

PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION REPORT

Project ID:	10170
Project Name:	Integrated forest and biodiversity management for sustainable development in the Biban mountain range
Countr(ies):	Algeria
Implementing Agency:	FAO

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I. Overview

A. Description

Project name

Integrated forest and biodiversity management for sustainable development in the Biban mountain range

Country

Algeria

GEF ID

10170

Implementing Agency

FAO

Executing Entity

The National Observatory for the Environment and Sustainable Development (ONEDD) of the Ministry of Environment (ME)

Trust Fund

GET

Project Type

FSP

PIR Submission

9/9/2025

Fiscal Year , PIR Number

FY 2025 , 1st PIR

Objective

Project Objective: To conserve and sustainably use biodiversity and natural ecosystems, improve the management of natural resources in two communes of the Biban mountain range, and support outscaling across the Biban mountain range. Indicator 1: Area of landscapes under improved management practices Target 1: 32,257 hectares (including 16,259 ha under improved management to benefit biodiversity and 15,998 ha under SLM) Indicator 2: Number of individuals adopting sustainable, nature-based income-generating activities Target 2: 16,815 individuals (including 50% women)

B. Ratings and Disbursements

Implementation Progress

Moderately Unsatisfactory

Development Objective

Highly Unsatisfactory

Overall risk

Moderate Risk

Project Financing

3,610,500.00

Cumulative Disbursement

492,643.10

C. Key Dates

CEO Endorsement/Approval 12/8/2021	Agency Approval 6/18/2021
Implementation Start 1/1/2023	First Disbursement 2/28/2025
Expected MTR	Actual MTR
Expected Completion	Actual Completion

II. PROGRESS STATUS AND ISSUES

A. Progress: Information on progress and outcomes of project implementation activities

- 1) The OPA document as proposed by the FAO required the clarification of many operationalization-related questions hence a delay of more than a year, during which the FAO and the Government were engaged in an active concertation process to reach an agreement and move towards implementation.
- 2) The signing ceremony of the OPA document in the presence of the Minister of the Environment and Renewable Energies took place on October 24th, 2024. At this event, the Minister reaffirmed the strong interest of the Government for this project, and the members of the steering committee took part and each presented a communication.
- 3) The ONEDD established a commission specific for this project, including the directors of the diverse departments, very aware of the project.

B. Challenges: Information on challenges of project implementation activities

The project was delayed in its start due to the formulation of the OPA until to reach a form acceptable and its validation.

- With the OPA document having been signed, further delays have occurred due to a ministerial reshuffle and the subsequent changes .
- The proposed salary rates for the Management Unit falls short of the candidates' and the government's expectations, especially taking in consideration the gap with international consultancies.
- A second call for applications has been launched and the salary scale has been revised upwards to enable the management unit to be set

C. Stakeholder Engagement

N/A

D. Gender Equality

N/A

E. Knowledge Management

Knowledge management and Learning (KML): Does the project have a KML strategy?	Yes
If YES, what is the implementation progress? In your answer, please describe how the project is fostering knowledge sharing and learning among stakeholders at national and sub-national level.	Initiated following the organization of the launch workshop during which the main actors, notably the representatives of the local communities of the two pilot zones, attended
If NO, how does the project identify, collect and document good practices?	
Please list good practices, including key-technical and/or institutional innovations, from the project thus far.	Not yet
Communication strategy: Does the project have a communication strategy?	No
Please provide a brief overview of the communications successes and challenges this fiscal year.	
Human-interest story: 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.	
Please provide links to related website, social media account	
Please provide a list of publications, leaflets, video materials, newsletters, or other communications assets published on the web, if any.	
Please indicate the Communication and/or knowledge management focal point's name and contact details.	

III: Minor Amendments

CONTEXT	
Result 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 Financing up to 5%	
Co-Financing	
Location of Project Activity	
others	

IV: Geographic Coordinates of Project Activities

Location Name	Latitude	Longitude	GeoName ID
Ighil Ali	36.31769	4.51948	

Location Description:

Activity Description:

Location Name	Latitude	Longitude	GeoName ID
Téniet En Nasr	36.21667	4.58333	

Location Description:

Activity Description:

V. ANNEX

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