



Building smallholder farmers resilience through climate smart agriculture techniques in Oio and cacheu north regions in Guinea Bissau

Review CEO Endorsement and Make a recommendation

Basic project information

GEF ID

11010

Countries

Guinea-Bissau

Project Name

Building smallholder farmers resilience through climate smart agriculture techniques in Oio and cacheu north regions in Guinea Bissau

Agencies

BOAD

Date received by PM

2/16/2023

Review completed by PM

11/1/2023

Program Manager

Yuki Shiga

Focal Area

Climate Change

Project Type

MSP

PIF
CEO Endorsement

Part I ? Project Information

Focal area elements

1. Does the project remain aligned with the relevant GEF focal area elements as presented in PIF (as indicated in table A)?

Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement Request

2023.7.18

Cleared

2023.6.8

The elapsed time between the expected implementation start and expected completion date accounts for 36 months and 27 days ? also, the expected start date (6/3/2024) is in a year time or so. Please adjust the expected implementation and completion dates to an earlier date, so the project not only will start before, but also the elapsed time will account for 36 months.

2023.4.26

- CCA Rio Marker for climate change adaptation is still '1'. In principle, LDCF projects should have '2' as it was in the PIF.

Rio Markers

Climate Change Mitigation

No Contribution 0

Climate Change Adaptation

Significant Objective 1

2023.2.21

- CCA Rio Marker for LDCF project should have ?? in principle, as it was in the PIF.
- In the PIF review sheet, it was mentioned as follows: ?Greenhouse gas emission mitigated will be determined at a later stage in project development.? Please further elaborate in the project document on how this was determined during PPG, and if the project does contribute to climate change mitigation, please consider changing CCM Rio Marker. The project document mentions elements such as solar panel and restoring and preserving ecosystems that sequester CO2.
- Please provide dates for ?expected implementation start? and ?expected completion date?.

Agency Response

At the project development stage, it emerged from the analysis of the selected activities that the project will not significantly impact carbon emissions and mitigation. We had provided explanations that support this and underlie not to make an accurate estimate based on WEF guidelines on the matter.

Expected date of implementation start is June 2024 and expected completion date is June 2027.

Cleared in document

Part 1 ? Section E, last paragraph

See Part 1

Cleared. Kindly see relevant section

Cleared in the new version of CEO Endorsement

Please see *Part I. Project information*

Project description summary

2. Is the project structure/design appropriate to achieve the expected outcomes and outputs as in Table B and described in the project document?

Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement Request Yes

Agency Response

3. If this is a non-grant instrument, has a reflow calendar been presented in Annex D?

Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement Request

Agency Response

Co-financing

4. Are the confirmed expected amounts, sources and types of co-financing adequately documented, with supporting evidence and a description on how the breakdown of co-financing was identified and meets the definition of investment mobilized, and a description of any major changes from PIF, consistent with the requirements of the Co-Financing Policy and Guidelines?

Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement Request

2023.7.18

Cleared

2023.6.8

- Two co-financing letters are dated March and December 2021. As such, please provide a reasonable estimation of how effectively will co-financing be provided under the understanding that the implementation of the GEF project will start nearly two years after the issuance date of these letters. If the full amount will effectively serve as co-financing despite the early date, that is fine, please elaborate on it in the project document.
- Per the co-financing Guidelines, English is the language in which the co-financing documents have to be presented. An unofficial translation into English by the Agency is acceptable; please append it.

2023.5.31

The column Evidence seems to be still empty for co-financing from Ministry of Planning.

2023.5.25

- The column Evidence seems to be still empty.

2023.4.26

- Thank you for further explanation. If co-financing from BOAD of \$7.9 million is a loan, please change 'recurrent expenditures' to 'investment mobilized' under column Investment Mobilized in Table C (as it was in the PIF).
- The column Evidence seems to be still empty.

C. Sources of Co-financing for the Project by name and by type

Sources of Co-financing	Name of Co-financier	Type of Co-financing	Investment Mobilized	Amount(\$)	Evidence
Recipient Country Government	Ministry of Planning	In-kind	Recurrent expenditures	100,000.00	
GEF Agency	BOAD, through "Projet d'Appui à l'Intensification de la Production Vivrière" (PAIPV)	Loans	Recurrent expenditures	7,900,000.00	

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- Please also provide a link to each evidence.
- Co-financing from BOAD has been changed from 'investment mobilized' to 'recurrent expenditure' while \$ has not changed. Please elaborate further on the background to this update. If this is not 'investment mobilized' please check the 'type of co-financing' as a loan is typically 'investment mobilized'. If this is a loan, please revise the 'recurrent expenditures' to 'investment mobilized?'. All investment mobilized require a description on how it was identified.

Agency Response

Co-financing was identified during the implementation of the 'Projet d'appui à l'Intensification de la Production Vivrière' PAIPV implemented by GEF Agency, BOAD. Investment mobilization has been conducted as part of the project design through virtual meetings and physical meetings conducted by the BOAD with stakeholders in close collaboration with the Recipient Government agencies.

It totals USD 8 million and includes: i) USD 100,000 as recurrent expenditures from the Ministry of Planning as the recipient country government; ii) USD 7,900,000 as a loan from the BOAD.

A letter of intent to raise the mentioned co-financing amount is included in Annex to this project document.

Cleared in document (Part. C)

Addition of Annex O

Cleared

Please see annex P 'Letter of notification of the raise of the co-financing by BOAD' for Evidence.

**For cofinancing letters, kindly see Original and english translated versions following :
Annex P Cofinancing Letter BOAD and Annex P Cofinancing Letter GoGB**

GEF Resource Availability

5. Is the financing presented in Table D adequate and does the project demonstrate a cost-effective approach to meet the project objectives?

Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement Request

2023.4.26

Cost-effectiveness can be explained in other sections of the CEOER document. For example section '1.a.3. Proposed alternative scenario with a brief description of expected results and project components'.

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Please further elaborate on cost-effectiveness.

Agency Response

Please see 1.a.3

Based on the data produced by the M&E activity, a cost-effective approach will be implemented during the project.

More precisely, the cost-effective approach, based on the core indicators of the project, will determine the cost per direct beneficiaries, the cost per hectare managed for climate resilience, the cost par policies/plans mainstreaming climate resilience and the cost per people trained.

The M&E expert will be responsible for collecting and analyzing data from the field to verify that the project objectives are being met with the best use of the funding

Project Preparation Grant

6. Is the status and utilization of the PPG reported in Annex C in the document?

Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement Request

2023.10.30:

Cleared.

2023.10.23:

'Calendar of expected reflow' still exists under Annex D. Please delete it. Annex D is for Project Map(s) and Coordinates.

2023.8.2

This project is not an NGI so please remove the disbursement plan. Please include it under the Project Description section.

The screenshot shows a document titled "Annex D: Calendar of Expected Reflows (if non-grant instrument is used)". The text reads: "Provide a calendar of expected reflows to the GEF/LDCF/SCCF Trust Funds or to your Agency (and/or revolving fund that will be set up)". Below this, it states: "The disbursement plan is divided into three tranches representing the three years of the project:" followed by a list: "- Tranche 1 of USD 673,794;", "- Tranche 2 of USD 897,928;", and "- Tranche 3 of USD 428,278." Further text explains: "To apply for the next tranche, an expenditure verification report, including the supporting documents, will be requested. Once validated by the GEF, a request for payment of the next tranche will be made. The request for payment of the additional tranche can be requested if and only if the rate of expenditure use of the previous tranche exceeds 60%." The final paragraph states: "The amount of the tranches may be revised if there is a contractual amendment to the schedule. In particular, it is likely that the signature date of the contract and the cultivation period will have an impact on the project implementation and therefore on the realization of the activities over the three years."

2023.6.8

Whereas the information on the status of the PPG is now more complete, the calculations are wrong: $\$50,000 - \$39,802 = \$10,198$ (instead of $\$9,951$? see below) ? please amend.

2023.4.26

Please provide further details per expenditure categories indicated in the proposal - 'consultants, workshop expenses, travel and general operating expenses.

2023.2.21

As requested in the question, please provide details on expenditure categories for the PPG report by following the categories presented in Guidelines, instead of presenting it per output.

Agency Response

PPG Grant Approved at PIF: USD 50,000 (GEF)			
<i>Project Preparation Activities Implemented</i>	<i>GETF/LDCF/SCCF Amount (\$)</i>		
	<i>Budgeted Amount</i>	<i>Amount Spent To date</i>	<i>Ar Con</i>
Consultants (preparation of CEO Endorsement documentation)	49,753*	39,802*	
Total	<u>50,000</u>	<u>39,802</u>	

PPG Grant Approved at PIF: USD 50,000 (GEF)			
<i>Project Preparation Activities Implemented</i>	<i>GETF/LDCF/SCCF Amount (\$)</i>		
	<i>Budgeted Amount</i>	<i>Amount Spent To date</i>	<i>Ar Con</i>
Consultants (preparation of CEO Endorsement documentation)	49,753*	39,802*	
Total	<u>50,000</u>	<u>39,802</u>	

Cleared in document (Annex C)

Cleared

Please see Annex C.

BOAD has contracted with a consulting firm for the preparation of CEO Endorsement documentation. The contract amounts is \$49,753 with \$7,320 for travel expenses and \$42,433 for consultant fees.

No other activities were funded under the PPG

PPG Grant Approved at PIF: USD 50,000 (GEF)			
<i>Project Preparation Activities Implemented</i>	<i>GETF/LDCF/SCCF Amount (\$)</i>		
	<i>Budgeted Amount</i>	<i>Amount Spent To date</i>	<i>Amount Committed</i>
Contracting with a consulting firm for the preparation of CEO Endorsement documentation	49,753*	39,802*	9,951
<i>Included:</i>			
Travel	7,320	5,856	1,464
Fees	42,433	33,946	8,487
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Project manager - National rural development expert - National expert in environment and social/gender assessment - International expert in financial analyst - International assistant to project manager - Senior international expert in agriculture program development / Quality Control Specialist 			
Total	50,000	39,802	9,951

Details of the activity under the consulting contract are described:

- ? Facilitation of a virtual workshop to launch the process of formulating the detailed project document;
- ? Consultation with project stakeholders;
- ? Definition of the baseline scenario;
- ? Establishment of the GEF alternative;
- ? Development of the institutional framework;
- ? Proposal of a procurement plan;
- ? Preparation of the detailed project budget;
- ? Preparation of the BOAD and GEF logical framework of results;
- ? Drafting of the detailed project document following the GEF framework, which will include i) a study on vulnerability in terms of adaptation to climate change and gender, on mitigation (calculation of reduced emissions and MRV); ii) an environmental and social

impact assessment of the project or an E&S management framework of the project; and
iii) the proposed irrigation technologies;

Facilitation of a virtual workshop for the restitution and validation of the project document.?

Cleared in the new version of CEO Endorsement

Please see Annex C. Status of Utilization of Project Preparation Grant (PPG) (Provide detailed funding amount of the PPG activities financing status in the table below

Operations

This project is not an NGI so please remove the disbursement plan from Annex D. Please include it under the Project Description section.

Cleared in the new version of CEO Endorsement.

Please see CEO Endorsement > Part II Project justification > 1.a.5. Incremental/additional cost reasoning and expected contributions from the baseline, the GEFTF, LDCF, SCCF, and co-financing.

?Calendar of expected reflow? has been deleted from Annex D.

Core indicators

7. Are there changes/adjustments made in the core indicator targets indicated in Table E? Do they remain realistic?

Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement Request

2023.5.25

Cleared

2023.4.26

- 'Natural hazard' does not seem to have been elaborated. Please further elaborate and provide justification for including ?natural hazard? under ?project target? section of the Meta Information.

- Core Indicator 4 on the number of people trained was 260 at PIF stage (please see the below screenshot). As such, explanation is required for this change.

Core Indicators - LDCF				
CORE INDICATOR 1	Total	Male	Female	% for Women
Total number of direct beneficiaries	120,000	60,000	60,000	50.00%
CORE INDICATOR 2				
Area of land managed for climate resilience (ha)	16,000.00			
CORE INDICATOR 3				
Total no. of policies/plans that will mainstream climate resilience	4			
CORE INDICATOR 4				
Total number of people trained	260	156	104	40.00%

2023.2.21

- Please further elaborate on the significant increase in total number of people trained, from 250 at PIF stage to 9,800.
- Please further elaborate and provide justification on including "natural hazard" under "project target" section of the Meta Information.

Agency Response

The total number of people trained remains unchanged. In the PIF (page 10/46), "Core indicator 4 Total number of people trained" is set at 9,800 people, distributed as follows: 6,370 men and 3,430 women.

This number was unchanged because it was considered consistent with i) the direct beneficiary population of the PAIPV project estimated at 16,667 inhabitants in the Feasibility Study and Environmental and Social Impact of the project to support the intensification of food production in the regions of Oio and Cacheu; ii) the importance of the training activities (three separate training sessions composed of different modules) for a target composed of different groups not only from the population of the targeted areas : local decision-makers, extension workers, agricultural technicians and small-scale farmer, partners technical service, project team.

The commentary refers to elements of the document that are not currently identified. By clarifying the section of the document concerned, it may be possible to integrate the necessary additions to take the comment into account.

Cleared

Please see additions in Table 4 (Part II, 5. Risks)

Please see additions (Part I. Project information, E. Project's target contributions to GEF 7 Core indicators

The number of people trained indicated in the PIF available on the portal for the core indicator 4 is 9,600.

The number of people trained, in coherence with the PIF, is consistent with the i) the direct beneficiary population of the PAIPV project estimated at 16,667 inhabitants in the feasibility and environmental and social impact study of the project to support the intensification of food production in the regions of Oio and Cacheu; ii) the importance of the initiative's training activities (three separate training sessions composed of different modules) for a target composed of different groups not belonging solely to the population of the targeted areas: local decision-makers, extension agents, agricultural technicians and smallholders, partners' technical service, project team.

Part II ? Project Justification

1. Is there a sufficient elaboration on how the global environmental/adaptation problems, including the root causes and barriers, are going to be addressed?

Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement Request

2023.4.26

- Many images are still broken. Please contact ITS for support if this is a system issue.

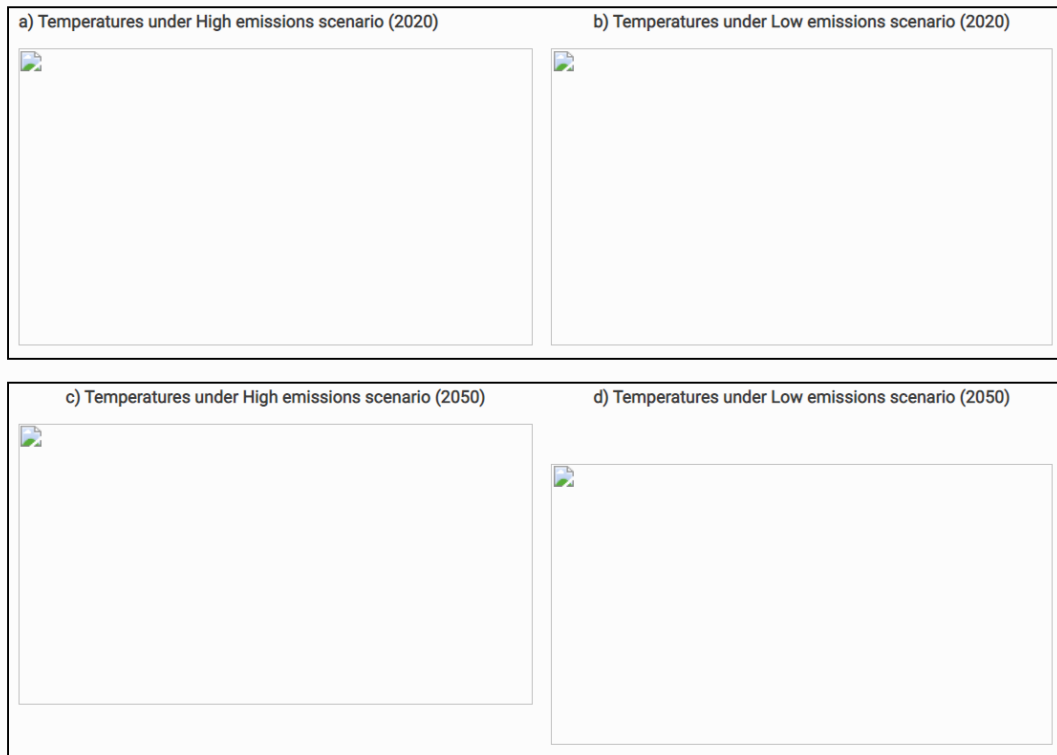


Figure 2. Projected average annual temperatures (°C) for 2020 and 2050, downscaled from multimodels

2023.2.21

- Images in the project document are broken and unable to review throughout the document (there was similar issue at the PIF stage)

Agency Response

This should be due to the submission platform or format compatibility. We have reshape the figures to fit better, but we cannot do more at our level. Support is needed from the GEFSEC IT Team

Cleared

2. Is there an elaboration on how the baseline scenario or any associated baseline projects were derived?

Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement Request

yes

Agency Response

3. Is the proposed alternative scenario as described in PIF/PFD sound and adequate? Is there sufficient clarity on the expected outcomes and components of the project and a description on the project is aiming to achieve them?

Secretariat Comment at PIF/Work Program Inclusion

2023.4.26

ToC image seems to be broken. Is it possible to update the ToC with an additional barrier(s)?



Figure 4: Theory of Change

2023.2.21

- ?focus on gender mainstreaming? has been deleted from Outcomes 1.1, 2.1 and 3.1. Please further elaborate on this change and provide rationale.
- There are important gender dimensions with regard to 2.1.1 Technical capacity-building trainings on CSA techniques; and 2.1.2 Provision of agroclimatic and meteorological information and early warnings, hence, these outputs should integrate gender perspectives. This also applies to manuals/guides and training on good practices in water management, soil restoration, crop planning to be developed and made available to producer groups. Gender equality considerations are also relevant in output 2.1., 3.1.1.,and 3.1.2. Please reflect gender perspectives accordingly.

Agency Response

Part II

Nevertheless, a fourth barrier was identified, namely the profound inequalities between men and women in terms of access to resources and sustainable ecosystem management mechanisms, accelerating social inequalities and exposing women and youth to increased poverty and food insecurity. Women and youth are important pillars of change and ownership. It is fundamental to be aware of their roles as vectors of development and improvement of their communities' living conditions. In addition to the risk of reinforcing it, not taking this barrier into account would compromise the achievement of the initiative's results. This barrier has been integrated in a transversal way into the alternative scenario to ensure the inclusion of vulnerable groups throughout the project by respecting and protecting their rights,

strengthening their skills and capacities, and ensuring their participation in decision-making instances. Without inducing new components or outputs, the lifting of this barrier will be made possible by the integration of gender in all activities. This defines the intervention strategy and is ensured through the implementation of the gender action plan.

It is not possible at our level to add barrier 4 because we do not have the shape to create the theory of change diagram. Only the addition of the barrier is necessary, the rest of the diagram (objectives, outcomes, activities, roots causes) remains unchanged.

Part II 1.a.1 Poverty and food

A recent study by the World Food Program (WFP) highlights that Guinea-Bissau is characterized by widespread chronic malnutrition among children under five years of age, and more than 30% in the regions of Oio, Bafat?? and Gabu. A study reveals that only 29% of women and girls reach the minimum dietary diversity and that malnutrition among pregnant and lactating women and girls contributes to the increase in maternal and infant mortality.

Part II 1.a.1 The barriers

Barrier #4: Prevalence of gender inequalities and exclusion of the most vulnerable groups from access to information and resource management. In Guinea-Bissau, women, girls and youth are the most affected by the effects of climate change. Seawater intrusion and salinization of low-lying areas are reducing fertile land suitable for agriculture and causing pressures on resources, such as conflicts over land ownership. Access to productive land for women and youth is made even more difficult. The acceleration of the unsustainable exploitation of forest resources and the devastation of mangroves are other direct consequences of climate change. It is necessary to emphasize the impact of the effects of climate change on vulnerable groups who are traditionally excluded from decision-making spaces and from the construction of more sustainable alternatives for the use of natural resources. According to customary norms, the right to land ownership belongs to the man. It is he who decides on their use and generally the interests of women, girls and youth are not safeguarded in these decisions. In Guinea-Bissau, women are protagonists in the management of the environmental capital that surrounds them. From the collection of water for cooking and cleaning, the use of land to cultivate different crops and the raising of small animals, the use of wood and non-wood resources, marine resources, among others. They use and interact daily with natural resources and ecosystems. However, due to deep gender inequalities that are accentuated by structural, traditional and cultural factors, they are distanced from the processes of building more sustainable alternatives and also face difficulties in accessing opportunities to acquire skills, training and information on climate change and more sustainable solutions. Several studies show that investing in women and girls creates ripple effects that are felt throughout entire communities, and the frontline knowledge they possess is necessary for the dissemination of good agroecological practices.

Part II 1.a.3 Proposed alternative scenario with a brief description of expected results and project components

4) deep gender inequalities in access to resources and sustainable ecosystem management mechanisms accelerate social inequalities, exposing women and youth to greater poverty and food insecurity.

(?)

The Barrier 4, will be achieved through the project's strategic approach to gender mainstreaming which aims to inhibit the constraints of women and girls in realizing their full potential in the fight against climate change. It will be a priority of the project to ensure that during the implementation of activities women are present, their views and concerns are taken into account and included in the interventions. This strategic approach will allow this vulnerable group to access opportunities to improve their skills, resilience and knowledge in building more sustainable alternatives for the use and management of ecosystem resources. Breaking this barrier is cross-cutting throughout the project and has been taken into account in the construction of gender indicators. Some results better show the objective mechanisms of their implementation, as for example the results: 1.1. Climate-smart techniques are promoted: the project's logical framework provides for the proportion of women members of local management committees, the number of climate-smart technologies and techniques implemented to reduce women's workload, the percentage of women who take ownership of the techniques implemented; 2.1. Climate-smart agriculture techniques and technologies are implemented by producer groups: the logical framework provides for 50% of women producers among the beneficiaries to be able to implement the agroecological techniques implemented; 2. 2.1.1 Capacity building trainings on climate-smart agricultural techniques: the logical framework foresees 60% of producers of which 40% are women, at the end of the project it increases to 50%; 2.1.2 Provision of agro-climatic and meteorological information and early warnings for farmers' groups: the logical framework foresees a proportion of 50% of women members of the local cells for monitoring and management of climate risks; 3.1. Knowledge and lessons learned in climate-smart agriculture are compiled and disseminated; 3.1.1 Monitoring and evaluation of the project for learning lessons and compiling knowledge: the logical framework foresees a proportion of 30% of women members and included in decision-making positions in local monitoring committees.

(?) *Component 1: Strengthening the agriculture resilience to climate change*

Achieving this outcome will improve women's and youth access to productive land for horticulture and promote agricultural crop diversity. Women and youth will benefit from new skills in more environmentally sustainable agroecological techniques.

(?) *Component 2: Building Farmers' technical capacity to implement CSA's techniques and technologies.*

The activities planned to achieve the outcomes of this component will have a strong gender impact and will contribute to reducing gender inequalities and building the capacity of women and youth to access opportunities to improve skills and knowledge about climate change. To ensure the adoption of AIC technologies and practices, issues of equal participation of men and women in planning, decision-making, and implementation must be properly addressed. In addition, the issue of empowering women and youth must be emphasized to ensure household resilience to climate change and climate-related shocks, as their contribution to household food insecurity and livelihoods is significant. In addition, technologies and practices that aim to integrate and improve crops, livestock, fisheries, and beekeeping must be considered from a gender perspective.

(?) *Output 2.1.1*

The composition of the committees will consider gender equality and the need to include women farmers, youth and community leaders. As a result, the role of these vulnerable groups will be strengthened in community decision-making spaces on natural resources. (?) These

manuals/guides will include a gender approach with an emphasis on good practices and the role of women and youth in the use and management of natural resources, particularly water, land management, and agricultural crop diversification.

(?) *Output 2.1.2*

The gender dimension will be considered in the training and involvement of farmers, while information dissemination mechanisms accessible to the population, particularly women, will be deployed. Female leaders should be identified in the communities who could play the role of disseminating these practices to women's associations and female producers in general. The capacities of the beneficiary farmers.

(?) *Output 3.1.2*

The development of a community intervention guide on gender, youth and climate change will allow for the consolidation of learning on community intervention with these vulnerable groups. This guide will provide a mapping of good practices in the implementation of projects in terms of gender, youth and climate change.

Cleared in document:

- Addition of contextual element specifying the gender theme (Part II 1.a.1 Poverty and food; 1.a.1 The barriers)

- Addition of a fourth barrier, associated supporting and implementation elements (Part II. 1.a.3)

Cleared.

Please see figure 4 ?Theory of change? in part 1.a.3

4. Is there further elaboration on how the project is aligned with focal area/impact program strategies?

Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement Request

yes

Agency Response

5. Is the incremental reasoning, contribution from the baseline, and co-financing clearly elaborated?

Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement Request

yes

Agency Response

6. Is there further and better elaboration on the project's expected contribution to global environmental benefits or adaptation benefits?

Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement Request

2023.4.26

Clear

2023.2.21

- Please also mention about CCM target if any (related to the comment in Section I-1).

Agency Response

The project is consistent with Guinea Bissau's Nationally Determined Contribution (NDC), in particular on the promotion of climate-smart agriculture while strengthening development at the grassroots level. Guinea-Bissau aspires to contribute to the international mitigation effort aimed at gradually aligning with the 1.5°C trajectory as recommended by the Paris Agreement. Thus, Guinea-Bissau has set the objective of reducing its GHG emissions by 30% by 2030 compared to the reference scenario (conditional contribution of 20% and 10% unconditional contribution).

Cleared in document (Part 7)

7. Is there further and better elaboration to show that the project is innovative and sustainable including the potential for scaling up?

Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement Request

2023.4.26

Clear

2023.2.21

- Financial mechanism: CEOAR states: "Once the financial mechanism is in place, ??". Please explain this financial mechanism. Some explanation was provided in the PIF, but this seems to have been deleted.

Agency Response

The introduction of climate-smart agriculture in rural households has great potential for replication. Indeed, the CSA technologies that will be introduced or re-introduced require a low level of technical expertise and relatively low investment per household.

Although the private sector is not strongly developed in Guinea-Bissau, the project activities are not technology-intensive and most of them can thus be carried out at the local level. Consistent with technical level, a simplified financial mechanism based on the partnerships with community existent association and operationalization of local management committee will be put in place.

More precisely, the local and management committees will receive a lump-sum amount of money given in exchange of the realization of restauration activities in each locality and also to cover the monthly committees functioning costs. The cash-for-work option has not been selected due to concerns about the sustainability of restoration actions beyond the project.

In addition, local organizations will be mobilized to provide training to farmers (transformation and marketing of agricultural productions, and structuring of solid business models for income generating activities). Local companies will also be mobilized in accordance with the procurement procedures in place. The involvement of local entities allows the promotion of the technical expertise available on the territory and the strengthening of the local economy.

Once the financial mechanism is in place, it can be used as a reference either by other investors or by international and national financial institutions as a catalyst for increasing environmentally friendly agricultural production in other rural localities in Guinea Bissau.

Cleared in document (Part 1.a.7)

Project Map and Coordinates

Is there an accurate and confirmed geo-referenced information where the project intervention will take place?









Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement Request

2023.11.10:

Cleared.

2023.11.3

Under GEO Location Information, please correct the latitude and longitude geodata. These are entered in errors as they are missing the decimals. Please review and update them all.

Location Name	Latitude	Longitude	Geo Name ID	Location & Activity Description
N Tchumini- Barro	1222520	1537183		
Inadaia	1226157	1533837		
Pundame	1218850	1549548		
Pete	1241429	1540594		
Jagali/Leto	1219442	1527172		
Olom	1272114	1513337		
Djamaia	1225823	1513351		
Genico	1227215	1521576		

23.8.2

•In Annex D on Project Map and Coordinates, please consider inserting the geographic location of the site directly under the dedicated data entry field in the portal.

2023.4.26

A map seems to be broken.

Agency Response

Sites positions were formally identified and recorded on the field during the preparation phase. Some of the project sites may be refined during the implementation phase to lessen the potential negative impacts or to increase the benefits of the investments. These minor adjustments may not impact the site approximate localization. Coordinates have been updated.

Cleared in document (Annex. E)

Reference correction : Annex E and not Annex D. (*Annex E : Project Map(s) and Coordinates* in the version of *CEO Endorsement*).

Insertion under the input field provided for this purpose in the portal on the basis of the elements in Appendix E.

Latitude and longitude geodata have been successfully corrected as requested and inserted under the dedicated field in the portal

Location Name	Latitude	Longitude
N Tchumini-Barro	12.38111	-15.62166
Inadaia	12.4375	-15.55222
Pundame	12.30236	-15.83188
Pete	12.07063	-15.68316
Jagali/Leto	12.32894	-15.45477
Olom	12.12253	-15.22602
Djamala	12.04950	-15.22638
Genico	12.45597	-15.3516

Child Project

If this is a child project, is there an adequate reflection of how it contributes to the overall program impact?

Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement Request

Agency Response

Stakeholders

Does the project include detailed report on stakeholders engaged during the design phase? Is there an adequate stakeholder engagement plan or equivalent documentation for the implementation phase, with information on Stakeholders who will be engaged, the means of engagement, and dissemination of information?

Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement Request

2023.4.26

Clear

2023.2.21

- CEOAR indicates civil society will play executor or co-executor role. Please elaborate on which organizations, how this will take place, what are their roles etc.
- It is noted that the project has provided some information on stakeholder consultations and identified key stakeholder groups interest in the project implementation. A more detail stakeholder engagement plan is however needed. In line with the GEF policy on stakeholder engagement, the project should present a Stakeholder Engagement Plan or equivalent documentation with information regarding stakeholders who will be engaged, means of engagement, dissemination of information, roles and responsibilities as well as timing of engagement throughout the project/ program cycle.

Agency Response

During the stakeholder identification phase, the capacities and expertise that each stakeholder could bring to the project were analyzed. This information allowed us to define a dual role for the Civil Society Organizations: i) role of project implementer through the execution of activities in the form of service provision. This is considered in the project budget. At this level, the approach and selection of organizations will be based on public tenders where criteria such as capacity to intervene in the project area and experience in mobilizing rural communities, particularly women and youth, will be respected. Clear and precise terms of reference will be drafted; ii) role as co-executor of the project through their influence with the communities. The Community Based Organizations (CBOs) play a relevant role in the community mobilization component in specific intervention activities that require dynamic community skills, particularly from women and youth in the rural areas where the project intervenes. Civil society will also be a member of the Management Committees within the communities and will thus actively participate in the decision making that will be the responsibility of this structure. The selection of the participating organizations will have as an essential and priority criterion the presence of organizations that intervene in the theme and around intervention of the project. This will generate ownership and participation of local communities and consider the reality of the population and the sustainable management of natural resources in the decision-making process. The detailed mapping of these organizations will have to be carried out later in the consolidation of the studies that will have to be carried out.

Within the framework of the project, the Society Organizations are of two different levels, namely the CBOs and the Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs). The project will work with CBOs made up of rural producers and intends to strengthen the capacities of these structures to improve the performance of producers, particularly women and young rural producers. The NGOs, which have better technical and operational capacities and consolidated professional experience, will be able to support the project in the execution of some specific community mobilization and dynamization activities.

Cleared in document (Part II. 2.)

Addition of an annex (Annex M)

Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment

Has the gender analysis been completed? Did the gender analysis identify any gender differences, gaps or opportunities linked to project/program objectives and activities? If so, does the project/program include gender-responsive activities, gender-sensitive indicators and expected results?

Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement Request

2023.4.26

Clear

2023.2.21

Action plans are not clear. For instance, project document states: "Gender mainstreaming in the Project should take into account four main dimensions?"; however, four main dimensions are not clear. Another example: "Project implementation aims to ensure that women, girls and youth are involved and able to participate in community decision-making? ? how will the project ensure this?"

Agency Response

Clarifying and complementing the Gender Action Plan

Cleared in document (Annex. N)

Private Sector Engagement

If there is a private sector engagement, is there an elaboration of its role as a financier and/or as a stakeholder?

Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement Request

yes

Agency Response

Risks to Achieving Project Objectives

Has the project elaborated on indicated risks, including climate change, potential social and environmental risks that might prevent the project objectives from being achieved? Were there proposed measures that address these risks at the time of project implementation?

Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement Request

yes

Agency Response

Coordination

Is the institutional arrangement for project implementation fully described? Is there an elaboration on possible coordination with relevant GEF-financed projects and other bilateral/multilateral initiatives in the project area?

Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement Request

yes

Agency Response

Consistency with National Priorities

Has the project described the alignment of the project with identified national strategies and plans or reports and assessments under the relevant conventions?

Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement Request

yes

Agency Response

Knowledge Management

Is the proposed Knowledge Management Approach for the project adequately elaborated with a timeline and a set of deliverables?

Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement Request

yes

Agency Response

Environmental and Social Safeguard (ESS)

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

Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement Request

2023.10.23

Cleared

2023.8.2

It is noted that the project has scored the overall project risk classification as medium/moderate. However, supporting ESS documentation for this CEO approval (Annex L: Environmental and Social Management Plan (ESMP)) seems incomplete not really providing ESS screening/assessment covering the GEF ESS minimum standards. Please provide more detailed assessment in line with the GEF Environmental and Social Safeguards guidelines

https://www.thegef.org/sites/default/files/documents/guidelines_gef_policy_environmental_social_safeguards.pdf.

2023.6.8

The project site's local population is composed of different ethnic groups, which GEF considers as 'indigenous peoples' in our definition. (Please see the GEF's Policy on Environmental and Social Safeguards (SD/PL/03), page 6, and page 23-25, para 10, 11) , and require assessment of potential impacts and management plan. Please consider implementation of ethnic group analysis and action plan with clear budget to ensure full engagement of ethnic groups in the early stage of the project in addition to the gender analysis.

2023.2.21

it is not clear whether the project assessed social impacts of the project including access to natural resources and equal opportunities for benefit sharing with vulnerable communities including indigenous peoples and women. Please provide information or plan of social impact assessment and clear mitigation measures for identified social impacts with budget.

Agency Response

Considering the nature of this project, the potential negative social impact is very limited due to (i) the high gender integration ensured by the detail gender action plan and (ii) the implementation approach based essentially on the improvement of existing techniques and introduction of innovations that will reduce the physical effort, for instance in the irrigation. The rural local communities are the main beneficiaries of the project, and within them women are the foremost important targets. The project implementation region has no indigenous people, in the sense of small social groups that are distinct from the majority of population. Instead, the local population is composed of different ethnic groups, therefore no need for particular implementation setting to protect specifically indigenous groups. However, the project will put in place the common transparency procedures in order to impede all kind of favouring tendencies for specific ethnic group.

The access to natural resources and equal opportunities is ensured by the participatory approach in which community organizations play important role in the implementation, namely the community-based women and youth association, farmers' association and cooperatives. The community participation through locally organized entities ensure that opportunities are placed in their existing social construction, thus fully on their control. This project has a low impact in terms of natural resources exploitation, due to the approach based on rehabilitation of traditional rice field, without any new deforestation and improvement of existing technics through the introduction of innovations. According with the Guinea-Bissau's environmental and social regulation, managed by the Competent Environmental Assessment Authority (AAAC), this project will be, most probably, classified has project category C, which means that the project has insignificant or null negative impact to the environment and human being. This level of classification does not require detailed environmental studies due to the insignificant impact on the environment.

The above gender analysis identified specific bottlenecks and barriers for full participation of women and specific solution for each of the encountered difficulties for equal participation of women. The analysis has been done in a way that the different challenges that women encounter are described from the point of view of the socioeconomic activity, horticulture and rice production, in order to better expose at first, and then present the solution that will contribute for better access and participation of women in the project.

Besides women and young people, handicap people living within the project implementation territories are also important vulnerable people that need to be taken into consideration. Therefore, while choosing the households that will benefit from the project, a special attention will be given to families that have handicap members. These families should be considered as priority when choosing the direct beneficiaries.

Cleared in document (Part. 5)

Please see additions in *1.a.1. Global environmental and/or adaptation issues, root causes and barriers that need to be addressed; General context of Guinea-Bissau- Socio-economic context and The social/human dimension*

Monitoring and Evaluation

Does the project include a budgeted M&E Plan that monitors and measures results with indicators and targets?

Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement Request

2023.11.1:

Cleared.

2023.10.30:

The previous comment does not seem to be addressed.

2023.10.23

Audit is now removed from the M&E budget table, but it is not yet covered under PMC. Also please remove audit firms /audit report from Output 3.1.1.

Output 3.1.1. Project monitoring and evaluation for lessons and knowledge compilation	Private firms	Mid-Term Evaluation report and Final Evaluation report
	Audit firms	Audit report
	Local Consultants	Capacity building of the project team on capitalization processes, tools and supports
	Training institutions (universities, firms or national or international companies)	Training for strengthening the technical and material capacities of the stakeholders for the implementation of the strategic plan for monitoring, maintenance and continuous improvement of physical investments

Project Management Cost	PMC		LDCF	Salary and benefits / Staff costs	Project Manager (full time)	Month	36	950	34 200	11 400	11 400
			LDCF	Salary and benefits / Staff costs	Finance ment, admnistr ation and procure ment manager (1/2 time)	Month	36	720	25 920	8 640	8 640
			LDCF	Salary and benefits / Staff costs	Local official - Cacheu (full time)	Month	32	450	14 400	4 800	4 800
			LDCF	Salary and benefits / Staff costs	Local official - Oio (full time)	Month	32	450	14 400	4 800	4 800
			LDCF	Salary and benefits / Staff costs	(7) animator s (full time)	Month	210	166	34 860	6 972	13 900
			LDCF	Other Operating Costs	Maintena nce 4x4	Lumpsu m	1	4 000	4 000	1 333	1 333
			LDCF	Other Operating Costs	Maintena nce Motorcyc les	Lumpsu m	1	3 820	3 820	1 273	1 273
			LDCF	Other Operating Costs	Travel cost	Lumpsu m	1	6 000	6 000	2 000	2 000
			LDCF	Office Supplies	Laptops	Lumpsu m	3	800	2 400	2 400	

2023.8.2

Please remove audit out of the M&E budget table, audit should be covered under PMC. Please charge audit cost under PMC but not under M&E.

Agency Response

Cleared in the new version of CEO Endorsement

Please see:

- *CEO Endorsement > Part II Project justification > I.a Project description > 4. Private Sector Engagement. Elaborate on the private sector's engagement in the project, if any: adjustment of the output 3.1.1 Project Monitoring and evaluation for lessons and knowledge compilation following the deletion of the audit line in the new version of CEO Endorsement.*
- *CEO Endorsement > B. Project Description Summary*
- *CEO Endorsement > Annex I. Procurement Plan*
- *CEO Endorsement > Annex J. LDCF Budget*
- *CEO Endorsement > Annex K. BOAD/LDCF Budget*

- *Budget CEO Endorsement > Excel sheet Annex I. Procurement Plan*
- *Budget CEO Endorsement > Excel sheet Annex J LDCF Budget*
- *Budget CEO Endorsement > Excel sheet LDCF Budget (act)*
- *Budget CEO Endorsement > Excel sheet LDCF Budget (exp)*

Benefits

Are the socioeconomic benefits at the national and local levels sufficiently described resulting from the project? Is there an elaboration on how these benefits translate in supporting the achievement of GEBS or adaptation benefits?

Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement Request

yes

Agency Response

Annexes

Are all the required annexes attached and adequately responded to?

Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement Request

2023.11.10:

Cleared.

2023.11.3:

On budget vs. Portal's, there are differences between the Portal's project component table and the budget table as following, please correct Portal's table to match with budget table.

	Portal's component table	Budget table	Difference
Component 1	1,493,000	1,493,000	0
Component 2	206,000	206,000	0
Component 3	161,000	146,000	15,000
PMC	140,000	155,000	(15,000)
Total	2,000,000	2,000,000	0

2023.10.30:

The previous comment does not seem to be addressed. PMU should be responsible entity, not BOAD.

Total (USDeq.)	Responsible Entity
	(Executing Entity receiving funds from the GEF Agency)[1]
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16,000	BOAD
20,400	BOAD
3,000	BOAD
23,800	BOAD
10,200	BOAD
11,250	BOAD
34,200	BOAD
25,920	BOAD
14,400	BOAD
14,400	BOAD
34,860	BOAD
10,000	BOAD
5,000	BOAD
11,000	BOAD
4,500	BOAD
2,500	BOAD
5,000	BOAD

2023.10.23

Please revise the excel budget table uploaded in the document section of Portal to include PMU as responsible entity instead of BOAD.

2023.6.8

The budget table included in Portal used the incorrect template ? please use the template included in Guidelines (please refer to the email sent earlier to BOAD). We need the information in the correct template, otherwise it will not be possible to assess the reasonability of the expenditures / activities paid to the three identified sources (project components, M&E and PMC) ? we suggest to present the information ONLY per Component (not per output) and

to avoid presenting it per year. Please also fill out the column 'Responsible Entity' as appropriate. Per the resubmission, we will review and provide comments as relevant.

2023.5.25

Please contact ITS for support for off-margin issues (Annexes A and E).

ANNEX E: Project Budget Table

Please attach a project budget table.

Annex J: LDCF Budget

Budget presentation by activity

Component	Output	Activity	Fonds	Expenditure Category	Detailed Description	Unit
Component 1: Strengthening the agriculture resilience to climate change	Output 1.1.1 Implementation of climate-smart agriculture techniques and technologies	Preliminary work: physical studies and selection process of good climate-smart agriculture practices	LDCF	Contractual Services – Company	Engineering firms for hydrological, hydraulic and pedological studies	Lurrum
			LDCF	Contractual Services – Company	Engineering firms for diagnostic study of climate-smart agricultural techniques and technologies implemented at the regional and sub-regional levels	Lurrum
			LDCF	Trainings, Workshops, Meetings	Meetings with stakeholders for the selection and prioritization of CSA techniques and technologies to be implemented in the intervention areas	Lurrum
			LDCF	Trainings, Workshops, Meetings	Workshop for the restitution and validation of CSA techniques and technologies	Lurrum
		LDCF	Goods	Purchase of small equipment for promotion of crop systems and crops that are resilient to climate change and adapted to the soil, economic and social conditions of the intervention areas	Lurrum	
		LDCF	Goods	Purchase of small equipment for setting up experimental and learning plots	Lurrum	

2023.2.21

- Annex A is off margin. Please amend so it will fit within the margins.
- Annex C: as requested in the question, please provide details on expenditure categories for the PPG report by following the categories presented in Guidelines.
- Annex E: figures seem to be broken.

ANNEX E: Project Budget Table

Please attach a project budget table.

Annex J: LDCF Budget

Budget presentation by activity.



Agency Response

Annex A

This should be due to the submission platform or format compatibility. We have reshape the figures to fit better, but we cannot do more at our level.

Annex C

PPG Grant Approved at PIF: USD 50,000 (GEF)			
<i>Project Preparation Activities Implemented</i>	<i>GETF/LDCF/SCCF Amount (\$)</i>		
	<i>Budgeted Amount</i>	<i>Amount Spent To date</i>	<i>Ar Con</i>
Consultants (preparation of CEO Endorsement documentation)	49,753*	39,802*	
Total	50,000	39,802	

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Total	50,000	39,802	

Cleared in document (Annex. C)

Annex E

This should be due to the submission platform or format compatibility.

Extract Appendix J LDCF budget (tab highlighted in yellow) from the "Budget CEO Endorcement" Excel file.

The Portal?s project component table and the budget table have been matched.

Also PMU has been inserted as responsible entity, instead of BOAD. Kindly consider the latest Excel Sheet "Budget CEO Endorsement V7_10112023"

Project Results Framework

Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement Request yes

Agency Response

GEF Secretariat comments

Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement Request

Agency Response

Council comments

Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement Request

Agency Response

STAP comments

Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement Request

Agency Response

Convention Secretariat comments

Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement Request

Agency Response

Other Agencies comments

Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement Request

Agency Response

CSOs comments

Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement Request

Agency Response

Status of PPG utilization

Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement Request 2023.7.18

Cleared

2023.4.26

Please refer to the review for the 'status and utilization of the PPG'.

2023.2.21

as requested in the question, please provide details on expenditure categories for the PPG report by following the categories presented in Guidelines.

Agency Response

PPG Grant Approved at PIF: USD 50,000 (GEF)			
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Total	50,000	39,802	

Cleared in document (Annex. C)

Project maps and coordinates

Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement Request

5.25.2023

A map in Annex D seems to be broken.

ANNEX D: Project Map(s) and Coordinates

Please attach the geographical location of the project area, if possible.

The project sites are in Cacheu and Oio regions.

#	Region	Sector	Section	Site	Coordinates in Degree Minutes Seconds with suffix	
					Longitude	Latitude
1	Cacheu	Bigène	Barro	N Tchumini-Barro	15°37'18,3 W	12°22'52,0 N
2			Indaia	Inadaia	15°33'8,37 W	12°26'15,7 N
3			Pundame	Pundame	15°49'54,8 W	12°18'8,50 N
4		Bula	Pete	Pete	15°40'59,4 W	12°4'14,29 N
5	Oio	Bissora	Jagali	Jagali/Leto	15°27'17,2 W	12°19'44,2 N
			Mansoa & Mansaba	Olom & Djamaia	15°13'33,7 W	12°7'21,14 N
			Farim	Genico	15°13'35,1 W	12°2'58,23 N
7					15°21'5,76 W	12°27'21,5 N


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2			Indaia	Inadaia	15°33'8,37 W	12°26'1
3			Pundame	Pundame	15°49'54,8 W	12°18'8
4		Bula	Pete	Pete	15°40'59,4 W	12°4'14
5	Oio	Bissora	Jagali	Jagali/Leto	15°27'17,2 W	12°19'4
			Mansoa & Mansaba	Olom & Djamaia	15°13'33,7 W	12°7'21
					15°13'35,1 W	12°2'58
7			Farim	Genico	15°21'5,76 W	12°27'2

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Agency Response

Does the termsheet in Annex F provide finalized financial terms and conditions? Does the termsheet and financial structure address concerns raised at PIF stage and that were pending to be resolved ahead of CEO endorsement? (For NGI Only)

Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement Request
Agency Response

Do the Reflow Table Annex G and the Trustee Excel Sheet for reflows provide accurate reflow expectations of the project submitted? Assumptions for Reflows can be submitted to explain expected reflows. (For NGI Only)

Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement Request

Agency Response

Did the agency Annex H provided with information to assess the Agency Capacity to generate and manage reflows? (For NGI Only)

Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement Request

Agency Response

GEFSEC DECISION

RECOMMENDATION

Is CEO endorsement recommended? (applies only to projects and child projects)

Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement Request

2023.11.10:

This CEOER is recommended for technical clearance.

2023.11.3 /10.30 /10.23 /8.2 /6.8 /5.31 /5.25 /4.26 /2.21

Not yet. Please refer to the review item(s) and resubmit for consideration (please highlight the update).

Review Dates

	Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement	Response to Secretariat comments
First Review	2/21/2023	
Additional Review (as necessary)	4/26/2023	
Additional Review (as necessary)	5/25/2023	
Additional Review (as necessary)	5/31/2023	
Additional Review (as necessary)	6/6/2023	

CEO Recommendation

Brief reasoning for CEO Recommendations