



## FAO-GEF Project Implementation Report

### 2022 – Revised Template

Period covered: 1 July 2021 to 30 June 2022

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## 1. Basic Project Data

### General Information

<b>Region:</b>	Africa, NearEast																																																																	
<b>Country(ies):</b>	Mauritania																																																																	
<b>Project Title:</b>	Integrated ecosystem management project for the sustainable human development in Mauritania																																																																	
<b>FAO Project Symbol:</b>	GCP/MAU/001/GFF																																																																	
<b>GEF-ID:</b>	9294																																																																	
<b>GEF Focal Area(s):</b>	Land Degradation, Climate Change, Biodiversity																																																																	
<b>Project Executing Partners:</b>	Ministry of Environment and Sustainable Development (MEDD);																																																																	
<b>Project Duration (years):</b>	5 years																																																																	
<b>Project coordinates:</b>	<p>This section should be completed by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Projects with 1st PIR</li> <li>-Projects could re-submit the coordinates if they have changed, or if the PMU now has more updated coordinates</li> </ul> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th rowspan="2">No</th><th rowspan="2">Name</th><th colspan="2">Coordinates in 28Q UTM</th></tr> <tr> <th>Latitude</th><th>Longitude</th></tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td rowspan="5"><b>Triangle of Hope</b></td><td>bokol</td><td>16.4137</td><td>-12.956</td></tr> <tr> <td>Melzem Teichet</td><td>16.6678</td><td>-12.8443</td></tr> <tr> <td>Ghabra</td><td>16.6513</td><td>-12.6702</td></tr> <tr> <td>Boulahrath</td><td>16.7708</td><td>-12.5766</td></tr> <tr> <td>rdheidhie</td><td>16.813</td><td>-12.7232</td></tr> <tr> <td rowspan="7"><b>El Atf</b></td><td>Djewol</td><td>16.0608</td><td>-13.3749</td></tr> <tr> <td>Tokomadji</td><td>15.7285</td><td>-13.2414</td></tr> <tr> <td>Toufounde Civet</td><td>15.6596</td><td>-13.249</td></tr> <tr> <td>Lexeiba I</td><td>16.2165</td><td>-13.1443</td></tr> <tr> <td>Dolol Cive</td><td>15.5679</td><td>-13.0656</td></tr> <tr> <td>Dao</td><td>15.5301</td><td>-13.0134</td></tr> <tr> <td>maghama</td><td>15.513</td><td>-12.8526</td></tr> <tr> <td rowspan="6"><b>Great Green Wall</b></td><td>Aleg</td><td>17.0692</td><td>-13.9155</td></tr> <tr> <td>Agchorguitt</td><td>17.2154</td><td>-14.1903</td></tr> <tr> <td>Chegar</td><td>17.3307</td><td>-13.6673</td></tr> <tr> <td>Maghta Lahjar</td><td>17.5086</td><td>-13.102</td></tr> <tr> <td>Sangrava</td><td>17.596</td><td>-12.8421</td></tr> <tr> <td>Ouad Love</td><td>17.1808</td><td>-12.7582</td></tr> </tbody> </table>			No	Name	Coordinates in 28Q UTM		Latitude	Longitude	<b>Triangle of Hope</b>	bokol	16.4137	-12.956	Melzem Teichet	16.6678	-12.8443	Ghabra	16.6513	-12.6702	Boulahrath	16.7708	-12.5766	rdheidhie	16.813	-12.7232	<b>El Atf</b>	Djewol	16.0608	-13.3749	Tokomadji	15.7285	-13.2414	Toufounde Civet	15.6596	-13.249	Lexeiba I	16.2165	-13.1443	Dolol Cive	15.5679	-13.0656	Dao	15.5301	-13.0134	maghama	15.513	-12.8526	<b>Great Green Wall</b>	Aleg	17.0692	-13.9155	Agchorguitt	17.2154	-14.1903	Chegar	17.3307	-13.6673	Maghta Lahjar	17.5086	-13.102	Sangrava	17.596	-12.8421	Ouad Love	17.1808	-12.7582
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### Project Dates

<b>GEF CEO Endorsement Date:</b>	06-Nov-2018
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<b>Project Implementation Start Date/EOD:</b>	04-Apr-2019
<b>Project Implementation End Date/NTE<sup>1</sup>:</b>	03-Apr-2024
<b>Revised project implementation end date (if approved)<sup>2</sup></b>	TBD

### funding

<b>GEF Grant Amount (USD):</b>	USD 8,222,505
<b>Total Co-financing amount as included in GEF CEO Endorsement Request/ProDoc<sup>3</sup>:</b>	USD 22,140,876
<b>Total GEF grant disbursement as of June 30, 2022 (USD)<sup>4</sup>:</b>	USD 3,894,496
<b>Total estimated co-financing materialized as of June 30, 2022<sup>5</sup></b>	USD 851,998

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<sup>1</sup>As per FPMIS

<sup>2</sup>If NTE extension has been requested and approved by the FAO-GEF CU.

<sup>3</sup>This is the total amount of co-financing as included in the CEO document/Project Document.

<sup>4</sup>For DEX projects, the GEF Coordination Unit will confirm the final amount with the Finance Division in HQ. For OPIM projects, the disbursement amount should be provided by Execution Partners.

<sup>5</sup>Please refer to the section 12 of this report where updated co-financing estimates are requested and indicate the total co-financing amount materialized.

**M&E Milestones**

<b>Date of Most Recent Project Steering Committee (PSC) Meeting:</b>	02/03/2022
<b>Expected Mid-term Review date<sup>6</sup>:</b>	September 2022
<b>Actual Mid-term review date (when it is done):</b>	
<b>Expected Terminal Evaluation Date<sup>7</sup>:</b>	Dec 2023-Jan 2024
<b>Tracking tools/Core indicators updated before MTR or TE stage (provide as Annex)</b>	Yes

**Overall ratings**

<b>Overall rating of progress towards achieving objectives/outcomes (cumulative):</b>	S
<b>Overall implementation progress rating:</b>	S
<b>Overall risk rating:</b>	Low

**ESS risk classification**

<b>Current ESS Risk classification:</b>	Low
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**Status**

<b>Implementation Status (1st PIR, 2nd PIR, etc. Final PIR):</b>	2nd PIR
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<sup>6</sup> The Mid-Term Review (MTR) should take place after the 2nd PIR, around half-point between EOD and NTE. The MTR report in English should be submitted to the GEF Secretariat within 4 years of the CEO Endorsement date.

<sup>7</sup>The Terminal Evaluation date should be discussed with OED 6 months before the project's NTE date.

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## 2. Progress towards Achieving Project Objective(s) (Development Objective)

(All inputs in this section should be cumulative from project start, not annual)

*Please indicate the project's main progress towards achieving its objective(s) and the cumulative level of achievement of each outcome since the start of project implementation.*

Project or Development Objective	Outcomes	Outcome indicators <sup>8</sup>	Baseline	Mid-term Target <sup>9</sup>	End-of-project Target	Cumulative progress <sup>10</sup> since project start Level at 30 June 2022	Progress rating <sup>11</sup>
	<b>Outcome 1. The use of land and natural resources is informed, and governed by an integrated, participatory and gender sensitive approach.</b>	The extent to which dynamic agro-biodiversity, biodiversity, forest, soil, water conservation and climate change are integrated into community driven land use plans in each of the project's three landscapes and based on a participatory and gender sensitive approaches	While land use plans already exist, they are not integrated, concentrate on economic development without taking into account environmental issues, and are not sensitive to gender. In addition, the majority of land use plans are based on	3 integrated, gender-sensitive land use plans, based on recent data on agro-biodiversity, biodiversity, soils, water, and and climate change, based on a consensus amongst land users, are adopted and utilized by mid-project	3 integrated, gender-sensitive land use plans, based on recent data on agro-biodiversity, biodiversity, soils, water, and and climate change, based on a consensus	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The platform for monitoring ecological and socio-economic indicators has been developed  <a href="http://pitch315.herokuapp.com/">http://pitch315.herokuapp.com/</a>            login: <a href="mailto:abdallahi.eleminewa@fao.org">abdallahi.eleminewa@fao.org</a>            password: admin1234</li> </ul> The final version integrated into the MEDD website will be validated and shared in August/September 2022.	S

<sup>8</sup>This is taken from the approved results framework of the project.

<sup>9</sup>Some indicators may not identify mid-term targets at the design stage (refer to approved results framework) therefore this column should only be filled when relevant.

<sup>10</sup>Please report on results obtained in terms of Global Environmental Benefits and Socio-economic Co-benefits as well.

<sup>11</sup>Use GEF Secretariat required six-point scale system: Highly Satisfactory (HS), Satisfactory (S), Moderately Satisfactory (MS), Moderately Unsatisfactory (MU), Unsatisfactory (U), and Highly Unsatisfactory (HU).

			inadequate information and are not applied.		amongst land users, are adopted, utilized and updated.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Baseline assessment report using the Self-evaluation and Holistic Assessment of climate Resilience of farmers and Pastoralists (SHARP+) tool</li> <li>• Mapping of ecosystems, land uses and user presence</li> <li>• Launch of an international consultation for the development of the PUT. The SARAH National Office was selected.</li> <li>• Adoption of the roadmap for the designation of the El Atf Biosphere Reserve during the national workshop of March 19, 2022 with the participation of the Minister, the FAOR and local administrative and technical authorities as well as local elected officials .</li> </ul>	
	<b>Outcome 2: Land degradation is reduced, habitats are rehabilitated, and vegetation cover and soil carbon sinks are</b>	# hectares under sustainable management			160,355 hectares	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Construction of 250 km of manual firebreaks for the benefit of 50 villages in El Atf</li> </ul>	S

	restored through a participatory and integrated ecosystem approach	# tons of CO2 eq sequestered or avoided			4,405,479 tCO2eq sequestered or avoided	<p>The estimate for this year will be done at the end of the year, after the implementation of the activities below</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Training of 50 village committees for the management of natural resources (500 village leaders)</li> <li>• Production in nurseries 200,000 Acacia senegal seedlings For the protection of 5 perimeters of 100 ha each in gum trees</li> <li>• Production in nurseries 40,000 plants of Acacias nilotica, senegal, radiana for the protection of 2 banks of 100 ha each</li> <li>• Production in nurseries 160,000 plants for firewood (Leucena lococephela, Ziziphus mauriciana, Balanites aegyptiaca and Accacia radiana) for 4 perimeters of 100 ha each</li> </ul>	
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						<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Produce in nurseries 90,000 fodder plants (<i>Leucena lococephela</i> and <i>Parksonia aculeata</i>) for 3 perimeters of 100 ha each.</li> <li>• Assisted Natural Regeneration (ANR) plans by sowing in 5 perimeters of 500 ha each developed by 5 NGOs in collaboration with local communities</li> <li>• Implementation plans for 800 ha in RNA to reduce pressure on ecosystems in 8 perimeters of 100 ha drawn up by 8 NGOs in collaboration with local communities.</li> <li>• Maintenance plans for 500 ha in RNA by adopting good tree maintenance practices in 5 perimeters of 100 ha developed by 5 NGOs in collaboration with local communities</li> </ul>	
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						<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Two development plans for the classified forests of Ngouye (1825 ha) and Wothie (200 ha) as well as reforestation and RNA management activities represent a great potential for carbon sequestration which will be quantified during the MTR.</li> </ul>	
	<b>Outcome 3.</b> <b>Sustainable use and management of water reserves for increased water availability during dry spells</b>	Number of people who have access to water during dry periods, disaggregated by sex.	tbd	20% increase(50% women)	50% increase (50% women)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>19 Development Plans and Soil Water Conservation/Soil Defense and Restoration (CES/DRS) in 19 sites spread over the 3 landscapes of the project for the benefit of 4,000 households (of which more than 70% are women and young people).</li> <li>Plans for the installation of solar pumps in 44 community wells for the benefit of 2,500 households.</li> </ul>	MU
	<b>Outcome 4: Increased, diversified and stable sources of income for the local population through more sustainable</b>	Number of people benefiting from increased income sources (from improved productivity and diversified income sources), disaggregated by sex.	tbc	2,000 people (50% women)	10,000 people (50% women)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Five (05) Integrated Community Agricultural Farms (FACI) have been set up for the benefit of women's cooperatives</li> </ul>	S

	exploitation of natural resources					<p>representing 500 households (2,500 people, 80% of whom are women).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Conservation of local species by collecting traditional millet cultivars in 12 villages in the Wilayas of Brakna and Gorgol. In Guidimakha traditional rice cultivars have been collected for multiplication by the CRANADA research center for distribution for conservation purposes</li> <li>• A directory of 30 Socio-Professional Organizations (OSP) exploiting NWFPs in the three project sites was produced to strengthen their capacities in the management and performance of NWFP organizations and reduce poverty.</li> <li>• 30 women's cooperatives were formed on the exploitation of NWFPs</li> </ul>	
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						<p>at the rate of 10 cooperatives per landscape.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Four main NWFP sectors namely Gommier, Balanites, Jujube, Boscia and identified by the feasibility study for future support</li> <li>• A curriculum comprising 3 training modules (M1: Clean picking technique, M2: Concept of NTFP traceability and M3: NTFP processing) has been produced</li> <li>• It is too early to conduct the HH surveys to assess the improvements of livelihoods within the beneficiaries</li> </ul>	
	<p><b>Outcome 5: Local and national decision-makers and authorities have an improved knowledge on development and environmental issues on which they are able to base land use planning and natural resources management decisions</b></p>					<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Strengthening of MEDD executives (7 Willayas) by training 45 DREDD technicians in 3 regional workshops on CES/DRS techniques.</li> <li>• Production of a 50-page training manual on CES/DRS</li> </ul>	MS

							techniques for the benefit of the MEDD	
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## Action Plan to address MS, MU, U and HU ratings

Outcome	Action(s) to be taken	By whom?	By when?
<b>Outcome 1. The use of land and natural resources is informed, and governed by an integrated, participatory and gender sensitive approach.</b>	Platform sharing and validation	PMU +MEDD	September 2022
	Validation of PUTs	PMU + MEDD	August 2022
	Zoning of the reserve and awareness and consultation workshops	PMU + MEDD	July 2022
<b>Outcome 2: Land degradation is reduced, habitats are rehabilitated, and vegetation cover and soil carbon sinks are restored through a participatory and integrated ecosystem approach</b>	Realization of reforestation and Assisted Natural Regeneration activities	PMU + NGOs	July 2022
	Distribution of improved stoves and bio-digesters, awareness, training	PMU + NGOs	July 2022
<b>Outcome 3. Sustainable use and management of water reserves for increased water availability during dry spells</b>	Construction of water reservoirs and various retention methods such as Zaï, half-moon trenches, dykes (CES/DRS) - Soil Water Conservation/Protect Soil Restauration Works Equipping communal wells with solar pumps	PMU + NGOs	August 2022
<b>Outcome 4: Increased, diversified and stable sources of income for the local population through more sustainable exploitation of natural resources</b>	Recruitment of the Field/School consultant (FFS)	PMU	July 2022
	Training and sensitization of beneficiaries on the management and exploitation of NWFPs		
<b>Outcome 5: Local and national decision-makers and authorities have an improved knowledge on development and environmental issues on which they are able to base land use planning and natural resources management decisions</b>	BR training and awareness	PMU + MEDD	August 2022
	National Firewall Workshop		September 2022

### 3. Implementation Progress (IP)

*(Please indicate progress achieved during this FY as per the Implementation Plan/Annual Workplan)*

Outcomes and Outputs <sup>12</sup>	Indicators (as per the Logical Framework)	Annual Target (as per the annual Work Plan)	Main achievements <sup>13</sup> (please avoid repeating results reported in previous year PIR)	Describe any variance <sup>14</sup> in delivering outputs
<b>Outcome 1.1</b>	<b>The use of land and natural resources is informed and governed by an integrated, participatory and gender sensitive approach.</b>			
Output 1.1A platform to monitor ecological and socio-economic indicators is created and serves as a basis for the land use planning	Indicator monitoring platform	1	The platform was created	No variance
Output 1.2An integrated, participatory and gender-sensitive land use plan for each project landscape is established, on the basis of a consensus	# of integrated, participatory and gender-sensitive plans developed per landscape targeted by the project	3	Mapping done Reference situation achieved The 3 PUT will be carried out by National Office in August 2022	No variance

<sup>12</sup>Outputs as described in the project Logframe or in any approved project revision.

<sup>13</sup>Please use the same unit of measurement of the project indicators as per the approved Implementation Plan or Annual Workplan. Please be concise (max one or two short sentence with main achievements)

<sup>14</sup>Variance refers to the difference between the expected and actual progress at the time of reporting.

among diverse land users				
Output 1.3 One new terrestrial protected area is formally established and integrated into the concerned landscape's land use plan	A biosphere reserve is officially established and integrated	1	Official launch of the process with a workshop on March 19, 2022 by the Minister MEDD and the FAO Representative  Roadmap adopted	The road map details the planning of activities and consultations to take place with key stakeholders. The PA consultant will start the zoning and consultations in August 2022.
<b>Outcome 2.1</b>	# hectares under sustainable management # tonnes of CO2 equivalent sequestered or avoided			
Output 2.1. Land degradation is reduced and vegetation cover is restored	# hectares restored in the project area	3855	Production of 560,000 seedlings in forest nurseries for the reforestation of 1,400 ha  Management of 2800 ha in Assisted Natural Regeneration (RNA)	ANR activities across 2800ha are ongoing, while the afforestation of 1400ha will be finalized by the end of September.
Output 2.2. Alternative or sustainable sources of energy promoted to reduce pressures on forests and biomass	Number of new or sustainable energy sources promised	2	Studies prepared for the realization of 5600 improved stoves to distribute and 50 bio digesters to be installed	No variance



			Study carried out to equip 44 community wells with solar pumps	
<b><u>Outcome 3.1</u></b>	Number of people with access to water during dry periods, disaggregated by sex.			
Output 3.1. Water storage and mobilization infrastructure are built and managed in a participatory manner	# of storage and mobilization infrastructures of water built and managed in a participatory manner	33	Studies carried out for the construction of water storage and mobilization infrastructures in 19 sites spread over the 3 landscapes	No variance
<b><u>Outcome 4.1</u></b>	# of people benefiting from increased sources of income (from increased productivity and diversified sources of income), disaggregated by sex.			
Output 4.1. Training, technical assistance and knowledge exchange catalyzed via farmer field school approaches for agro-pastoralists in pilot areas.	#training carried out within the framework of agro-pastoral field schools		This activity is planned after recruitment of the FFS Consultant	No variance
Output 4.2 Producer groups established and supported, building biodiversity-friendly value chains and enhanced market access, for alternative income sources	# of value chains created that respect the environment	6	5 most promising Non-Timber Forest Products (NTFP) value chains identified	No variance
<b><u>Outcome 5.1</u></b>				
Output 5.1. The project's results and lessons are identified, documented, and	# good practices disseminated in terms of development and the environment		Collection of good practices and lessons in progress	No variance

reported upon in a timely manner				
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## 4. Summary on Progress and Ratings

Please provide a summary paragraph on progress, challenges and outcome of project implementation consistent with the information reported in sections 2 and 3 of the PIR.

### **Outcome 1.1**

The platform has been created. Its operationalization and validation are planned in 3 months

A cartography of the ecosystems of the 3 landscapes as well as the reference situation were carried out.

The realization of the 3 land use plans (PUT) was entrusted to a National Study Office. It is planned to return and validate the PUTs in August/September 2022.

The process of designating a Biosphere Reserve in El Atf was launched on March 19, 2022 by a national reflection workshop.  
The validated roadmap.

### **Outcome 2.1**

4200 ha are being restored by reforestation/planting and RNA management.

Studies carried out for the distribution of 5,600 improved stoves and the installation of 50 bio-digesters from July 2022.

### **Outcome 3.1**

Studies carried out to set up 19 soil water conservation infrastructures from July 2022.

### **Outcome 4.1**

5 Integrated Community Agricultural Farms (FACI) set up along the route of the Great Green Wall for the benefit of women's cooperatives (500 households).  
A market study on NWFP value chains has been carried out and the 5 most promising sectors identified  
60 representatives of 30 women's cooperatives (2 per cooperative) were trained in production, processing, conservation and marketing techniques for Non-Timber Forest Products (NTFPs).

### **Outcome 5.1**

Good practices and lessons learned are being compiled for dissemination. Reports and studies are shared with MEDD and partners. The main activities are taken up by the communication officer in the FAO brochure and in social networks.

### ***Development Objective (DO) Ratings, Implementation Progress (IP) Ratings and Overall Assessment***

Please note that the overall DO and IP ratings should be substantiated by evidence and progress reported in the Section 2 and Section 3 of the PIR. For DO, the ratings and comments should reflect the overall progress of project results.

	<b>FY2022 Development Objective rating<sup>15</sup></b>	<b>FY2022 Implementation Progress rating<sup>16</sup></b>	<b>Comments/reasons<sup>17</sup>justifying the ratings for FY2022 and any changes (positive or negative) in the ratings since the previous reporting period</b>
<b>Project Manager / Coordinator</b>	<b>S</b>	<b>S</b>	<i>The PMU has made tremendous efforts to accelerate the implementation of project activities. The involvement of the entire project team alongside LTO, FLO, BH, MEDD and the Steering Committee enabled regular monitoring of activities. The involvement of NGOs has made it possible to carry out many activities in the various components.</i>
<b>Budget Holder</b>	<b>S</b>	<b>S</b>	<i>Ratings/comments The team redoubled its efforts to accelerate the implementation of activities, while ensuring good internal and external coordination. All the arrangements are in place to continue this momentum.</i>
<b>GEF Operational Focal Point<sup>18</sup></b>	<b>HS</b>	<b>HS</b>	<i>Ratings/comments The project management unit has deployed significant efforts to compensate for the delays inherent in the pandemics. However, the different stakeholders including the beneficiary communities were efficiently involved and were proactive in terms of ownership and sharing benefits. The implementing agency confirms its performance as a resident UN body with a good network experienced in field operation management and monitoring.</i>
<b>Lead Technical Officer<sup>19</sup></b>	<b>S</b>	<b>S</b>	<i>Ratings/comments The improvement is satisfactory, the project management coordinator and his team have made efforts to catch up, and is important to continue with the same</i>

<sup>15</sup>Development Objectives Rating – A rating of the extent to which a project is expected to achieve or exceed its major objectives.

For more information on ratings and definitions, please refer to Annex 1.

<sup>16</sup>Implementation Progress Rating – A rating of the extent to which the implementation of a project's components and activities is in compliance with the projects approved implementation plan. For more information on ratings and definitions, please refer to Annex 1.

<sup>17</sup>Please ensure that the ratings are based on evidence

<sup>18</sup>In case the GEF OFP didn't provide his/her comments, please explain the reason.

<sup>19</sup>The LTO will consult the HQ technical officer and all other supporting technical Units.

			path. The implementation of many activities are linked to the raining seasons, therefore good planning is a must.
<b>FAO-GEF Funding Liaison Officer</b>	<b>S</b>	<b>S</b>	<p><i>Ratings/comments</i></p> <p><i>Despite facing significant delays and challenges mainly due to the Covid-19 pandemic, the project team and partners made huge efforts to bring the project on track to deliver its intended targets. This momentum needs to be maintained and efforts doubled to accelerate the implementation especially at output level. Special attention should be given to gender considerations and the engagement of all stakeholders.</i></p>

## 5. Environmental and Social Safeguards (ESS)

*Under the responsibility of the LTO (PMU to draft)*

Please describe the progress made complying with the approved ESM plan. Note that only projects with mild gold high Environmental and Social Risk, approved from June 2015 should have submitted an ESM plan/table at CEO endorsement. This does not apply to low risk projects. Add new ESS risks if any risks have emerged during this FY.

Social & Environmental Risk Impacts identified at CEO Endorsement	Expected mitigation measures	Actions taken during this FY	Remaining measures to be taken	Responsibility
<b>ESS 1: Natural Resource Management</b>				
<b>ESS 2: Biodiversity, Ecosystems and Natural Habitats</b>				
<b>ESS 3: Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture</b>				
<b>ESS 4: Animal - Livestock and Aquatic - Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture</b>				
<b>ESS 5: Pest and Pesticide Management</b>				
<b>ESS 6: Involuntary Resettlement and Displacement</b>				
<b>ESS 7: Decent Work</b>				
<b>SSE 8: Gender Equality</b>				
<b>ESS 9: Indigenous Peoples and Cultural Heritage</b>				
<b>New ESS risks that have emerged during this FY</b>				

**In case the project did not include an ESM Plan at CEO endorsement stage, please indicate if the initial Environmental and Social (ESS) Risk classification is still valid; if not, what is the new classification and explain.**

<b>Initial ESS Risk classification</b> (At project submission)	<b>Current ESS risk classification</b> Please indicate if the Environmental and Social Risk classification is still valid <sup>20</sup> . If not, what is the new classification and explain.
Low	Environmental and social risk classification is still valid

<b><i>Please report if any grievance was received as per FAO and GEF ESS policies. If yes, please indicate how it is being/has been addressed.</i></b>
No Grievance was received

<sup>20</sup>Important: please note that if the Environmental and Social Risk classification has changed, the ESM Unit should be contacted and an updated Social and Environmental Management Plan addressing new risks should be prepared.

## 6. Risks

The following table summarizes risks identified in the Project Document and also reflects any new risks identified in the course of project implementation (including COVID-19 related risks). The last column should be used to provide additional details concerning manifestation of the risk in the project, as relevant.

	Type of risk	Risk-rating <sup>21</sup>	Identified in the ProDoc Y/N	Mitigation Actions	Progress on mitigation actions	Notes from the Budget Holder in consultation with Project Management Unit
1	Weak capacity of government institutions to support the project	L	Y	The participatory approach is preferred. Local communities are involved in all activities and technical and administrative authorities participate in the planning of activities and their implementation	The Minister and all MEDD officials are increasingly involved in planning and field activities. The project is integrated into the regular program of the Ministry	There is really a strong appropriation of the project by the ministry
2	Lack of interest from the local communities to take up cultivation of endemic, resilient and threatened crops	M	Y	The crops to be promoted by the project will be selected in consultation with local populations to ensure their ownership	All reforestation activities, RNA support to NWFP value chains, choice of alternative energy sources and implementation of water conservation works are carried out after consultation and approval by the Communities either to improve/diversify their sources of income either for their traditional values	The endemic, resilient and threatened plants or crops that have been selected are proposed by the local communities after consultation with them.



**Project overall risk rating**(Low, Moderate, Substantial or High):

<b>FY2021 rating</b>	<b>FY2022 rating</b>	<b>Comments/reason for the rating for FY2022 and any changes (positive or negative) in the rating since the previous reporting period</b>
<b>Low</b>	Low	The mobilization of the PMU, the PTF and the involvement of the MEDD made it possible to achieve significant results. All partners are strongly committed.

## 7. Follow-up on Mid-term review or supervision mission (only for projects that have conducted an MTR)

If the project had an MTR or a supervision mission, please report on how the recommendations were implemented during this fiscal year as indicated in the Management Response or in the supervision mission report.

MTR or supervision mission recommendations	Measures implemented during this Fiscal Year
Recommendation 1:	
Recommendation 2:	
Recommendation 3:	
Recommendation 4:	
Has the project developed an Exit Strategy? If yes, please describe	

## 8. Minor project 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 GEF Project and Program Cycle Policy Guidelines<sup>22</sup>. Please describe any minor changes that the project has made under the relevant category or categories. And, provide supporting documents as an annex to this report if available.

Category of change	Provide a description of the change	Indicate the timing of the change	Approved by
Results framework			
Components and cost			
Institutional and implementation arrangements			
financial management			
Implementation schedule			
Executing Entity			
Executing Entity Category			
Minor project objective change			
Safeguards			
Risk analysis			
Increase of GEF project financing up to 5%			
Co-financing			
Location of project activity			
other			

<sup>22</sup>Source: <https://www.thegef.org/council-meeting-documents/guidelines-project-and-program-cycle-policy-2020-update>

## 9. Stakeholders' Commitment

Please report on progress and results and challenges on stakeholder engagement (based on the description of the Stakeholder engagement plan) included at CEO Endorsement/Approval during this reporting period.

Stakeholder name	Role in project execution	Progress and results on Stakeholders' Engagement	Challenges on stakeholder engagement
<b>Government Institutions</b>			
National Center for Agronomic Research and Agricultural Development (CNRADA)	Production and marketing of endemic varieties seeds (Activity 4.1.)	Committed partner Result achieved at 50%	Administrative slowness (public sector)
Higher Institute of Technological Studies (ISET)	Improve natural resources governance and finance their sustainable use (Activity 5.1.3.)	Very committed partner Result achieved at 50%	Administrative slowness (public sector)
National Agency of the Great Green Wall (ANGMV)	Fight against sedimentation by fixing sand dunes (Activity 2.1.2)	Committed partner Institutional instability	Involvement and continuation of activity by the new management of the Agency
<b>Non-Government organizations (NGOs)</b>			
voice of hope	Establish 500 ha exclusion zones with high regeneration potential (Activity 2.1.3.)	Committed and motivated partner Continuation of work in good condition	Maintain commitment until delivery of reports
AMEDD	Establish 500 ha exclusion zones with high regeneration potential (Activity 2.1.3.)	Committed and motivated partner Continuation of work in good condition	Maintain commitment until delivery of reports
APDGE	Establish 500 ha exclusion zones with high regeneration potential (Activity 2.1.3.)	Committed and motivated partner Continuation of work in good condition	Maintain commitment until delivery of reports
SOS SAHEL	Establish 500 ha exclusion zones with high regeneration potential (Activity 2.1.3.)	Committed and motivated partner Continuation of work in good condition	Maintain commitment until delivery of reports

EGEPDEM	Establish 500 ha exclusion zones with high regeneration potential (Activity 2.1.3.)	Committed and motivated partner Continuation of work in good condition	Maintain commitment until delivery of reports
JFP	Professionalization of producers' cooperatives through training and targeted technical support (Activity 4.1.1.)	Committed and motivated partner Continuation of work in good condition	Maintain commitment until delivery of reports
APE	Promote afforestation and reforestation in 3,000 hectares (Activity 2.1.4.)	Committed and motivated partner Continuation of work in good condition	Maintain commitment until delivery of reports
ENVIRONMENT SAFEGUARD	Promote afforestation and reforestation in 3,000 hectares (Activity 2.1.4.)	Committed and motivated partner Continuation of work in good condition	Maintain commitment until delivery of reports
EL ASSALA	Promote afforestation and reforestation in 3,000 hectares (Activity 2.1.4.)	Committed and motivated partner Continuation of work in good condition	Maintain commitment until delivery of reports
SCOUT	Promote afforestation and reforestation in 3,000 hectares (Activity 2.1.4.)	Committed and motivated partner Continuation of work in good condition	Maintain commitment until delivery of reports
KISSAL	Promote afforestation and reforestation in 3,000 hectares (Activity 2.1.4.)	Committed and motivated partner Continuation of work in good condition	Maintain commitment until delivery of reports
GREEN SAHEL	Promote afforestation and reforestation in 3,000 hectares (Activity 2.1.4.)	Committed and motivated partner Continuation of work in good condition	Maintain commitment until delivery of reports
AMDEP	Promote afforestation and reforestation in 3,000 hectares (Activity 2.1.4.)	Committed and motivated partner Continuation of work in good condition	Maintain commitment until delivery of reports
DRD	Promote afforestation and reforestation in 3,000 hectares (Activity 2.1.4.)	Committed and motivated partner Continuation of work in good condition	Maintain commitment until delivery of reports
ADIP	Promote afforestation and reforestation in 3,000 hectares (Activity 2.1.4.)	Committed and motivated partner Continuation of work in good condition	Maintain commitment until delivery of reports
NAHDA	Promote afforestation and reforestation in	Committed and motivated partner	Maintain commitment until delivery of reports

	3,000 hectares (Activity 2.1.4.)	Continuation of work in good condition	
AFPD	Promote afforestation and reforestation in 3,000 hectares (Activity 2.1.4.)	Committed and motivated partner Continuation of work in good condition	Maintain commitment until delivery of reports
A2SD	Promote afforestation and reforestation in 3,000 hectares (Activity 2.1.4.)	Committed and motivated partner Continuation of work in good condition	Maintain commitment until delivery of reports
WORLD	Promote afforestation and reforestation in 3,000 hectares (Activity 2.1.4.)	Committed and motivated partner Continuation of work in good condition	Maintain commitment until delivery of reports
APIF	Promote afforestation and reforestation in 3,000 hectares (Activity 2.1.4.)	Committed and motivated partner Continuation of work in good condition	Maintain commitment until delivery of reports
ADPDH	Promote afforestation and reforestation in 3,000 hectares (Activity 2.1.4.)	Committed and motivated partner Continuation of work in good condition	Maintain commitment until delivery of reports
AFE	Promote afforestation and reforestation in 3,000 hectares (Activity 2.1.4.)	Committed and motivated partner Continuation of work in good condition	Maintain commitment until delivery of reports
ODPCL	Restore 2 semi-protected forests in the intervention zone, through assisted natural regeneration (Activity 2.1.1.)	Committed and motivated partner Continuation of work in good condition	Maintain commitment until delivery of reports
EMPA	Implementation	Committed and motivated partner Continuation of work in good condition	Maintain commitment until delivery of reports
ADESU	Restore 2 semi-protected forests in the intervention zone, through assisted natural regeneration (Activity 2.1.1.)	Committed and motivated partner Continuation of work in good condition	Maintain commitment until delivery of reports
IDASPAK	Promote afforestation and reforestation in 3,000 hectares (Activity 2.1.4.)	Committed and motivated partner Continuation of work in good condition	Maintain commitment until delivery of reports
GRDD	Promote afforestation and reforestation in 3,000 hectares (Activity 2.1.4.)	Committed and motivated partner Continuation of work in good condition	Maintain commitment until delivery of reports

AMAD	Promote afforestation and reforestation in 3,000 hectares (Activity 2.1.4.)	Committed and motivated partner Continuation of work in good condition	Maintain commitment until delivery of reports
SDD	Promote afforestation and reforestation in 3,000 hectares (Activity 2.1.4.)	Committed and motivated partner Continuation of work in good condition	Maintain commitment until delivery of reports
GACEF	Promote afforestation and reforestation in 3,000 hectares (Activity 2.1.4.)	Committed and motivated partner Continuation of work in good condition	Maintain commitment until delivery of reports
TREE	Promote afforestation and reforestation in 3,000 hectares (Activity 2.1.4.)	Committed and motivated partner Continuation of work in good condition	Maintain commitment until delivery of reports
ARDM	Promote afforestation and reforestation in 3,000 hectares (Activity 2.1.4.)	Committed and motivated partner Continuation of work in good condition	Maintain commitment until delivery of reports
<b>Private sector entities</b>			
SARAH	Elaborate the land use plans in a participatory manner (Activity 1.2.2.)	Motivated partner Experience with DPREM/MEDD	Delivery of PUTs on time (before the end of August)
<b>Others[1]</b>			
YOUTH, WOMEN, ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT	Awareness campaign to promote improved cook stoves and biogas digesters (Activity 2.2.1.)	Committed partner Very long experience with the MEDD for the production of improved stoves	
<b>New stakeholders identified/engaged</b>			
VITA company producing improved stoves	Develop and demonstrate the use of locally appropriate improved cook stoves (Activity 2.2.3.)	Very long experience in the manufacture of improved stoves	

[1] They can include, among others, community-based organizations (CBOs), Indigenous Peoples organizations, women's groups, private sector companies, farmers, universities, research institutions, and all major groups as identified, for example, in Agenda 21 of the 1992 Rio Earth Summit and many times again since then.


## 10. Gender Mainstreaming

**Information on Progress on Gender-responsive measures as documented at CEO Endorsement/Approval in the gender action plan or equivalent (when applicable) during this reporting period.**

Category	Yes/No	Briefly describe progress and results achieved during this reporting period
Gender analysis or an equivalent socio-economic assessment made at formulation or during execution stages.	yes	
HASny gender-responsive measures to address gender gaps or promote gender equality and women's empowerment?	yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Involvement of the FAO Gender Focal Point when establishing LOAs with NGOs for beneficiary targeting</li> <li>• Ongoing process for the recruitment of a national gender and community mobilization consultant</li> </ul>
Indicate in which results area(s) the project is expected to contribute to gender equality (as identified at project design stage):		
a) closing gender gaps in access to and control over natural resources	X	
b) improving women's participation and decision making	X	
c) generating socio-economic benefits or services for women	X	
M&E system with gender-disaggregated data?	yes	
Staff with gender expertise	no	A Consultant will be recruited
Any other good practices on gender	no	



## 11. Knowledge Management Activities

Knowledge activities / products (when applicable), as outlined in Knowledge Management Approach approved at CEO Endorsement / Approval during this reporting period.	
Does the project have a knowledge management strategy? If not, how does the project collect and document good practices? Please list relevant good practices that can be learned and shared from the project thus far.	Yes the project has a knowledge management strategy. All activities are reported and recorded in reports or audio-visual materials
Does the project have a communication strategy? Please provide a brief overview of the communications successes and challenges this year.	Yes the project has a communication strategy in relation to the FAO Representation. Project activities are shared through reports and in public and private media as well as social networks (tweeter linkedin etc.). Audio and video materials are also available
Please share a human-interest story from your project, focusing on how the project has helped to improve people's livelihoods while contributing to achieving the expected Global Environmental Benefits. Please indicate any Socio-economic Co-benefits that were generated by the project. Include at least one beneficiary quote and perspective, and please also include related photos and photo credits.	<p>For the protection of natural resources, the project has built 250 km of manual firewalls in connection with the mechanical firewalls made by the Ministry. The firewalls were built with the local communities of 50 villages in the El Atf area (pastoral refuge area) using local labour.</p> <p>This achievement made it possible to fight against bush fires, protect pasture and inject money locally.</p> <p>This made it possible to protect pastoral resources for 5 villages (about 50,000 people)</p>  <p>(Credit Diop/FAO)</p>
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Please provide a list of publications, leaflets, video materials, newsletters, or other communications assets published on the web.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Baseline assessment report</li> <li>• Identification report of the battery of ecological and socio-economic indicators of the platform</li> <li>• Mapping report of the 3 landscapes</li> <li>• DREDD training report on Data collection tools</li> <li>• Workshop report Day of reflection on El Atf</li> </ul>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Concept note on the El Atf Biosphere Reserve</li> <li>• Roll Up on the project and on the El Atf area (French and Arabic)</li> <li>• Project activities in the FAO Representation Brochure</li> <li>• Report for the 2021 financial year</li> <li>• Minutes of the Steering Committee</li> <li>• Videos and audio from TV and radio news covering the training workshops and the day of El Atf.</li> </ul>
Please indicate the Communication and/or knowledge management focal point's Name and contact details	Wahba Malloum <a href="mailto:Wahba.Malloum@fao.org">Wahba.Malloum@fao.org</a>

## 12. Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities Involvement

**Are Indigenous Peoples and local communities involved in the project (as per the approved Project Document)? If yes, please briefly explain.**

If applicable, please describe the process and current status of on-going/completed, legitimate consultations to obtain Free, Prior and Informed Consent (FPIC) with the indigenous communities.

Do indigenous peoples and or local communities have an active participation in the project activities? If yes, briefly describe how.

The local communities are involved in all stages, in the choice of species to be planted, the planting site must be proposed by the communities, the labor is local, all sites are managed by the local management committees established by the project.

### 13. Co-Financing Table

zséSources of Co-financing <sup>23</sup>	Name of Co-finance	Type of Co-financing	Amount Confirmed at CEO endorsement / approval	Actual Amount Materialized at 30 June 2022	Actual Amount Materialized at Midterm or closure (confirmed by the review/evaluation team)	Expected total disruption by the end of the project
National Government	MoA	grant	\$3,000,000			\$3,000,000
National Government	MoA	In Kind	\$1,000,000	\$100,000		\$1,000,000
National Government	MHWS	grant	\$5,000,000			\$5,000,000
National Government	MoL	grant	\$4,000,000			\$4,000,000
National Government	MoE	grant	\$2,600,000			\$2,600,000
National Government	MoE	In Kind	\$800,000	\$400,000		\$800,000
National Government	Tadamoun		\$3,300,000	\$50,000		\$3,300,000
GEF Agency	CAM	Grant and In-Kind	\$1,050,000	\$150,000		\$1,050,000
National Government	GoM Cash		\$1,390,876	\$151,998		\$1,390,876
TOTAL			\$22,140,876	\$851,998		\$22,140,876

<sup>23</sup>Sources of Co-financing may include: Bilateral Aid Agency(ies), Foundation, GEF Agency, Local Government, National Government, Civil Society Organization, Other Multi-lateral Agency(ies), Private Sector, Beneficiaries, Other.

**Please explain any significant changes in project co-financing since Project Document signature, or differences between the anticipated and actual rates of disbursement**

The changes in the ministries and the transformation of Tadamoun into Taazour have greatly complicated the disbursement of co-financing. The project is actively exploring potential sources of cofinancing to ensure the project has the support needed in terms of cofinancing to deliver the expected results.

## Annex 1. – GEF Performance Ratings Definitions

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

<b>Implementation Progress Rating.</b> A rating of the extent to which the implementation of a project's components and activities is in compliance with the project's approved implementation plan.	
<b>Highly Satisfactory (HS)</b>	Implementation of all components is in substantial compliance with the original/formally revised implementation plan for the project. The project can be resented as “good practice
<b>Satisfactory (S)</b>	Implementation of most components is in substantial compliance with the original/formally revised plan except for only a few that are subject to remedial action
<b>Moderately Satisfactory (MS)</b>	Implementation of some components is in substantial compliance with the original/formally revised plan with some components requiring remedial action
<b>Moderately Unsatisfactory (MU)</b>	Implementation of some components is not in substantial compliance with the original/formally revised plan with most components requiring remedial action.
<b>Unsatisfactory (U)</b>	Implementation of most components is not in substantial compliance with the original/formally revised plan
<b>Highly Unsatisfactory (HU)</b>	Implementation of none of the components is in substantial compliance with the original/formally revised plan.

<b>Risk rating.</b> It should 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:	
<b>High Risk (H)</b>	There is a probability of greater than 75% that assumptions may fail to hold or materialize, and/or the project may face high risks.
<b>Substantial Risk (S)</b>	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
<b>Moderate Risk (M)</b>	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.
<b>Low Risk (L)</b>	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.

## Annex 2 – Tracking Tools



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