

Strengthening capacity of institutions in The Gambia to meet transparency requirements of the Paris Agreement

Review PIF and Make a recommendation

Basic project information

GEF ID

10485

Countries

Gambia

Project Name

Strengthening capacity of institutions in The Gambia to meet transparency requirements of the Paris Agreement

Agencies

CI

Date received by PM

1/31/2020

Review completed by PM

6/12/2020

Program Manager

Pascal Martinez

Focal Area

Climate Change

Project Type

MSP

PIF

Part I – Project Information

Focal area elements

1. Is the project/program aligned with the relevant GEF focal area elements in Table A, as defined by the GEF 7 Programming Directions?

Secretariat Comment at PIF/Work Program Inclusion

March 8, 2020:

The improvement of transparency over time is missing to fully align with the CBIT Programming Directions. Please complete accordingly.

April 9, 2020:

Thank you for the consideration and clarification. Cleared.

Agency Response

Component 1 has been updated to read as follows: Strengthen capacity of national institutions to manage the National Green House Gas Inventory (GHGI) and Measuring, Reporting and Verification (MRV) system to improve transparency over time.

Please see below a description of how Transparency overtime will be achieved through the 3 components

Component 1 will strengthen national institutions for transparency-related activities through: supporting the Gambia to establish a national Green House Gas Inventory (GHGI) and MRV System; and strengthening structures for GHG data sharing amongst GHG emitting sectors through improving inter and intra-agency coordination. Component 2 will provide relevant tools, training and assistance for meeting the provisions stipulated in Article 13 of the Agreement. This will be achieved through training key personnel from GHG emission sectors to develop the GHGI and utilise the GHGI to prepare their BURs and National Communications (NCs) hence ensure consistent reporting to the UNFCCC. Outcomes from Component 1 and 2 will enable the Gambia to generate up-to-date relevant transparency information and reports necessary to track progress towards achieving the Nationally Determined Contribution (NDC). Additionally, through these 2 components the national capacity of the Gambia will be built to develop a GHGI and prepare BURs and NCs which will improve transparency over time. Notably, through component 1, inter and intra-agency coordination and GHG data sharing will be strengthened through signing GHG data sharing agreements/Memorandum of understanding (MoUs) which is integral to operationalising the GHGI and ensuring consistent reporting to the UNFCCC which will improve transparency over time.

Component 3 will result to an integrated knowledge management platform for sharing transparency related information. This information will improve understanding of progress made by the Gambia towards achieving the NDC and; outline support needed and received that will enable the Gambia realise the commitments provided in the NDC. Since this is a platform for sharing transparency information, results of outcome 1 and 2 will also be posted here.

Indicative project/program description summary

2. Are the components in Table B and as described in the PIF sound, appropriate, and sufficiently clear to achieve the project/program objectives and the core indicators?

Secretariat Comment at PIF/Work Program Inclusion

March 8, 2020:

1. What does 'ToT Workshops' mean?
2. It is unclear whether the MRV system includes tracking of the support received as part of the transparency framework. Please clarify in the table B and the project component description.
3. The difference component 1 and 3 is unclear as both provide a platform for data sharing. Please clarify the role and added value of the component 3 as compared to the component 1.

April 9, 2020:

- 1, 2 and 3. Thank you for the clarification. Cleared.

Agency Response

1. We have revised Component 3 and omitted the Training of Trainers (ToT)

2. We have edited Component 1 to read more clearly – see below. This change has also been captured in the component description section:

Component 1: Strengthen capacity of national institutions to manage the National Green House Gas Inventory (GHGI) and Measuring, Reporting and Verification (MRV) system to improve transparency over time. Tracking of the support received and needed is part of Component 3 which will result to an integrated knowledge management platform for sharing transparency activities.

3. Component 1 will result to a National Green House Gas Inventory (GHGI) and MRV System whereas Component 3 will yield a Knowledge management platform focussing on transparency activities in the Gambia. The Knowledge Management Platform will aggregate all transparency activities in the country. As a result, the Gambia will have a platform where information on Climate Change adaptation and mitigation is posted and support needed and received related to capacity building, technology transfer and finance is also posted (as part of Article 13 of the Paris Agreement where countries are required to communicate this information).

Co-financing

3. Are the indicative expected amounts, sources and types of co-financing adequately documented and consistent with the requirements of the Co-Financing Policy and Guidelines, with a description on how the breakdown of co-financing was identified and meets the definition of investment mobilized?

Secretariat Comment at PIF/Work Program Inclusion

March 8, 2020:

This project does not required co-financing. Co-financing of \$125,000 in-kind from the government and \$10,000 from GEF agency is listed. Cleared.

Agency Response

GEF Resource Availability

4. Is the proposed GEF financing in Table D (including the Agency fee) in line with GEF policies and guidelines? Are they within the resources available from (mark all that apply):

Secretariat Comment at PIF/Work Program Inclusion

March 8, 2020:

Yes. The project is requesting funding from the CBIT set-aside. Cleared.

Agency Response

The STAR allocation?

Secretariat Comment at PIF/Work Program Inclusion

March 8, 2020:

N/A. This project is requesting resources from the CBIT set-aside.

Agency Response

The focal area allocation?

Secretariat Comment at PIF/Work Program Inclusion

March 8, 2020:

N/A. This project is requesting resources from the CBIT set-aside.

Agency Response

The LDCF under the principle of equitable access

Secretariat Comment at PIF/Work Program Inclusion

N/A

Agency Response

The SCCF (Adaptation or Technology Transfer)?

Secretariat Comment at PIF/Work Program Inclusion

N/A

Agency Response

Focal area set-aside?

Secretariat Comment at PIF/Work Program Inclusion

March 8, 2020:

The project is requesting a total of \$1,253,500 from the CBIT set-aside (including project cost, fees and PPG). Cleared.

Agency Response

Impact Program Incentive?

Secretariat Comment at PIF/Work Program Inclusion

N/A

Agency Response

Project Preparation Grant

5. Is PPG requested in Table E within the allowable cap? Has an exception (e.g. for regional projects) been sufficiently substantiated? (not applicable to PFD)

Secretariat Comment at PIF/Work Program Inclusion

March 8, 2020:

Yes, the PPG is within the allowable cap. Cleared.

Agency Response

Core indicators

6. Are the identified core indicators in Table F calculated using the methodology included in the correspondent Guidelines? (GEF/C.54/11/Rev.01)

Secretariat Comment at PIF/Work Program Inclusion

March 8, 2020:

A target for Indicator 11 has been provided. According to the table B, the total number of beneficiaries is 200 (including 25% female). Nevertheless the core indicator 11 mentions 190 beneficiaries including 142 female. Please ensure the figures are consistent throughout the proposal. Please also clarify how this estimate was determined and how the beneficiaries will be selected.

April 9, 2020:

Thank you for the adjustment and clarification. Cleared.

Agency Response

Addressed and corrected core indicator section. Total direct beneficiaries = 180 (with at-least 25% women). Component one has 60 beneficiaries and Component two has 120 beneficiaries.

The estimate number of direct beneficiaries (180) was provided by the Government of Gambia – they estimated available technical experts working in the GHG Sectors in the government, CSOs, and private sector institutions - who may actively participate in this CBIT project

How the beneficiaries will be selected:

Stakeholder mapping and assessment will be undertaken during PPG to identify the key stakeholders and their roles and potential contribution and involvement in the CBIT Project (Stakeholder section of the PIF updated). A Stakeholder Engagement Plan (SEP) will be developed, and it will ensure involvement of all sub-groups of stakeholders. The SEP will:

- Ensure representation from the 5 GHG sectors (Energy, AFOLU, Transport, Waste, IPPU)
- The SEP will also ensure representation from Government Institutions, CSOs, Private Sector and Academia

Each partner institution will be requested to second staff that will be committed to participating in the CBIT trainings and other activities.

Project/Program taxonomy

7. Is the project/ program properly tagged with the appropriate keywords as requested in Table G?

Secretariat Comment at PIF/Work Program Inclusion

March 8, 2020:

Yes, the project is properly tagged. Cleared.

Agency Response

Part II – Project Justification

1. Has the project/program described the global environmental / adaptation problems, including the root causes and barriers that need to be addressed?

Secretariat Comment at PIF/Work Program Inclusion

March 9, 2020:

Except the last 2 paragraphs (9 and 10), the description of problems, root causes and barriers are quite generic about the national economy and climate change consequences and not specific to the transparency framework. The background is useful but please clarify in this section the problems this project is expected to solve.

April 9, 2020:

Thank you for the relevant complements. Cleared.

Agency Response The global environmental problems, root causes and barriers have been revised.

2. Is the baseline scenario or any associated baseline projects appropriately described?

Secretariat Comment at PIF/Work Program Inclusion

March 9, 2020:

1. The description says the Land Use Land Use-Change and Forestry (LULUCF) emissions category has not been considered in the NDC whereas afforestation is on of the 2 unconditional mitigation options of the NDC. Please clarify.

2. As for the previous section on problems, root causes and barriers, the description of the baseline scenario doesn't relate to the transparency framework in the country. Please explain what are the baseline projects or initiatives from relevant stakeholders that are already existing and could be articulated with or justify the choice of the activities proposed by the CBIT project.

3. In particular the alternative scenario mentions 'the project will ... build on existing transparency initiatives'. What are these initiatives?

4. Paragraph 19 is about the barriers and should be part of the previous section. Please adjust accordingly.

5. In the Coordination section we learn the importance for this project of the Vital Signs Program. Nevertheless this Program isn't mentioned in the baseline scenario. Please explain.

April 9, 2020:

1, 2, 3, 4 and 5. Thank you for the adjustments and clarification. Cleared.

Agency Response

1. This information was obtained from The Gambia's NDC. It means that broad emission targets for LULUCF were not considered, even though tree planting and care is one of the unconditional mitigation options. It suggests that rather than work on LULUCF broadly, the Gambia will focus on afforestation.

2. Baseline projects updated.

3. Alternative scenario updated - the update clearly shows how the project will improve transparency over time. The transparency activities that this project will build on are clearly highlighted: NCs, BURs, NDC etc. See Para: 21-26

4. Barriers moved to Section 1.

5. Vital Signs Programme is a project partner. They are involved in multiple CBIT projects (Rwanda, Kenya, Uganda, regional project with COMESA). More information on Vital Signs has been included in the baseline section.

3. Does the proposed alternative scenario describe the expected outcomes and components of the project/program?

Secretariat Comment at PIF/Work Program Inclusion

March 9, 2020:

1. One of the targets for Outcome 1.2 is unclear: '- AFOLU, Energy, Transport, IPPU and Waste) (at least 25% of the trainees are women)'. Please clarify.

2. The assistance of the improvement of transparency over time doesn't appear as a clear objective. Please complete the description of the proposed alternative scenario accordingly.

3. WE don't understand the meaning of the paragraph '22. The Ministry of the Environment, Climate Change & Natural Resources (MECCNAR) and the Vital Signs Programme.' in the alternative scenario description. Please clarify.

4. The difference between the outcome 1.2 'A functional National Green House Gas Inventory (GHGI) and MRV system in-line' and the outcome 3.1 'A national integrated platform for data sharing' is unclear. Please clearly explain the difference between these two outcomes (objectives, users, hosting agency, included data, infrastructure...).

April 9, 2020:

1. It was a format issue, this target appears as 2 different targets in the description. Thank you for the clarification. Cleared.

2, 3 and 4. Thank you for the adjustments and clarification. Cleared.

Agency Response 1. The target is:

50 trained on management of the MRV system and GHGI (10 personnel from each GHG emitting sector - AFOLU, Energy, Transport, IPPU and Waste) (at-least 25% of the trainees are women).

Clarification:

We have 5 GHG emitting sectors (AFOLU, Energy, Transport, IPPU and Waste) and we will select 10 personnel from each sector hence the total is 50 target trainees (of which at least 25% of this total should be women)

2. Component 1 has been updated to read as follows: Strengthen capacity of national institutions to manage the National Green House Gas Inventory (GHGI) and Measuring, Reporting and Verification (MRV) system to improve transparency over time. The alternative scenario has been updated.

3. Omitted

4. Component 1 will result to a National Green House Gas Inventory (GHGI) and MRV System whereas Component 3 will yield a Knowledge management platform focussing on transparency activities in the Gambia. The Knowledge Management Platform will aggregate all transparency activities in the country. As a result, the Gambia will have a platform where information on Climate Change adaptation and mitigation is posted and support needed and received related to capacity building, technology transfer and finance is also posted (as part of Article 13 of the Paris Agreement where countries are required to communicate this information).

4. Is the project/program aligned with focal area and/or Impact Program strategies?

Secretariat Comment at PIF/Work Program Inclusion

March 9, 2020:

As mentioned above, the assistance in the improvement of transparency over time is unclear (only a brief mention in table 2 under paragraph 32). Please complete accordingly.

April 9, 2020:

Thank you for the update. Cleared.

Agency Response This has been addressed through updating Component 1 and the alternative scenario.

5. Is the incremental / additional cost reasoning properly described as per the Guidelines provided in GEF/C.31/12?

Secretariat Comment at PIF/Work Program Inclusion

March 9, 2020:

Yes, cleared.

Agency Response

6. Are the project's/program's indicative targeted contributions to global environmental benefits (measured through core indicators) reasonable and achievable? Or for adaptation benefits?

Secretariat Comment at PIF/Work Program Inclusion

March 9, 2020:

Yes but per the comment above, please clarify in this section the number of beneficiaries (including female), how this estimate was determined and how the beneficiaries will be selected.

April 9, 2020:

Thank you for the clarification. Cleared.

Agency Response

The estimate number of direct beneficiaries (180) was provided by the Government of Gambia. They estimated available technical experts working in the GHG Sectors in the government, CSOs, and private sector institutions - who may actively participate in this CBIT project

How the beneficiaries will be selected:

Stakeholder mapping and assessment will be undertaken to identify the key stakeholders and their roles and potential contribution and involvement to the CBIT Project (see Table).

A Stakeholder Engagement Plan (SEP) will be developed, and it will ensure involvement of all sub-groups of stakeholders. The SEP will:

- Ensure representation from the 5 GHG sectors (Energy, AFOLU, Transport, Waste, IPPU)
- Also ensure representation from Government Institutions, CSOs, Private Sector and Academia

Each partner institution will be requested to second staff that will be committed to participating in the CBIT trainings and other activities.

7. Is there potential for innovation, sustainability and scaling up in this project?

Secretariat Comment at PIF/Work Program Inclusion

March 9, 2020:

Yes, cleared.

Agency Response

Project/Program Map and Coordinates

Is there a preliminary geo-reference to the project's/program's intended location?

Secretariat Comment at PIF/Work Program Inclusion

March 8, 2020:

There is no specific location as the project interventions are at country level. Cleared.

Agency Response

Stakeholders

Does the PIF/PFD include indicative information on Stakeholders engagement to date? If not, is the justification provided appropriate? Does the PIF/PFD include information about the proposed means of future engagement?

Secretariat Comment at PIF/Work Program Inclusion

March 9, 2020:

1. Two kind of stakeholders that have participated in consultations during the PIF are selected. Nevertheless, there is no description of how they participated and what were the results of such consultations. Some information on stakeholders consultation should appear here. Please complete accordingly. We note that the paragraphs 38-39-40-41 correspond better to the next session on how stakeholders, including civil society and indigenous peoples, will be engaged in the project.
2. In addition, the indicative information on how stakeholders, including civil society and indigenous peoples, will be engaged in the project preparation, and their respective roles and means of engagement is missing. Please complete accordingly.

May 13, 2020:

The PIF reports that consultations with civil society organizations and private sector entities were conducted and that during the PPG Phase a Stakeholder mapping and analysis will be undertaken. Please describe the consultations that took place with civil society organizations and private sector during project identification. This is a requirement of GEF's Policy on Stakeholder Engagement (effective on July 1, 2018) as follows: at PIF stage 'Agencies provide a description of any consultations conducted during project development....'. If these consultations haven't been conducted, please tag the relevant boxes accordingly (with a no) and explain why in the project description.

June 12, 2020:

Thank you for the correction and clarification. Cleared.

Agency Response

1. Added Table 5 which will aid in stakeholder mapping and assessment

To date, only The Ministry of Environment, Climate Change and Natural Resources officials have been engaged extensively and been involved in co-developing the PIF. They have therefore provided insights on the priorities of The Gambia for this project, and which relevant partners will be key to achieving the project goal. They have also read and agreed with the PIF prior to submission. During PPG phase, we expect to work more closely with all the other key partners in the country as the PPG phase will provide opportunity for more robust engagement and participation.

2. Added Table 5 which will aid in stakeholder mapping and assessment

CI-GEF response June 4, 2020

Clarification provided, Paragraph 37 and relevant boxes checked accordingly to indicate that CSOs and private sector organizations were not consulted during PIF development.

“To date, only The Ministry of Environment, Climate Change and Natural Resources officials have been engaged extensively and been involved in co-developing the PIF. They have therefore provided insights on the priorities of The Gambia for this project, and which relevant partners will be key to achieving the project goal. They have also read and agreed with the PIF prior to submission. Since we anticipated a PPG phase where we would have an in-country consultation process to actively interact with, and gather opinion and feedback from representatives of all stakeholders in country; CI only engaged the Gambia’s Ministry of Environment, Climate Change & Natural Resources (MECCNAR) to design the CBIT PIF and reflect the country’s priorities. The Ministry has some highly experienced and qualified personnel who lead the country’s climate action. They also regularly engage other stakeholders in the country and understand very well, not only their national priorities, but stakeholder perspectives. We realize this engagement is not enough, but hope to add to it during the PPG phase by holding two stakeholder feedback workshops and having the PPG process to include extensive stakeholder interactions.”

Gender Equality and Women’s Empowerment

Is the articulation of gender context and indicative information on the importance and need to promote gender equality and the empowerment of women, adequate?

Secretariat Comment at PIF/Work Program Inclusion

March 9, 2020:

Yes, cleared.

Agency Response

Private Sector Engagement

Is the case made for private sector engagement consistent with the proposed approach?

Secretariat Comment at PIF/Work Program Inclusion

March 9, 2020:

Yes. By CEO Endorsement please provide additional information on specific private sector stakeholders.

Agency Response CI-GEF response June 4, 2020 This is noted. Additional information will be provided on specific private sector stakeholders by the time we submit the ProDoc for CEO Endorsement. This text has been included in the Private Sector Engagement Sector.

Risks to Achieving Project Objectives

Does the project/program consider potential major risks, including the consequences of climate change, that might prevent the project objectives from being achieved or may be resulting from project/program implementation, and propose measures that address these risks to be further developed during the project design?

Secretariat Comment at PIF/Work Program Inclusion

March 8, 2020:

Relevant potential risks are taken into account. In addition, please assess and incorporate the data availability risk.

May 13, 2020:

At PIF stage, the Agency is expected to provide preliminary information on environmental and social safeguards risks. While the PIF Section 5 includes some information on risks, the Agency should indicate first and clearly the preliminary overall risk classification of the project and, if available, provide any early screening/assessment report(s) and / or any indicative plans/measures to address identified risks. Please refer to the policy GEF/C.57/Inf.05 and complete accordingly.

June 12, 2020:

Thank you for the additional inputs. Cleared.

Agency Response

Risk table updated to include a new risk on Lack of Data

CI-GEF response June 4, 2020

Risk table updated.

- CI-GEF Safeguard Screening analysis attached. This shows the overall risk classification of the project and the safeguards triggered
- We have also included a risk related to COVID-19 and have attached the CI-GEF COVID-19 guidelines.

Coordination

Is the institutional arrangement for project/program coordination including management, monitoring and evaluation outlined? Is there a description of possible coordination with relevant GEF-financed projects/programs and other bilateral/multilateral initiatives in the project/program area?

Secretariat Comment at PIF/Work Program Inclusion

March 9, 2020:

The description says Vital Signs program will support the execution of this project but this program is not presented in the proposal. Please explain clearly what this program is, how concretely it will coordinate with the MECCNAR and what will be the respective roles of this program and the MECCNAR.

April 9, 2020:

Thank you for the clarification. Cleared.

Agency Response The coordination section has been revised to provide more clarification on the role of the EA: MECCNAR and the support of the Vital Signs Program.

Consistency with National Priorities

Has the project/program cited alignment with any of the recipient country's national strategies and plans or reports and assessments under relevant conventions?

Secretariat Comment at PIF/Work Program Inclusion

March 9, 2020:

Yes, this project is aligned with The Gambia's first NDC and climate change policies. Cleared.

Agency Response

Knowledge Management

Is the proposed "knowledge management (KM) approach" in line with GEF requirements to foster learning and sharing from relevant projects/programs, initiatives and evaluations; and contribute to the project's/program's overall impact and sustainability?

Secretariat Comment at PIF/Work Program Inclusion

March 9, 2020:

Yes, but it is unclear in table B and in the alternative scenario description how the proposed activities will be implemented. Please clarify in table B and in the components' description where the Knowledge Management activities are planned.

April 9, 2020:

Thank you for the clarification. Cleared.

Agency Response

Please see revised Component 3 which will establish an integrated knowledge management platform for sharing transparency related information.

This information will improve understanding of progress made by the Gambia towards achieving the NDC and; outline support needed and received that will enable the Gambia to realise the commitments provided in the NDC. Since this is a platform for sharing transparency information, results of outcome 1 and 2 will also be posted here.

Environmental and Social Safeguard (ESS)

Are environmental and social risks, impacts and management measures adequately documented at this stage and consistent with requirements set out in SD/PL/03?

Secretariat Comment at PIF/Work Program Inclusion

Agency Response

Part III – Country Endorsements

Has the project/program been endorsed by the country's GEF Operational Focal Point and has the name and position been checked against the GEF data base?

Secretariat Comment at PIF/Work Program Inclusion

March 8, 2020:

Yes, GEF OFP Mr. Dodou Trawally has endorsed this project. Cleared.

Agency Response

CI-GEF response June 4, 2020

LOE updated.

Termsheet, reflow table and agency capacity in NGI Projects

Does the project provide sufficient detail in Annex A (indicative termsheet) to take a decision on the following selection criteria: co-financing ratios, financial terms and conditions, and financial additionality? If not, please provide comments. Does the project provide a detailed reflow table in Annex B to assess the project capacity of generating reflows? If not, please provide comments. After reading the questionnaire in Annex C, is the Partner Agency eligible to administer concessional finance? If not, please provide comments.

Secretariat Comment at PIF/Work Program Inclusion

N/A

Agency Response

GEFSEC DECISION

RECOMMENDATION

Is the PIF/PFD recommended for technical clearance? Is the PPG (if requested) being recommended for clearance?

Secretariat Comment at PIF/Work Program Inclusion

The agency is requested to tick the box for "CBIT" on the PIF form in the portal and resubmit the PIF to the GEFSEC so it can be reviewed by the appropriate GEFSEC team.

March 9, 2020:

Not yet. Please address the above comments. To facilitate the review process, please indicate where the changes are in the proposal and highlight in yellow the changes in the text.

May 13, 2020:

Not yet. Please address the remaining above and following comments:

1. The Agency fee and submission date are missing in the Project Information section (as per table D the Agency fee should be \$99,000 USD).

Duration	Agency Fee(\$)	Submission Date
24		
In Months		

2. Although this is a CBIT project, the source of funding should be GEFTF in the Letter of Endorsement (and not "CBIT"). The Letter of Endorsement should be corrected accordingly. As an alternative, if it is simpler, an email from the OFP, uploaded as a document in the Portal and clarifying that the source of the funds requested for this project CBIT #10485 is GEFTF can suffice.

Source of Funds	GEF Agency	Focal Area	Amount (in US\$)			
			Project Preparation	Project	Fee	Total
CBIT	CI	Climate Change	50,000	1,100,000	103,500	1,253,500
Total GEF Resources			50,000	1,100,000	103,500	1,253,500

June 18, 2020:

Thank you for addressing the comments. Nevertheless, there is still one mistake that need to be fixed. Please see below the information "Programming of Funds" is missing in table D and table E. Instead of "NA" there should be "CBIT Set-Aside". Please correct accordingly.

D. Indicative Trust Fund Resources Requested by Agency(ies), Country(ies), Focal Area and the Programming of Funds

Agency	Trust Fund	Country	Focal Area	Programming of Funds	Amount(\$)	Fee(\$)	Total(\$)
CI	GET	Gambia	Climate Change	NA	1,100,000	99,000	1,199,000
Total GEF Resources(\$)					1,100,000	99,000	1,199,000

E. Project Preparation Grant (PPG)

PPG Required

PPG Amount (\$) PPG Agency Fee (\$)
 50,000 4,500

Agency	Trust Fund	Country	Focal Area	Programming of Funds	Amount(\$)	Fee(\$)	Total(\$)
CI	GET	Gambia	Climate Change	NA	50,000	4,500	54,500
Total Project Costs(\$)					50,000	4,500	54,500

June 22, 2020:

Thank you for addressing the remaining comment. The PIF and PPG are now recommended for clearance.

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

Additional recommendations to be considered by Agency at the time of CEO endorsement/approval.

Secretariat Comment at PIF/Work Program Inclusion

April 9, 2020:

During the PPG phase, please provide additional information on specific private sector stakeholders and ensure all the potential relevant key partners are adequately involved in the Stakeholder Engagement Plan so that they can participate in the project implementation as needed.

Review Dates

	PIF Review	Agency Response
First Review		
Additional Review (as necessary)		
Additional Review (as necessary)		
Additional Review (as necessary)		
Additional Review (as necessary)		

PIF Recommendation to CEO

Brief reasoning for recommendations to CEO for PIF Approval

Cover Memo

Context and expected results

The objective of this project is to strengthen institutional and human capacities to enable Gambia to comply with the requirements of the transparency framework under the Paris Agreement on Climate Change.

Gambia submitted its First NDC to the UNFCCC and signed the Paris agreement in 2016. Since ratifying the Convention, Gambia has taken important steps to address the effects of climate change through the development, submission and implementation of NCs, the NAPA, the National Capacity Self-Assessment and the NAMA. These documents have been developed to be in line with the relevant national policies and programs including VISION 2020, the Program for Accelerated Growth and Employment (PAGE) and relevant sectorial policies.

Nevertheless, to implement the Transparency Framework of the Paris Agreement, Gambia faces important barriers: Weak coordination framework and institutional arrangements, and low institutional engagements in GHG data collection, management and monitoring; Inadequate technical and institutional capacity for MRV and GHG data management; and Weaknesses in data access and appropriate tools.

Addressing these limitations, the project will provide Gambia with its first GHG inventory and MRV System. Involving all the relevant sectors of the economy, it will facilitate the Ministry of Environment, Climate Change & Natural Resources to coordinate, lead, plan, implement, monitor, and evaluate programs, strategies and policies to enhance transparency.

The project has the following components:

- Component 1: Strengthen capacity of national institutions to manage the National Green House Gas Inventory (GHGI) and Measuring, Reporting and Verification (MRV) system to improve transparency over time
- Component 2: Strengthen capacity of key stakeholders in The Gambia on data management for the GHG emissions inventory and MRV system.
- Component 3: Development of an integrated knowledge management platform for sharing transparency activities

In particular, the project will undertake a capacity needs assessment of Gambia's key GHG emitting sectors and identify information and capacity gaps, build on existing transparency initiatives, liaise with stakeholders to develop and operationalize tools and share lessons learnt. In line with the NDC, the project will target the following sectors: AFOLU, Energy, Transport, Industrial Processes and Product Use, and Waste. It will deliver a functional, well-coordinated inter-sectoral institutional arrangement (cooperation & networking) which will strengthen coordination for GHG data collection, processing and sharing; effective tracking and monitoring of GHG emissions and support needed and received.

Budget:

The support requested from the GEF CBIT set-aside is \$1,253,500 (including project cost, fees and PPG).

