

Promoting Community-Based Forestry for Climate Change Mitigation and Sustainable Livelihoods in Equatorial Guinea.

Review CEO Endorsement and Make a recommendation

Basic project information

GEF ID

10034

Countries

Equatorial Guinea

Project Name

Promoting Community-Based Forestry for Climate Change Mitigation and Sustainable Livelihoods in Equatorial Guinea.

Agencies

FAO

Date received by PM

12/19/2019

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4/23/2021

Program Manager

Pascal Martinez

Focal Area

Climate Change

Project Type

FSP

PIF
CEO Endorsement **Project Design and Financing****1. If there are any changes from that presented in the PIF, have justifications been provided?****Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request
January 15, 2019**

There are significant changes from the PIF, such as different components 1 and 2, the timber production replacing most the the expected communal sustainable forest and land management and the focus on coffee and coconut oil in component 3. This changes are not explained nor justified. Please clearly present in a separate section at the beginning of the project description all the changes of this project from the PIF and provide a strong justification.

November 3, 2020

The new design is only partially aligned with the original PIF as approved by GEF Council. The PIF was focused on Community Based Forestry and the scope of the CEO Endorsement Request is much broader, including timber companies. Significantly less consideration is being given to the forest communities. In addition of being a major change, supporting tropical timber exploitation by companies, even sustainably, is not aligned with the GEF objectives. Please, refocus the project accordingly. We also note the important change in the component funding (especially component 2, with around \$1 million less) and the significant decrease of co-financing, coming from the withdrawal of the support from the communities, which is another sign of major change

in the project approach. These aspects require clear explanation and, hopefully, the relevant adjustments.

March 12, 2021:

Thank you for the adjustment. The proposal is now aligned with the initial concept and GEF strategy. Cleared.

Response to Secretariat comments

The design has been revised further to be in line with the original PIF design ? eliminated all outputs that would collaborate with timber companies in national forests.

Component budget has changed in line with changes to a few of the outputs:

- Original outputs 2.2 and 2.4 merged under output 2.2.
- Elements of original outputs 2.3 and 2.5 have been incorporated under 2.2 with some eliminated because of a new co-financing project funded by the Government (and executed by FAO) ?Strengthening of the agricultural research and extension service of Equatorial Guinea? which incorporates creation of training platforms and farmer field schools. The GEF project will work closely with this project, particularly for implementation of component 3.

There has not been a withdrawal of support from communities. Please see the letter from communities attached. Although the communities will provide in-kind co-financing during implementation, it was extremely difficult to get them to sign a letter with the original estimated amount. All efforts will be made during implementation by the project team, INCOMA and FAO to track and estimate communities' contributions. This will be reported through annual PIRs.

2. Is the project structure/design appropriate to achieve the expected outcomes and outputs?

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request

January 15, 2019

1. In output 1.1, the proposed amendments to the legal framework and policy instruments developed and submitted to the Government remain vague. Please explain further what is intended to change in the current legal framework and policy instruments, linking with the current drivers of environmental degradation and building on the previous REDD+ analysis.

2. There seems to be a duplication of activities in output 1.2 which includes "a knowledge management system to capture and share best practices... (model cases)" and component 4 which includes "the development of knowledge management products and

dissemination of best practices". Please clearly explain the difference between the 2 component and how they articulate.

3. The Output 2.1 aims to case-model of sustainable and legal timber production for export in a forest concession. This is new from the PIF. We understand from the project document that the concession hasn't been identified yet. Please explain why and indicate how the concession will be selected, what will be precisely the production model, what kind of forest and trees are targeted, what are the expected environmental benefits from this activity, and how much of GEF resources will be invested in this output.

4. The output 2.2 will develop of case-model of sustainable community land and forest management. The description of the activities under this output remains vague. Please identify the activities that will be supported by the project allowing the development of the case-model. In addition, please explain what services are include in the PES and where the payment is coming from.

5. The component 3, which was quite open in terms of products at PIF level, finally focuses on coffee and coconut oil. Could you please explain the rational of choosing these products among others and if such selection will allow the project to meet its objective at PIF level which was supporting mitigation actions through inclusive governance, land/forest planning and management in communities from 8 different communal forests and over an area of 15,000 ha.

6. The activities envisioned to implement the component 3 are vague. Please be more specific about what activities the project will support.

7. Please provide a map of the project intervention areas or indicate that we can find it in the FAO prodoc. In this latter case, provide a clear title and legend of the map which named in the prodoc "Priority sub-national jurisdictions selected in the PNI-REDD+" and contains colors without signification.

November 3, 2020

1, 2. Thank you for the additional information and clarification. Cleared

3. While we understand the importance of the national capacities to monitor and ensure the Sustainable Forest Management, and we can support them, there are several elements included in the Sustainable Forest Management and the harvest and process of tropical tree species by timber companies is not aligned with GEF objectives. Please consider such activities was not in the original PIF and adjust the proposal accordingly, including in the theory of change.

4. Thank you for the clarification. Please include the additional information provided in the CEO ER.

5. Thank you for the justification which makes sense. In addition, please clarify over what kind of land uses the agroforestry will be promoted and ensure the development of this activity will not encourage forest losses.

6. Thank you for the clarification. Cleared.

7. Thank you for including the map in Figure 16. Nevertheless, the map shows the location for an output 3.4 which doesn't exist in the project description. Please explain.

March 12, 2021:

3. Thank you for the adjustments. Cleared

4. This comment hasn't been responded in the review sheet. Please address this comment too and indicate where in the CEO ER the additional information has been provided.

5. Thank you for the clarification. Cleared.

7. Thank you for the correction. Cleared.

April 22, 2021:

Thank you for the clarification in the Portal. Cleared.

Response to Secretariat comments

4. The full description of the output (which is now 3.1 - alignment with the original PIF) has been included in the CEO endorsement document and in the project document. Highlighted (pages 17-19 in the word version of the CEO document).

3. Is the financing adequate and does the project demonstrate a cost-effective approach to meet the project objective?

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request

January 25, 2019

1. The incremental cost reasoning and expected contributions from the baseline are very vague. The description mainly remind some information on the baseline and focus on technical assistance and knowledge management. Please explain further the added value of the project and its articulation with the existing baseline, especially for the investments planned in components 2 and 3.

2. The project plans to buy a car. Please explain exactly what would be this car used for.

November 3, 2020

1. Thank you for the complement. Cleared.
2. Thank you for the clarification. The project document only mentions one vehicle. Please make also clear in the project document or in the CEO ER that the Government will co-finance a second car.

March 12, 2021:

2. We don't find any mention of vehicle financed by the Government under the subsection 2.1 in the project document. Please clarify where in the CEO ER the information is reflected.

April 22, 2021:

Thank you for the consideration. Cleared.

Response to Secretariat comments

2. Reflected under subsection 2.2 in the project document - table 8, on page 63. Highlighted.

In the CEO document, it is now reflected under the 4) incremental reasoning table, again highlighted. The co-financing table C does not allow for descriptions below it, would have been a more appropriate place to reflect this.

4. Does the project take into account potential major risks, including the consequences of climate change, and describes sufficient risk response measures? (e.g., measures to enhance climate resilience)

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request

January 25, 2019

1. To mitigate the risk of "Lack of investments by companies and of incentives to sustainable forest harvesting", one action proposed is "Preferential treatment to companies complying with SFM standards". Please note that SFM is a precondition of any GEF-supported SFM-related activities. The treatment shouldn't preferential. Please explain and adjust accordingly.
2. The climate risk mitigation is only described by "Climate-smart practices". Please provide more information on the activities and objectives affected and on the concrete measures that are considered by the project.
3. The risk of governance challenge is mitigated by 1- Confirmed co-financing; 2- Synergies national process of economy diversification; 3-Support from International organizations and 4- Dissemination of project results. Please be more specific on what is

the governance challenge to help understand and ensure the proposed mitigation measures are the most appropriate.

November 3, 2020

1. Thank you for the clarification. Cleared.
2. Thank you for the additional information provided. Nevertheless, the proposed description in the Prodoc doesn't consider the eventual impact of climate change on the envisioned agroforestry activities, in particular for coffee and coconut oil production. While this risk is considered in the CEO ER, please elaborate further accordingly in the Prodoc to complete the analysis where it is more developed. (a detail: please note that the Section C doesn't appear in the Table of Content of the Prodoc)
3. Thank you for the update and clarification. Cleared.
4. The COVID-19 context has been rightly incorporated in the risk section, identifying some likely impacts. Considering the current and lasting situation and the importance of this risk, please 1- Explore further and identify all the likely impacts and risks from COVID-19, and how they will be dealt (for instance is there a possible impact on co-financing?); 2- describe further how risks from COVID-19 have been analyzed (likelihood, impact) and mitigation strategies incorporated into the project design. Project documents are expected to include consideration to the risks that COVID-19 poses for all aspects of project implementation; and 3- describe further which potential opportunities have been identified to mitigate eventual impacts created by COVID-19 and possible future pandemics to deliver GEBs and/or climate adaptation and resilience benefits, and contribute toward green recovery and building back better. The complementary information provided can be structured using the 3 points mentioned above and included under the risk table for easy reference. For further clarification, we advice to refer to the note "Project Design and Review Considerations in Response to the COVID-19 Crisis and the Mitigation of Future Pandemics" shared by GEF Secretariat with the GEF Agencies on September 14.

March 12, 2021:

2. Thank you for the clarification. Cleared.
4. Thank you for the complement. Cleared.

Response to Secretariat comments

2. The detailed climate risk information is presented in Annex IV, section C, now reflected in the table of contents as well. Risk to coffee and coconut production has been taken into account.

4. Revised based on GEF COVID-19 project design guidance. Thanks.

5. Is co-financing confirmed and evidence provided?

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request

January 13, 2020

Yes, cleared.

November 3, 2020

The co-financing has significantly changed from the PIF. The project description informs on financial commitment of the private sector which doesn't materialize in the identified co-financing partners in Table C. Please explain why the co-financing from the private sector is not confirmed and, overall, consider increasing the total level of co-financing which is relatively very low (ratio around 2:1 with GEF funding).

March 12, 2021:

Thank you for the explanation. Cleared.

Response to Secretariat comments

The level of co-financing in the form of grants is more or less the same as at PIF stage.

Although communities are fully behind the project and will provide in-kind co-financing, all attempts by FAO Equatorial Guinea and the Government to have a signed letter with a fixed estimate were not successful. As mentioned, the project team, INCOMA and FAO will track and report co-financing from the communities through annual PIRs.

Efforts to mobilize additional co-financing (also for scale-up) will continue throughout project implementation.

Co-financing from timber companies is no longer available since activities related to national forests have been eliminated.

6. Are relevant tracking tools completed?

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request

N/A

Response to Secretariat comments

7. Only for Non-Grant Instrument: Has a reflow calendar been presented?

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request N/A

Response to Secretariat comments

8. Is the project coordinated with other related initiatives and national/regional plans in the country or in the region?

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request

January 25, 2019

The project baseline description provide a list of initiatives related to the project. Nevertheless, the project components don't always show clearly how they articulate and build on these initiatives. Please complete the project components description accordingly, ensuring that all the relevant baseline initiatives are taken into account.

November 4, 2020

Thank you for the clarification. Cleared.

Response to Secretariat comments Addressed - please see the detailed revised description of the components in the CEO document and the project document (section 1.3.2, pages 37-51, as well as section 1.3.3 incremental cost reasoning that clarifies how the proposed components build upon the baseline).

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

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request

January 13, 2020

The project does include a M&E Plan but it is not budgeted. Please complete accordingly.

November 4, 2020

Thank you for the clarification. Some costs are not clearly identified such as "CTA staff time + Monitoring Officer", "GEF Agency fee", "PMU staff time", "PMU staff time and

Agency fee" and "Staff time". Please assess the associated costs and complete the budget of the M&E Plan accordingly.

March 12, 2021:

Thank you for the clarification. Cleared.

Response to Secretariat comments OK, revised.

10. Does the project have descriptions of a knowledge management plan?

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request

January 13, 2020

Yes, the project output 1.2 and project component 4 have a strong focus on knowledge generation, management and sharing. Cleared.

Response to Secretariat comments

Agency Responses

11. Has the Agency adequately responded to comments at the PIF stage from:

GEFSEC

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request

January 13, 2020

At PIF stage, GEF Secretariat expected that innovation, sustainability and potential for scaling up be further explored and demonstrated at CEO endorsement stage. In the current description in the Portal, a relatively important focus is made on innovation but less on scaling up and nothing on sustainability, inviting to look at the information in the FAO project document. Please be consistent and provide in the portal a summary of the all the requested elements (innovation, sustainability and potential for scaling up).

November 5, 2020

The comment is partially addressed. Particularly on innovation, we don't see clearly the expected results in terms of legal and policy framework including community, gender and land tenure consideration. On scaling-up, isn't the national framework such as REDD+ an important element to spread some project results at national level? And what about the knowledge management approach? On sustainability, wouldn't the new

regulatory framework and the Improved institutional capacity and knowledge be also relevant to consider? What will make the PES sustainable after the end of the project? In addition, this section in the CEO ER is unclear as it is structured: There is no clear identification of the paragraphs related to scaling-up and there are two sub-sections on innovation numbered 1 and 2. Please elaborate further and clearly organize this section.

March 12, 2021:

Thank you for the clarification. Cleared.

Response to Secretariat comments

Thanks for the guidance. Yes it was a bit confusing. Section better structured with additional information.

Some of the information had been provided in detail in other sections addressing these questions and in trying to avoid repetition, we lost some of the logic, perhaps. E.g. sections on gender, knowledge management. Thanks.

STAP

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request

January 26, 2019

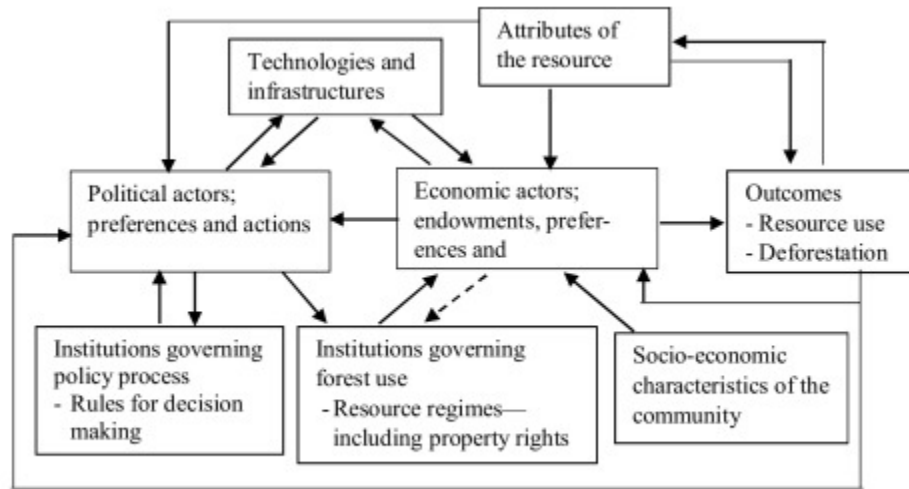
1. It is unclear how the project developers apply advice from STAP's advisory document "The Evidence Base for Community Forest Management as a Mechanism for Supplying Global Environmental Benefits and Improving Local Welfare" and especially on STAP's advice 3 focuses. Please provide a response for each of these focuses.
2. The project description remains vague on the specific occurring changes and their drivers for each project locations. Please complete accordingly in the description site section and in the STAP comments table.
3. STAP encouraged the project developers to use global data to monitor land use change and land condition in the project site such as Collect Earth and Trends.Earth. The response refers to past studies instead of the current project. Please explain more clearly how the current project uses global data.
4. STAP encouraged the project proponents to apply an environmental governance framework. The response from the agency doesn't explicitly and specifically refers to such framework. Please explain.

5. As regard to climate projections for Equatorial Guinea, there seem to be a contradiction between the STAP foreseeing a significant downward trend in annual rainfall in West Africa and the project developers mentioning the no clear estimated trend on rainfall in Equatorial Guinea. Nevertheless, the STAP references are more recent. Please justify the project developers position.

November 5, 2020

1, 2, 3. Thank you for the clarification. Cleared.

4. As regard to the environmental governance framework, the response is unclear. Please make sure the the response fully capture the elements of the environmental governance framework as informed in the following figure provided in the paper suggested by STAP:



The bold arrows indicate strong interaction while the dashed arrow indicate weak interaction

5. Thank you for the consideration. Cleared.

March 12, 2021:

Thank you for the clarification. Cleared.

Response to Secretariat comments

As part of FAO support to the development of the REDD+ national strategy (EN-REDD+) and the REDD+ national investment plan (PNI-REDD+), a study on drivers of deforestation and degradation in communal and national forests was conducted. This study (approach/framework) includes most of the elements proposed in the framework proposed by STAP - and was complemented by analyses carried out during PPG.

Captured under several subsections e.g. situation of communities and communal forests, land tenure, descriptions of intervention areas, barriers.

GEF Council

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request

January 26, 2019

US comments: Regarding US concern about the possibility of removal of forested areas in tropical primary forests: Whereas the project description mentions the "two forest concessions (~10 000 ha) whose location will be decided at the beginning of the project" the response to the US comment says "The project sites have been selected among the areas with a relatively high forest degradation rates during the 2004-2014". Please explain this apparent contradiction.

Norway comment 1: Regarding Norway comment about FLEGT Program in EG, no answer is provided. Please complete.

Norway comment 2: There is no response to the suggestion that "the actual government contribution be followed up closely given the challenging governance context". Please complete.

Norway comment 3: As the risk of challenging governance isn't clearly addressed, please explain further in the table of Council comments how the challenging governance situation in EG may undermine project results and sustainability and how the project respond to that risk.

Germany comment: Regarding the low enforcement capacity, the project proposal respond through the following activities: 1- Development of protocols and methodologies; 2- Capacity development and 3- Provision of basic equipment and vehicles to support both, office and field work. Given the importance of this issue, please be more specific regarding the mentioned protocols, methodologies and capacity development and provide the response in the table of Council comments.

November 5, 2020

Thank you for the clarification and added information. Cleared.

Response to Secretariat comments

US comments. This has been clarified in the project document (description of output 3.2) and inconsistency addressed in the response. The final selection of national forest under concession will be aligned with REDD+ safeguards, ensuring conservation of natural primary forests.

Norway comment 1.

The missing response to Norway comments was an oversight.

Indeed, Equatorial Guinea has expressed interest in the FLEGT program, and several capacity development workshops and seminars on the topic have been organized with FAO support. The country is interested in aligning its legislation and policies with FLEGT, aiming at facilitating future access to markets. The linkage with FLEGT is particularly relevant for component 1 and it has been reflected in the baseline analysis text and under component 1 (output 1.1). In recent conversations with the EU in the framework of CAFI, it was indicated that, while EU might reinitiate its cooperation with Equatorial Guinea, it will be too early to engage discussions on a Voluntary Partnership Agreement (VPA) process, but possible to work on forest issues under a FLEGT approach.

Norway comment 2.

The suggestion is acknowledged. Tracking contributions from the government and other co-financing partners is to be done as part of M&E and reporting ? co-financing to be also reviewed and discussed at the level of the Project Steering Committee (reflected in the proposed PSC TORs).

Norway comment 3.

The governance framework for environmental and climate change issues, and specifically for REDD+ has significantly improved since the PIF was submitted. The REDD+ process as much as the development of the country programme for the Green Climate Fund (GCF) has strengthened national governance and related multistakeholder platforms for REDD+ and GCF. They have also contributed to put the environment, the forests and the fight against climate change among national priorities, as reflected in the recommendations of the III Economic National Conference, organized in May 2019. It is foreseen that the new National Plan for Sustainable development (PNDS 2035) highlights forests and climate change as key aspects. This alignment with national priorities reduces the risks related to the governance framework.

Germany comment.

The problem of law enforcement and compliance is related, among other things, to limited knowledge of the legislation in place by relevant stakeholders, the lack of standard protocols for sustainable forest management and field supervision, as well as

the limitations of financial, human and technical resources of the Administration. This leads to difficulties to effectively exercise its mandate, and in particular control and verify the use of forest resources in the field. This problem is addressed through components 1 and 2 and is reflected the descriptions of these components in the project document section 1.3.2.

In summary, the project will contribute to law enforcement through:

1. Protocols and methodologies: (i) technically support and supervise forest concessions and community forests, (ii) concessions inventories and communal forests inventories, (iii) sustainable forest management plans and (iv) sustainable harvest plans.
2. Capacity development on (i) national forest legislation and related regulations, (ii) SFM and CbFM, (iii) how to elaborate and monitor compliance of forest management plans and annual harvesting plans, (iv) forest inventories, monitoring and information gathering, (v) collaboration with local communities in forest monitoring, (vi) organizational and technical skills for community based forestry and conflict resolution, (vii) timber chain of custody and certification systems.
3. Basic equipment to facilitate and strengthen office and field work, particularly to reinforce the presence of the national administration in the field (e.g. patrols, surveillance etc.).

Convention Secretariat

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request N/A

Response to Secretariat comments

Recommendation

12. Is CEO endorsement recommended?

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request

January 26, 2020

The project is not yet ready to be recommended for CEO endorsement. Please address the comments above.

In addition, we note the important role of the Implementing Agency undertaking executing functions due to the lack of existing capacities, as well as the letter provided by the Government requesting such assistance. To better enable GEF Secretariat to

consider such exemption of GEF policy, please provide a detailed budget including all these functions.

November 5, 2020

The project is not yet ready to be recommended for CEO endorsement. Please address the comments above.

In addition on the executing functions: Thank you for identifying the budget lines supporting FAO executing functions. The share of the project budget allocated to FAO is relatively important (19%). We understand that \$389,926 of the project budget will be used to pay FAO staff, is that correct? Also, the letter provided from the Government on this implementation arrangement is too vague and doesn't allow to check whether the assistance requested by the Government actually match with the project activities FAO will carry out. Finally, this letter has a signature but no name neither a title of who signed. Please provide a clear request from the Government identifying exactly which functions the country can't undertake, and while requesting FAO to implement them, confirming that nobody else than FAO in the country has the capacity to do it. Please ensure these functions are also well identified and clearly budgeted in the project description under the section "A.6. Institutional Arrangement and Coordination". Finally, please ensure the letter from the Government is not only signed, but also provides the name and title of who is signing it.

March 15, 2021:

Not yet. Please address the remaining comments above. In addition, please also address the following comments:

1. On the institutional arrangements: Thank you for the clarification and justification provided. Nevertheless, there is no mention that nobody else than FAO can perform the executing functions described in the OFP's letter. Please note that the identification of a third-party is a preferred way forward. This third-party can be a local organization or a different government entity. If such a third-party can't be identified, please explain why.
2. In the budget provided, the last column "Executing Partner - supported procurement" is unclear. Does "PMU-INCOMA" include FAO? For instance, who exactly will undertake the activities reported in the lines 36-37-38 of the budget? What are the entities mentioned as "Executing Partner"? Please clearly indicate in this column the name of the executing partners.
3. On the GHG emission mitigation: please note that all the results calculated in the Ex-ACT tool should be considered as direct benefits (including those obtained during the capitalization phase). Please amend the core indicator 6.1 accordingly, ensure the results reported in the portal are consistent (they are slightly different from the Ex-ACT tool) and consider 2021 as the Anticipated start year of accounting.

April 22, 2021:

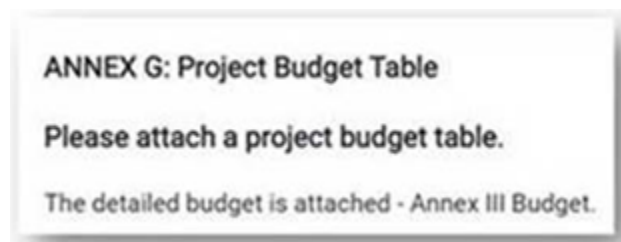
Thank you for the clarification provided. The analysis of the proposal further reveal remaining issues. Please address the following comments:

1. On the PMC: there is no proportionality in the co-financing contribution to PMC. If the GEF contribution is kept at 4.99%, for a co-financing of \$12,441,133 the expected contribution to PMC must be around \$622,056 instead of \$500,000 (which is 4.0%). As the costs associated with the project management have to be covered by the GEF portion and the co-financing portion allocated to the PMC, the GEF contribution and the co-financing contribution must be proportional, which means that the GEF contribution to PMC might be decreased and the co-financing contribution to PMC might be increased to reach a similar level. Please ask the Agency to amend either by increasing the co-financing portion and/or by reducing the GEF portion.

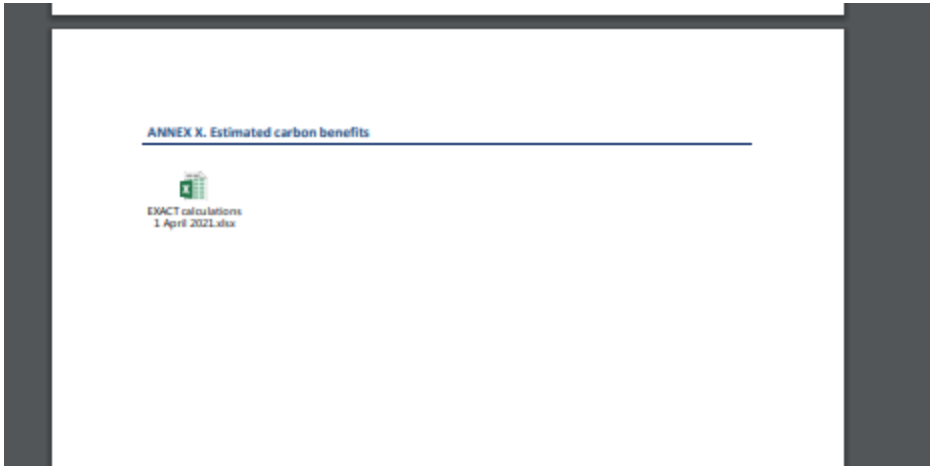
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Project Management Cost (PMC) ⓘ			
	GET	253,760.00	500,000.00
	Sub Total(\$)	253,760.00	500,000.00
	Total Project Cost(\$)	5,329,455.00	12,941,133.00

2. On budget:

- i. Kindly note that the table of the budget is missing in Annex G. Also maps are not included in the Portal. Please complete as needed.



- ii. In addition please note that the budget table is missing in the ProDoc. A separate Excel Sheet has been uploaded in the Portal with the detailed budget. We recommend that, similarly to what has been done for the carbon benefits, the agency includes the excel document within the ProDoc.



iii. An international Monitoring Expert has been charged across the components. Please include this cost to the M&E Budget.

Oracle code and description	Unit	No. of units	Unit cost	Total	Component 1:			2.1
					1.1	1.2	Total	
International Monitoring Expert	Days	374	319	119,156	-	-	-	-

iv. Kindly note that Office supplies and furniture should be included in the PMC. Also, General Operating Expenses (which require an explanation) need to be charged to PMC but not to components.

Oracle code and description	Unit	No. of units	Unit cost	Total	Component 1:			Component 2:				Component 3:			
					1.1	1.2	Total	2.1	2.2	2.3	Total	3.1	3.2	3.3	
Office supply	Month	60	500	30,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
IT supply	Lumpsum	5	6,000	30,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
6000 Sub-total Expendable Procurement				241,000										133,000	
6100 Non-expendable procurement															
Basic equipment and materials for Technical sub-team CBF	Lumpsum	1	5,000	5,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5,000	-
Equipment and materials - Field Community Inventory	Lumpsum	2	5,500	11,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	11,000	-
Improved stoves	Unit	10	12,000	120,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	120,000	-
Office Furniture	Lumpsum	1	10,000	10,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Car	Unit	1	40,000	40,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	40,000	-
IT Equipment	Lumpsum	1	21,003	21,003	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
6100 Sub-total non-expendable procurement				207,003										176,000	
6300 General Operating Expenses															
General Operating Expenses	Lumpsum	55	400	22,000	4,000	-	4,000	1,600	400	2,000	4,000	-	-	-	10,000

- On Knowledge management: The KM section lists a number of KM related initiatives that will be undertaken within the project's various components. While not presented as such, one can interpret this list as the elements of the project's proposed KM Approach. However, the KM section needs to include a budget and timeline for implementation of the key KM deliverables listed, including the project's strategic communications plan. This information is required at CEO endorsement stage

May 18, 2021:

Thank you for addressing the remaining comments. The project is now recommended for CEO endorsement.

Response to Secretariat comments

17 May 2021

- PMC co-financing has been increased, to \$700,000.
- Budget and maps included.
 - Budget now attached in the project document.
 - The monitoring expert cost has been included in the M&E budget
 - GoE in fact, should have been under office supplies. Now under PMC.
- Thanks. Budget and timeline for KM included.

Review Dates

**Secretariat comment at CEO
Endorsement Request**

**Response to
Secretariat
comments**

First Review	1/26/2020
Additional Review (as necessary)	11/4/2020
Additional Review (as necessary)	3/15/2021
Additional Review (as necessary)	5/5/2021
Additional Review (as necessary)	5/18/2021

CEO Recommendation

Brief Reasoning for CEO Recommendations