

Development of the Fourth National Communication and the First Transparency Report (4NC/1BTR) as a combined report and the Second Biennial Transparency Report (2BTR) of Botswana under the UNFCCC

Review CEO Endorsement and Make a recommendation

Basic project information

GEF ID

11315

Countries

Botswana

Project Name

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Agencies

UNDP

Date received by PM

7/7/2023

Review completed by PM

7/13/2023

Program Manager

Esteban Bermudez Forn

Focal Area

Climate Change

Project Type

EA

Expedited Enabling Activity req (CEO)

Section I - Enabling Activity Summary

Funding elements.

Is the enabling activity aligned with the relevant GEF funding elements as indicated in Table A and as defined by the GEF-8 Programming Directions? Is the General Enabling Activity Information table correctly populated?

Secretariat's Comments

EBF 7/24/2023: This project is aligned with the GEF-8 climate change focal are strategy. Cleared.

Agency's Comments

Cost Ranges.

If there was a deviation in the cost range, was this explained?

Secretariat's Comments EBF 7/24/2023: The project has no deviations in the cost range.
The costing is in line with Information Note GEF/C.62/Inf.15
- <https://www.thegef.org/council-meeting-documents/gef-c-62-inf-15>

Agency's Comments
Enabling activity summary.

Is the enabling activity summary clear? Are the components in Table B and as described in the enabling activity request sound, appropriate, and sufficiently clear to achieve the project objectives?

Secretariat's Comments EBF 7/24/2023: Cleared.

Agency's Comments
Section 2 - Enabling Activity Supporting Information

Eligibility Criteria.

Is this enabling activity eligible for GEF funding?

Secretariat's Comments EBF 7/24/2023: Cleared.

Agency's Comments

Institutional framework.

Are the institutional arrangements for implementation adequately described?

Secretariat's Comments
EBF 8/8/2023:

1. Cleared
2. Cleared

EBF 7/24/2023: The project will be implemented following UNDP's national implementation modality (NIM). The Ministry of Environment and Tourism will act as the executing partner.

Please address the following comments:

1. In Section B Enabling Activity Summary, paragraph 5 of Project Immediate Objective, the proposal states the following:
"the Adaptation Communication will be covered under outcome 3.1 (Component 3), while information necessary to prepare the communication will be gathered under outcome 2.2 (Component 2)?"
However, there is no mention of this in Outcome 3.1 in the Narrative description of project activities in Section D, so please add it.
2. The project has referred to the collection and analysis of gender-disaggregated data. While this is welcome, please note that it may not be possible, at implementation, to collect data by gender (non-binary) in particular, if the country / communities collect only binary data, i.e., men / women.

Agency's Comments

111. This comment was addressed directly in the text through reconciliation of the relevant sections of the text (See Section D- page 14 and 21).
2. The comment is addressed and highlighted in green in section B: Enabling Activity Summary. However, the highlight is not visible in the GEF portal. In line with [GUIDELINES ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE GEF-8 RESULTS MEASUREMENT FRAMEWORK](#), the GEF mandatory indicator 1: "# direct project beneficiaries (individual people)" of the project results framework will capture the total number of direct beneficiaries, disaggregated by sex (male and female). Gender considerations and collection of gender sensitive data under this project is expected to be based on binary data and disaggregated by sex, i.e., men/women. To avoid any misunderstanding, a footnote is added to the EA request and ProDoc.

Monitoring and Evaluation.

Does the project include a budgeted M&E Plan?

Secretariat's Comments EBF 7/24/2023: Yes, \$10,000 are budgeted for M&E related activities. Cleared.

Agency's Comments

Section 3. Information Tables

GEF resource availability.

Is the proposed GEF financing in Table F (including the Agency fee) in line with GEF policies and guidelines?

Secretariat Comment at PIF/Work Program Inclusion EBF 7/24/2023: Yes, it is in line with GEF policies and guidelines.

Agency Response

**Are they within the resources available from (mark all that apply):
STAR allocation?**

Secretariat's Comments N/A

Agency's Comments

Focal Area allocation?

Secretariat's Comments N/A

Agency's Comments

LDCF under the principle of equitable access?

Secretariat's Comments N/A

Agency's Comments

SCCF (Adaptation or Tech Transfer)?

Secretariat's Comments N/A

Agency's Comments

Focal Area Set Aside?

Secretariat's Comments EBF 7/24/2023: Yes, this is in line with the information note GEF/C.62/Inf.15.

Agency's Comments

Rio Markers.

Are the Rio Markers for CCM ,CCA, BD and LD presented?

Secretariat's Comments EBF 7/24/2023: Yes, cleared.

Agency's Comments

Country endorsement.

Has the project been endorsed by the country's GEF Operational Focal Point at the time of the EA submission and has the name and position been checked against the GEF database? Are the endorsed amounts consistent with the amounts included in Portal

Secretariat's Comments EBF 7/24/2023: Yes, the project has been endorsed by the GEF OFP of Botswana and the endorsed amounts are consistent with the amounts in the Portal.

Agency's Comments

Response to Comments

Are all the comments adequately responded to? (only as applicable)

Gef Secretariat comments

Secretariat's Comments N/A

Agency's Comments

Other Agencies comments

Secretariat's Comments N/A

Agency's Comments

Council comments

Secretariat's Comments N/A

Agency's Comments

STAP comments

Secretariat's Comments N/A

Agency's Comments

Convention Secretariat comments

Secretariat's Comments N/A

Agency's Comments

CSOs comments

Secretariat's Comments N/A

Agency's Comments

Project Budget Table.

Is the project budget table attached? Are the activities / expenditures reasonably and accurately charged to the three identified sources (Components, M&E and PMC)?

Secretariat's Comments EBF 7/24/2023: Yes, cleared.

Agency's Comments

Environmental and Social Safeguards.

If there are screening documents or other ESS documents available, have these been attached? (only as applicable)

Secretariat's Comments

EBF 7/24/2023: Yes, they have been attached. The overall project risk is categorized as low risk.

Agency's Comments

GEFSEC DECISION

RECOMMENDATION.

Is CEO endorsement/ approval recommended?

Secretariat's Comments

EBF 8/8/2023: Cleared.

EBF 7/24/2023: Please address the comment above.

** Please highlight **in green** the changes made on the portal version of the CEO approval document for ease of reference. **

REVIEW DATE(S)

**Secretariat Comment at
CEO Endorsement**

**Response to
Secretariat comments**

First Review	7/24/2023	8/8/2023
Additional Review (as necessary)	8/8/2023	
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