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Myanmar Rural Renewable Energy Development Programme





Review CEO Endorsement and Make a recommendation

Basic project information

GEF ID

9890

Countries

Myanmar

Project Name

Myanmar Rural Renewable Energy Development Programme

Agencies

UNDP

Date received by PM

5/28/2019

Review completed by PM

7/10/2020

Program Manager

Ming Yang

Focal Area

Climate Change

Project Type

FSP



PIF



CEOEndorsement



Review Sheet

COMMENTS HISTORY

Ming Yang

primary program manager

Action Taken On: Sep 26, 2019, 5:18 PM

Action Performed: i recommend

The Agency tried to addressed the comments of the PPO by:

1. Justifying the UNDP's executing function services for the project. (The GEF may just need to ask the UNDP to stop its executing function to any projects in the future)
2. Correcting the GHG emission reduction data in the Indicator sheet of the GEF Portal. .

Joseph Pierre Claude Gascon

MGR

Action Taken On: Oct 3, 2019, 9:44 AM

Action Performed: send back to rc

Hannah and Ming,

this project has dual roles for the GEF agency of IA and EA. as you know we are scrutinizing these institutional arrangements and only allowing them in "exceptional" cases which i don't think this is. unless you convince me that there is no other way to move this project forward without UNDP playing some direct execution role, we need to go back and ask the agency to remove this and propose some other arrangement. Let me know if you want to discuss.

Hannah Tomkinson Fairbank

RC

Action Taken On: Oct 4, 2019, 9:19 AM

Action Performed: send back to pm

Thanks for this. I have reviewed the Direct Implementation Modality (DIM) that was referenced by UNDP in the review sheet and discussed in the minutes of a project meeting with the government etc. I could not find the letter from the OFP requesting such an agreement-although I may have missed it. Regardless if we are not taking "lack of government capacity and processes to manage" and a request from government to do so as a justification for IAs playing execution functions (HR, procurement etc) then I too agree there isn't sufficient justification for UNDP to play this role. Ming, as Claude says, either he/I need to be convinced that this is critical for the work to move forward, or please return to UNDP to remove these execution functions from their budget and rework the arrangement. The one thing I will say is that I am aware it is much more difficult to administer basic functions in Myanmar than in other countries in the region-one of the reasons we haven't had an ND there. Regardless though-the case for such an arrangement hasn't yet been made by UNDP or the OFP. I am happy to discuss if needed. Thanks.

Ming Yang

primary program manager

Action Taken On: Oct 4, 2019, 10:09 AM

Action Performed: send back to agency

The project package is sent back to the UNDP for justification:

In the previous responses of the UNDP to the GEF comments, the UNDP focused on "the UNDP's Direct Implementation Modality. This is not sufficient. Please present the following scenario: "If the UNDP does not act as the executing agency, what will happen?" Will the GEF project no longer be implemented? Will the country be unable to move forward this project? Doesn't the country have any other agency which can perform the role of the executing agency?"

Ming Yang

primary program manager

Action Taken On: Nov 13, 2019, 11:08 AM

Action Performed: send back to agency

Per the guidance of the GUP manager on 11/13/2019, the project was sent back to the agency with the following comments: "Please keep the DRD as the executing agency get an NGO to perform the other executing functions. The NGO can be selected from The Myanmar Renewable Energy Association https://ucrsea.ca/our_partners/renewable-energy-association-myanmar/ or the Myanmar Industries Association <https://www.myanmarindustries.org/index.php/contactus>"

Ming Yang

primary program manager

Action Taken On: Jul 10, 2020, 12:07 PM

Action Performed: i recommend

The UNDP has engaged the Department of Rural Development as an executing agency. Based on an agreement of the UNDP and the national government of Myanmar, "Implementing Partner" is used as a term to replace "executing agency".

Ramon Prudencio C. De Mesa

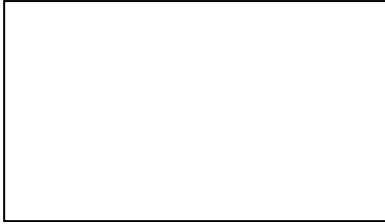
PPO

Action Taken On: Jul 21, 2020, 6:49 PM

Action Performed: send back to manager

- 1) The Stakeholder Engagement Plan and Gender Action Plan are ineligible items under M&E budget as these two items are normally covered by PPG.
- 2) The position of the Project Manager should be charged to PMC. As currently presented, this position has been charged 100% to project components and nothing to PMC, even-though the TOR indicates lots of management work.
- 3) On Indicators:
Since this project is focused on renewable energy, the GHG emission reductions should be reported through the sub-indicator 6.2. "Emissions Avoided Outside AFOLU ", instead of sub-indicator 6.1. which is used for projects within AFOLU sector.

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