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Flows, Enhancing Carbon Stocks through
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Review CEO Endorsement and Make a recommendation

Basic project information

GEF ID

9554

Countries

Philippines

Project Name

Enhancing Biodiversity, Maintaining Ecosystem Flows, Enhancing Carbon Stocks through Sustainable Land Management and the Restoration of Degraded Forestlands

Agencies

FAO

Date received by PM

5/29/2019

Review completed by PM

5/18/2020

Program Manager

Paul Hartman

Focal Area

Multi Focal Area

Project Type

FSP

PIF

CEOEndorsement



Review Sheet

COMMENTS HISTORY

Henry Salazar Gallego

PPO

Action Taken On: Sep 25, 2019, 4:27 PM

Action Performed: send back to manager

Project to be returned to the Agency due to:

- 1- Please ask the Agency to modify the Executing Partner Type to Government
- 2- If the in-cash contribution is being referred to as an attribution to related projects, wouldn't this mean that this amount is already being used by other projects and therefore no certainty that this is a real co-financing for this project? Clarification is needed. Also on co-financing, the letter from the Dep of Environment and Natural resources mentions a type of co-financing (cash and in-kind) that doesn't match what is in Portal – please ask the Agency to amend accordingly.
- 3- Although STAP's recommendation is concurrence, there should be a simple Agency response to STAP's review on the highlighted comments.
- 4- Vehicles are not covered by GEF funding under PMC. The motorbike being charged for \$6,000 is not allowed unless justified.
- 5- The ProDoc (page 103) includes FAO performing Executing functions (see screenshot below below). If an implementing agency wants to play Executing function than they have to follow our standard procedure which included a letter of support signed by the OFP that clearly identify the executing functions to be carried out by the GEF Implementing Agency.

Joseph Pierre Claude Gascon

MGR

Action Taken On: Oct 1, 2019, 11:11 AM

Action Performed: send back to rc

Paul,

check the PPO comments. The STAP comment is not warranted unless you feel they have not addressed whatever STAP said since STAP concurred. as for EA functions, we are pushing back on Agencies performing both roles. Let me know if you want to discuss this.

Paul M. Hartman

primary program manager

Action Taken On: Oct 4, 2019, 4:34 AM

Action Performed: send back to agency

1. Request made to Agency; 2) Co-financing should contribute to the overall outcomes of the project. It can support complementary activities in the landscape that help in achieving overall project results as is described in the co-financing letter and attested to by the signatory of the letter. There is no reason to believe that the letter wasn't signed in good faith and as such this comment wasn't included in the review sheet; 3) STAP's suggestions have been captured in the description of the project pro-doc. A further response as a box ticking isn't required by the Agency, particularly as STAP's recommendation was concur; 4) Request to remove or justify made to Agency; 5) Request made to Agency to follow standard GEF procedure regarding the executing role by an IA.

Paul M. Hartman

primary program manager

Action Taken On: Apr 8, 2020, 4:06 PM

Action Performed: send back to agency

Sent back to the agency to provide a rationale for why the government or a third party cannot undertake the executing functions detailed in the endorsement of executing function letter signed by the OFP, and to clarify adjustments made to the GHG calculation using the EXACT tool.

Paul M. Hartman

primary program manager

Action Taken On: May 18, 2020, 12:25 PM

Action Performed: i recommend

The project execution has been changed to government led execution and is now aligned with GEF policy. The EXACT tool calculations have been sufficiently explained.

Henry Salazar Gallego

PPO

Action Taken On: May 22, 2020, 7:33 PM

Action Performed: send back to manager

Project to be returned to the Agency because some comments provided have not been addressed as follows:

1- On Core Indicators (comment provided by Minna): under the core indicator 6, the emission reductions are recorded under sub-indicator 6.2. (which covers energy sector). It should be revised and so that the emission reductions are reported under sub-indicator 6.1. (for AFOLU sector).

2- On co-financing: the Agency provided a breakdown between cash and in-kind for the co-financing provided by the Department of Environment and Natural Resources. However, the co-financing document doesn't provide the breakdown. The explanation one finds from the Agency in the Review Sheet about this breakdown is not consistent with the specifications included in the co-financing document, considering that in such document there is no breakdown, neither an explanation of it. An explanation from the Agency is required – please clear such explanation in Portal whenever you feel comfortable with such explanation.

3- On FAO performing Executing functions: whereas this has been removed from the Project Information section, not only in Section of the CEO Endorsement request but also in the Project Document FAO seems to be carrying out Executing Functions – especially concerning is the wording that suggest FAO's management / control of GEF resources. Kindly ask the Agency to amend.

Paul M. Hartman

primary program manager

Action Taken On: May 28, 2020, 5:42 PM

Action Performed: send back to agency

- 1) Requested revision of sub-indicator under core indicator 6
- 2) Requested further explanation of how split in DENR co-financing between cash & in-kind was determined
- 3) Requested revision of language indicating FAO executing function
- 4) Provided approval for purchase of motor bike with co-financing resources.

Paul M. Hartman

primary program manager

Action Taken On: Aug 27, 2020, 3:40 PM

Action Performed: send back to agency

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