

ISLANDS - Atlantic Regional Project

Review CEO Endorsement and Make a recommendation

Basic project information

GEF ID

10848

Countries

Regional (Cabo Verde, Guinea-Bissau, Sao Tome and Principe)

Project Name

ISLANDS - Atlantic Regional Project

Agencies

UNEP

Date received by PM

8/15/2022

Review completed by PM

11/4/2022

Program Manager

Anil Sookdeo

Focal Area

Chemicals and Waste

Project Type

FSP

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

Yes

Agency Response

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 Yes

Agency Response

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 Yes

Agency Response

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 Yes

Agency Response

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

Please clarify if Core Indicator 10 is being targeted by this project.

Sept 21, 2022 - Comment cleared.

Agency Response

Target value and additional text in green highlight

Omission of Core Indicator 10 in the table has been corrected. Corresponding additional text on section *F. Project's Target Contributions to GEF 7 Core Indicators* and section *6) Global Environmental Benefits (GEFTF) and/or Adaptation Benefits (LDCF/SCCF)*.

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

Yes

Agency Response

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

Yes

Agency Response

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

Please provide a clarification on the omission of core indicator 10.

Sept 21, 2022 - comment cleared

Agency Response

Target value and additional text in green highlight

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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

Yes

Agency Response

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

Yes

Agency Response

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

Yes

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

Yes

Agency Response

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

Yes, the analysis provides all the relevant activities.

Agency Response

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

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

Yes

Agency Response

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

Yes

Agency Response

Project Results Framework

Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement Request Provided

Agency Response

GEF Secretariat comments

Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement Request

Child project to be returned to the Agency due to:

1. Co-financing: RUI Hotels & Resorts co-financing letter does not indicate the co-financing amount. Please identify the supporting document indicating the amount.
2. Monitoring and Evaluation component has no outputs / outcomes ? please amend
3. Monitoring and Evaluation component in Table B and in Budget Table amounts for \$192,000 while in M&E Budget (Section 9) it amounts for \$180,000 (please include the TOTAL in this table).
4. Status of utilization of PPG ? please present details of what the Sub-contract with BCRC entails
5. Budget:

a) Budget table misses the column of the responsible institution ? please include it (this can be done by removing the columns on the right hand side that shows the budget per years, so the table will be slimmer).

b) The activity ?CCKM Administration? (which is understood in Table B as ?Support for Communication, Coordination and Knowledge Management (CCKM)?) for \$1,450,000 misses details on what this entails. As it is, it looks like as Administrative support, which might be covered by PMC, in which case the co-financing resources allocated to PMC should cover this.

6. Documents to be circulated: the two documents to be circulated are the CEO Endorsement Request and the Project Document (if any). However, the only document you selected is the review sheet ? please de-select this document and select the correct ones.

Oct 18, 2022 - Please provide a detailed budget for the resources executed by GGKP and include GGKP as an executing agency in the project information section of the project.

October 25, 2022 - Please see additional comments on the budget:

Child project to be returned to the Agency because whereas the detailed budget was found, there is one item the GEF does not finances: Administrative expenses (Administration) for \$71,000. If that item refers to and Administrative assistant, it can be covered under PMC - otherwise it can't be financed with GEF funds, but with co-financing funds. Please amend.

Nov 8, 2022 - Please upload into the portal the budget in the format in the Annex 7, Appendix A of GEF/C.59/Inf.03.

November 13, 2022 - The budget has been uploaded in the correct format. Comment Cleared.

Agency Response

1. The amount of co-financing is included in the title of the letter.

2. Added outputs / outcomes to Monitoring and Evaluation component. Additional text in pink highlight.

3. Amount for M&E Budget in Section 9 Table 10 corrected to \$192,000. Total line added to Table. Additional text in pink highlight.

4. Text added in Annex C ? PPG Status, detailing activities entailed in the Sub-contract with BCRC ? Caribbean. Additional text in pink highlight.

5. Budget:

a) Additional column showing responsible institution added to Budget Table.

b) Output 4.2 correspond to the additional funding for the coordination project as described in the PFD amendment document and as was done for project 10472. It is therefore not administrative support but rather additional programmatic coordination required to cover the addition of 3 lusophone countries.

6. Relevant documents to be circulated selected in portal.

Oct 18, 2022 ? GGKP added as an executing agency in the project information section of the project. **Additional text in turquoise highlight**

The detailed budget for resources executed by GGKP was included in the budget tab for output 4.2 of the excel budget sheet. However, as requested by the reviewer, it has also been pasted on the budget portion of the portal, below the summary budget table.

October 25, 2022 ? GGKP detailed budget amended, CCKM Administration funds for \$71,000 have been moved to PMC as advised.

Nov 8, 2022 ? Budget in the requested format uploaded in the portal.

Council comments

Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement Request Council comments have been responded to.

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 The utilization has been provided.

Agency Response

Project maps and coordinates

Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement Request Provided

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

Please provide a response on the review and resubmit for further consideration.

Sept 21, 2022 - Comments on the technical review are cleared. Project is being sent for PPO screen.

October 4, 2022 - Please see PPO comments

October 18, 2022 - Please see comment based on the cleaned up budget table that was submitted in the last resubmission

November 4, 2022 - Comments cleared.

Review Dates

	Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement	Response to Secretariat comments
First Review	8/30/2022	
Additional Review (as necessary)	9/21/2022	
Additional Review (as necessary)	10/4/2022	
Additional Review (as necessary)	10/18/2022	
Additional Review (as necessary)	10/25/2022	

CEO Recommendation

Brief reasoning for CEO Recommendations