

Capacity Strengthening for Improved Transparency of Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation Actions in the Maldives

Review CEO Endorsement and Make a recommendation

Basic project information

GEF ID

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Countries

Maldives

Project Name

Capacity Strengthening for Improved Transparency of Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation Actions in the Maldives

Agencies

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Focal Area

Climate Change

Project Type

MSP

PIF ☐

CEO Endorsement ☐

Part I ? Project Information**Focal area elements**

1. Does the project remain aligned with the relevant GEF focal area elements as presented in PIF (as indicated in table A)?

Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement Request

Yes

Agency Response

Project description summary

2. Is the project structure/design appropriate to achieve the expected outcomes and outputs as in Table B and described in the project document?

Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement Request

SY, April 19, 2021: Thank you for the modification. Comment cleared.

SY, April 11, 2021: Thank you for providing the justification. Please change Rio Markers for Mitigation from 1 to 2, as this project's principle objective is CCM and it seeks funding from GEFTE, which funds to CCM projects.

SY, Feb 13, 2021: Yes. Please check Rio Markers (mitigation). Please also correct the duration (48 month) that does not match the end year (2024). The co-financing letter and all other parts of the document indicate the project is 3-year duration. Please provide the reason of shortening the duration from the PIF (e.g., alignment with the first BTR).

Agency Response

May 17th 2021,

Requested GEF ITS team change the project duration on the portal from 48 to 36 months.

The Rio marker for climate change mitigation is changed from 1 to 2.

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Justification for shortening the project given in the table 1 explaining the changes from PIF.

3. If this is a non-grant instrument, has a reflow calendar been presented in Annex D?

Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement Request

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Co-financing

4. Are the confirmed expected amounts, sources and types of co-financing adequately documented, with supporting evidence and a description on how the breakdown of co-financing was identified and meets the definition of investment mobilized, and a description of any major changes from PIF, consistent with the requirements of the Co-Financing Policy and Guidelines?

Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement Request

SY, April 19, 2021: Comment cleared.

SY, April 11, 2021: Thank you for the revision including updated co-financing letter. The previous comments cleared. Please change the source of co-financing as the portal now says "GEF Agency." (ProDoc is correct).

SY, Feb 13, 2021: Yes. The allocation of co-financing is apparently different from the co-financing letter as it does not include PMCs. Please confirm that this was discussed with the co-financier and the co-financier understood the difference. (If needed please consider revising the co-financing letter.)

Agency Response

The Co-financing source on the portal has been changed to reflect the correct source of the co-finance.

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The co-financer, Ministry of Environment is the Executing Agency, provided the co-finance and understand the co-finance for PMC. MoE has provided a revised Co-finance Letter which is attached and includes specific reference to the PMC Co-finance.

GEF Resource Availability

5. Is the financing presented in Table D adequate and does the project demonstrate a cost-effective approach to meet the project objectives?

Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement Request SY, Feb 13, 2021: Yes. it will utilize the past and current transparency activities and experiences.

Agency Response

Project Preparation Grant

6. Is the status and utilization of the PPG reported in Annex C in the document?

Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement Request Yes

Agency Response

Core indicators

7. Are there changes/adjustments made in the core indicator targets indicated in Table E? Do they remain realistic?

Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement Request SY, Feb 13, 2021: There is no change on indicator 11.

Agency Response

Part II ? Project Justification

1. Is there a sufficient elaboration on how the global environmental/adaptation problems, including the root causes and barriers, are going to be addressed?

Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement Request

SY, April 11, 2021: Thank you for revision and clarification. Comments cleared.

SY, Feb 13, 2021: Global climate issues are described but the root causes (GHGs) and barriers (transparency) in Maldives should be elaborated (some information are in the baseline scenario and they can be moved here). The Katowice Package and MPGs under Article 13 were adopted at COP24. Please address a few typos (in this section and other sections).

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The description of the main barriers were included in the baseline section for each of the specific area CBIT project will support. The barriers were included in the baseline scenario section as it complements the existing situation and thus explains the barrier better. A short paragraph highlighting that the barriers are included in the Baseline Section is added at the end of Global Climate Issues section to enable reader locate the description of the barriers.

All the COP23 references has been changed to COP24, spell check has been run.

2. Is there an elaboration on how the baseline scenario or any associated baseline projects were derived?

Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement Request

SY, April 11, 2021: Thank you for revision and clarification. Comments cleared.

SY, Feb 13, 2021: Please also use information on the technical analysis by UNFCCC in describing baselines and barriers, which is quite relevant to this project, and describe how and what the project will address (in alternative scenario). Please also focus on baselines directly relevant to this project.

(https://unfccc.int/sites/default/files/resource/tasr2020_MDV.pdf)

Please provide more detailed information of Maldives' NDC in this section under Climate Policy/Framework. Please mention in this section what IPCC methodologies are currently being used.

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All the suggestions from reviewers incorporated.

Table 11 added with outcomes of BUR TA, and a description of how CBIT addresses these findings.

Information provided on NDC under Climate Policy/Framework section.

IPCC guidelines used added as new column to Table 3.

3. Is the proposed alternative scenario as described in PIF/PFD sound and adequate? Is there sufficient clarity on the expected outcomes and components of the project and a description on the project is aiming to achieve them?

Secretariat Comment at PIF/Work Program Inclusion

SY, April 19, 2021: Thank you for the clarification. Comment cleared.

SY, April 11, 2021: Thank you for providing detailed descriptions in this section.

Comments cleared except Activity 2.1.6.

Activity 2.1.6: It is still not clear what the focus of this activity is. The Agency responded that it will identify and map additional donor finance while the document says "The roadmap details the activities that need to be implemented..." Please further clarify and revise the document.

SY, Feb 13, 2021: The proposed alternative scenario is comprehensive. However, please address/clarify the below points.

? Overall: Please add a theory of change of the project. Please provide the information that how the project adopts changes if NDC of Maldives is updated.

? Component 1: The CBIT project is expected to enable the country to meet the requirements of Article 13 and its MPGs as described in the document. Please provide further information on the gaps between the current capacity of the country and the requirements of MPGs on top of information which are not described here, and how such gaps will be addressed by this project or by other activities before the first BTR (for example, narrowing time gap between the reporting year and the inventory year and methodologies improvements (tiers)). Please describe the expansion of sectors and gases.

On emissions factor, does liquid fuel include the transportation sector on road and air?

? Output 1.1 mentions the Inventory and Mitigation WG under BUR1 and NC3 as the national committee. The description then discusses the project specific institutional arrangements under NC2 and BUR1. Please clarify if it is NC2 or NC3.

? Output 1.2: We note the emphasis on the transport sector for this output. Please clarify what the unique constraints are and why a separate database is required for this case. Please comment on any linkages this might have with output 1.1.; for example, impacts data sharing arrangements for Output 1.1.

? Several outputs mention training workshops (Output 1.4, 1.2, etc.). We recommend incorporating elements that would ensure that national institutes/academia are integrated into these training workshops to ensure that the training aspect can have a longer life than the life of the project itself. For instance, consider a training of trainers? workshop if relevant, or develop the training workshop with a relevant national institute or university.

? Output 2.1: Please explain what gap identification will be conducted under activity 2.1.1 (as activity 2.1.2 says Based on the updated gaps and needs identified under Activity 2.1.1) and relationships with activities under Component 1. Please also explain ?energy supply and demand study? under 2.1.7.

? Activity 2.1.1: It is unclear how gaps and needs that were identified in BUR1 and a consultative workshop alone would help Maldives prioritize which institutional gaps and needs exist for MRV of mitigation in the country. Drawing on the point made above, please clarify what Activity 2.1.1 entails and how these gaps would be identified.

? Please provide additional details on Activity 2.1.6 and what this roadmap may entail. This is in line with CBIT objective of improving transparency over time, and we would like to know what parameters/elements Maldives is envisioning in this roadmap.

? Please provide additional details under Output 2.1 and if it would encompass data sharing agreements, if any of the institutional arrangements would be permanent, inter-ministerial coordination etc.

? Activity 2.4.4: we note that there might be several activities clubbed under this one activity. Please consider breaking out tagging. Please clarify what is envisioned under ?for identifying budgetary allocating to address climate change and integrating it into the national budget making process, including methodology and guidelines for implementation?. Please clarify what is envisioned under this ?Integrate climate finance reporting into the processes of the proposed climate change mitigation and adaptation action tracking system and develop link for use of the shared dataset?. Please also clarify the linkage with Activity 2.4.7, if any. Activity 2.4.5: Consider adding training, outreach workshops for active uptake of such a framework.

? Output 2.2: Please elaborate what indicators to track progress the NDC will be developed by this project, meeting the requirements of the MPGs.

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The roadmap development will be undertaken towards the last phase of project to identify the additional elements of work needed to continue improving the ETF. This will include both additional Transparency activities and associated sources of funding to further improve the Maldives' national MRV system and its ability to meet the requirements of the ETF. This will be based on the any updates on the guidelines for ETF coming out of the future decisions, all the work already being undertaken in strengthening ETF including CBIT and also on capacity assessment of the system. Thus it is a review of Maldives ETF based on which the government would raise additional resources, as needed. The objective is to continue improving the ETF so as to meet all BTR requirements at the earliest possible. Therefore, there are no specifics at this time on what elements would be further developed.

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TOC has been uploaded as a separate document in the portal

Maldives NDC has been already updated in December 2020 and it is not anticipated to be updated during the project implementation period. Therefore, there are no expected changes that the CBIT project will need to adapt to as a result of the NDC update process.

Component 1:

Table 12 has been provided that outline the current gaps in relation to the requirements of the MPGs for BTR. These gaps will be addressed through the proposed CBIT activities.

Liquid fuels used in energy generation sector and Marine (water-borne) transport sector will be covered as part of the work. This has been clarified in the output description.

Output 1.1 ? This has been clarified in the text (changed to NC3).

Output 1.2- The transport sector database covers collection of information on transport sector that supports both better planning for transport sector and more accurate activity data to estimate the GHG estimations. Further, the database will help MoT to make GHG projects from transport sector, identify more ambitious mitigation actions, and better tracking of impacts of these actions. The Database will communicate with the GHG inventory database to provide the activity data required for GHG emissions estimation. Further information added in output description.

Academia will be heavily involved in the development of emission factors. Availability of the training material accessible through the online platform developed under the first year of the CBIT project as part of the defined knowledge management strategy. The specific role of academia within the MRV system will be defined under Outputs 1.1 and 2.1. The project will also support 3rd year students at the university with their final year projects to encourage a pipeline of junior expertise (This has been added in the alternative scenario section). A trainer of training workshop has been added to the deliverables.

Output 2.1 ? Activity 2.1.1. will update the gaps and needs identified in the BUR1 for establishment of a robust MRV system through a workshop approach. Text for activity 2.1.2 has been updated to reflect this.

Activity 2.1.1: BUR1 gaps and needs are clearly outlined in the Baseline scenario section. These will be reviewed and discussed in a consultative workshop as described to prioritize the institutional gaps that will be addressed through CBIT project.

Activity 2.1.6: Information added to the description of Output 2.1. The roadmap will detail additional activities beyond the CBIT project and funding required for the same.

Activity 2.1.7: Energy supply and demand study will be a comprehensive analysis of the growth in demand, energy options for meeting the demand, and inform domestic energy strategy. This has been addressed in the description of output 2.1

Text has been added to clarify whether data sharing agreements are expected and permanency of the arrangements.

Activity 2.4.4.: Edited into clearly defined following activities:

? Activity 2.4.4: Development of a methodology and system for identifying the proportion of project budget that can be tagged as ?climate finance?, for example by using OECD Rio Markers, and integrate into the national budgeting process.

?Activity 2.4.5: Integrate climate finance tagging methodologies into the processes of the proposed climate change mitigation and adaptation action tracking system and ensure project finance data availability between Ministries.

The scope of Deliverable 2.4.5 is expanded to include training on the uptake of the climate finance reporting framework.

Output 2.2.: The indicators will be for specific actions and policies that will be developed as part of the NDC implementation plan for energy and waste sector. The effort will be to develop quantitative indicators as much as possible.

The updated NDC Implementation Plan is currently in draft format and has been considered in the writing of this CBIT project proposal. This has been discussed under Output 2.2: ??The NDC implementation plan is currently being updated and will outline specific actions to be taken to meet the targets.?

4. Is there further elaboration on how the project is aligned with focal area/impact program strategies?

Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement Request

Yes

Agency Response

5. Is the incremental reasoning, contribution from the baseline, and co-financing clearly elaborated?

Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement Request

SY, April 11, 2021: Thank you for revision and clarification. Comments cleared.

SY, Feb 13, 2021: The co-financing amount is not the same as in this document. Contributions from co-financing and on-going projects (including NC3) should be briefly mentioned.

Agency Response

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Revised the co-finance amount to 440,000 USD as suggested.

We have added text on complementarity of co-financing under other ongoing initiatives in this section.

6. Is there further and better elaboration on the project's expected contribution to global environmental benefits or adaptation benefits?

Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement Request

Yes

Agency Response

7. Is there further and better elaboration to show that the project is innovative and sustainable including the potential for scaling up?

Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement Request

SY, April 11, 2021: Thank you for revision and clarification. Comments cleared.

SY, Feb 13, 2021: Please describe financial sustainability (budget) and how the project ensures maintaining the quality of reporting with rotations of staff, leveraging KM in sustainability.

On scaling up, please describe how the project may be expanded internally (other government staff, methodological improvements, emission factors, and sector coverage, etc.) as well as how the gained knowledge goes beyond the border. Also, the M&E system for adaptation in Maldives and its coordinated approach with the funding with GCF can be used as a model for other countries, especially SIDS, on how to develop their approach around adaptation tracking.

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Comments on sustainability addressed: the requirements of the system and methods are expected to be internalized by the Ministry of Environment as part of the development of the institutional arrangements and supporting legal framework. Additionally, the Roadmap (Activity 2.1.6) that will be developed will help identify a pipeline of investment and support opportunities beyond CBIT as required. We have also proposed a system of certification on the CBIT knowledge products for new and transferred staff within CCD.

With regards to scaling up, the tools and methodologies developed for tracking of adaptation actions particularly in early warning and systematic observation will be piloted in 5 island councils and which will be scaled up to cover all the local government councils. Methodologies for development of emission factors can be shared via the online portal and peer-to-peer exchange workshops in the region as good practice examples for other stakeholders as required.

The development of GHG Inventory arrangements focusses on the key sectors (Energy and Waste) during the project activity and it will be scaled up to include the much less significant remaining sectors (AFOLU and IPPU) beyond the scope of the project.

The development and use of the NDC tracking system is expected to focus on key sectors (Energy, and with ICAT support ? Waste) in the project activity. The NDC tracking system will be scaled up to include the remaining sectors. The system itself is expected to be build to accommodate data on all sectors, so any work to expand the scope of the system would focus on data collection and population the content of the system for these sectors.

Similarly the adaptation M&E system can also be presented at regional peer-to-peer exchange workshops to support the development of similar systems for other SIDS.

Project Map and Coordinates

Is there an accurate and confirmed geo-referenced information where the project intervention will take place?

Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement Request

Yes

Agency Response

Child Project

If this is a child project, is there an adequate reflection of how it contributes to the overall program impact?

Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement Request

Agency Response

Stakeholders

**Does the project include detailed report on stakeholders engaged during the design phase?
Is there an adequate stakeholder engagement plan or equivalent documentation for the implementation phase, with information on Stakeholders who will be engaged, the means of engagement, and dissemination of information?**

Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement Request

SY, April 11, 2021: Thank you for revision and clarification. Comments cleared.

SY, Feb 13, 2021: Yes, however, please consider involving donor organizations for smooth coordination with similar activities and projects that also improve the transparency framework as a whole. The inclusion of gender-related organization in relation to gender action plan may be a value-added. Please consider adding relevant private sector entities such as those in the transport and waste sector; and non-state actors that would be utilizing the framework for climate finance reporting. This section mentions the use of Training of Trainers approach to build capacity. Please include this approach in the main alternative scenario as requested above.

Agency Response

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Since all project related to MRV are coordinated by MOE, there is in-built coordination through the department of Climate Change for all the donor projects on related issue. A donor discussion group will be formed and will regularly update different donor agencies. This is reflected in the section "coordination with other projects".

Stakeholders relevant for gender considerations will provide technical input to the Gender Expert as outlined in the stakeholder table.

Private sector representatives and non-state actors will be added to the working groups to ensure active participation. This has been reflected in the stakeholder table.

Expected involvement with climate finance framework has been elaborated in stakeholder table.

Text on training of trainers approach added to specific capacity building activities.

Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment

Has the gender analysis been completed? Did the gender analysis identify any gender differences, gaps or opportunities linked to project/program objectives and activities? If so, does the project/program include gender-responsive activities, gender-sensitive indicators and expected results?

Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement Request

SY, June 3, 2021: Thank you for adding information on gender-related activities under the third national communication supported by the GEF project. Comment cleared.

SY, May 31, 2021: Please see the comment in the last box and address.

SY, April 11, 2021: Thank you for revision and clarification. Comments cleared. Please make sure the indicators will be incorporated during the implementation.

SY, Feb 13, 2021: Yes. Some indicators seem to be embedded in the project results framework as a form of gender-disaggregated data. Please elaborate the proposed indicators that are not in the project results framework (and adjust the framework as appropriate).

Agency Response

May 31st, 2021

Gender-related activities as part of the preparation of the Third National Communication has been included in the Gender Analysis section. The gender action plan builds upon the preliminary sensitization done on gender as part of the preparing TNC report.

May 17th, 2021

The gender analysis undertaken for the CEO Endorsement document covered all the reports available in public domain. The Government counterpart has consulted with the Gender Ministry and informed no specific enabling activity report has been prepared on gender equality.

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This may be referring to gender assessment (and not private sector engagement) but we have captured an overarching gender related indicator in the PRF, plus the project proposes to actively track participation using the gender monitoring framework

supported by the dedicated gender expert, and the MRV system will capture gender information going forward. The indicators highlighted in the gender monitoring framework are indicative at this stage and will be finalized during project inception with the gender expert and integration with the PRF will be discussed then.

Private Sector Engagement

If there is a private sector engagement, is there an elaboration of its role as a financier and/or as a stakeholder?

Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement Request

SY, April 11, 2021: Thank you for the revision and clarification.

SY, Feb 13, 2021: Yes. The energy sector is directly linked and obviously involved. Other relevant sectors can be involved depending on the activities on this project (see the comments in the alternative scenario and stakeholders' engagement).

Agency Response

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This is address in alternative scenario and stakeholder.

Risks to Achieving Project Objectives

Has the project elaborated on indicated risks, including climate change, potential social and environmental risks that might prevent the project objectives from being achieved? Were there proposed measures that address these risks at the time of project implementation?

Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement Request

SY, April 11, 2021: Thank you for the revision and clarification. Comments cleared.

SY, Feb 13, 2021: Yes. Please add the risk of staff turnover and losing skills and knowledge. Please consider adding an opportunity of the Covid-19 pandemic, if there is any.

Agency Response

March 16, 2021

COVID19 related Risks are already considered in the risk table. A remote working opportunity has been added. Risk of high staff turnover and losing skills and knowledge is included as suggested.

We reviewed the National Resilience and Recovery Plan 2020 ? 2022 does not have any relevant activities or COVID19 opportunities which can be contributed by the CBIT project.

Coordination

Is the institutional arrangement for project implementation fully described? Is there an elaboration on possible coordination with relevant GEF-financed projects and other bilateral/multilateral initiatives in the project area?

Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement Request

Yes

Agency Response

Consistency with National Priorities

Has the project described the alignment of the project with identified national strategies and plans or reports and assessments under the relevant conventions?

Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement Request

Yes

Agency Response

Knowledge Management

Is the proposed ?Knowledge Management Approach? for the project adequately elaborated with a timeline and a set of deliverables?

Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement Request

SY, April 11, 2021: Thank you for revising this section. Comments cleared.

SY, Feb 13, 2021: Yes, however, how the project will learn from lessons learned of previous projects and experiences including those in other countries/CBIT Global Coordination Platform can be elaborated.

How the Knowledge Management will contribute to efficiency and sustainability of the project should be elaborated while how this project can contribute to other projects outside Maldives, especially for SIDS, should be described.

Some knowledge products described in the table seem to be simply outputs (e.g. emission factor) rather than knowledge products. Please leave knowledge products only. Please add timelines and budget for such deliverables.

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CBIT project will support peer-peer sharing of knowledge and experience through participation in the regional training workshop of ETF of PA. The Maldives CBIT project will partner with CBIT global coordination platform via regular updating of the Maldives CBIT Project webpage.

Further the coordination with the CBIT global platform is also included in the coordination section.

Budget and timeline are included in the budget and workplan attached as Annex.

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 CEO Endorsement Request

Yes

Agency Response

Monitoring and Evaluation

Does the project include a budgeted M&E Plan that monitors and measures results with indicators and targets?

Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement Request

Yes

Agency Response

Benefits

Are the socioeconomic benefits at the national and local levels sufficiently described resulting from the project? Is there an elaboration on how these benefits translate in supporting the achievement of GEBs or adaptation benefits?

Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement Request

SY, April 11, 2021: Thank you for the revision. Comment cleared.

SY, Feb 13, 2021: Yes. Adaptation benefits can be included as this project makes efforts on tracking them.

Agency Response Included in the text.

Annexes

Are all the required annexes attached and adequately responded to?

Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement Request

Yes. Please replace the results framework and the project map, which are not clearly displayed.

Agency Response The PRF and Project Map are now updated in the attached document and in the portal.

Project Results Framework

Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement Request

SY April 19, 2021: Thank you for the clarification and revision. Comment cleared.

SY April 11, 2021: New numerical indicators are provided. The means of verification of Indicators 2.3-2.5 are not clear as the indicators are numbers of climate change mitigation/adaptation actions while the means of verification are "the assessment of functional system." Please clarify the direct relevance between indicators and their means of verification. Please address duplicative parts of Annex A on the portal (there seem to be four Outcome 2 sections). The ProDoc properly shows indicators.

SY, Feb 13, 2021: Please include Quality of MRV systems (1-10) and Qualitative assessment of institutional capacity for transparency (1-4) as indicators. For tracking progress of NDC under Component 2, indicators developed should be included. For Project objective, Indicator B2 ? the end of year project target should align with the core indicators, i.e. at least 25-25.

Please consider adding at least one indicator for each project output. For instance, ?Institutional arrangements for cross-ministry cooperation to systemize data collection and processing for preparing GHG inventory to comply with the ETF established and formalized? could have the number of MOUs. Outcome 2.1.4 may have an indicator such as X number of reporting procedures developed in the energy sector, and X developed in the waste sector.

It is encouraged that numerical indicators are included: For example, "stakeholders identified in stakeholder mapping declaring to be in a better position to track mitigation actions" is a subjective assessment. If such an indicator is used, consider other indicators that there are more neutral along with the subjective ones.

Agency Response

The project under component 2 will strengthen the Monitoring, tracking and assessing the impacts of mitigation, adaptation and support for NDC implementation. Through the indicators we are measuring the achievement of project on advancing this outcome. The three elements of the outcome are: institutional arrangements, database storage and management system, and methodologies and tools for collecting data to enable transparent tracking. Indicator 2.1 is about the institutional arrangements as well as systems to collect and store data; and, indicator 2 is the quality indicator of how well is information collected, analyzed and reported including its coverage. Further, the project will support developing methodologies for specific mitigation and adaptation as well as climate finance received for sectors/sub-sectors included in the NDC to collect and populate the data system (this is measured by indicators 2.3 ? 2.5 in the PRF). The target of project is that at least 5 actions for each will be fully elaborated in terms of methodology and tools and relevant stakeholders trained to collect and population the data system. Once developed the system will be assessed for its completeness and operationality. The assessment refers to the testing of the system. The system once developed will be used to train the users in respective ministries and departments. This training will be on both the data to be collected, estimating the indicators and the functioning of the data storage system. These trainings will also be a review of the system developed. Thus, the training will be a second opportunity to check the completeness of the work and confirm the indicators.

The verification method has been clarified as follows

- (i) The indicator is changed from 5 to at least 5.
- (ii) The climate finance indicators is about sector/sub-sectors included in NDC.
- (iii) "The Assessment report of the functional system and Training workshop report as demonstration of its functionality to users of the system."

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The PRF has been updated to include these qualitative assessment indicators for institutional capacity and quality of MRV systems according to GEF guidelines.

We have also updated indicators to move away from the focus on subjective assessments of capacity and confidence of national experts.

We have focused on outcome level indicators, rather than output level indicators, as the output will be evaluated on the successful completion of deliverables for each output.

GEF Secretariat comments

Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement Request

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Council comments

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STAP comments

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Convention Secretariat comments

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Other Agencies comments

Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement Request

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CSOs comments

Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement Request

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Status of PPG utilization

Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement Request Yes

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Project maps and coordinates

Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement Request Yes

Agency Response

Does the termsheet in Annex F provide finalized financial terms and conditions? Does the termsheet and financial structure address concerns raised at PIF stage and that were pending to be resolved ahead of CEO endorsement? (For NGI Only)

Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement Request
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Do the Reflow Table Annex G and the Trustee Excel Sheet for reflows provide accurate reflow expectations of the project submitted? Assumptions for Reflows can be submitted to explain expected reflows. (For NGI Only)

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Did the agency Annex H provided with information to assess the Agency Capacity to generate and manage reflows? (For NGI Only)

Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement Request

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GEFSEC DECISION

RECOMMENDATION

Is CEO endorsement recommended? (applies only to projects and child projects)

Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement Request

SY, June 3, 2021: The remaining comment on gender was addressed.

SY, May 31, 2021: The duration of the project has been revised. As discussed, please add gender-related activities of the preparation of the Third National Communication, which is funded by the GEF, under the gender analysis and explain how the gender action plan considered such activities.

SY, April 29, 2021: Previous comments are addressed. Please change the project duration (to 36 months) on the portal entry. Also, please elaborate findings from the past enabling activity projects relating to gender equality in the gender analysis (which would be reflected in the gender action plan, if relevant).

SY, April 11, 2021: Thank you for revising the documents. The CEO Approval package is now very comprehensive and articulated. Please address a few minor comments above.

SY, Feb 13, 2021: Not at this stage. Please address the comments above.

Review Dates**Secretariat Comment at
CEO Endorsement****Response to
Secretariat
comments**

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CEO Recommendation**Brief reasoning for CEO Recommendations**