

Africa Environmental Health and Pollution Management Project – Tanzania

Review CEO Endorsement and Make a recommendation

Basic project information

GEF ID

9850

Countries

Tanzania

Project Name

Africa Environmental Health and Pollution Management Project – Tanzania

Agencies

World Bank

Date received by PM

8/2/2018

Review completed by PM

4/7/2020

Program Manager

Ibrahima Sow

Focal Area

Chemicals and Waste

Project Type

FSP

PIF

CEO Endorsement

Project Design and Financing

1. If there are any changes from that presented in the PIF, have justifications been provided?

Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement

No changes from that presented in the PIF

Response to Secretariat comments

March 16 2020: Noted. Thank you. No response required.

2. Is the project structure/ design appropriate to achieve the expected outcomes and outputs?

Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement Yes. The project is aligned with GEF C&W strategy and consistent with the GEF GOLD program

Response to Secretariat comments March 16 2020: Noted. Thank you.

3. Is the financing adequate and does the project demonstrate a cost-effective approach to meet the project objective?

Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement Yes.

Response to Secretariat comments March 16 2020: Noted. Thank you.

4. Does the project take into account potential major risks, including the consequences of climate change, and describes sufficient risk response measures? (e.g., measures to enhance climate resilience)

Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement Yes.

Response to Secretariat comments March 16 2020: Noted. Thank you.

5. Is co-financing confirmed and evidence provided?

Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement

Co financing will be considered during WB negotiations with the country

10 April 2020: There is no indication of Government's co-financing of \$300,000. Co-financing evidence must be uploaded in the Portal.

30 April 2020: Comment cleared.

Response to Secretariat comments

April 16, 2020: A special request for Counterpart cofinancing letter prior to negotiations has been made, though not yet received. Given the COVID limitations and challenges, the team would like to request for consideration of technical clearance of CEO package to allow the team to proceed for negotiations clearances and processing quickly. Negotiations are scheduled from April 24 till 28th., 2020. As per usual practice and procedure government cofinancing will be discussed and confirmed at Negotiations. This will allow avoiding delay in Board approval. Owing to COVID emergency response priorities seeking a new board date increases the risk of an indefinite delay in effectiveness of the project.

March 16 2020: Proof of cofinancing attached and govt commitment will be confirmed at the time of negotiations. Thank you

6. Are relevant tracking tools completed?

Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement

10 April 2020: Report on core indicators is missing: To report on Core Indicators, the Bank needs to use the Core Indicators table, not the GEBs table. Should the Bank want to continue reporting on GEBs, that is fine, but in that case, the Bank will also have to prepare and present Tracking Tools.

30 April 2020: Comment cleared

Response to Secretariat comments

April 16, 2020 : As discussed bilaterally with and reported to the GEF PM, this is a system glitch and GEF- 7 core indicator data is not being reflected in the GEF Portal upon saving (indicator data is already inputted in the portal by the IA). GEF-7 Core indicator Worksheets aligned with the entries in the portal have been provided and are reattached to this submission. Thank you.

March 16 2020: Noted. Thank you.

7. Only for Non-Grant Instrument: Has a reflow calendar been presented?

Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement NA

Response to Secretariat comments

8. Is the project coordinated with other related initiatives and national/regional plans in the country or in the region?

Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement Yes.

Response to Secretariat comments March 16 2020: Noted. Thank you.

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

Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement Yes.

Response to Secretariat comments March 16 2020: Noted. Thank you.

10. Does the project have descriptions of a knowledge management plan?

Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement Yes.

Response to Secretariat comments March 16 2020: Noted. Thank you.

Agency Responses

11. Has the Agency adequately responded to comments at the PIF stage from:

GEFSEC

Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement Yes.

Response to Secretariat comments March 16 2020: Noted clearance. Thank you.

STAP

Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement Yes

Response to Secretariat comments

GEF Council

Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement

Yes

Response to Secretariat comments

Convention Secretariat

Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement

Response to Secretariat comments

Recommendation

12. Is CEO endorsement recommended?

Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement

10 April 2020: Please address the following comments :

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- Report on core indicators is missing: To report on Core Indicators, the Bank needs to use the Core Indicators table, not the GEBs table. Should the Bank want to continue reporting on GEBs, that is fine, but in that case, the Bank will also have to prepare and present Tracking Tools.

30 April 2020: comments cleared: CEO endorsement recommended.

Response to Secretariat comments

April 16, 2020 : Comment addressed. See response in the specific box above.

The Project team kindly requests for technical clearance of CEO package quickly to allow for the project negotiations to take place in a timely manner. It is scheduled for April 24-28, 2020. Thank you.

March 16 2020: The full package is re-submitted for formal CEO endorsement following WB's internal decision review meeting.

Review Dates

	Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement	Response to Secretariat comments
First Review		
Additional Review (as necessary)		
Additional Review (as necessary)		
Additional Review (as necessary)		
Additional Review (as necessary)		

CEO Recommendation

Brief Reasoning for CEO Recommendations

Environmental sound management of harmful chemicals and waste in urban cities and in areas with Artisanal gold mining activities – mainly rural areas - is a critical issue in most African countries due to the lack of technical, financial and managerial capacity to demonstrate results on the ground, and set up institutional mechanisms to promote innovative techniques, practices and approaches for the elimination and reduction of harmful chemicals and waste. Poverty and lack of alternative livelihood opportunities also attract a large percentage of rural poor to ASGM.

The project objective is to reduce environmental health risks related to POPs and mercury through strengthened institutional partnership and capacity in management in an integrated manner in Tanzania. A regional partnership platform is designed and aimed at recognition of the need for a common platform to assess the legal and regulatory frameworks to address common issues such as cross-border and illegal movement of mercury and novel approaches. The objective is to formalize the informal ASGM sector, empowering the rural poor and provide them with cleaner and simple technologies to address the drivers of mega-trends of global environmental degradation in an integrated and sustainable manner. It is expected that demonstrative projects in some countries can then be replicated in other countries.

Innovation would be based on an integrated approach that would look at projects and initiatives to improve solid waste management and electronic waste through a development of area based approach towards environmental improvements and capacity building to reduce the environmental health risk. Interventions will not simply focus on a single issue or site, but rather on the mechanisms and underlying enabling conditions that influence the incentives for pollution management.

Sustainability: This Program will innovate across technology, finance and governance pillars to address environmental health risks. Using an integrated approach, the Bank will work in collaboration with other key donors and interventions to shift the baseline for pollution management such that the risks of noncompliance will outweigh potential rewards of inaction. Building good policies, strong legislation and the capacity to implement strong institutions across the waste management chain will establish the enabling environment for reducing the environmental health risks. The long term sustainability of improved pollution management will rest in the hands of the environmental regulators, the sector agencies such as mining and urban ministries, and the local communities, the private companies and NGOs. Securing alternative development pathways that rely on enhanced commercial value of reclaimed land and associated community benefit due to reduced environmental health risks. The project will seek to create stable situations on the ground where there is proper enforcement along with local communities affected by localized pollution that generate local benefits while generating regional environmental benefits.

The project will build on the GEF/UNEP Integrated Health and Environment Observatories and legal Institutional Strengthening for the Sound Management of Chemicals in Africa (ChemObs) project through specific assistance to strengthen mining policy and regulations focusing on Artisanal Gold Mining sector, strengthen institutional processes and capacity to be able to identify, analyze and address problems associated with environment and health impacts. It will assist in the development of a strategy for promoting the reduction of emissions and releases of, and exposure to, mercury in ASGM and processing, including mercury-free-methods.

The project will also support the drive of the Government of Tanzania to formalize the ASGM sector which will create incentive for artisanal miners to access relevant knowledge, financing and institutional support in line with Government's obligation under the Minamata Convention. Demonstrative investments will be selected and designed on the basis of environmental health risks and cost effectiveness of interventions. The project will consider the use of cleaner technologies, including available non-mercury options, use of reclaimed lands and mitigating effect of mining sectors on carbon sequestering ecosystems, such as forests. The demonstration investments will be linked with the industrial Transformation for Growth WB Project and will aim at enhancing Government's policy towards appropriate land usage for pastoral and agricultural activities