



# Building Urban Resilience to Climate Change and Transitioning to Green Economy in Somalia

Review PIF and Make a recommendation

## Basic project information

**GEF ID**

11564

**Countries**

Somalia

**Project Name**

Building Urban Resilience to Climate Change and Transitioning to Green Economy in Somalia

**Agencies**

UNDP

**Date received by PM**

3/22/2024

**Review completed by PM**

4/17/2024

**Program Manager**

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**Focal Area**

Climate Change

**Project Type**

FSP

**GEF-8 PROJECT IDENTIFICATION FORM (PIF) REVIEW SHEET**

**1. General Project Information / Eligibility**

a) Does the project meet the criteria for eligibility for GEF funding?

b) Is the General Project Information table correctly populated?

Secretariat's Comments

GEFSEC March, 22, 2024

a) Yes

b) Yes

Agency's Comments

**2. Project Summary**

**Does the project summary concisely describe the problem to be addressed, the project objective and the strategies to deliver the GEBs or adaptation benefits and other key expected results?**

Secretariat's Comments

GEFSEC March, 22, 2024

Yes

Agency's Comments

**3 Indicative Project Overview**

**3.1 a) Is the project objective presented as a concise statement and clear?**

**b) Are the components, outcomes and outputs sound, appropriate and sufficiently clear to achieve the project objective and the core indicators per the stated Theory of Change?**

Secretariat's Comments

**GEFSEC March, 22, 2024**

a) Yes

b) Yes, however, output 1 on formation of a coordination body is not clear on the composition and the methodology to be used. How will this body relate to the Project Management Unit (PMU) to be formed as well?

**GEFSEC April, 17, 2024**

-Please note that, the M&E component as per the Indicative Project Overview table is allocated \$1,858,873.90 from LDCF funding for the project, accounting for 17% of the project financing, which is much higher than the recommended threshold of 3% for projects of similar size. Please revise the budget.

-Additionally, remove all decimal points decimal places from all financial numbers and round them to the nearest dollar

**GEFSEC April, 29, 2024**

Cleared

Agency's Comments

**[UNDP response to GEF Sec comment on 22 March 2024](#)**

Well noted. Outcome 1 narrative has been amended accordingly to highlight the complementarities with PMU. The coordination body seeks to enhance coherence and resilience efforts to provide valuable insights for urban resilience in Somalia, by having a multi-stakeholder platform, sharing lessons learned, success factors, coherence around various environmental and non-environmental policies for effective resilience governance in Somalia. These include the advantages of adopting a systems approach, the importance of a clear definition of resilience, and value of strong leadership, and the significance of stakeholder engagement. This will complement the PMU which as the project management unit will mainly look to ensure effective project implementation; financial management; monitoring and evaluation, project coordination, and reporting ? ensuring the successful implementation of the GEF/LDCF project.

During the Project Preparation Grant (PPG) phase, the project design will carefully develop to address identified gaps and needs in Somalia. This includes, inter alia, defining the criteria, objectives, expected roles and frequency of meetings for the multi-stakeholder platform as the coordination body. The platform's concrete deliverables will be outlined to achieve project objectives, enhance coordination and coherence at all levels.

**UNDP response to GEF Sec comment on 17 April 2024**

M&E component has been revised to 3% of the LDCF funding for the project and funds redistributed to the other components. The decimal points have been removed from all financial numbers and rounded to the nearest dollar.

**3.2 Are gender dimensions, knowledge management, and monitoring and evaluation included within the project components and appropriately funded?**

Secretariat's Comments

**GEFSEC March, 22, 2024**

Although it has been stated that "Gender participation will be mainstreamed across the 4 components of this project", there are currently only two outputs (1.4 & 3.1) that have mentioned gender. Please reflect gender dimensions in some of the outputs of all the four components. For example, output 3.2 could be modified to read "*Assessing the absorptive capacity and needs of MSMEs including women/female led enterprises to operate on urban adaptation*".

**GEFSEC April, 17, 2024**

Thanks to taking this into account. However, output 1.2 (component 1) under "Indicative project overview has not be updated with the text below. Additionally, the outputs in the ToC illustration need to be updated accordingly.

Under output 1.1, please ensure that the coordination body aims for gender parity and in Output 1.2, that policy frameworks are gender responsive, ensuring women and women's organization are part of the process. When developing the Gender Action Plan, please ensure that it is budgeted, monitored and reported on. In Output 3.3., you may wish to review and consider WOCAN's W+ Standard (see: <https://www.wplus.org/>; <https://www.wplus.org/ssp/>), which quantifies and monetizes women's empowerment in projects across six areas (time, income and assets, education and knowledge, leadership, food security and health) and incorporate this, if deemed relevant.

**GEFSEC April, 29, 2024**

Cleared

## Agency's Comments

### UNDP response to GEF Sec comment on 22 March 2024

Gender dimensions have been amended accordingly in the following project Components/Outputs and their narratives:

#### Component 1

Output 1.2 NbS for climate resilience promoted in vulnerable urban areas through trainings, including on spatial planning and use of data, knowledge transfer and improved awareness at national, sub-national and local levels ensuring the active involvement of women.

#### Component 2

Output 2.1: Improved resilience in urban areas through gender-sensitive spatial planning for targeted adoption of NbS to reduce flood hazards, improved water resource and drought management.

#### Component 3

Output 3.2: Assessing the absorptive capacity and needs of MSMEs including women/female led enterprises to operate on urban adaptation.

Output 3.3: Establishment of financing facility for MSMEs, to integrate NbS and green entrepreneurship, with a particular emphasis on supporting women and youth entrepreneurs.

Component 4 - Output 4.1: Communication strategy and knowledge sharing platform established inclusive dissemination of information to enable community engagement, ensuring the integration of women's perspectives and experiences.

### UNDP response to GEF Sec comment on 17 April 2024

Output 1.1 has been adjusted to include gender parity and text has been added to reflect that policy frameworks are gender responsive, ensuring women and women's organization are part of the process?

Outcome 1 budget has been increased to budget for the Gender Action Plan and text has been added to output 1.4. to ensure that it is monitored and reported.

Additional information has been added in the Project Summary as well as in the Preferred Solution and in the project objective narrative. This includes, additional baseline information in Gender issues specially women, Youths and Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) as well as climate change vulnerability in Somalia's context.

NB: In terms of WOCAN's W+ Standard, we haven't considered at this stage but this will be reconsidered at the PPG Phase.

**3.3 a) Are the components adequately funded?**

**b) Are the GEF Project Financing and Co-Financing contributions to PMC proportional?**

**c) Is the PMC equal to or below 5% of the total GEF grant for FSPs or 10% for MSPs? If the requested PMC is above the caps, has an exception (e.g. for regional projects) been sufficiently substantiated?**

## Secretariat's Comments

GEFSEC March, 22, 2024

Please refer to GEF Council Decision GEF/C.39.9 for guidance on the PMC contributions.

The GEF contribution to PMC must be proportional to that of the Co-financing. Currently, GEF's contribution is at 5.0% while Co-financing is at 1.4%. So, you either reduce GEF's contribution to 1.4% or increase Co-financing to 5.0%.

#### **GEFSEC April, 17, 2024**

Please note that the Co-financing contribution to PMC still exceeds the maximum threshold of 5.0% or less. \$1,865,000 of \$35,435,000 = 5.3%

#### **GEFSEC April, 29, 2024**

Cleared

Please revise UNDP's In-kind co-financing from investment to recurrent expenditure. Also revise the source of co-financing for Africa Development bank from ?other? to ?donor agency?.

Agency's Comments

#### **UNDP response to GEF Sec comment on 22 March 2024**

Well noted and has been revised, the Co-financing amount has been readjusted to match the 5% from the GEF and redistributed by the Project Components/Outputs.

#### **UNDP response to GEF Sec comment on 17 April 2024**

The Co-financing contribution to PMC has been revised.

As advised, UNDP's in-kind co-financing type has been revised to Recurrent Expenditure and AfDB source of co-financing has also been revised to donor agency respectively.

#### **4 Project Outline**

##### **A. Project Rationale**

##### **4.1 SITUATION ANALYSIS**

a) is the current situation (including global environmental problems, key contextual drivers of environmental degradation, climate vulnerability) clearly and adequately described from a systems perspective?

b) Are the key barriers and enablers identified?

Secretariat's Comments

**GEFSEC March, 22, 2024**

a) Yes

b) Yes

Agency's Comments

**4.2 JUSTIFICATION FOR PROJECT**

a) Is there an indication of why the project approach has been selected over other potential options?

b) Does it ensure resilience to future changes in the drivers?

c) Is there a description of how the GEF alternative will build on ongoing/previous investments (GEF and non-GEF), lessons and experiences in the country/region?

d) are the relevant stakeholders and their roles adequately described?

Secretariat's Comments

**GEFSEC March, 22, 2024**

a) Yes

b) Yes

c) Yes

d) Yes, however, we believe that CASE International is an independent entity that needs to be presented separately and its details provided. Its currently embedded into UNDP

**GEFSEC April, 17, 2024**

Cleared

Agency's Comments

**UNDP response to GEF Sec comment on 22 March 2024**

CASE international is now presented separately from UNDP. A capacity assessment of CASE International will be conducted during the PPG phase. The specific tasks performed by CASE International and the MOECC as executing parties, as well as the oversight tasks that UNDP will undertake, will become clear following a capacity assessment conducted by the GEF Implementing Agency, particularly during the Project Preparation Grant (PPG) Phase. Based on the assessment's outcomes and recommendations, distinct roles and task assignments will be thoroughly discussed with all project stakeholders. Additionally, an inclusive stakeholder engagement plan will be formulated and adopted for implementation, taking into account all associated risks and relevant mitigation measures. The project titled 'Building Urban Resilience to Climate Change and Transitioning to Green Economy in Somalia' will be implemented using the UNDP's Direct Implementation Modality (DIM). UNDP will take overall responsibility for project implementation. DIM is consistently followed for all projects and programs in Somalia due to the country's limited national capacities and fragile operational context. Within the UNDP Country Office, distinct roles will be assigned for Executive Decision-Making, Oversight, and Project Execution & Implementation. As part of national ownership, Letters of Agreements (LOAs) will be signed with NGOs and Government counterparts. UNDP Somalia Co will handle payments, while the NGOs and Government counterparts will handle the actual implementation. This approach aims to ensure effective project execution while considering the unique context of Somalia.

## **5 B. Project Description**

### **5.1 THEORY OF CHANGE**

**a) Is there a concise theory of change that describes the project logic, including how the project design elements will contribute to the objective, the expected causal pathways, and the key assumptions underlying these?**

**b) Are the key outputs of each component defined (where possible)?**

Secretariat's Comments

**GEFSEC March, 22, 2024**

a) Yes

b) Yes

**GEFSEC April, 17, 2024**

Please updated the outputs in the ToC illustration with the new output texts.



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Agency's Comments

**UNDP response to GEF Sec comment on 17 April 2024**

**Outputs have been updated in the ToC**

**5.2 INCREMENTAL/ADDITIONAL COST REASONING**

**Is the incremental/additional cost reasoning properly described as per the Guidelines provided in GEF/C.31/12?**

Secretariat's Comments

**GEFSEC March, 22, 2024**

N/A

Agency's Comments

**5.3 IMPLEMENTATION FRAMEWORK**

**a) Is the institutional setting, including potential executing partners, outlined and a rationale provided?**

**b) Comments to proposed agency execution support (if agency expects to request exception).**

**c) Is there a description of potential coordination and cooperation with ongoing GEF-financed projects/programs and other bilateral/multilateral initiatives in the project area**

**d) Are the proposed elements to capture and disseminate knowledge and learning outputs and strategic communication adequately described?**

Secretariat's Comments

**GEFSEC March, 22, 2024**

a) Yes. However, the setting places the GEF Agency as both implementing and executing entity together with a CSO (CASE International). There is currently no specific execution role for the government in this project. Could you explain?. Additionally, both DIM and NIM modalities are expected to be used in the implementation of the project, which makes it unclear to understand the exact approach the the Agency intends to apply, DIM or NIM or both?.

b) The GEF Agency and a CSO (CASE International) are identified as executing partners, yet the LoE states that CASE and the MOECC are the executing parties. Could your

provide justification as to why UNDP would like to double the roles of implementation and execution in this project contrary to the LoE?

- The GEF would like to advise that the Agency (UNDP) removes all texts in the project document that indicates it as "executing partner" including the DIM modality in line with the LoE. Alternatively, please provide to the GEF a letter from the government of Somalia (OFP) confirming that UNDP has been authorized by MOECC to act as both implementing and executing Agency.

- It is also important to provide clear description of the specific tasks that will be performed by CASE International and the MOECC as executing parties, as well the oversight tasks UNDP will play.

c) Yes

d) Yes

#### **GEFSEC April, 17, 2024**

Thanks for the detailed explanation about the implementation and execution roles that the GEF Agency will be taking.

In line with GEF's operational guidelines, the Agency is hereby requested to submit to the GEF, a letter from the Somalia government stating that Somalia has endorsed the direct implementation arrangement. This could be modifying the current LoE to include a statement on Agency's direct implementation.

#### **GEFSEC April, 29, 2024**

Cleared

#### **Agency's Comments**

##### **[UNDP response to GEF Sec comment on 22 March 2024](#)**

UNDP operates through Direct Implementation Modality (DIM) in Somalia *whereby UNDP takes on the role of Implementing Partner. In DIM modality, UNDP has the technical and administrative capacity to assume the responsibility for mobilizing and applying effectively the required inputs in order to reach the expected outputs. UNDP assumes overall management responsibilities for project implementation. Accordingly*

*UNDP must follow all policies and procedures established for its own operations[1]*. However, the LoE highlights that the Ministry of Environment and Climate Change (MoECC), the IP, has asked UNDP to support with CSO execution of the project, through CASE International, subject to capacity assessment of the CSO during the PPG phase. Given this fragile operational context in Somalia, with limited national capacities, and other challenges, particularly in terms of its governance, security, legal frameworks, and logistical aspects, the UNDP 2021-25 Country Programme cycle follows a Direct Implementation Modality (DIM) and so UNDP will be responsible for the overall implementation and execution of the project. This means 100% of resources from the project budget will be used by UNDP to undertake the planned execution role and directly responsible for delivery of project resources. This arrangement applies to all the projects and programmes in Somalia, based on an agreement between the government and resident UN agencies. In line with the Internal Control Framework (ICF), there would be distinct roles within the UNDP Country Office to ensure proper delineation of functions between the Executive Decision-Making Role, Oversight Role, and Project Execution & Implementation Role.

DIM arrangements are necessitated by the lack of adequate capacities within government regarding the receipt and disbursement of funds, which will present a major stumbling block to implementation progress. The Somalia national treasury procedures use a single account framework, resulting in slow and bureaucratic processes, multiple transaction steps, and processing schedules that present significant misalignment with the project cycle management. There is also no digitization of processes, no clear procurement system, and no up-to-date register of suppliers and service providers. The government also lack a system for assessing and monitoring the performance of service providers and contractors. Despite these challenges, UNDP has played a crucial role in Somalia, leveraging its neutrality and engagement to address these issues, while working closely with the government counterparts to handle administrative, financial, and technical aspects, ensuring quality, disbursing funds, overseeing contractors, managing procurement, and maintaining information systems to monitor project progress amidst these complexities. Capacity building and skills transfer is an integral part of this DIM arrangements. The 'Building Urban Resilience to climate change and Transitioning to Green Economy in Somalia' PIF/project will be implemented consistent with the UNDP's Direct Implementation Modality (DIM), and UNDP will be responsible for the overall project implementation. DIM is followed for all the projects/Programmes in Somalia. This is considering the limited national capacities and fragile operational context of the country. There would be distinct roles with the UNDP Country Office to ensure proper delineation of functions between the Executive Decision-Making Role, Oversight Role, and Project Execution & Implementation Role. As part of National ownership, and depending on the HACT Assessment, Letters of agreements (LOAs) will be signed with the NGO's and Government counterparts. UNDP Somalia Co will handle payments while NGO's and Government counterparts does the implementation.

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b) the role of the Government will be coordination and oversight while for implementation the Government has chosen CASE International subject to Capacity Assessment at the PPG Stage. The Ministry of Environment and Climate Change (MoECC), Federal Government of Somalia is the national authority responsible for the formulation, management, oversight, coordination and effective implementation of environmental laws, policies, standards, and strategies. It promotes sustainable management and standards for protecting critical habitats, combatting desertification, enhancing stewardship and ownership, restoration, and utilization of natural resources, in accordance and collaboration with the relevant government structures at Federal and State levels. The MOECC is responsible for localizing and mainstreaming the global environmental laws and providing periodic updates on progress for implementation of the multilateral environmental agreements. The MOECC will be the federal level lead agency for this project and will have the overall responsibility for achieving the project goal and objectives. As the Implementing Partner (GEF Executing Agency) for the project, during the PPG UNDP will conduct full technical capacity assessment of the Ministry of Environment and Climate Change (MOECC) and any other entity proposed by government to determine their roles in execution of the project and formally engage them as Responsible Parties in line with UNDP rules and procedures (e.g., through Letters of Agreements) including the articulation of fund disbursement modalities that will apply during implementation. Other institutions at Federal and State levels will also be assessed to determine capacity needs and role in implementation. Project implementation arrangements will be such that the Ministry of Environment and Climate Change (MOECC) will lead on the overall implementation of the project activities on the ground, with UNDP providing support with procurement of goods and services, including hiring of consultants, management of contracts, processing of payments directly to service providers on request of MOECC and overall management of and reporting on project finances. The preparation of project workplans and budgets will be jointly handled by MOECC and UNDP and approved by the Project Steering Committee/Project Board jointly chaired by UNDP and Ministry of Environment and Climate Change (MOECC). At State levels, the respective ministries of local Governments and environments shall be the responsible institutions of the project. Utilizing the existing structures or forming inter-ministerial working groups on environment and natural resources management at federal and state levels, the project coordination activities will take place for either federal level institutions, state level institutions or federal and state level institutions combined.

It will have a joint role with UNDP for coordination and oversight. During project implementation, MOECC will collaborate with line ministries with the federal government, local institutions and municipalities, as well as the most vulnerable groups of targeted.

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[1] [https://popp.undp.org/taxonomy/term/5726#:~:text=Direct%20Implementation%20\(DI M\)%20is%20the,to%20reach%20the%20expected%20outputs](https://popp.undp.org/taxonomy/term/5726#:~:text=Direct%20Implementation%20(DI M)%20is%20the,to%20reach%20the%20expected%20outputs)

**UNDP response to GEF Sec comment on 17 April 2024**

UNDP has revised the PIF accordingly and removed itself as an executing agency. Subjected to HACT assessment during the PPG Phase, the entity ?Climate Adaptation and Sustainable Development (CASE) International?, acting on behalf of the Ministry of Environment and Climate Change (MoECC), Federal Government of Somalia, will act as executing agency partner.

**5.4 a) Are the identified core indicators calculated using the methodology included in the corresponding Guidelines (GEF/C.54/11/Rev.01)?**

**b) Are the project's indicative targeted contributions to GEBs (measured through core indicators)/adaptation benefits reasonable and achievable?**

Secretariat's Comments

**GEFSEC March, 22, 2024**

a) Yes

b) Yes

Agency's Comments

**5.5 NGI Only: Is there a justification of financial structure and use of financial instrument with concessionality levels?**

Secretariat's Comments

**GEFSEC March, 22, 2024**

N/A

Agency's Comments

**5.6 RISKS**

**a) Is there a well-articulated assessment of risk and identification of mitigation measures under each relevant risk category?**

**b) Is the rating provided reflecting the residual risk to the likely achievement of intended outcomes after accounting for the expected implementation of mitigation measures?**

**c) Are environmental and social risks, impacts and management measures adequately screened and rated at this stage and consistent with requirements set out in SD/PL/03?**

Secretariat's Comments

**GEFSEC March, 22, 2024**

a) Yes

b) Yes. However, the project description detailed how conflicts and fragility exacerbate the risks of climate impact in Somalia yet conflict has not been identified as a risk to the project implementation. Please explain why conflict is not a risk to this project.

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Cleared

Agency's Comments

**UNDP response to GEF Sec comment on 22 March 2024**

b) The political and governance risk category of the project preparation and implementation table has been revised to address conflict as a potential risk to project implementation with the corresponding mitigation approaches.

**5.7 Qualitative assessment**

**a) Does the project intend to be well integrated, durable, and transformative?**

**b) Is there potential for innovation and scaling-up?**

**c) Will the project contribute to an improved alignment of national policies (policy coherence)?**

Secretariat's Comments

**GEFSEC March, 22, 2024**

a) Yes

b) Yes (i.e. Nbs, financial incentives etc)

c) Yes (e.g. NDC, NAPA, NAP, Drought policy etc)

Agency's Comments

**6 C. Alignment with GEF-8 Programming Strategies and Country/Regional Priorities**

**6.1 Is the project adequately aligned with focal area and integrated program strategies and objectives, and/or adaptation priorities?**

Secretariat's Comments

**GEFSEC March, 22, 2024**

Yes

Agency's Comments

**6.2 Is the project alignment/coherent with country and regional priorities, policies, strategies and plans (including those related to the MEAs and to relevant sectors)**

Secretariat's Comments

**GEFSEC March, 22, 2024**

Yes

Agency's Comments

**6.3 For projects aiming to generate biodiversity benefits (regardless of what the source of the resources is - i.e. BD, CC or LD), does the project clearly identify which of the 23 targets of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework the project contributes to and how it contributes to the identified target(s)?**

Secretariat's Comments

**GEFSEC March, 22, 2024**

N/A

Agency's Comments

**7 D. Policy Requirements**

**7.1 Is the Policy Requirements section completed?**

Secretariat's Comments

**GEFSEC March, 22, 2024**

Yes

Agency's Comments

**7.2 Is a list of stakeholders consulted during PIF development, including dates of these consultations, provided?**

Secretariat's Comments

### **GEFSEC March, 22, 2024**

Yes, one large meeting was conducted on October 24, 2023, with the participation of both Federal and Regional governments in Somalia as well as CSOs and development partners. However, other important stakeholders in the project such as the private sector and the local communities appears to have not been involved in the consultation. It would be helpful to ensure inclusive consultation process so that every stakeholder's viewpoints are included into the project design.

### **GEFSEC April, 17, 2024**

Cleared

#### Agency's Comments

##### **UNDP response to GEF Sec comment on 22 March 2024**

Private sector entities were also present in this meeting, including Hormud Telecommunication, Dahabshil Company, Real Estate Development, Banadir Electric Company (BECO), BlueSky Electric Company, and Mogadishu Power.

The PPG process will ensure that the consultation process will be further expanded to involve all relevant stakeholders at national, sub-national and local level, including local private sector and local organizations and communities and that their viewpoints will be included in the design of this project. This point has been added to the text of the list of stakeholders on page 45 and also reflected in the GEF portal.

#### **8 Annexes**

##### **Annex A: Financing Tables**

**8.1 Is the proposed GEF financing (including the Agency fee) in line with GEF policies and guidelines? Are they within the resources available from (mark all that apply):**

**STAR allocation?**

#### Secretariat's Comments

##### **GEFSEC March, 22, 2024**

No

#### Agency's Comments

**Focal Area allocation?**



Secretariat's Comments  
**GEFSEC March, 22, 2024**

Yes (CCA-1-2)

**GEFSEC April, 17, 2024**

We also feel that this project addresses FA CCA 1.1 on "supporting implementation of Climate change adaptation solutions in priority themes". Please re-distribute the funds to cover CCA-1-1 as well.

**GEFSEC April, 29, 2024**

Cleared

Agency's Comments

**UNDP response to GEF Sec comment on 17 April 2024**

Thank you for your comment. We have now selected CCA 1.1 as the most relevant focal area.

**LDCF under the principle of equitable access?**

Secretariat's Comments  
**GEFSEC March, 22, 2024**

Yes

Agency's Comments  
**SCCF A (SIDS)?**

Secretariat's Comments  
**GEFSEC March, 22, 2024**

No

Agency's Comments  
SCCF B (Tech Transfer, Innovation, Private Sector)?

Secretariat's Comments  
GEFSEC March, 22, 2024

No

Agency's Comments  
Focal Area Set Aside?

Secretariat's Comments  
GEFSEC March, 22, 2024

N/A

Agency's Comments  
**8.2 Is the PPG requested within the allowable cap (per size of project)? If requested, has an exception (e.g. for regional projects) been sufficiently substantiated?**

Secretariat's Comments  
GEFSEC March, 22, 2024

Yes

Agency's Comments  
**8.3 Are the indicative expected amounts, sources and types of co-financing adequately documented and consistent with the requirements of the Co-Financing Policy and Guidelines?**

Secretariat's Comments  
GEFSEC March, 22, 2024

Yes. However, it is stated that "UNDP will provide co-financing, both cash and in-kind, totaling up to USD 500,000". Please split its grant contribution from the in-kind in the Co-financing table.

**GEFSEC April, 17, 2024**

Cleared

Agency's Comments

**UNDP response to GEF Sec comment on 22 March 2024**

UNDP Somalia will provide a total of USD 800,000 of which USD 500,000 is a Grant contribution and USD 300,000 is in-kind. This contribution has been revised, updated and split in the Indicative Co-financing table.

**Annex B: Endorsements**

**8.4 Has the project been endorsed by the country?s(ies) GEF OFP and has the OFP at the time of PIF submission name and position been checked against the GEF database?**

Secretariat's Comments

**GEFSEC March, 22, 2024**

Yes

Agency's Comments

**Are the OFP endorsement letters uploaded to the GEF Portal (compiled as a single document, if applicable)?**

Secretariat's Comments

**GEFSEC March, 22, 2024**

Yes

Agency's Comments

**Do the letters follow the correct format and are the endorsed amounts consistent with the amounts included in the Portal?**

Secretariat's Comments  
**GEFSEC March, 22, 2024**

Yes

Agency's Comments

**8.5 For NGI projects (which may not require LoEs), has the Agency informed the OFP(s) of the project to be submitted?**

Secretariat's Comments  
**GEFSEC March, 22, 2024**

N/A

Agency's Comments

**Annex C: Project Location**

**8.6 Is there preliminary georeferenced information and a map of the project's intended location?**

Secretariat's Comments  
**GEFSEC March, 22, 2024**

Yes, a map is provided (Annex C), but the geo-information (coordinates) are missing.

**GEFSEC April, 17, 2024**

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Agency's Comments

**[UNDP response to GEF Sec comment on 22 March 2024](#)**

Well noted, the geographical coordinates are now included in Annex C: Project Location on page 48 of the PIF (and have also been reflected into GEF portal).

**Annex D: Safeguards Screen and Rating**

**8.7 If there are safeguard screening documents or other ESS documents prepared, have these been uploaded to the GEF Portal?**

Secretariat's Comments  
**GEFSEC March, 22, 2024**

Yes

Agency's Comments

**Annex E: Rio Markers**

**8.8 Are the Rio Markers for CCM, CCA, BD and LD correctly selected, if applicable?**

Secretariat's Comments  
**GEFSEC March, 22, 2024**

Yes

Agency's Comments

**Annex F: Taxonomy Worksheet**

**8.9 Is the project properly tagged with the appropriate keywords?**

Secretariat's Comments  
**GEFSEC March, 22, 2024**

Yes

Agency's Comments

**Annex G: NGI Relevant Annexes**

**8.10 Does the project provide sufficient detail (indicative term sheet) to take a decision on the following selection criteria: co-financing ratios, financial terms and conditions, and financial additionality? If not, please provide comments. Does the project provide a detailed reflow table to assess the project capacity of generating reflows? If not, please provide comments. Is the Partner Agency eligible to administer concessional finance? If not, please provide comments.**

Secretariat's Comments  
**GEFSEC March, 22, 2024**

N/A

Agency's Comments

**9 GEFSEC Decision**

**9.1 Is the PIF and PPG (if requested) recommended for technical clearance?**

Secretariat's Comments  
**GEFSEC April, 29, 2024**

Yes

Agency's Comments

**9.2 Additional Comments to be considered by the Agency at the time of CEO Endorsement/ Approval**

Secretariat's Comments  
**GEFSEC April, 29, 2024**

Agency to revise the FA as the project's scope is beyond contribution to only CCA 1-1.

Agency's Comments  
**Review Dates**

	<b>PIF Review</b>	<b>Agency Response</b>
<b>First Review</b>	<b>3/22/2024</b>	<b>4/17/2024</b>
<b>Additional Review (as necessary)</b>	<b>4/17/2024</b>	
<b>Additional Review (as necessary)</b>	<b>4/29/2024</b>	
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