

# GEF - PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION REPORT (PIR)

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## 1 PROJECT IDENTIFICATION

### 1.1 Project Details

<b>GEF ID:</b> 9405	<b>Umoja WBS:</b> SB-009259.02
<b>SMA IPMR ID:</b> 36408	<b>Grant ID:</b> S1-32GFL-000621
<b>Project Short Title:</b> Niger Oasis IMO-E-NN	
<b>Project Title:</b> Integrated Management of Oasis Ecosystems of Northern Niger (IMO-E -NN)	
<b>Duration months planned:</b>	60
<b>Duration months age:</b>	47
<b>Project Type:</b>	Full Sized Project (FSP)
<b>Parent Programme if child project:</b>	
<b>Project Scope:</b>	National
<b>Region:</b>	Africa
<b>Countries:</b>	Niger
<b>GEF Focal Area(s):</b>	Biodiversity, Climate Change Mitigation, Land Degradation
<b>GEF financing amount:</b>	\$ 4,596,588.00
<b>Co-financing amount:</b>	\$ 21,072,881.00
<b>Date of CEO Endorsement/Approval:</b>	2020-02-21
<b>UNEP Project Approval Date:</b>	2020-04-21
<b>Start of Implementation (PCA entering into force):</b>	2020-09-02
<b>Date of Inception Workshop, if available:</b>	2021-06-17
<b>Date of First Disbursement:</b>	2020-09-02
<b>Total disbursement as of 30 June 2024:</b>	\$ 1,985,000.00
<b>Total expenditure as of 30 June:</b>	\$ 1,985,000.00
<b>Midterm undertaken?:</b>	Yes
<b>Actual Mid-Term Date, if taken:</b>	2023-04-20

<b>Expected Mid-Term Date, if not taken:</b>	
<b>Completion Date Planned - Original PCA:</b>	2025-03-31
<b>Completion Date Revised - Current PCA:</b>	2025-03-31
<b>Expected Terminal Evaluation Date:</b>	2025-07-01
<b>Expected Financial Closure Date:</b>	2025-09-30

## 1.2 Project Description

With this process and through UN-Environment, Niger Republic has obtained financing from the Global Environment Fund (GEF) in order to carry out a preparatory phase of the project entitled "Integrated Management of Oasis Ecosystems in Northern Niger". The overall objective of the project is "to contribute to the improvement of the knowledge on the dynamics and functioning, and management of natural resources of the oases and the forest ecosystems of the arid valleys of Northern Niger so as to promote the conservation and improvement of the services provided by these ecosystems and the resilience of local communities living in six (6) Communes of three (3) departments of Agadez region. The project has three operational components: Component 1 try to regulate the management of oases by creating an adequate legal framework, by setting up observatories and local structures for the integrated management of natural resources; Component 2: This component involve communities and local communities in taking ownership of the management of oasis ecosystems through the establishment of consultation frameworks, inter-municipal structures for the management of oases. It seeks to develop integrated ecosystem management plans oasis in the nick of the municipalities and to insert them into their planning tool. Component 3 implements all natural source resource management (biodiversity, soil, water and smart farming practices in gardens. Component 4 is dedicated to the project region. It concerns the administrative and financial management of the project and some supplies to technical deconcentrate offices.

## 1.3 Project Contacts

<b>Division(s) Implementing the project</b>	Ecosystems Division
<b>Name of co-implementing Agency</b>	
<b>Executing Agency (ies)</b>	Ministry of Environment Niger
<b>names of Other Project Partners</b>	NGO, territorial collectivities, universities, deconcentrated technical services, Ministry of the Environment, decentralized technical services, civil society and local communities
<b>UNEP Portfolio Manager(s)</b>	Johan Robinson
<b>UNEP Task Manager(s)</b>	Adamou Bouhari
<b>UNEP Budget/Finance Officer</b>	Paul Vrontamitis
<b>UNEP Support Assistants</b>	Eric Mugo
<b>Manager/Representative</b>	Yacouba Seybou
<b>Project Manager</b>	Maman Hamidou

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<b>Finance Manager</b>	Ali Daouda
<b>Communications Lead, if relevant</b>	n/a

## 2 Overview of Project Status

### 2.1 UNEP PoW & UN

<b>UNEP Current Subprogramme(s):</b>	Thematic: Nature action subprogramme
<b>UNEP previous Subprogramme(s):</b>	Healthy and Productive Ecosystem
<b>PoW Indicator(s):</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Nature: (iv) Increase in territory of land- and seascapes that is under improved ecosystem conservation and restoration</li> </ul>
<b>UNSDCF/UNDAF linkages</b>	Contribute to Outcome 1 Resilience of Niger UNDAF 2019 -2021
<b>Link to relevant SDG Goals</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Goal 15: Protect, restore and promote sustainable use of terrestrial ecosystems, sustainably manage forests, combat desertification, and halt and reverse land degradation and halt biodiversity loss</li> </ul>
<b>Link to relevant SDG Targets:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>15.3 By 2030, combat desertification, restore degraded land and soil, including land affected by desertification, drought and floods, and strive to achieve a land degradation-neutral world</li> </ul>

### 2.2. GEF Core and Sub Indicators

GEF core or sub indicators targeted by the project as defined at CEO Endorsement/Approval, as well as results

Indicators	Targets - Expected Value			Materialized to date
	Mid-term	End-of-project	Total Target	
4.1- Area of landscapes under improved management to benefit biodiversity	20,000 Hectares	40,000 Hectares	40,000 Hectares	18,838 Hectares
3.2- Area of forest and forest land under restoration	"50,000 hectares (40,000 ha of classified forests actively managed, 500 ha of reforested land and 9,500 ha of arable land) "	"60,000 hectares (40,000 ha of Production system actively managed, 1,000 ha of reforested land and 19,000 ha of arable land) "	60,000 Hectares	23,690 Hectares
6.5- Carbon sequestered or emissions avoided in the AFOLU sector (Direct)	760 692 tons of Carbon	Avoided GHG emissions of 1,112,754 tons of CO <sub>2</sub> e and the sequestration of 2,097,235 tons of CO <sub>2</sub> e	2,097,235 tons of CO <sub>2</sub> e	Not yet evaluated
7.3- Level of National/Local reforms and active participation of Inter-Ministerial Committees	The legal framework clarifying the management of oasis and arid valley forest ecosystems	The legal framework clarifying the management of oasis and arid valley forest ecosystems	3	"(i)The study on the inventory of oasis ecosystems which also gives the mapping of land use.(ii)The study on the legal framework and

Indicators	Targets - Expected Value			Materialized to date
	Mid-term	End-of-project	Total Target	
	validated technically by the involved actors	approved by Niger		the decree on the integrated management of oasis lands. iii) a decree establishing the terms of management of oasis lands as well as the natural resources associated with them was adopted"
4.3-Area of landscapes under sustainable land management in production systems	observatories set up (Agadez and Zinder)	7 observatories of which 4 regional 1 national and 1 for Kowar	7	4 studies are carried out as a prelude to the installation of the observatories
7.3- Level of National/Local reforms and active participation of Inter-Ministerial Committees	A national strategy approved by the government		1	1
4.3-Area of landscapes under sustainable land management in production systems	oases and arid valleys forests support fund set up	Oases and arid valleys forests support fund is operational	1	the process is underway: the texts for the creation of the fund have been developed
4.1- Area of landscapes under improved management to benefit biodiversity	Existence of intercommunal planning	100% of communes have their ILMP	6	4
4.3-Area of landscapes under sustainable land management in production systems	At least 20% of participants in intercommunal planning are women	At least 40% of participants in intercommunal planning are women	40%	
4.3-Area of landscapes under sustainable land management in production systems	80% of planned monitoring structures are established	60% of the monitoring structures are operational	NA	12 teams of monitoring are set up
4.3-Area of landscapes under sustainable land management in production systems	3 consultation frameworks supported by the project	A functional planning platform	3	1
3.1- Area of degraded agricultural lands under restoration	9.000 ha of land restored	19 000 ha of land restored	19000	6750
3.2- Area of forest and forest land under restoration	500 ha Forest area restored	1 000 ha Forest area restored	1000	1031
3.2- Area of forest and forest land under restoration	20 000 ha of arid valley forests	40 000 ha of arid valley forests	40000	18838

Indicators	Targets - Expected Value			Materialized to date
	Mid-term	End-of-project	Total Target	
4.1- Area of landscapes under improved management to benefit biodiversity	At least 20% of recipients are women	At least 40% of recipients are women	NA	25%
3.2- Area of forest and forest land under restoration	farm income improved by 7% per year	farm income improved by 7% per year	7%	4%

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### 2.3. Implementation Status and Risks

	PIR#	Rating towards outcomes (section 3.1)	Rating towards outputs (section 3.2)	Risk rating (section 4.2)
FY 2024	4th PIR	MS	MS	L
FY 2023	3rd PIR	MS	MS	L
FY 2022	2nd PIR	MS	MS	L
FY 2021	1st PIR	MS	MS	L
FY 2020				
FY 2019				
FY 2018				
FY 2017				
FY 2016				
FY 2015				

#### Summary of status

In summary, the activities carried out by the project are:

- (i) Carrying out (i) diagnostic studies of Kawar and Oriental Niger observatories
- (ii) Proofreading of the national strategy document on Oasis Ecosystem Management by a technical committee before approval (iii) Elaboration of the texts relating to the creation of the support fund for the integrated management of oasis
- (iv) Continuation of land restoration activities
- (v) Equipment of women group and training of women on transformation of agricultural products
- (vi) Realisation of two piezometers for monitoring of water aquifers
- (vii) clarification status of the deep drilling site
- (viii) Coordination, planning and management of project interventions



- (ix) Reporting of activities
- (x) Holding of the steering committee
- (xi) support for the creation of the community reserve of Timia
- (xii) support for the RNNAT reserve in the fight against poaching
- (xiii) Validation workshop for the PGIEO mid-term review for the redynamisation of the AIGRN of the RNNAT
- (xiv) workshop
- (xv) Training the development of the integrated management plan for the landscapes of oasis ecosystems and the evaluation of sequestered carbon
- (xvi) update of the logical framework and development of the PGIEO results measurement framework
- (xvii) Holding of extra steering committee for approval of the mid-term review report
- (xviii) Holding of the 2023 financial year Audit
- (xix) Elaboration of a manual on the itinerary of date palm cultivation in Niger

## 2.4 Co Finance

<b>Planned Co-finance:</b>	\$ 21,072,881
<b>Actual to date:</b>	3,088,223
<b>Progress</b>	<p><b>Justify progress in terms of materialization of expected co-finance. State any relevant challenges:</b></p> <p>This year the mobilization of co-financing was very weak due to the political context in the country which led to the reduction or even cessation of the activities of several projects and NGOs. Only four partners, namely PRAPS, FILETS SOCIAUX, CCA HACP and the State of Niger, have intervened in the field of sustainable management of oasis ecosystems in the PGIEO intervention zone. The rate went from 14,05% last year to 14,7% this year.</p>

## 2.5. Stakeholder

<b>Date of project steering committee meeting</b>	2023-12-21
<b>Stakeholder engagement (will be uploaded to GEF Portal)</b>	<p>Most of the partners officially committed to supporting the IMEO NN project have not honored their commitments despite the reminder made by the management unit. Some projects and programs have also been closed. The political crisis that the country has been experiencing since the events of July 26, 2023 has impacted the mobilization of cofinancing and the implementation of activities. The main project implementation partners are the Ministry of Environment; local authorities, municipalities, University of Niamey. The Ministry of the Environment, which provides supervision and the General Secretariat, chairs the steering committee.</p> <p>The Ministry supported the signing by the Government of the draft decree for the integrated management of oasis ecosystems and its main Directorates monitored the project activities.</p>

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	<p>It also supports the Project in organizing technical meetings and facilitates the search for co-financing with other donors. partners, at all levels (NGO, university, partner projects, central directors of ministries) participated and also contributed to all workshops (steering committee, workshop) organized by the project</p> <p>Projects and programs such as PRAPS, Filets Sociaux, CCA, HACP and NGOs in the region implement co-financing activities. They have restored a total of 188 ha of degraded land this year.</p> <p>They are also members of consultation frameworks for ecosystem management.</p> <p>Technical Services are responsible for providing technical support to field activities through collaboration agreements.</p> <p>Local authorities are important partners because the work programs and priorities of the municipalities are discussed by mutual agreement.</p> <p>The University of Niamey is an institution that supports the Project in studies and intervention methodologies.</p>
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## 2.6. Gender

<b>Does the project have a gender action plan?</b>	Yes
<b>Gender mainstreaming (will be uploaded to GEF Portal):</b>	<p>The project will work with this umbrella organization in the region in order to, not only support gender mainstreaming activities, but also facilitate access to communication and capacity building opportunities so as to ensure that gender issues have been adequately taken into account in all components of the project implementation. The project's intervention will be in line with the national gender policy. Gender will be considered as a cross-cutting issue to be mainstreamed into all components of the project. The indicators of men's and women's involvement will be defined. Furthermore, specific women activities will be supported to strengthen their resilience with due consideration of the GEF STAP RAPTA guidelines (<a href="http://stapgef.org/rapta-guidelines">http://stapgef.org/rapta-guidelines</a>). These activities include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Farmland management and seed supply;</li> <li>- Technical assistance advice for onion and garlic producers;</li> <li>- Technical, economic and organizational advice for vegetable producers and</li> <li>- Provision of market gardening seeds and expendable equipment for women's organizations.</li> </ul> <p>This year Women participating in all land restoration, firewall strips and agricultural production activities. For natural resource management activities, these recovered 91 ha and opened 65 km of firewall strips for IMEO project. These activities enabled the women to benefit from 28 883 USD.</p> <p>The project also provided support with cereal processing equipment to a women's group to improve their living conditions. A partnership agreement was signed with the Regional Service for the Promotion of Women and Protection of Children (SRPF/PE) for the supervision and training of these women.</p>

## 2.7. ESSM

<b>Moderate/High risk projects (in terms of Environmental and social safeguards)</b>	<p><b>Was the project classified as moderate/high risk CEO Endorsement/Approval Stage?</b></p> <p>No</p> <p><b>If yes, what specific safeguard risks were identified in the SRIF/ESERN?</b></p>
<b>New social and/or environmental risks</b>	<p><b>Have any new social and/or environmental risks been identified during the reporting period?</b></p> <p>No</p> <p><b>If yes, describe the new risks or changes?</b></p>

<b>Complaints and grievances related to social and/or environmental impacts</b>	<b>Has the project received complaints related to social and/or environmental impacts (actual or potential) during the reporting period?</b> No <b>If yes, please describe the complaint(s) or grievance(s) in detail, including the status, significance, who was involved and what actions were taken?</b>
<b>Environmental and social safeguards management</b>	Tree planting. Implementation of management plans. Popularization of texts on the environment and social safeguard for the uptake by stakeholders. Restoration of oasis ecosystems and the Aïr nature reserve, land restoration. Valorization of degraded land Integrated pest management and the use of organic matter during its activities, the project adopted preventive measures / Protection against injuries and accidents, respiratory diseases and covid-19 contingency plan. The project also contributes to job creation and increased income.

## 2.8. KM/Learning

<b>Knowledge activities and products</b>	<p>The project has produced key strategic documents which are contributing at national level to increase knowledge on natural resources management. These include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The study on the inventory of oasis ecosystems which also gives the mapping of land use.</li> <li>- The study on the Environmental and Social Management Framework of The Integrated Management Project Of Oasians-Ecosystems In Northern Niger</li> <li>- The study on the legal framework and the decree on the integrated management of oasis lands.</li> <li>- The national strategy and its action plan are important project documents.</li> <li>- Mid-term evaluation report of the Integrated Management Project for Oasis North Niger Ecosystems</li> <li>- Diagnostic study of socio-economic and environmental trends in the PGIEO-NN Project area, Kawar area and Oriental-Niger</li> <li>- Elaboration of a manual on the itinerary of datte palm cultivation in Niger</li> <li>- Validation of the inventory carried out as part of the Timia municipal nature reserve process</li> <li>- Development of the texts relating to the creation of a support fund for the integrated management of oases</li> <li>- Elaboration of the PGIEO results measurement framework</li> </ul> <p>For the national strategy document, it must be adopted by the government before being operational. The final documents are shared with the Ministry, universities, communities for personal or research use.</p>
<b>Main learning during the period</b>	<p>The improvement of knowledge on oasis ecosystems has seen significant progress with the adoption of a decree, the development of a strategy and its action plan and the conduct of several studies specific to these ecosystems.</p> <p>Despite of ECOWAS sanctions against Niger almost all of the recommendations of the mid-term review have been implemented.</p>

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## 2.9. Stories

Stories to be shared	Not yet produced
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### 3 Performance

#### 3.1 Rating of progress towards achieving the project outcomes

Project Objective and Outcomes	Indicator	Baseline level	Mid-Term Target or Milestones	End of Project Target	Progress as of current period (numeric, percentage, or binary entry only)	Summary by the EA of attainment of the indicator & target as of 30 June	Progress rating
Outcome1:	Area for the preservation of biodiversity and the globally important ecosystem goods and services it provides to society	0 ha	20,000 ha	40,000 ha	18838 ha	This area was restored by co-financing partners who have an implementation agreement with the Regional Department of the Environment. We can cite as partners the State, NGOs, other development projects and programs in the Agadez region.	MU
	Sustainable management of land in production systems (agriculture, pastures and forest landscapes)	NA	50,000 hectares (40,000 ha of classified forests actively managed, 500 ha of reforested land and 9,500 ha of arable land)	60,000 hectares (40,000 ha of Production system actively managed, 1,000 ha of reforested land and 19,000 ha of arable land)	23690 ha	This area represents the space covered by the sustainable management actions carried out in the project area. They are led by the project and the other partners. These are land development activities, awareness raising, plantations, support for the conservation of wildlife biodiversity, training on the use of organic manure, the fight against bush fires, the fight against invasive plants.	MU
	Carbon sequestered or avoided emissions in the AFOLU sector	0	760 692 tons of Carbon	Avoided GHG emissions of 1,112,754 tons of CO2e and the sequestration of 2,097,235 tons of CO2e	not yet évalué	The project team and the national directorate responsible for implementing the project do not have the technical skills to estimate carbon sequestration. the project provided for capacity building at all levels (national and decentralized) in the following semester (after disbursement of funds) to be able to evaluate the quantity of CO2 or carbon sequestered. All the same, many planting	U

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						and sowing activities in the restored spaces have been carried out. The process is on going	
Outcome 2: The regulatory and enforcement framework relating to oasis biodiversity, ecosystem conservation and good land use management is set up	Texts of the legal framework clarifying the management of oasis and arid valley forests ecosystems approved by the government of Niger	Non-existence of a legal framework clarifying the management of oasis and arid valley forests ecosystems in Niger	The legal framework clarifying the management of oasis and arid valley forest ecosystems validated technically by the involved actors	The legal framework clarifying the management of oasis and arid valley forest ecosystems approved by Niger	the study on oasis inventory is available and the decree of specific text is signed par government. The process of popularizing this decree is underway oasis and arid valley forest ecosystems approved by Niger	The texts of the legal framework clarifying the management of the ecosystems of oasis forests and arid valleys are finally approved by the Government of Niger.	S
Outcome 3: Capacity building of national and local institutions in charge of natural resource management to promote sustainable development in the forest areas of Niger's oases and arid valleys through integrated natural resource management, as evidenced by the increase in the number of the sheets of adapted capacity development	Number of observatories set up	0 observatory	2 observatories set up (Agadez and Zinder)	7 observatories of which 4 regional 1 national and 1 for Kawar	4 studies conducted	4 studies available(Air, kawar, Gouré, Goudoumaria) : Report on the baseline situation of bio-physical and socio-economic parameters available paving the way to the observatories setting up	MS
	An integrated national strategy for the conservation and management of oasis systems and arid valleys forests approved by the Government	No strategy	A national strategy approved by the government		1 validated document by partners is available 1 validated document by partners is available. Proofreading of the document by	The project is just awaiting adoption by the government and the process is ongoing	S

Project Objective and Outcomes	Indicator	Baseline level	Mid-Term Target or Milestones	End of Project Target	Progress as of current period (numeric, percentage, or binary entry only)	Summary by the EA of attainment of the indicator & target as of 30 June	Progress rating
					a technical committee before approval		
Outcome 4: Increased funding for the conservation of oasis and arid valley forests ecosystems.	Existence of an oasis and arid valleys forests support fund is set up and operational	There is no oases and arid valleys forest support fund	oases and arid valleys forests support fund set up	Oases and arid valleys forests support fund is operational	the texts relating to the creation of the support fund for the integrated management of aosis have been elaborated	the statutes and internal regulations of FAGIEO already elaborated by a technical committee and the process of creating fund is ongoing	MS
Outcome 5: The pressures exerted by the overuse and exploitation of the oasis and arid valley forests of the Air Massif covering 40,000 ha are reduced through an Integrated Natural Resources Management Framework (INRM), illustrated by: regulation application of LD-PMAT (Monitoring and Evaluation of the portfolio of focal area "land degradation");	Participation of women in development of ILMP	0	At least 20% of participants in intercommunal planning are women	At least 40% of participants in intercommunal planning are women	The intercommunal planning committee is not set up	Process in progress	MU
	% of the communes with validated ILMP	0%	Existence of intercommunal planning	100% of communes have their ILMP	4 communes have their ILMP	The study on the diagnostic analysis concerning the two remaining municipalities and the work on the development of their ILMP are in progress	MS
Outcome 6: The institutional capacities are established to promote the sustainable management of forests and lands in Air Massif through Integrated Natural Resources Management (INRM) across the landscape, as evidenced by the increase in the score of the capacity development sheet;	Percentage of operational monitoring structures	0%	80% of planned monitoring structures are established	60% of the monitoring structures are operational	1 committee set up	the remaining structures will be put in place after the holding of the communal forums and the installation of the communal committees for the integrated management of the oases	MU
	Existence of texts on functioning of the multi-sector planning platform	No multi-sector planning platform	3 consultation frameworks supported by the project	A functional planning platform	1 regional framework established	the rest of the implementation of the platforms is linked to the decree signed by the government. This text is a beacon for these integrated oasis management structures. Their implementation will be	MS



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						for this semester when the funds of the project are available	
landscape-level strengthening of SLM, SFM and BD conservation measures delivering ecosystem and development benefits has benefited over 60,000 ha (40,000 ha of dryland and arid valley forests, 1,000 ha of forest restoration, 19,000 ha of arable land) in the Massif of Air	Area of degraded production cultivated land restored	0 ha	9.000 ha of land restored	19 000 ha of land restored		6750 ha at date	MU
	Forest area and forest land restored	0 ha	500 ha Forest area restored	1 000 ha Forest area restored Project progress report	1492 kilometers of firewall strips and 1031 hectare of land restorations of degraded land restored "	at date the project has restored 1031 ha, but the restoration activities also concern to combat bush fires 1492 km of firewall strips	HS
	Landscape areas under improved management for the benefit of biodiversity	0 ha	20 000 ha of arid valley forests	40 000 ha of arid valley forests	18838 ha	18838 ha	S
	Female recipients of farm-level technical assistance and economic and organizational advice	0	At least 20% of recipients are women	At least 40% of recipients are women Project progress report	26%	this year a women's group of 71 members equipped with cereal processing equipment and trained on agricultural products transformation	MS
	Rate of improvement in average income from farms supervised by Project	0	farm income improved by 7% per year	farm income improved by 7% per year	1317476 USD paid for workers including 352337 USD for IMOE NN (5% paid to women)	slight improvement in income :352337 USD for IMOE NN (5% paid to women)	MS

### 3.2 Rating of progress implementation towards delivery of outputs (Implementation Progress)

Component	Output/Activity	Expected completion date	Implementation status as of previous reporting period (%)	Implementation status as of current reporting period (%)	Progress rating justification, description of challenges faced and explanations for any delay	Progress Rating

Component	Output/Activity	Expected completion date	Implementation status as of previous reporting period (%)	Implementation status as of current reporting period (%)	Progress rating justification, description of challenges faced and explanations for any delay	Progress Rating
1 Enhanced enabling environment for oasis and arid valley forests ecosystem conservation in Niger	Output 1.1. Legal framework clarifying oasis and arid valley forest ecosystems management re local governance and management is improved and endorsed	June 2020	100%	100%	" The Legal framework clarifying oasis and arid valley forest ecosystems management re local governance and management is improved and endorsed. All activities which can contribute to set up are realized. • The study on an exhaustive inventory of the oasis ecosystems of northern Niger is carried out • The project has supported the government to develop specific texts for the sustainable management of oasis ecosystems and has advocated for the adoption of texts specific to the management of oasis ecosystems in northern Niger. He signed the decree No. 2022-294/PRN/ME/LCD of 07 April setting the terms and conditions of oasis lands management as well as the related resources. These texts specific to the management of oasis ecosystems in northern Niger are popularized at all levels"	S
	Output 1.2. A national observatory of the Oasis and Arid Valley Forest Ecosystems (ONEO) is created and functional.	December 2020	45%	55%	Diagnostic analyses conducted and the base line established for the development of Air Massif observatories. The creation of the national observatory requires the establishment of regional observatories. For each regional observatory, the process of setting up begins with a diagnostic carried out by the National Center for Ecological Surveillance and	MS

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					Monitoring. For the moment the diagnostic studies of the Air , Kawar and Oriental Niger observatory are finalised and the process continues normally.	
	Output 1.3. A national forum on the management of oasis and arid valley forests ecosystems is established (and operational with the support of ONEO).	june 2020	0%	0%	The national forum which brings together all the national actors must be held after the municipal forums. this activity planned this year.	MU
	Output 1.4. An integrated national strategy for the conservation and management of oasis and dry valley forests systems in Niger is developed, validated and approved by the Government.	December 2021	85%	90%	The project has supported government to have an integrated national strategy for the conservation and management of oasis and dry valley forests systems in Niger. The draft validated by the national and local level is available. The rereading of the strategy document has been carried out and the process of approval by government is ongoing	S
	Output 1.5. An oasis and arid valley forests support fund (FAGEDO) is established and operational.	october 2022	25%	40%	the texts for the creation of the fund are developed by a technical committee and the process is ongoing	MS
2 Integrated Landscape Planning for Oasis and Arid Valley Forests in Aïr Massif	Output 2.1. Integrated Landscape Management Plans (ILMPs) developed for the all municipalities in which forest complexes are found ensuring optimal allocation of land to generate development benefits and critical environmental benefits in tandem	june 2020	60%	60%	The project has supported 4 municipalities on the six to actualize the Communal Development Plans (PDC) to integrate integrated management aspects of oasis ecosystem. The process of integrating of the 2 municipalities in in progress	MS
	Output 2.2. A diagnosis report on ecological, socioeconomic (agriculture, pastoralism, etc.) dynamics of oasis and arid valley forests ecosystems of Aïr Massif	December 2021	70%	70%	The diagnostic study on the ecological and socio-economic dynamics (agricultural, pastoral, etc.) of the oasis and forest ecosystems of the arid	MS

Component	Output/Activity	Expected completion date	Implementation status as of previous reporting period (%)	Implementation status as of current reporting period (%)	Progress rating justification, description of challenges faced and explanations for any delay	Progress Rating
					valleys of the Massif de l'Air, paving the way for the establishment of observatories is available. Discussion is underway with the department in charge of ecological monitoring observatories to agree on the baseline and what should be established.	
	Output 2.3. A common set of environmental and socioeconomic indicators for monitoring oasis and arid valley forests ecosystems of Air Massif integrated in all the ILMPs.	December 2020	50%	50%	The final report of Air Massif area is available including the necessary indicators. 4 municipalities (Iferouane, Timia, Dabaga and Gougaram) have their IMLPs and the environmental indicators are integrated. There are only 2 municipalities left (Tchirozerine and Tabelot)	MS
	Output 2.4. A common set of operational actions (SLM practices, Good Agricultural practices, Water Resources Management, SFM practices) to maintain and improve the oasis and arid valley forests ecosystem services developed and integrated into ILMPs.	December 2023	40%	40%	the project has identified with the regional directorates of agriculture and hydraulics future actions to be taken for water management and promising agro-ecological techniques.	MS
	Output 2.5. A multi-sector planning platform comprising institutions with sector responsibilities for the development and conservation of the oasis and arid valley forest ecosystems in the Air Massif, as well as relevant CSOs and committed private partners of local communities, facilitate the development of IMOE -NN.	December 2023	25%	25%	The process is ongoing. A regional consultation framework for actors on the integrated management of oases has already is set up	MS
3 Oasis and Arid Valley Forests Ecosystem Conservation Measures	Output 3.1. Ecological connectivity and integrity established between and within the different forest complexes, by implementing forest landscape management practices identified in the ILMPs. Physical measures include: (1) upgrading of conservation status through designation of classified forests and management of forests covering 40,000 hectares, reducing threats (deforestation, unsustainable wood harvesting); (2) the reforestation of 1,000 hectares of land.	December 2023	20%	20%	The ILMPs have just been finalized in 4 municipalities. The process has just started while waiting for the other two municipalities	MS

Component	Output/Activity	Expected completion date	Implementation status as of previous reporting period (%)	Implementation status as of current reporting period (%)	Progress rating justification, description of challenges faced and explanations for any delay	Progress Rating
	Output 3.2. 1,000 hectares of reforested land	December 2023	15%	103%	1031 ha restored. All the anti-erosion works made are sown with seeds and many partners are planting	HS
	Output 3.3. For production cultivated land (19,000 ha targeted): technologies developed, tested and appropriate infrastructure established to operationalize SLM in line with developed ILMPs, namely: (i) incorporation of nitrogen-fixing trees into annual monocropping; (ii) improvement of planting methods and use of high yielding varieties; (iii) improved water management; (iv) increase in use of organic fertilizer and (v) integrated pest management.	December 2023	30%	40%	132 producers (men and women) are trained and made aware of crop diversification, pesticides and alternative control, composting, organic fertilization and techniques for sowing and planting fruit trees and water-saving techniques. irrigation. They are supported with improved seeds and fruit plants. The producers are made aware to plant tree can favorize azote fixation et improving soil quality. Clearing of 8 gardens of members of the SCOP Tazawaw of Initchirighatan/Tchiro and supply of medicinal plants 50 date palms, 50 moringa and seeds 10 kg of onion and 50 sachets of tomatoes The TRDs for several activities are already and waiting to be financed.	MS

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

## 4 Risks

### 4.1 Table A. Project management Risk

Please refer to the Risk Help Sheet for more details on rating

Risk Factor	EA Rating	TM Rating
1 Management structure - Roles and responsibilities	Low	Low
2 Governance structure - Oversight	Low	Low
3 Implementation schedule	Substantial	Moderate
4 Budget	Low	Low
5 Financial Management	Low	Low
6 Reporting	Low	Low
7 Capacity to deliver	Low	Low

If any of the risk factors is rated a Moderate or higher, please include it in Table B below

### 4.2 Table B. Risk-log

#### Implementation Status (Current PIR)

Insert ALL the risks identified either at CEO endorsement (inc. safeguards screening), previous/current PIRs, and MTRs. Use the last line to propose a suggested consolidated rating.

Risks	Risk affecting: Outcome / outputs	CEO ED	PIR 1	PIR 2	PIR 3	PIR 4	PIR 5	Current PIR	Δ	Justification
The lack of willingness of the relevant parties to finance the initiative in the region in order to meet their commitment in the defined time	All Outcome / outputs	L	M	L	M	M			=	Most of projects and NGOs have not respected their commitment since the beginning of IMEO-NN. Political situation has impacted the financing of many projects. Some projects are also at term
Inability of the municipalities to play their	All Outcome / outputs	L	L	L	L	L			=	The municipalities are able to fully

Risks	Risk affecting: Outcome / outputs	CEO ED	PIR 1	PIR 2	PIR 3	PIR 4	PIR 5	Current PIR	Δ	Justification
role in co-management										play their co-management role. especially since they are supported by state executives who are assigned to the chief towns of communes. The municipalities are able to fully play their co-management role. especially since they rely on State executives assigned to the chief towns of the municipalities. The municipalities are also managed by highly educated executives
Floods. drought. pests. and wind erosion can disrupt the process of project implementation.	All Outcome / outputs	M	L	L	L	L			=	The partners have built water infiltration weirs to feed groundwater and prevent flooding. These phenomena had no influence on the implementation of the project.
The residual insecurity was linked to the previous armed conflict in the project area and the flow of refugees from Libya.	All Outcome / outputs	L	L	L	L	L			=	Insecurity is not a disturbing aspect of project implementation. since the start of the project no threat has affected the project team. Today there is no conflict in the area and the area is covered with military patrols to control the residual insecurity.
Inadequate commitment of local communities in the natural resource management.	All Outcome / outputs	L	L	L	L	L			=	Local communities are accustomed to co-management of natural resources since the implementation of the COGERAT project. municipalities and beneficiaries have joined the project
Institutional instability due mainly to the changes of Communal Councils following the	All Outcome / outputs	L	L	L	M	M			=	The project communes have not experienced any problems during

Risks	Risk affecting: Outcome / outputs	CEO ED	PIR 1	PIR 2	PIR 3	PIR 4	PIR 5	Current PIR	Δ	Justification
next general elections.										past municipal elections and most of the elected municipal councilors have a good level of education However. the appointment of new administrators delegated to the head of the municipalities could have a moderate impact on the implementation of the project
The lack of the involvement of certain user groups such as cattle breeders can lead to conflicts over the use of resources.	All Outcome / outputs	M	L	L	L	L			=	The project responds to the aspirations of all socio-professional groups in the area such as cattle breeders, women, young people and agricultural producers.
COVID 19 pandemic	All Outcome / outputs		L	M	L	L			=	COVID-19 is no longer a constraint for project implementation. In fact. the bans are lifted at the national level and all meetings take place normally
		N/A	L	L	M	L			=	

#### 4.3 Table C. Outstanding Moderate, Significant, and High risks

Additional mitigation measures for the next periods

Risk	Actions decided during the previous reporting instance (PIRt-1, MTR, etc.)	Actions effectively undertaken this reporting period	What	When	By Whom
The lack of willingness of the relevant parties to finance the initiative in the region in order to meet their commitment in the	Reminder of commitments to partners	signature of implementation contract of the same actions with new partners projects and programs in Agadez and the	Partnership search	Immediate	IIMOE NN Management Unit. Regional Council and Ministry



<b>Risk</b>	<b>Actions decided during the previous reporting instance (PIRt-1, MTR, etc.)</b>	<b>Actions effectively undertaken this reporting period</b>	<b>What</b>	<b>When</b>	<b>By Whom</b>
defined time		development of a prodoc with new funder			
Institutional instability due mainly to the changes of Communal Councils	Close consultations with the news heads of municipalities	Regular consultations between the IIMOEE NN Management Unit and news head of municipalities	Capacity building . awareness	Immediate	IIMOEE NN Management Unit.

High Risk (H): There is a probability of greater than 75% that assumptions may fail to hold or materialize, and/or the project may face high risks. Significant Risk (S): There is a probability of between 51% and 75% that assumptions may fail to hold and/or the project may face substantial risks. Moderate Risk (M): There is a probability of between 26% and 50% that assumptions may fail to hold or materialize, and/or the project may face only modest risks. Low Risk (L): There is a probability of up to 25% that assumptions may fail to hold or materialize, and/or the project may face only modest risks.

## 5 Amendment - GeoSpatial

### Project Minor Amendments

Minor amendments are changes to the project design or implementation that do not have significant impact on the project objectives or scope, or an increase of the GEF project financing up to 5% as described in Annex 9 of the Project and Program Cycle Policy Guidelines. Please tick each category for which a change occurred in the fiscal year of reporting and provide a description of the change that occurred in the textbox. You may attach supporting document as appropriate

#### 5.1 Table A: Listing of all Minor Amendment (TM)

Minor Amendments	Changes
Results Framework:	No
Components and Cost:	No
Institutional and implementation arrangements:	No
Financial Management:	No
Implementation Schedule:	
Executing Entity:	No
Executing Entity Category:	No
Minor project objective change:	No
Safeguards:	No
Risk analysis:	No
Increase of GEF financing up to 5%:	No
Location of project activity:	No
Other:	

Minor amendments

#### 5.2 Table B: History of project revisions and/or extensions (TM)

Version	Type	Signed/Approved by UNEP	Entry Into Force (last signature Date)	Agreement Expiry Date	Main changes introduced in this revision

GEO Location Information:

The Location Name, Latitude and Longitude are required fields insofar as an Agency chooses to enter a project location under the set format. The Geo Name ID is required in instances where the location is not exact, such as in the case of a city, as opposed to the exact site of a physical infrastructure. The Location & Activity Description fields are optional. Project longitude and latitude must follow the Decimal Degrees WGS84 format and Agencies are encouraged to use at least four decimal points for greater accuracy. Users may add as many locations as appropriate. Web mapping applications such as OpenStreetMap or GeoNames use this format. Consider using a conversion tool as needed, such as: <https://coordinates-converter.com> Please see the Geocoding User Guide by clicking here

Location Name	Latitude	Longitude	GEO Name ID	Location Description	Activity Description
Agharous	17.22231	7.600005		Commune de Tchirozerine	LAND RESTORATION
Nabaro	17.60543	8.887711		Commune de Tabelot	LAND RESTORATION
Bidey	17.51406	8.38816		Commune de Dabaga	LAND RESTORATION
Tagalalat	18.1002	8.62479		Commune de Timia	LAND RESTORATION
Sakakawan.	19.02302	8.4505		Commune d'Iferouane	LAND RESTORATION
Talak	18.3882	7.78385		Commune de Gougaram	LAND RESTORATION
Tirgaffe	18.7084	7.6018		Commune de Gougaram	LAND RESTORATION
Gougaram	18.4825	7.78444		Commune de Gougaram	LAND RESTORATION (IN PROGRESS)
Hamzan	17.06791	7.77612		Commune de Tchirozerine	Firewall
Takindezit/effarteye	15.83272	8.12321		Commune d'Aderbissanet	Firewall

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

[Annex any linked geospatial file]