

Africa Environmental Health and Pollution Management Project - Ghana

Review CEO Endorsement and Make a recommendation

Basic project information

GEF ID

9851

Countries

Ghana

Project Name

Africa Environmental Health and Pollution Management Project - Ghana

Agencies

World Bank

Date received by PM

8/2/2018

Review completed by PM

4/8/2020

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 C&W strategy and consistent with the 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

Confirmation of cofinancing is expected during the negotiations between the Bank and Ghana

10 April 2020: indication of Government's co-financing of \$600,000. Co-financing evidence must be uploaded in the Portal.

Response to Secretariat comments

April 16, 2020: Counterpart cofinancing letter attached. This is on special request as these are usually rediscussed and confirmed at negotiations expected by end of April.

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.

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. Core Indicator sheet included.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, comments addressed

Response to Secretariat comments

GEF Council

Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement Yes, comments addressed.

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

Yes.

10 April 2020:

Not yet, please address the following comments:

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30 April 2020: Comments addressed. CEO endorsement is recommended.

Response to Secretariat comments

April 16, 2020 : Both comments addressed . See responses in specific boxes above.

The Project teams 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: Noted. Thank you

Review Dates

Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement

Response to Secretariat comments

	Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement	Response to Secretariat comments
First Review		
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 Ghana. A regional partnership 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.

This project will support the Ghana Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) in strengthening the policy requirements targeted at the ASGM sector. This will include support for amending the Mining Act to include provisions for small-scale miners to prepare Environmental plans for rehabilitating mines after closure with prior environmental and social due diligence. The project will also enhance Government's policy towards shifting to appropriate land use for agricultural activities.

The component on e-waste will support Government's effort in strengthening the current environment policies and regulations and capacities to monitor, screen and evaluate health and environmental risks associated with e-waste. Furthermore, the component will

support the initiation of a pilot project on implementation of integrated and environmentally sound management approach to improve collection, transportation, and safe disposal/recycling of e-waste. This will include investment in infrastructure and technologies by looking at the entire e-waste management cycle from collection, transportation, setting up collection centers or transfer stations and sorting stations and treatment facility.