



Development of the First Biennial Transparency Report of Jordan and the Fifth National Communication and Second Biennial Transparency Report as combined report under the UNFCCC (BTR1 ? 5NC/BTR2)

Review CEO Endorsement and Make a recommendation

Basic project information

GEF ID

11482

Countries

Jordan

Project Name

Development of the First Biennial Transparency Report of Jordan and the Fifth National Communication and Second Biennial Transparency Report as combined report under the UNFCCC (BTR1 ? 5NC/BTR2)

Agencies

UNDP

Date received by PM

11/6/2023

Review completed by PM

11/13/2023

Program Manager

Toshiyuki Yamasaki

Focal Area

Climate Change

Project Type

EA

Expedited Enabling Activity req (CEO)

Section I - Enabling Activity Summary

Funding elements.

Is the enabling activity aligned with the relevant GEF funding elements as indicated in Table A and as defined by the GEF-8 Programming Directions? Is the General Enabling Activity Information table correctly populated?

Secretariat's Comments

Toshi 2/7/2024:

Thank you. Cleared.

Toshi 2/5/2023:

It took a long time to exchange comments and now Expected Implementation Start Date (currently 3/1/2024) is impossible to finish it in time, so, please revise it again to account for our and the 4-week Council review period.

Toshi 1/3/2024:

Thank you. Cleared.

Toshi 11/22/2023:

This Enabling Activity needs to be circulated 4-weeks prior to CEO Approval and the Expected Implementation Start Date (currently 12/31/2023) is too tight, so, please revise it to a more realistic date to account for our and the 4-week Council review period.

Agency's Comments

UNDP reply, 28 Dec 2023:

The commencement date for the Enabling Activity has been adjusted to March 1, 2024 in order to align with the GEF council's review process.

UNDP reply, 6 Feb 2024:

The project implementation start date has been shifted for later, to accommodate to the GEF Sec and Council review period. The start date is now 15 April 2024.

Cost Ranges.

If there was a deviation in the cost range, was this explained?

Secretariat's Comments

Toshi 11/22/2023:

Cleared. The project has no deviations in the cost range. The costing is in line with Information Note GEF/C.62/Inf.15 - <https://www.thegef.org/council-meeting-documents/gef-c-62-inf-15>

Agency's Comments

Enabling activity summary.

Is the enabling activity summary clear? Are the components in Table B and as described in the enabling activity request sound, appropriate, and sufficiently clear to achieve the project objectives?

Secretariat's Comments

Toshi 1/3/2024:

Thank you. Cleared.

Toshi 11/22/2023:

Gender:

Please include gender considerations in Outputs 2.1.2, 2.1.3, 2.1.4, 4.1.3.

Abbreviations:

Regarding abbreviation words, to avoid confusion, please explain them when they appeared for the first time, i.e., PMR-MRV in P.5 (explanation of PMR is missing, MRV has an explanation in P.14, but it appears in P.5 for the first time), DRR in P.6, etc. and check through again.

Agency's Comments

UNDP reply, 28 Dec 2023:

Gender considerations are included under the outputs of 2.1.2, 2.1.3, 2.1.4, 4.1.3

All abbreviations are explained in the list of abbreviations (P.5) of the ProDoc and are equally explained in the EA request text when first used.

Section 2 - Enabling Activity Supporting Information

Eligibility Criteria.

Is this enabling activity eligible for GEF funding?

Secretariat's Comments

Toshi 11/22/2023:

Yes.

Agency's Comments

Institutional framework.

Are the institutional arrangements for implementation adequately described?

Secretariat's Comments

Toshi 11/22/2023:

We take note of the request by Mr. Marwan Al-Refai, OFP of Jordan, for UNDP to conduct partial execution services for this project through the support to NIM modality, which amounts to \$27,530. The approval by the CBIT Manager is included in the documents section of this project.

Agency's Comments

Monitoring and Evaluation.

Does the project include a budgeted M&E Plan?

Secretariat's Comments

Toshi 11/22/2023:

Yes. The M&E budget for the project is \$50,000.

Agency's Comments

Section 3. Information Tables

GEF resource availability.

Is the proposed GEF financing in Table F (including the Agency fee) in line with GEF policies and guidelines?

Secretariat Comment at PIF/Work Program Inclusion

Toshi 11/22/2023:

Yes.

Agency Response

Are they within the resources available from (mark all that apply):

STAR allocation?

Secretariat's Comments

N/A.

Agency's Comments

Focal Area allocation?

Secretariat's Comments

N/A.

Agency's Comments

LDCF under the principle of equitable access?

Secretariat's Comments

N/A.

Agency's Comments

SCCF (Adaptation or Tech Transfer)?

Secretariat's Comments

N/A.

Agency's Comments

Focal Area Set Aside?

Secretariat's Comments

Toshi 11/22/2023:

Yes. This is in line with Information Note

GEF/C.62/Inf.15 - <https://www.thegef.org/council-meeting-documents/gef-c-62-inf-15>

Agency's Comments

Rio Markers.

Are the Rio Markers for CCM ,CCA, BD and LD presented?

Secretariat's Comments

Toshi 11/22/2023:

Yes.

Agency's Comments

Country endorsement.

Has the project been endorsed by the country's GEF Operational Focal Point at the time of the EA submission and has the name and position been checked against the GEF database? Are the endorsed amounts consistent with the amounts included in Portal

Secretariat's Comments

Toshi 1/3/2024:

Thank you. Cleared.

Toshi 11/22/2023:

1. The LOE template used for this project removed the footnote that conditions the selection of the executing partner to the following: *?Subject to the capacity assessment carried out by the GEF Implementing Agency, as appropriate?.* Per the attached email back in March when we were aiming to constitute June 2023 Work Program, Agencies were informed that LoEs *?with modifications cannot be accepted and will be returned?.* While the removal of the footnote seems to be trivial, it is not: this footnote reduces the chances of having an executing partner that does not meet the fiduciary and procurement standards required to safely execute the project. Please get an email from the OFP accepting this footnote to be part of the LoE (this is an alternative to request a new LoE).

2. Also, the LOE lists only Ministry of Environment as executing entity while in Portal, UNDP and Royal Scientific Society (RSS) are also added, please request the OFP to confirm this arrangement in the email cited above.

LOE:

Subject: Endorsement for Preparation of Jordan's Fifth National Communication and First and Second Biennial Transparency Reports to UNFCCC (5NC & 1/2BTR)

Dear Mr. Kurukulasuriya,

In my capacity as GEF Operational Focal Point for Jordan, I confirm that the above project proposal (a) is in accordance with my government's national priorities including, the priorities identified in the National Climate Change Policy, the updated NDCs, the Economic Modernization Vision and Adaptation Plan of Action, and our commitment to the relevant global environmental conventions; and (b) was discussed with relevant stakeholders, including the global environmental convention focal points.

I am pleased to endorse the preparation of the above project proposal with the support of the GEF Implementing Agency listed below. If approved, the proposal will be prepared and **executed by the Ministry of Environment**. I request the GEF Agency to provide a copy of the project document before it is submitted to the GEF Secretariat for CEO endorsement/Approval.

The total financing (from GEFTF) requested for this project is US\$ 1,350,135 inclusive of project preparation grant (PPG), if any, and Agency fees for project cycle management services associated with the total GEF Project Financing. The financing requested for Jordan is detailed in the table below.

Portal:

SECTION 1: ENABLING ACTIVITY SUMMARY 

Enabling Activity Title: ⓘ	Development of the First Biennial Transparency Report of Jordan and the Fifth National Communication and Second Biennial Transparency Report as combined report under the UNFCCC (BTR1 – 5NC/BTR2)		
Country(ies): ⓘ	Jordan	GEF Enabling Activity ID: ⓘ	11482
GEF Agency(ies): ⓘ	UNDP	GEF Agency Enabling Activity ID: ⓘ	6729
Project Executing Entity(s): ⓘ	Ministry of Environment	Executing Partner Type:	Government
	UNDP		GEF Agency
	Royal Scientific Society (RSS)		CSO
GEF Focal Area (s): ⓘ	Climate Change	Submission Date: ⓘ	11/6/2023
Expected Implementation Start:	12/31/2023	Expected Duration : ⓘ	48 In Months

Agency's Comments

UNDP reply, 28 Dec 2023:

Updated LoE is provided.

Response to Comments

Are all the comments adequately responded to? (only as applicable)

Gef Secretariat comments

Secretariat's Comments

N/A.

Agency's Comments

Other Agencies comments

Secretariat's Comments

N/A.

Agency's Comments

Council comments

Secretariat's Comments

N/A.

Agency's Comments

STAP comments

Secretariat's Comments

N/A.

Agency's Comments

Convention Secretariat comments

Secretariat's Comments

N/A.

Agency's Comments

CSOs comments

Secretariat's Comments

N/A.

Agency's Comments

Project Budget Table.

Is the project budget table attached? Are the activities / expenditures reasonably and accurately charged to the three identified sources (Components, M&E and PMC)?

Secretariat's Comments

Toshi 2/5/2024:

Thank you. Cleared.

Toshi 1/3/2024:

I understood the situation. In this case, I think you need to change the category from ?Office Supply? to another category (?Trainings, Workshops, Meetings?. etc.). Please check it and change to the appropriate category.

Toshi 11/22/2023:

Office supplies should only be charged to PMC, currently is charged to project component.

Agency's Comments

UNDP reply, 28 Dec 2023:

The supplies budgeted under technical outcomes are intended to support the provision of services for hosting technical workshops and webinars. They are not related to the PMC activities.

UNDP reply, 2 Feb 2024:

The supplies budgeted under technical outcomes are intended to cover the cost of supplies and stationery for technical work, trainings, workshops, and webinars. They are not related to the PMC activities. The UNDP's account code structure does not accommodate Stationery expenses under ?Training, Workshops and Confer? budget category. Stationery supplies for ?Training, Workshops and Confer? are re-budgeted under ?Audio Visual & Print Prod Costs? account code in UNDP budgets which matches to Other Operating Costs category in the GEF Budget template.

Revisions have been made in the ProDoc budget notes p. 52-53 and in the GEF budget template.

Environmental and Social Safeguards.

If there are screening documents or other ESS documents available, have these been attached? (only as applicable)

Secretariat's Comments

Toshi 11/22/2023:

Yes. ESS documents have been attached. The overall project risk is categorized as low risk.

Agency's Comments

GEFSEC DECISION

RECOMMENDATION.

Is CEO endorsement/ approval recommended?

Secretariat's Comments

Toshi 2/5/2024:

Please address a comment above (Expected Implementation Start Date).

Toshi 1/3/2024:

Please address a comment above (Project Budget Table).

Toshi 11/22/2023:

Please address the comments above.

Also, it seems that the Project Document is not the latest (e.g., GEF project ID is TBD), so please upload the latest one.

REVIEW DATE(S)

	Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement	Response to Secretariat comments
First Review	11/13/2023	
Additional Review (as necessary)	11/22/2023	
Additional Review (as necessary)	1/3/2024	
Additional Review (as necessary)	2/5/2024	
Additional Review (as necessary)	2/7/2024	