



Strengthening the capacity of the Republic of T?rkiye to comply with the Enhanced Transparency Framework (ETF) for measurement, reporting, and verification (MRV) of climate change actions based on Nationally Determined Contribution (NDC).

Review PIF and Make a recommendation

Basic project information

GEF ID

11319

Countries

T?rkiye

Project Name

Strengthening the capacity of the Republic of T?rkiye to comply with the Enhanced Transparency Framework (ETF) for measurement, reporting, and verification (MRV) of climate change actions based on Nationally Determined Contribution (NDC).

Agencies

FAO

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Focal Area

Climate Change

Project Type

MSP

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 EBF/WHC 8/21/2023: Cleared.

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

EBF/WHC 8/28/2023: Cleared.

EBF/WHC 8/21/2023: Please include a summary of the project components and the number of people benefiting from GEF-financed investments (Indicator 11) in the summary section.

Agency's Comments

Thanks for all the review comments. Based on the review comments the PIF is revised, and accordingly the revisions are highlighted.

In the revised version, a summary of the project components and the number of people benefiting from GEF-financed investments (Indicator 11) are added in the summary section and highlighted with green color.

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

EBF/WHC 8/28/2023:

1. Cleared
2. Cleared
3. Cleared
4. Cleared

EBF/WHC 8/21/2023:

1. The sequential number for output 3.1.1 is repeated in this section, kindly correct the output.
2. The way Outputs 1.1.1 and 1.1.2 are written makes it difficult to understand the difference or complementarity between them. We recommend reviewing how they are written.
3. Several Outputs (e.g., 1.2.1, 1.2.2, 1.2.3, 1.2.4, and 2.1.1) need to be written using the output format. You should reflect the immediate results of the activities of each intervention. Please correct the wording.
4. The wording of Output 1.3.1 needs to be clarified. Please review and amend.

Agency's Comments

1. In the revised version, the sequential numbers from output 3.1.1 to 3.1.4 are corrected and highlighted with green color.
2. All the outputs under Outcome 1.1 are now revised to ensure consistency and easy understanding and highlighted with green color.
3. The indicated outputs are now revised, updated and highlighted with green color.
4. Output 1.3.1 is now revised updated and highlighted with green color.

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

Secretariat's Comments

EBF/WHC 8/28/2023:

1. Cleared
2. Cleared

EBF/WHC 8/21/2023:

1. On Knowledge Management, please include a brief description of a project Communications Strategy/Plan for outreach, awareness raising, and dissemination of outputs/results/lessons. This can be added to a project component as appropriate.
2. Gender dimensions are included under the M&E Component, particularly under *"Output 4.1.1: The role of women and men on climate change impacts and vulnerability are evaluated, and recommendations for ensuring gender mainstreaming are prepared by reviewing existing policies"* is acceptable. Nevertheless, please ensure that gender equality considerations, including the representation of gender experts, are explicitly stated throughout the Outputs, particularly in the following ones:
 - 1.2.1: Technical capacity building on policy and guidelines of ETF.
 - 1.2.2: Technical capacity building on international climate change negotiations.
 - 1.2.3: Technical capacity building on BTR preparation.
 - 1.3.2: Enhanced stakeholder technical capacities (involving all level officials of climate change related national agencies) for reporting and tracking NDC climate change mitigation actions focusing on modalities, procedures, and guidelines (MPGs) for the NDC progress chapter of BTR.

1.3.3: Enhanced stakeholder technical capacities for reporting and tracking NDC climate change adaptation actions focusing on modalities, procedures, and guidelines (MPGs) for the NDC progress chapter of BTR.

1.3.4: Enhanced stakeholder technical capacities for reporting the support needed, received, and provided focusing on modalities, procedures, and guidelines (MPGs) for the BTR.

2.1.4: Enhanced stakeholder technical capacities to formulate the National Inventory based on the Common Reporting Tables (CRT) for BTR.

3.1.1: Information on climate modeling, climate projections, and scenarios relevant to the assessment of climate change impacts and vulnerability is assessed, updated, and disseminated.

3.1.2: Information on key economic, social, and/or environmental vulnerabilities or risks related to current and expected climate change impacts is assessed, updated, and disseminated.

3.1.3: Information on Türkiye's progress on adaptation policies, strategies, plans, risks, and vulnerability through its broader domestic development and sectoral planning is assessed, updated, and disseminated.

3.1.3: Information related to averting, minimizing, and addressing loss and damage associated with climate change impacts assessed, updated, and disseminated

4.1.2: The participation of the public, local administration, private sector, and non-governmental organizations in national, and international climate change actions are assessed and recommendations for mainstreaming those stakeholders are prepared and disseminated.

Agency's Comments

1. In the revised version, the project communications strategy is updated, and based on the review comment, a dedicated output for dissemination of outputs/results/lessons is added. Please see green highlighted output 4.1.3, and paragraph # 46.

2. In the revised version, as per the review comments gender equality considerations are added to the specified and other related outputs and highlighted in green color.

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 EBF/WHC 8/21/2023: Cleared.

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

EBF/WHC 8/28/2023:

1. Cleared
2. Cleared. Good for now at the PIF stage. The causal pathway between the barriers and the intervention might be further elaborated at the CEO Endorsement approval stage.
3. Cleared. For CEO Approval, a comprehensive stakeholder engagement plan is expected.
4. Cleared. For CEO Approval, given that a vast number of outputs will consider gender mainstreaming, it will be good to see how gender expertise will be ensured in all project activities (I.e., if the project will hire a gender expert).

EBF/WHC 8/21/2023:

1. Please provide a short overview (a paragraph is enough) of where Türkiye stands in terms of climate change reporting, e.g., the latest BUR, BTR, and NC under preparation or submitted to the UNFCCC.
2. Paragraphs 18 and 19, (including Tables 3 to 8) list a vast number of gaps identified through the 8th National Communication project as well as through the survey questionnaire ran by the DOCC. Please provide a clear causal pathway between the key barrier and enablers you identify in this section of the document and the proposed project intervention. Kindly provide a summary of the specific

barriers and enablers that the CBIT project will address based on the prioritization of national circumstances and most pressing needs.

3. In line with the aforementioned, and considering the number of stakeholders involved in the project, following the information presented in Table 1 for GHG Inventories, the PIF could better describe the relevant roles of stakeholders to project outcomes and plans for other relevant areas (mitigation actions, adaptation, means of implementation, and cross-cutting issues) and plans related to developing a Stakeholder Engagement Plan before CEO approval.
4. Please include women's groups among the stakeholders and include them in outputs 1.1.4, 1.2.1, 1.2.2, 1.2.3, 1.2.4, 1.3.2, 1.3.3, 1.3.4, 2.1.3, 3.1.1, 3.1.2, 3.1.3, 4.1.1, and 4.1.2, or further describe how gender mainstreaming will be included in all these outputs per output 4.1.1.

Agency's Comments

1. In the revised version, a brief overview of the current situation of Türkiye for climate change reporting is added and highlighted in green color. Please see paragraph # 13.
2. Based on the review comment, a summary of the specific barriers and enablers and causal relation pathway is added in paragraph # 21 and highlighted in green color.
3. More information has been included and highlighted in green under the description of Component 4 (in paragraphs # 34) and the stakeholders section (in paragraph # 43) and description of roles and responsibilities of stakeholders in Table 9; regarding how the PPG is going to proceed with better mapping of the stakeholders under project output and outcomes and other relevant areas, The inclusion of the explicit mention of the development of a stakeholder engagement plan as a part of the PPG has also been included in paragraph #43.
4. In the revised version, women's groups among the stakeholders are added (Please see Table 9: Stakeholders) and gender consideration is included in output 1.1.4, 1.2.1, 1.2.2, 1.2.3, 1.2.4, 1.3.2, 1.3.3, 1.3.4, 2.1.3, 3.1.1, 3.1.2, 3.1.3, 4.1.1, and 4.1.2; and highlighted in green color. The inclusion of gender expertise in all project activities is also included in the gender subsection, in paragraph #42.

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

EBF/WHC 8/28/2023:

1. Cleared
2. Cleared. For CEO Approval, a clear description of the scope of work of outputs 1.2.1, 1.2.3, 1.3.1, and how they clearly complement project GEF ID 11313 might become necessary, other than just 'optimizing synergies' between the two projects.

EBF/WHC 8/21/2023:

1. Table 2 lists a number of ongoing initiatives that the CBIT project will work together with. Among them are the National Inventory Report (NIR) and Common Reporting Format (CRF) Tables, for which the CBIT project will NIR and CRF Tables, which 'will significantly contribute to the preparation of the BTR'. Kindly advise what specific significant contribution the NIR and CRF project will bring to the CBIT intervention and how it will be complimentary, avoiding the duplication of efforts with CBIT, particularly in the mitigation actions and GHG inventory activities.
2. Please explain briefly how the project will coordinate with the project GEF ID 11313 to prepare the Ninth National Communication and First and Second Biennial Transparency Report of T?rkiye.

Agency's Comments

1. 1. In the revised version, the contribution of NIR and CRF is added in Table 2 and highlighted in green color.
2. 2. In the revised version, the coordination with the First Biennial Transparency Report/Ninth National Communication and Second Biennial Transparency Report is added in Table 2 and highlighted in green color.

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

EBF/WHC 8/28/2023:

General Comments

1. Paragraph 22 still does not reveal the sectors that will be included in the scope of work of the outputs of the project. Given the broad scope of work of this project, a prioritization of sectors within mitigation (i.e., Energy, AFOLU, IPPU, Waste) adaptation (i.e., health, tourism, etc), and support needed and received (i.e., reimbursable and non-reimbursable climate finance) will become necessary to identify relevant activities and stakeholders within the prioritized sectors that should be involved to achieve project's objectives.
2. Cleared.

Component-specific comments:

1. Cleared.
2. Cleared. For CEO Approval, kindly clarify if the guidelines and action plans will be made for GHG Inventory, NDC Tracking, and Adaptation and Climate Finance information or if there will be a prioritization of specific sectors will be made.
3. Cleared. For CEO Approval, please specify what specific policy and guidelines of the ETF will be covered on this output.
4. Cleared.
5. Cleared.
6. Cleared.
7. Cleared. For CEO Approval, please clarify if this project will engage with GEF Project ID 11316 CBIT AFOLU+ project team, once the project is approved, to build capacity on the mentioned tools.
8. Cleared. For CEO Approval, we would recommend a prioritization of sectors to be covered by the outputs to better define the technical scope of work.
9. Cleared.
10. Cleared. For CEO Approval, kindly confirm if it is envisioned to have only one registry for GHG Inventory, as requested at PIF stage.
11. Cleared.
12. Cleared. Thank you for clarifying that the focus will be on Energy and AFOLU. For CEO Approval, kindly indicate the categories that will be covered within these two sectors and the rationale for their selection.
13. Cleared.
14. Cleared. For CEO Endorsement, kindly reflect the interactions (if any) between the GHG mitigation scenario assessment for NDC and LT-LEDS of Output 1.2.4 and the climate modeling, projections, and scenarios of climate change impacts with gender considerations for adaptation of output 3.1.3.
15. Cleared.

16. Cleared.
17. Cleared.
18. Cleared. For CEO Approval, further elaborate the proposals cited on Output 4.1.2 that will be used the effective involvement of stakeholders, ensuring gender mainstreaming of the work.

EBF/WHC 8/21/2023:

General comments:

1. As further elaborated below, kindly specify the sectors or categories that will be covered in relevant Outputs as they relate to technical activities on mitigation, adaptation, or support needed and received for better clarification of the scope of work of the project.
2. Figure 4 is at the end of Component 2. Given that it illustrates the Theory of Change of the Project, kindly move it to the beginning of the project description section.

For Component 1:

1. For Output 1.1.1, "technical, institutional, and data gap needs assessment and dissemination for MRV to support the ETF, and LT-LEDS formulation", the wording seems very broad. Kindly specify what would be covered in the assessment, including what is the difference between technical needs and data gaps needs. Consider rewording the output for it to be more specific.
2. For Output 1.1.2, "Technical, institutional, and data gap needs are assessed for MRV, including to support Article 6, climate finance reporting, and other reporting needs in BTR with guidelines and action plans preparation.", please ensure that the interventions to be conducted by the project are within the scope of the enhanced transparency requirements defined in Article 13 of the Paris Agreement.
3. For Output 1.2.1, "develop technical capacity on policy and guidelines of ETF focusing all level officials related to national agencies working on Climate Change", kindly specify what type of technical capacity would be covered here. Consider rewording the output for it to be more specific.
4. For Output 1.2.2, "build technical capacity on international climate change negotiations for all level officials related to national agencies working on climate change", please ensure that the interventions to be conducted by the project are within the scope of the enhanced transparency requirements defined in Article 13 of the Paris Agreement.
5. For Output 1.2.3, "build technical capacity of all level officials related in agencies working for BTR preparation", the wording seems general. How does it differ from Output 1.2.1, which covers all the ETF (including BTR preparation)? Consider rewording the output for it to have a unique scope within the project.
6. For Output 1.2.4, "develop the technical capacity of the officials related with the Mitigation Policies for NDC and LT-LEDS preparation and relevant action plans", kindly advise how does it differ from Output 1.1.3 "development, endorsement, and dissemination of methodologies, action plans, and indicators for monitoring the progress of NDC, and LT-LEDS", which also refers to action plans for NDC and LT-LEDS. Consider rewording the output for it to have a unique scope within the project.
7. Paragraph 5 of Component 1 mentions that the Component will utilize tools from the "Global CBIT project". Since the link provided in the reference of this

paragraph does not seem to work by the time it was accessed, kindly specify what Global CBIT Project it refers to and how the project team will make the required liaison with such Global CBIT Project.

8. Paragraph 6 of Component 1 mentions that the Component will also be based on a number of publications and resources, but most of them have a focus on the agriculture sector. Given the broad technical scope of work of the component, encompassing mitigation, adaptation, and support needed and received, kindly advise on how the project team envisions covering other sectors in an even way. Conversely, given that it could become challenging to cover all the sectors evenly, kindly consider prioritizing the sectors that the component will focus on and explicitly mention them throughout the component description for easier reference.
9. Paragraph 7 of Component 1 states that the Component will be based on existing institutional mechanisms. In line with previous comments on this section, kindly refer to the appropriate outputs if additional institutional arrangements (e.g., via Output 1.2.1) will be created as part of the scope of work of this component.

For Component 2:

10. For Output 2.1.2, 'improving (timely and reliable) GHG data collection systems for the compilation of the GHG inventory in cooperation with related institutions in terms of using alternative administrative registers?', kindly specify if it is envisioned to have only one registry for GHG Inventories as cited on Output 2.1.4. Further, and based on the references of Paragraph 9 of Component 2, would this Output include Tier 2 enhancement of emission factors for relevant categories? If possible, please specify which ones would be or keep into consideration for the CEO Approval stage.
11. For Output 2.1.3, 'enhancing technical capacities of the inventory system involving all sectors and cross-cutting components?'. The wording is very broad; kindly consider rewording to make it clearly different from 2.1.2 and 2.14.
12. As per Component 1, from Paragraphs 9 and 10 of Component 2, it can be inferred that based on FAO's experience, the focus of the technical support will go mostly to the AFOLU sector. Please clarify if there are any pre-identified sectors and related categories within the GHG Inventory that will be prioritized for the work on this component and which ones are they.

For Component 3:

13. As expressed above, the numbering for Output 3.1.3, please correct the typo throughout the document.
14. Kindly consider rewording Outputs 3.1.1, 3.1.2 and 3.1.3 so the differences and complementarity between are clearer.
For instance, climate modeling and projections from Output 3.1.1 are key to broadening domestic development planning from Output 3.1.3, whereas key economic, social, and/or environmental vulnerabilities from Output 3.1.2 provide inputs for domestic sector planning from Output 3.1.3. They could all be considered different activities within one output. Arranging the outputs in chronological order of course of action could facilitate the process.
15. Regarding the inclusion of loss and damage as part of Component 3, please ensure that the interventions to be conducted by the project are within the scope of the enhanced transparency requirements defined in Article 13 of the Paris Agreement.
16. For Output 3.1.4, 'enhancing technical capacities of all level officials of climate change related national agencies to formulate the CRT and chapter of the BTR on climate change adaptation?', please describe how this output is complementary to the work done by GEF Project ID 11313 as they relate to the climate adaptation of the BTRs.

17. Based on Paragraph 12 of Component 3, and as mentioned before, kindly advise what CBIT Global Project is the project team referring to in this case. In addition, please indicate if the AFOLU sector and its related categories will be prioritized under this component and / or cite what sectors are expected to be addressed.

For Component 4:

18. Please advise if gender mainstreaming (output 4.1.1) and stakeholder consultation (output 4.1.2) will be addressed for all outputs of the project or only for specific ones.

Agency's Comments

Responses to General Comments:

1. In the revised version, sector coverage is included under the project description and highlighted with green color. Please see paragraph # 22.
2. In the revised version, the Theory of Change figure is moved to the beginning of the project description as specified in the review comment and highlighted in green color. Please see Figure 4.

Responses to Comments on specific points under the 4 Components:

1. Based on the review comment output 1.1.1 is now revised and highlighted in green color.
2. Based on the review comment, output 1.1.2 is updated and revised to be within the scope of the ETF and highlighted in green color.
3. Based on the review comment output 1.2.1. is now revised and highlighted in green color.
4. Based on the review comment output 1.2.2. is now revised and highlighted in green color.
5. Based on the review comment output 1.2.3. is now revised and highlighted in green color.
6. Based on the review comment output 1.2.4. is now revised and highlighted in green color. Output 1.1.3 is focused on methodologies and indicators development for monitoring the progress of NDC, and LT-LEDS.
7. Based on the review comment, the weblink of the tool is updated, and name of the global CBIT project is specified. Accordingly, the coordination with this project is also added and highlighted with green color. Please see paragraph # 26.

8. Based on the review comment, publications and resources for other sectoral coverage is also included and highlighted in green color. These publications are: (a) A road map for establishing information systems for climate action and support, (b) Reporting adaptation through the biennial transparency report: A practical explanation of the guidance, and (c) UNFCCC Climate Finance Data Portal. Please see paragraph # 27. Please note that, the publication (a) has sectoral coverage of agriculture, forestry and land use, waste, industry, and energy sectors.
9. Based on the review comment, the outputs 1.1.1 to 1.1.4 are revised and highlighted in green color. Please see paragraph # 23.
10. Based on the review comment, the outputs 2.1.1 to 2.1.4 are now revised and updated. Output 2.1.1 and 2.1.3 are now merged as 2.1.1. Please see paragraph # 29 highlighted section and indicative project overview table.
11. Based on the review comment, the outputs 2.1.1 to 2.1.4 are now revised and updated. Output 2.1.1 and 2.1.3 are now merged as 2.1.1. Please see paragraph # 29 green highlighted section and indicative project overview table.
12. Based on the review comment, the focus of the activities of component 2 related sectors and specific categories are specified and highlighted in green color. Please see paragraph # 30.
13. Based on the review comment, the typo is corrected. Please see paragraph # 32, and indicative project overview table.
14. Based on the review comment, the output 3.1.1 to 3.1.4 are now revised by rewording, and the outputs are chronologically organized to show the relations. The revisions are highlighted in green color. Please see Project Indicative Overview Table and Paragraph # 32.
15. Based on the review comment, it is now indicated that the inclusion of loss and damage under Component 3 will be in line with the Article 13 of the Paris Agreement. Please see Project Indicative Overview Table and Paragraph #32.
16. Based on the review comment, the output 3.1.1 to 3.1.4 are now revised by rewording, and chronologically organizing the outputs to show the relations. Output 3.1.4 is now on assessment of Türkiye's progress on adaptation policies, strategies, plans, risks, and vulnerability based on 3.1.1, 3.1.2 and 3.1.3 output for domestic planning. The revisions are highlighted in green color. Please see Project Indicative Overview Table and Paragraph #32.
17. Based on the review comment, name of the Global Project is added, and the priority sector is added. The revisions are highlighted in green color. Please see paragraph # 33.

18. Based on the review comment, the outputs are revised by including gender consideration for all the relevant outputs and highlighted in green color. Please see Project Indicative Overview Table and Paragraph # 34.

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 EBF/WHC 8/21/2023: Cleared.

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

EBF/WHC 8/28/2023:

1. Cleared.
2. Cleared. For CEO Approval, please ensure to elaborate on the closely coordinated mechanism that the project will have the CBIT Global Support Programme, via the Climate Transparency Platform, not only within the Eurasia network, but with all the networks at a global level.

EBF/WHC 8/21/2023:

1. Please briefly describe the institutional setting for this project, including the potential executing partner.
2. Similarly, describe the proposed elements to capture and disseminate knowledge and learning outputs and strategic communication.

Agency's Comments

1. Based on the review comment, the institutional setting for this project is briefly described in paragraph # 52, and highlighted in green color.

In the revised version, the project communications strategy is updated, and based on the review comment, a dedicated output for dissemination of outputs/results/lessons is added. Please see green highlighted output 4.1.3, and paragraph # 47.

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 EBF/WHC 8/21/2023: Cleared.

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 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

EBF/WHC 8/28/2023:

1. Cleared
2. Cleared

EBF/WHC 8/21/2023:

1. Please elaborate on the mitigation measures or strategies that will be taken for each of the risks that have been identified, even if they have been identified as ?Low? risks.
2. Please provide a comment to the "Overall Risk Rating" section.

Agency's Comments

1. Based on the review comment, risk and mitigation information are now updated and highlighted in green color.
2. Based on the review comment, overall risk related comment is added, and highlighted in green color.

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

EBF/WHC 8/28/2023:

1. Cleared

EBF/WHC 8/21/2023:

1. Please elaborate on the project's scaleup potential.

Agency's Comments

Based on the review comment, project's scaleup potential is added in paragraph # 51, and highlighted in green color.

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 EBF/WHC 8/21/2023: Yes, the project is in line with the Pillar II (Foster enabling conditions to mainstream mitigation concerns into sustainable development strategies) and objective 2.1 (Support capacity-building needs for transparency under the Paris Agreement through the CBIT) of GEF-8 Climate Change Focal Area Strategy and Associated Programming. Cleared.

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 EBF/WHC 8/21/2023: Yes, cleared.

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 N/A

Agency's Comments

7 D. Policy Requirements

7.1 Is the Policy Requirements section completed?

Secretariat's Comments EBF/WHC 8/21/2023: Yes, cleared.

Agency's Comments

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

Secretariat's Comments EBF/WHC 8/21/2023: Yes, cleared. List of Stakeholders on Table 9 and Dates of Stakeholder Engagement Page 44.

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 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 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 EBF/WHC 8/21/2023: Yes, cleared.

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 EBF/WHC 8/21/2023: Yes, USD 50,000 are requested as PPG.

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 EBF/WHC 8/21/2023: Yes, cleared.

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 EBF/WHC 8/21/2023: Yes, cleared. The project is endorsed by Mr. Ebubekir Gizligider, GEF Operational Focal Point of T?rkiye.

Agency's Comments

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

Secretariat's Comments EBF/WHC 8/21/2023: Yes, cleared.

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 EBF/WHC 8/21/2023: Yes, cleared.

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 EBF/WHC 8/21/2023: Yes, cleared.

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 EBF/WHC 8/21/2023: We note that the ESS supporting document has been uploaded to the documents section of the project. It has a "Low" climate risk classification. Cleared.

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 EBF/WHC 8/21/2023: Yes, cleared.

Agency's Comments

Annex F: Taxonomy Worksheet

8.9 Is the project properly tagged with the appropriate keywords?

Secretariat's Comments EBF/WHC 8/21/2023: Yes, cleared.

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

EBF/WHC 8/28/2023: The PMs recommend this project for further processing.

EBF/WHC 8/21/2023: Please address the comments above.

**** Please highlight in green the changes made on the portal version of the CEO approval document for ease of reference. ****

Agency's Comments

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

Secretariat's Comments

EBF/WHC 8/28/2023:

Cleared. For CEO Approval, kindly express what categories within each of the two prioritized mitigation sectors (Energy and AFOLU) will be covered within each of the outputs of the project.

EBF/WHC 8/21/2023: As expressed throughout the first review, the PIF will benefit from specifying the sectors in which the Outputs within each Component will focus as a means to provide clarity and make differentiated activities and deliverables at the CEO Approval Document stage. 2. Considering that according to the PIF, the energy sector of T?rkiye contributed the highest share of national GHG emissions (70.2%), kindly advise on how the CBIT project will address the mitigation targets of the country in this very relevant sector throughout the document.

Agency's Comments Thanks for the review comment. Based on the review comment the sectors that will be focused for the mitigation capacity development are included in the project description. The revision is highlighted in green color. Please see paragraph # 30.

Review Dates

	PIF Review	Agency Response
First Review	8/21/2023	11/6/2023
Additional Review (as necessary)	11/28/2023	
Additional Review (as necessary)		
Additional Review (as necessary)		
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