



# Building climate resilience of communities in Cambodia's protected landscapes: biodiversity-friendly crop-livestock systems for adaptation

Review PIF and Make a recommendation

## Basic project information

**GEF ID**

11400

**Countries**

Cambodia

**Project Name**

Building climate resilience of communities in Cambodia's protected landscapes: biodiversity-friendly crop-livestock systems for adaptation

**Agencies**

FAO

**Date received by PM**

10/18/2023

**Review completed by PM**

12/6/2023

**Program Manager**

Tshewang Dorji

**Focal Area**

Multi Focal Area

**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 10/30/2023, GEFSEC: 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

12/5/2023: Cleared

10/30/2023, GEFSEC:

Please refine problem description that the project is intending to address.

Agency's Comments

11/30/2023

Thank you for the comments.

The project team has revised the PIF accordingly to improve the description of the problem the project is intending to address.

### **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

12/06/2023, GEFSEC: Cleared

10/30/2023, GEFSEC:

a) Please refine the alignment between core indicators and the project outcomes/outputs

b) Currently, there is no target mentioned for r No. of target proposed for core indicator group 4 under its linkage with LD. Therefore, kindly review and revise

#### Agency's Comments

11/30/2023

a) The team has made revisions to improve clarity and ensure that the outcomes/outputs and core indicators are well aligned and linked.

b) Core indicator 4 linked to LD is indeed relevant. It has been revised. LDCF core indicator 2 (area of land managed for climate resilience) is related to/overlaps with core indicator 4 (LD). To avoid double counting, contribution to this indicator (LDCF indicator 2) is not shown. The indicators will be reviewed and improved during PPG.

Regarding core indicator 3 on restoration, we have clarified the output (2.1.1.) and activities expected to deliver the target.

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

#### Secretariat's Comments

Updated, GEFSEC, 12/12/2023: Cleared. However, please address the following comments during the PPG phase.

1. Kindly include gender perspective in Outputs 4.1.1, 4.1.2 and in the M & E systems (including reporting on the Gender Action Plan to be developed),

10/30/2023, GEFSEC: Yes

#### Agency's Comments

**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

12/5/2023: Cleared

10/30/2023, GEFSEC:

#### Agency's Comments

### **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 10/30/2023, GEFSEC: 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 10/30/2023, GEFSEC: Yes

Agency's Comments

## **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

10/30/2023, GEFSEC: Yes

On matter related to output alignment with LD section, please refer to comment under 3.1

Agency's Comments

11/30/2023

Kindly see the response under 3.1.

### **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 10/30/2023, GEFSEC: Yes

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

12/06/2023, GEFSEC: Cleared

10/30/2023, GEFSEC:

Please provide further elaboration on the institutional settings for delivering the project.

Agency's Comments

11/30/2023

Details are now provided under the section "Coordination and Cooperation with Ongoing Initiatives and Project".

**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

12/06/2023, GEFSEC: Cleared

10/30/2023, GEFSEC:

a) Please explore possibilities of enhancing figures under the core indicators,

b) It was noted that there are no target in the core indicator group 4 under the LD, despite many activities in the project design. Instead, there is 2000 ha target on restoration, for which no activities are designed. Please review

Agency's Comments

11/30/2023

a) Thanks, opportunities to enhance figures under the core indicators will be explored during PPG - facilitated by sub-core indicator estimates during formulation.

b) The indicators have been revised.

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

Secretariat's Comments n/a

Agency's Comments

**5.6 RISKS**

**a) Are climate risks and other main risks relevant to the project described and addressed within the project concept design?**

**b) Are the key risks that might affect the project preparation and implementation phases identified and adequately rated?**

**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 10/30/2023, GEFSEC: Yes

Agency's Comments

**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

12/06/2023, GEFSEC: Cleared

10/30/2023, GEFSEC:

a) Please provide concise description on how the project intends to be integrated, durable and transformation

b) Any potential for innovation and scaling up?

c) Please provide its contribution for its policy coherence, if any

## Agency's Comments

11/30/2023

A sub-section on policy coherence, sustainability, innovation and potential for scale-up has been included, responding to all these aspects - questions a, b, c.

### **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 10/30/2023, GEFSEC: 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

12/06/2023, GEFSEC: Cleared

10/30/2023, GEFSEC:

While alignment with LDCF and LD-1 is correct, the PIF needs to provide further information on its contribution for implementation of National Adaptation Plans and Strategies under the UNFCCC. Similarly, alignment with national plans and strategies in the UNCCD context is critical.

## Agency's Comments

11/30/2023

Additional information on alignment with national plans under the UNFCCC and UNCCD has been provided.

Please note that the National Adaptation Plan process integrates already existing strategies ? Cambodia Climate Change Strategic Plan (CCCSP) has been submitted to the UNFCCC as the first NAP. The strategy is currently being updated.

#### **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

Agency's Comments

**7 D. Policy Requirements**

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

Secretariat's Comments 10/30/2023, GEFSEC: Yes

Agency's Comments

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

Secretariat's Comments 10/30/2023, GEFSEC: Yes

Agency's Comments

**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

Agency's Comments

**Focal Area allocation?**

Secretariat's Comments

Agency's Comments

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

Secretariat's Comments 10/30/2023, GEFSEC: Yes

Agency's Comments  
SCCF A (SIDS)?

Secretariat's Comments n/a

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

Secretariat's Comments n/a

Agency's Comments  
Focal Area Set Aside?

Secretariat's Comments 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

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

Agency's Comments  
**Annex B: Endorsements**

**8.4 Has the project been endorsed by the country? (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

12/06/2023, GEFSEC: Cleared

10/30/2023, GEFSEC:

Email from Minister is attached, but Minister is not the OFP as per GEF database

Agency's Comments

11/30/2023:

The OFP LoE is now attached. Thanks.

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

Secretariat's Comments

12/06/2023, GEFSEC: Cleared

10/30/2023, GEFSEC: No

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

12/06/2023, GEFSEC: Cleared

10/30/2023, GEFSEC: No

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 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 10/30/2023, GEFSEC: Yes

Agency's Comments

**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

12/06/2023, GEFSEC: Cleared

10/30/2023, GEFSEC:

Please submit the ESS documents

Agency's Comments

11/30/2023:

ESS documents attached.

**Annex E: Rio Markers**

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

Secretariat's Comments 10/30/2023, GEFSEC: Yes

Agency's Comments

**Annex F: Taxonomy Worksheet**

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

Secretariat's Comments 10/30/2023, GEFSEC: 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 n/a

Agency's Comments

**9 GEFSEC Decision**

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

Secretariat's Comments

12/12/2023: Recommended for technical clearance

12/06/2023, GEFSEC: Pending PPO comment

10/30/2023, GEFSEC: Not yet.

Please address the above mentioned comments

Agency's Comments

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

Secretariat's Comments

12/12/2023, GEFSEC: Please address the comments related to gender section (3.2)

Agency's Comments

**Review Dates**

	<b>PIF Review</b>	<b>Agency Response</b>
<b>First Review</b>	<b>10/30/2023</b>	
<b>Additional Review (as necessary)</b>	<b>12/6/2023</b>	
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