training. In addition, targeted technical assistance will be offered to the start-ups/SMEs that were accelerated and have traction and sales evidence, but which still need specialized enterprise growth support. Furthermore, a start-ups/SMEs in the expansion stage will receive tipping-point investment facilitation services to raise investment.</p> <p>2) Strengthen the capacities of cleantech innovation and entrepreneurship ecosystem (CIEE) stakeholders and connect them;</p> <p>Activities are designed to maximize the impact of GCIP by strengthening national cleantech ecosystems of GCIP partner countries, identifying synergies across national ecosystems, and connecting ecosystems for knowledge exchange and partnership building. At the national child project level, development of policies and regulations to promote cleantech innovation will be prioritized.</p> <p>3) Engage with the GCIP global coordination child project to ensure programme coordination and coherence;</p> <p>In order to maintain coherence and standards of GCIP execution across multiple countries, GCIP guidelines will be developed under the GCIP Global and disseminated as a tool for national child projects for adaptation and adoption.</p> <p>The core project indicators are presented in the table below.</p>	
Project Indicators (For the entire project duration)	Expected at Endorsement/Approval stage
1 Greenhouse Gas Emissions Mitigated (metric tons of CO ₂ e)	108,000 (directly) and at 540,000 (indirectly)
2 Number of direct beneficiaries disaggregated by gender as co-benefit of GEF investment	Female: 165 Male: 385 Total: 550
3 Number of enterprises with economic gains (sales, savings)	30-45 (at least 30% women-led)
4 Number of additional jobs created or retained	40 (at least 30% women employed)
5 Number of enterprises with an increase in exports	5-10 (at least 30% women-led)
6 Number of SMEs with increased inclusion in value chains	10-15 (at least 30% women-led)
7 Number of new technologies adopted	10

Baseline

Building on the success and the lessons learned within GCIP in the first phase with 4 annual editions and considering the increased need to accelerate the pace of cleantech innovation, UNIDO together with the Ministry of Energy Transition and Sustainable Development has developed this project. The project is in line with the GEF’s Climate Change Mitigation Focal Area Strategy under the GEF-7 Programming Directions and the GEF Private Sector Strategy. It is also fully aligned with key national priorities of Morocco and UNIDO’s mandate to promote inclusive and sustainable industrial development (ISID).

With a population of about 36.4 million (2019), Morocco was classified by the World Bank as a lower middle-income country, with an income of USD 3,204 per capita. Ranked 121st (of 189 countries) in the UNDP’s Human Development Index 2020, Morocco was in the medium human development category. The country ranked 64th (of 193 countries) in the 2020 Sustainable Development Report. Agriculture, forestry, and fishery constituted the second largest share of the active labor force in 2016 with 38%, followed by the service sector with 41%. Central sectoral policies have been credited with impressive achievements over the past decade: e.g., power supply was made available for 98% of the population and 93% of citizens were provided with access to drinking water. Despite the country’s successes, major inequalities have remained in terms of access to employment and social services, especially for women and people with disabilities. Unemployment (especially amongst young people, women, and disadvantaged groups) and insufficient vocational skills have been identified as significant challenges to the development of the labor market. Sustainable economic growth is regarded as the key to promoting employment, together with further incentives to promote and strengthen cooperation across academic, public, and private sectors. The government of Morocco is committed to a socially oriented market economy. It has adopted a stability-oriented monetary, fiscal, and exchange rate policy. The 2011 constitutional reform, which resulted in the creation of 12 regions and the structuring of sectors into ecosystems, provided the basis for reforms that have subsequently been undertaken to address the constraints of foreign competition and accelerate the country’s integration into the global space.

Over 92% of Moroccan businesses are classified as Micro, Small- and Medium-Sized Enterprises (MSMEs). In 2011, they generated 10% of the country’s gross domestic product (GDP) and represented 20% of bank loans to enterprises. Despite Morocco’s significant progress in expanding MSMEs’ access to finance, the majority of financing has actually been allocated to primarily medium-sized enterprises. Smaller enterprises are still confronted with challenges in accessing loans, as they cannot provide collateral when applying for credit lines. Rural regions are particularly affected due to the meagre presence of financial institutions

Overall Ratings ³	FY23(current)	FY22(previous)
Global Environmental Objectives (GEOs) / Development Objectives (DOs) Rating	Satisfactory (S)	Unknown
GCIP Morocco is operating well and the call for applications has exceeded those of previous editions in quantity and quality of applications. The project has effectively engaged regional hubs and is on track to achieve its main environmental objectives.		
Implementation Progress (IP) Rating	Satisfactory (S)	Unknown
The project was able to launch its call for applications, hold evaluation sessions, exchange with the Moroccan green entrepreneurial ecosystem, maintain a proximity with the former winners, recruit qualified mentors, train PMU members, train 45 regional mentors and stakeholders, and connect with four regional hubs. Nevertheless, there remains a study of the CIEE to be undertaken, which is delayed due to late receipt of funds.		
Overall Risk Rating	Low Risk (L)	Unknown
The main risk was related to the new regional format of the competition, but thanks to the partnership with four hubs with experience in innovative projects, this risk has been reduced.		

³ Please refer to the explanatory note at the end of the document and assure that the indicated ratings correspond to the narrative of the report

II. Targeted results and progress to-date

Description of the progress made in achieving the outputs against key performance indicator's targets in the project's **M&E Plan/Log-Frame at the time of CEO Endorsement/Approval**:

Please see an annex attached.

III. Project Risk Management

1. The overall project-level risks and the related risk management measures: (i) as identified in the CEO Endorsement document, and (ii) progress to-date.

	(i) Risks at CEO stage	(i) Risk level FY 22 (previous)	(i) Risk level FY 23 (current)	(i) Mitigation measures	(ii) Progress to-date	New defined risk ⁴
1	Institutional risk. Lack of absorptive capacity by the national counterpart	low	low	Capacity building of the PMU and PEE throughout the project.	Trainings attended and coordination meetings with UNIDO for every aspect of the project (please the Section VIII on Implementation progress for list of trainings).	<input type="checkbox"/>
2	Institutional Risk. Insufficient administrative and organizational capacity of the supporting PEE (4C Maroc) for successful execution of the project.	low	low	An organizational assessment (a micro assessment under the Harmonized Approach to Cash Transfers framework) was conducted to evaluate potential execution risks. The results showed the risks to be low in all areas under consideration.	No additional progress for FY23 to report.	<input type="checkbox"/>
3	Institutional Risk. Insufficient technical capacity of the PEE for successful execution of the project.	low	low	The PEE was nominated by the GEF OFP in consultation with key stakeholders as the most appropriate national agency to execute the project. In addition, it has already accumulated relevant experience and expertise through GEF-6 GCIP 1 and therefore it is assumed that it has the pertinent mandate and technical capacity for successful achievement of the project objective and associated outputs and activities.	No additional progress for FY23 to report.	<input type="checkbox"/>
4	Institutional Risk. Lack of effective coordination between various project partners.	low	low	Proper coordination will be ensured through the establishment of the Project Steering Committee (PSC) and ad-hoc working groups will be formed if necessary.	PSC was established and two meetings were held to coordinate between key stakeholders.	<input type="checkbox"/>
5	Operational Risk. On-going global restrictions due to global shocks (e.g., COVID-19)	low	low	In case of travel and/or group meeting restrictions, the GCIP 2 Morocco trainings and meetings/events will be organized online.	No additional progress for FY23 to report.	<input type="checkbox"/>
6	Sustainability Risk. Lack of ownership of project	low	low	A GCIP 2 Morocco sustainability and exit strategy	No additional progress for FY23 to report.	<input type="checkbox"/>

⁴ New risk added in reporting period. Check only if applicable.

	results and inability to source funding to continue the activities in the medium and long term.			will be developed based on a framework delivered by the GCIP Global, and it will among others include specific considerations related to a formal project closure process (based on targets achieved by the GCIP 2 Morocco) and long-term sustainability of the achieved results.		
7	Market risk. Lack of interest by entrepreneurs and other stakeholders to participate to GCIP Morocco II.	low	low	Outreach and communication activities to promote the call for projects.	Efforts were made to actively engage key stakeholders through a dedicated communication strategy to promote the GCIP Morocco competition and as a result 253 applications were received.	<input type="checkbox"/>
8	Political Risk. Lack of political support to mainstream innovative cleantech.	low	low	The project is supported by the Government of Morocco, and different ministries have been involved in the design of the project. The Ministry's co-financing is also a strong signal of the government's interest in the cleantech sector.	The government demonstrated a strong engagement. Leila Benali, Morocco's Minister of Energy Transition and Sustainable Development attended GCIP's launch at COP 27.	
9	SMEs/entrepreneurs lack the capacity / awareness to properly identify and mitigate the E&S risks related to their technology.	medium	low	Impact of E&S risks in the training modules during the National Academy and later in a specific webinar.	Impact assessment training will be conducted during the Accelerator webinar series in Q3-Q4 2023.	<input type="checkbox"/>
10	Lack of experience in the newly regional format of the competition.	medium	low	Meticulous care in the selection of 4 regional hubs with detailed review of mentors and regional centre coaching. Engagement of known partners to GCIP Morocco PMU with specific track record.	Coordination meetings were held with regional hubs online and the final meeting was held in person at their premises to ensure a thorough on-boarding. Four trainings were organized for hub members and experts on the GCIP approach.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
11	Market Risk.Lack of interest by entrepreneurs and other stakeholders to participate in the GCIP 2 Morocco.	medium	medium	Outreach and communications activities will be a key component of the GCIP 2 Morocco in the lead-up to the opening of application process and throughout the project to attract entrepreneurs, potential sponsors, and partners, and mentors and judges. More specifically, the GCIP 2 Morocco knowledge management, communication, and advocacy strategy will be developed to guide these efforts.	253 applications were received as a result of GCIP Morocco's outreach and communication activities.	<input type="checkbox"/>
12	Market Risk. Failure of businesses supported by GCIP 2 Morocco.	medium	medium	The GCIP guidebooks (for Accelerator, Advanced Accelerator, and	The GCIP Accelerator Guidebook was adapted to the	<input type="checkbox"/>

				Post- Accelerator) will be comprehensive documents that articulate the GCIP approach to promoting cleantech innovation and entrepreneurship in developing countries. As such, they will help ensure that the businesses supported have real market potential. In particular, the GCIP 2 Morocco guidebooks will define eligibility requirements and selection criteria for the participants.	national circumstances.	
13	Financing Risks. Incentive and financial support system are insufficient.	low	low	The outreach and communications activities will be targeted at, among others, financing institutions, venture capitalists, and angel investors. Moreover, the strong GCIP brand, and the direct involvement of renowned global PEEs are expected to build confidence of national and international financiers. The PSC will include at least one representative of a financing institution or an investor.	GCIP Morocco engaged with financing institutions, including VC Averroes and will connect entrepreneurs with investors in Q3-Q4 2023.	<input type="checkbox"/>
14	Social and Gender Risks.	low	low	To ensure gender inclusiveness of all project activities, UNIDO methodology for gender assessment and gender responsive communication showing the benefits of gender equality for both women and men will be applied. To mainstream women and youth entrepreneurship, adequate and gender responsive communication strategy will be implemented, and sensitization workshops will be organized. A full gender analysis was carried out and its recommendations were incorporated into the project design.	A gender responsive communication strategy is to be carried out in Y2.	<input type="checkbox"/>
15	Climate Change Risks.	low	low	Climate change it is not likely to have severe impacts on this project. The extent to which climate risks affect the outputs and outcomes of the project will depend on the cleantech innovations supported as part of the project. Possible impacts of climate risks could relate to cleantech innovations dependent on biomass or water supplies, in which case their raw material sourcing would be affected. There are also potential impacts that could affect a business due to logistic disturbances, disruptions to production, effects to working conditions or to the market, increased utility prices and costs for insurance, finance, or imports. To safeguard against	An impact assessment training will be conducted for the entrepreneurs in Q3-Q4 2023 during the Accelerator 2023 to identify and mitigate any climate change risks.	<input type="checkbox"/>

				<p>climate risks the screening of technologies for selection for GCIP support will include an assessment of the climate risks over the next 30 years, and where a risk is identified it will be necessary for the SME/entrepreneur to propose suitable adaptation or management measures. Climate risk will be included in the E&S criteria. GIZ's Climate Expert Tool could be used as one tool available to entrepreneurs. Technologies that receive support from the project will continue to be reviewed against local climate risks, as part of the support provided within the accelerator. For further details on the climate vulnerabilities and their mitigation measures, please refer to the Environmental and Social Management Plan (Annex J).</p>		
16	Environmental Risks	medium	medium	<p>It is recognized that some technologies that could potentially be supported by the GCIP 2 Morocco, such as the use of block chain, could lead to major GHG emissions, unless powered entirely by renewable energy. Similarly, technologies related to energy storage can have harmful environmental impacts if not managed effectively. Therefore, any cleantech innovation supported by the GCIP 2 Morocco will need to meet strict environmental screening criteria. In addition, an Environmental and Social Management Plan (ESMP) was prepared to mitigate the environmental (and social) risks.</p>	<p>An impact assessment training will be conducted for the entrepreneurs in Q3-Q4 2023 during the Accelerator 2023 to identify and mitigate any environmental risks.</p>	

2. If the project received a [sub-optimal risk rating \(H, S\)](#) in the previous reporting period, please state the [actions taken](#).

No sub-optimal risk rating in the previous reporting period.

3. Please indicate any implication of the **COVID-19** pandemic on the progress of the project.

Currently there is no COVID-19 threat or risk for the project activities.

4. Please clarify if the project is facing delays and is expected to request an extension.

The project follows its overall planning despite a slight delay - less than 2 months - in some activities due to the delay in receiving funds by the national PEEs.

5. Please provide the main findings and recommendations of completed MTR, and elaborate on any actions taken towards the recommendations included in the report.

N/A

IV. Environmental and Social Safeguards (ESS)

1. As part of the requirements for **projects from GEF-6 onwards**, and based on the screening as per the UNIDO Environmental and Social Safeguards Policies and Procedures (ESSPP), which category is the project?

Category A project

X Category B project

Category C project

(By selecting Category C, I confirm that the E&S risks of the project have not escalated to Category A or B).

E&S risks	Mitigation measures undertaken during the reporting period	Monitoring methods and procedures used in the reporting period
Risks identified during preparation of the CEO Approval Request		
Increasing GHG emissions due to selection of clean technology (e.g., blockchain, land use change...)	Strict E&S criteria and screening of potential cleantech supported to minimize negative impacts of cleantech on workers and beneficiaries. The possible environmental and social impacts and any mitigation measure for each technology will be assessed by an expert. Support will also be provided to entrepreneurs to maximize the environmental benefits associated with the cleantech innovation	All applications are reviewed by experts of the Department of Sustainable Development for compliance with the project's environmental impact requirements
Unintended harmful environmental impacts from hazardous materials used in cleantech innovations (e.g., mining, manufacture and decommissioning of batteries/PV)	Strict E&S criteria and screening of potential cleantech supported to minimize negative impacts of cleantech. In case of proven E&S risk, the application will not be accepted if mitigation measures are not included	The possible environmental and social impacts are assessed through the methodology and other tools provided by GCIP and Impact Forecast. Where necessary, further expertise and training will be provided to help the entrepreneurs minimise the negative impacts. This specific training is an important contribution of the support provided within the accelerator.

<p>Unintended pollution / waste disposal from the cleantech innovations</p>	<p>Strict E&S criteria and screening of potential cleantech supported to minimize negative impacts of cleantech. A high attention is given to environmental risks and the methodology and tools developed by UNIDO GCIP and Impact Forecast are spread widely among the entrepreneurs, mentors and judges</p>	<p>Every application within the accelerator and post-acceleration is assessed to meet strict criteria including environmental and social impacts. Further expertise and training will be provided to help the entrepreneurs minimise the negative impacts. This specific training is an important contribution of the support provided within the accelerator.</p>
<p>SMEs/entrepreneurs lack the capacity/awareness to properly identify and mitigate the E&S risks related to their technology</p>	<p>Inclusion of impact of E&S risks in the training modules and special modules on how to calculate the carbon emissions A specific webinar is scheduled on sustainability and another webinar on Tracking & Monetizing Impact</p>	<p>Mentors were trained to identify potential E&S risks and to provide mentoring on climate mitigation to SMEs to avoid potentially adverse impacts. If avoidance is not possible, to reduce and minimize potential adverse impacts. If reduction or minimization is not sufficient to mitigate, then support will not be provided</p>
<p>Cleantech innovations do not deliver the pledged impacts</p>	<p>The innovative technologies will be assessed by technical judges/mentors during the competition. The innovations will be verified by key partner institutions as part of the post competition support</p>	<p>The judges and mentors will include whenever necessary technical experts from The Ministry of Sustainable Development in the relevant field. Support provided will include maximizing environmental benefits and associated trainings. Strict monitoring of innovations will be carried out post-GCIP support</p>
<p>SMEs/entrepreneurs do not comply with national regulation requirements (e.g., products do not meet quality/safety standards)</p>	<p>During the Accelerator phase, the PEE will verify that innovations comply with national regulation requirements and post –support monitoring will check compliance before funding the 6 winning startups</p>	<p>Mentors with expertise on national regulation requirements verified the compliance with national regulations during the national academy,</p>
<p>SMEs/entrepreneurs do not comply with national regulation requirements relating to working conditions and health and safety regulations</p>	<p>During the Accelerator phase, the PEE & PMU is widely reaching the SMEs' on national regulation compliance requirements and post – support monitoring will check compliance before funding the 6 winning start-ups</p>	<p>Mentors with expertise on national regulation requirements to support SMEs/entrepreneurs in Occupational Safety and Health and high standards of safe working conditions. Stringent monitoring of innovations will be carried out post-GCIP support</p>
<p>Cleantech innovation has a negative social or environmental impact on SME workers or beneficiaries (e.g., hazardous materials)</p>	<p>Strict E&S criteria and screening of potential cleantech supported to minimize negative impacts of cleantech on workers and beneficiaries</p>	<p>Every application for support from the accelerator and post-acceleration will need to meet strict criteria including environmental and social impacts. The possible environmental and social impacts, and mitigation measures proposed, of each technology is assessed by an expert. Where necessary, expertise will be used to help the entrepreneurs to minimise the negative impacts.</p>

Low participation rates of females in project participation	Social safeguarding to ensure gender is mainstreamed throughout the project design. An important effort is done to attract women entrepreneurs through seminars targeted to women, Model role entrepreneurs are called to testify their success in order to inspire other women. Women entrepreneurs associations and incubators are involved to communicate on the call for projects and encourage young women entrepreneurs to apply.	Targeted communication for women's participation was organized and the gender inclusion indicator was enhanced at each stage (Target /:at least 30%) and a specific women only prize is awarded
Low participation rates of youth in programme	Social safeguarding to ensure that youth inclusion is a target for the entrepreneur support with special regard to involving youth, as well as civil society and non-governmental organizations promoting youth. In the application rules, at least a member of the team should be young.	Youth is mainstreamed in the project through responsive communication via seminars targeted to youth and in university entrepreneurship events with stakeholders involvement. Targeted youth training is provided during university tours
Increase in carbon emissions due to travel, meetings, training, and events related to the project	Advice and training provided to promote the use of public transport, use webinars where possible, select environmentally conscious venues. Trainings to mentors are provided online and thematic seminars are online.	Advice and training are provided to all stakeholders involved in the project on how to minimize their carbon footprints
COVID-19 related health risks	Though Covid -19 is no more a threat in Morocco, we took special measures to mitigate this risk in case it breaks out again and took necessary prevention and mitigation measures including preparing online sessions	The necessary prevention and mitigation measures are taken to minimize COVID-19 risks, including the use of online sessions. Health risk monitoring is ongoing by the PMU in coordination with the PEE.
Climate change risks that may affect the SMEs supported under the project (for example impacts due to a reduction in bioenergy or water sources, or logistic disturbances, disruptions to production, effects to working conditions or to the market, increased utility prices and costs for insurance, finance, or imports.	Strict E&S criteria and screening of potential cleantech supported to include assessment of climate risks	Where necessary, expertise will be used to help the entrepreneurs to develop adaptation or management strategies. The alignment of proposed technologies will be regularly reviewed against local climate risks, as part of the support provided within the accelerator. Adaptation strategies will also be prepared if necessary. UNIDO /GCIP climate tools will be used and made available to entrepreneurs and GCIP mentors and judges.

V. Stakeholder Engagement

Regional hubs partners have been identified and engaged. They include:

- Innovation park (cit  de l'innovation) in Fes
- Souss Massa innovation park(cit  de l'innovation) in Agadir

- Innovation park (cité de l'innovation) UM5R in Rabat
- Polytechnic Mohammed 6th university in Benguerir

Other partners included incubators, clusters, accelerators, university innovation centers, networks, corporate competitions, regional investment centers, such as for example:

- Climate Innovation Centre Morocco "Cluster ENR" (www.clusterenr.com): collaboration between GCIP Morocco and the renewable energy incubator in distributing the call for projects among their ecosystem actors.
- Morocco Environmental services cluster "Cluster CISE" (<http://cisemaroc.org/>): sourcing of entrepreneurs and evaluating some start-ups active in the area of waste beneficiation.
- Technopark Network: Casablanca, Rabat, Agadir, and Tangier (<https://www.technopark.ma/>): discussions during the event "Phare de l'Entrepreneuriat".
- CTPES / Switchmed (<https://www.ctpes.ma/>): GCIP Morocco attended a demo day to source start-ups.

Stakeholders mobilized to attend the CTG/ GCIP online workshop organized on June 27th included: IRESEN, UM5R, GTA, CISE Maroc, 4C Maroc.

There were also meetings organized during the event "Le Phare de l'entrepreneuriat" in Casablanca in April 2023 with an exchange session dedicated to university and other young entrepreneurs on the GCIP Morocco competition.

In addition, 2 PSC meetings were held.

2. Please provide any feedback submitted by national counterparts, GEF OFP, co-financiers, and other partners/stakeholders of the project (e.g. private sector, CSOs, NGOs, etc.).

Some of the feedback collected during meetings and workshops:

- The Moroccan Cleantech Innovation Ecosystem is evolving though it is not mature enough.
- Morocco has a very dense incubation landscape that helps in pre-acceleration.
- Women are present and active in the cleantech area but they are still lacking empowerment to succeed with their ventures.
- Financing for early-stage start-ups is progressing but more is needed.
- The Moroccan market for cleantech needs to expand to allow cleantech enterprises to develop and a more favourable regulation is desired.

3. Please provide any relevant stakeholder consultation documents.

List of the documents submitted in addition to the report:

- PSC meeting minutes (8 November 2022)
- PSC meeting minutes (16 February 2023)

VI. Gender Mainstreaming

1. **Progress** achieved on implementing gender-responsive measures and using gender-sensitive indicators

GCIP Morocco had a rate of 50% in women participation in the call for applications for the Accelerator, i.e. among the 253 applicants, 126 included women entrepreneurs.
 For the finalists GCIP Morocco had a women participation rate of 39% (21 women among 54 finalists).
 For the mentors GCIP Morocco had 3 female mentors among 10 (30%).
 For the mentors training GCIP Morocco had 20 female participants among 46 (43%).
 The GCIP National Project Coordinator and Technical Expert GCIP is certified for accomplishing the UN "I know gender training".

GCIP Morocco PMU attended a seminar on women empowerment on the International Women's Day organized by the IFC (World Bank Group) and CGEM (Confederation of Moroccan Enterprises).

VII. Knowledge Management

1. Knowledge management activities / products

GCIP Morocco finalized the adaptation of the Pre-Acceleration and Acceleration guidebooks and translated them into French. GCIP Morocco made 10 improvement suggestions in the guidebooks and sent them to NGIN.

GCIP Morocco organized 4 online sessions with content adapted for GCIP Morocco and translated them into French to train the Pre-Accelerator mentors during May and June 2023.

The number of knowledge & communication products disseminated (e.g., policy briefs, impact reports, brochures, webinars, briefing sessions, press releases, social media presence and advertising, etc.) is above 250.

2. Relevant knowledge management mechanisms / tools that the project has generated.

- <https://www.linkedin.com/company/ministry-of-energy-transition-and-sustainable-development-kingdom-of-morocco/>
- <https://www.linkedin.com/company/mteedd/>
- <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100067451629792>
- <https://www.meetafrica.fr/agenda/le-phare-de-lentrepreneuriat-a-casablanca/>
- https://www.linkedin.com/feed/update/urn:li:activity:7090053018259214338?updateEntityUrn=urn%3Ali%3Afs_feedUpdate%3A%28V2%2Curn%3Ali%3Aactivity%3A7090053018259214338%29
- <https://tanmia.ma/?s=cleantech+maroc>
- <https://www.unido.org/stories/women-entrepreneurs-catalyzing-change-wastewater-treatment-sector-morocco>

VIII. Implementation progress

1. Using the previous reporting period as a basis, please provide information on **progress, challenges and outcomes achieved/observed** with regards to project implementation.

The Project Executing Agreement (PEA) was duly countersigned on 2 Sept 2022, and the PEE had prepared the Inception Report for Year 1, including annual work plan, budget and procurement plan of the project after the signed PEA.

After the first launch period that was used to implement the project governance (PSC) and train the PMU on the GCIP approach, the implementation progressed during the proceeding period. The call for projects was designed in close consultation with stakeholders and was launched and promoted resulting in a high number of participants (253 applications) with a rate of 50% of female participation.

Concerning the call for applications, the project made many improvements of the form based on the learnings from the first phase, in close consultation with the PSC. Four local hubs were identified, and 46 local mentors (19 female mentors) were trained in 4 online sessions. The partner hubs set up four local evaluation committees and they made the selection of 30 finalist start-ups among the 180 eligible applications.

The National Academy took place between July 4th and July 6th in UM6P Benguerir (near Marrakesh) under the supervision of NGIN (Chloé Soroquere) with the help of a national trainer of trainer (Lotfi CHRAIBI) and 10 other senior mentors.

Challenges were faced in the administrative procedures with 4C Maroc, however they are in the process of being solved in cooperation with UNIDO's representation in Morocco.

Regarding internal capacity building activities for the PEE on sustainability, collaboration and strengthening of skills, the PEE attended the following initiatives:

- GCIP Branding, Communication and Outreach training, provided by UNIDO in January 2023.
- Webinar on Impact Assessment Framework, provided by UNIDO, in March 2023.
- Impact Hypothesis Training for Judges and Juries, provided by UNIDO in May 2023.
- GCIP Operational Guidelines Workshop, provided by UNIDO, in January, May and June 2023.
- GCIP Gender sensitization training in June 2023.

2. Please briefly elaborate on any **minor amendments**⁵ to the approved project that may have been introduced during the implementation period or indicate as not applicable (NA).

<input type="checkbox"/>	Results Framework	NA
<input type="checkbox"/>	Components and Cost	NA
<input type="checkbox"/>	Institutional and Implementation Arrangements	NA
<input type="checkbox"/>	Financial Management	NA
<input type="checkbox"/>	Implementation Schedule	NA
<input type="checkbox"/>	Executing Entity	NA
<input type="checkbox"/>	Executing Entity Category	NA
<input type="checkbox"/>	Minor Project Objective Change	NA
<input type="checkbox"/>	Safeguards	NA
<input type="checkbox"/>	Risk Analysis	NA
<input type="checkbox"/>	Increase of GEF Project Financing Up to 5%	NA
<input type="checkbox"/>	Co-Financing	NA
<input type="checkbox"/>	Location of Project Activities	NA
<input type="checkbox"/>	Others	NA

3. Please provide progress related to the **financial implementation** of the project.

	GRANT DELIVERY REPORT	Grant:	200004687	Grant Status:	Authority to implement	Grant Validity:	31.12.2021 - 31.12.2025
		Sponsor:	400150 - GEF - Global Environment Facility	Currency:	USD	Reporting Period:	31.01.2021 - 30.06.2023
		Other Reference:	10826-UNIDO-PJ-MS-GR-1	Fund:	GF	Prepared on:	19.07.2023
Project	Project Description	Country	Region	Project Manager		Project Validity	
190103	PROGRAMME FOR CLEANTECH INNOVATION AND GREEN JOBS PHASE 2	Morocco	Africa Arab States	Olga Rataj		01.09.2021 - 28.02.2025	

		Funds Available									
	Description	Released Budget Current Year (a)	Obligations Current Year (b)	Disbursements Current Year (c)	Expenditures Current Year (d=b+c)	Total Agreement Budget (e)	Released Budget (f)	Obligations + Disbursements (g)	Funds Available* (h=f-g)	Support Cost (i)	Total Expenditures (j=i+g)
		USD	USD	USD	USD	USD	USD	USD	USD	USD	USD
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1100	Staff & Intern Consultants	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	(40,000.00)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
2100	Contractual Services	0.00	(55,560.00)	55,570.71	10.71	(857,242.00)	0.00	103,510.71	(103,510.71)	0.00	103,510.71
5100	Other Direct Costs	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	(16,000.00)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
9300	Support Cost IDC	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	9,315.96	9,315.96
2000004687	USD Total	0.00	(55,560.00)	55,570.71	10.71	(913,242.00)	0.00	103,510.71	(103,510.71)	9,315.96	112,826.67

* Does not include Unapproved Obligations

The above statement has been certified electronically by the designated officials in UNIDO's Financial Services.

Regarding further supporting documents related to the financial implementation of the project, a financial Report from the PEE, detailing the annual plan has been attached. Please see 10826-Annual Work Plan-Annex1-july 10 2023.

⁵ As described in Annex 9 of the *GEF Project and Program Cycle Policy Guidelines*, **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%.

IX. Work Plan and Budget

1. **Project work plan and budget** for the remaining duration of the project⁶,

Please see annex 10826-Annual WorkPlan attached.

X. Synergies

1. Synergies achieved:

Contacts were made with other GCIP countries (South Africa and Nigeria) to benefit from their experience and will be further developed in Year 2. GCIP Morocco established a strong collaboration with regional innovation centres, especially the 4 partner hubs in Agadir, Fes, Benguerir, and Rabat.

3. Stories to be shared (Optional)

Leila Benali, Morocco 's Minister of Energy Transition and Sustainable Development participated in GCIP's launch at COP 27. In her opening remarks she stated: "Today, I am happy to relaunch the GCIP, together with UNIDO and the GEF, to fund additional small and medium enterprises and make sure that our young entrepreneurs - but also older entrepreneurs - get access to finance and training, ensuring that they provide solutions to tackle climate change"

<https://www.unido.org/news/gcip-advancing-cleantech-innovation-and-entrepreneurship>

XI. GEO LOCATION INFORMATION

Location Name	Latitude	Longitude	Geo Name ID	Location and Activity Description
Rabat, Morocco	34.01325	-6.83255	2538475	The project will include the entire Kingdom of Morocco, with a focus on four regions: Agadir, Fes, Benguerir, and Rabat. While the project is targeted at beneficiaries (entrepreneurs and all relevant CIEE stakeholders, such as universities, policy makers, financiers, and R&D institutions) from all over the country.

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

⁶ Kindly note that, the Project Executing Entity is currently on a yearly Deliverable Project Execution Agreement and the associated work plan and budget are for the Year 2 only.



EXPLANATORY NOTE

1. **Timing & duration:** Each report covers a twelve-month period, i.e. 1 July 2022 – 30 June 2023.
2. **Responsibility:** The responsibility for preparing the report lies with the project manager in consultation with the Division Chief and Director.
3. **Evaluation:** For the report to be used effectively as a tool for annual self-evaluation, project counterparts need to be fully involved. The (main) counterpart can provide any additional information considered essential, including a simple rating of project progress.
4. **Results-based management:** The annual project/programme progress reports are required by the RBM programme component focal points to obtain information on outcomes observed.

Global Environmental Objectives (GEOs) / Development Objectives (DOs) ratings	
Highly Satisfactory (HS)	Project is expected to achieve or exceed <u>all</u> its major global environmental objectives, and yield substantial global environmental benefits, without major shortcomings. The project can be presented as “good practice”.
Satisfactory (S)	Project is expected to <u>achieve most</u> of its <u>major</u> global environmental objectives, and yields satisfactory global environmental benefits, with only minor shortcomings.
Moderately Satisfactory (MS)	Project is expected to <u>achieve most</u> of its major <u>relevant</u> objectives but with either significant shortcomings or modes overall relevance. Project is expected not to achieve some of its major global environmental objectives or yield some of the expected global environmental benefits.
Moderately Unsatisfactory (MU)	Project is expected to achieve <u>some</u> of its major global environmental objectives with major shortcomings or is expected to <u>achieve only some</u> of its major global environmental objectives.
Unsatisfactory (U)	Project is expected <u>not</u> to achieve <u>most</u> of its major global environmental objectives or to yield any <u>satisfactory</u> global environmental benefits.
Highly Unsatisfactory (HU)	The project has failed to achieve, and is not expected to achieve, <u>any</u> of its major global environmental objectives with no worthwhile benefits.

Implementation Progress (IP)	
Highly Satisfactory (HS)	Implementation of <u>all</u> components is in substantial compliance with the original/formally revised implementation plan for the project. The project can be presented as “good practice”.
Satisfactory (S)	Implementation of <u>most</u> components is in substantial compliance with the original/formally revised plan except for only few that are subject to remedial action.
Moderately Satisfactory (MS)	Implementation of <u>some</u> components is in substantial compliance with the original/formally revised plan with some components requiring remedial action.
Moderately Unsatisfactory (MU)	Implementation of <u>some</u> components is <u>not</u> in substantial compliance with the original/formally revised plan with most components requiring remedial action.
Unsatisfactory (U)	Implementation of <u>most</u> components in <u>not</u> in substantial compliance with the original/formally revised plan.
Highly Unsatisfactory (HU)	Implementation of <u>none</u> of the components is in substantial compliance with the original/formally revised plan.

Risk ratings	
Risk ratings will assess the overall risk of factors internal or external to the project which may affect implementation or prospects for achieving project objectives. Risk of projects should be rated on the following scale:	
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.
Substantial Risk (S)	There is a probability of between 51% and 75% that assumptions may fail to hold or materialize, 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 moderate risk.
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 low risks.