



Fourth National Communication, First and Second Biennial Transparency Report (4NC&1BTR + 2BTR)

Review CEO Endorsement and Make a recommendation

Basic project information

GEF ID

11057

Countries

El Salvador

Project Name

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(4NC&1BTR + 2BTR)

Agencies

UNDP

Date received by PM

12/27/2022

Review completed by PM

2/2/2023

Program Manager

Esteban Bermudez Forn

Focal Area

Climate Change

Project Type

EA

Expedited Enabling Activity req (CEO)

Section I - Enabling Activity Summary

Funding elements.

Is the enabling activity aligned with the relevant GEF funding elements as indicated in Table A and as defined by the GEF-8 Programming Directions? Is the General Enabling Activity Information table correctly populated?

Secretariat's Comments

EBF 1/17/2023:

This project is aligned with the GEF-8 climate change focal are strategy. Cleared.

Agency's Comments

Cost Ranges.

If there was a deviation in the cost range, was this explained?

Secretariat's Comments

EBF 1/17/2023:

The project has no deviations in the cost range. The costing is in line with the [information note GEF/C.62/Inf.15](#).

Agency's Comments

Enabling activity summary.

Is the enabling activity summary clear? Are the components in Table B and as described in the enabling activity request sound, appropriate, and sufficiently clear to achieve the project objectives?

Secretariat's Comments

EBF 2/7/2023:

1. Thanks. Cleared.
2. Cleared.
3. Cleared.
4. Thank you for the clarification. Cleared.

EBF 1/17/2023:

Please address the following comment:

1. The text in table B is off margins, please correct. This includes Enabling Activity Objective, Enabling Activity Summary, Enabling Activity Summary, Project Immediate Objective, Stakeholders involvement, Covid-19 considerations, Gender dimension, and the project description.
2. Separate "Municipalities / Local Governments" from "Academia" in the stakeholder table. At the moment, it seems that "Municipalities / Local Governments" are part or linked to "Academia".
3. Regarding footnote [1], please correct the meaning of CMA, since it relates to the "Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement". More information is provided in [the following link](#).

Agency's Comments

1/25/2023:

1. Thank you for the GEFSEC comments. The margins in the online Portal are adjusted with the support of the GEF IT Team.
2. The table's presentation is revised in the online Portal and EA request form.
3. The footnote is revised as per the information in the UNFCCC source.
4. El Salvador intends to include their Adaptation Communication(s) in conjunction with their BTR1 and BTR2 reports, and within the scope of this project the Adaptation Communication will be covered under outcome 2.2. This clarification is incorporated in the EA request form. [\[Comment received by the GEF Programme Manager via e-mail: In line with Decision 9/CMA.1, Parties may submit an adaptation communication as a component of, or in conjunction with, a BTR. When you resubmit the project proposal, can you please clarify if El Salvador intends to include their Adaptation Communication\(s\) as a component or in conjunction with their BTR1 and BTR2?\]](#)

Section 2 - Enabling Activity Supporting Information

Eligibility Criteria.

Is this enabling activity eligible for GEF funding?

Secretariat's Comments

EBF 3/28/2023:

Noted. Cleared

EBF 2/13/2023:

1. Noted. Cleared.

EBF 1/17/2023:

Yes, the enabling activity project is eligible for GEF funding.

Regarding the capacity building needs related to the Enhanced Transparency Framework (ETF) presented at the end of section 2.C, please take into consideration that the GEF also provides support to developing countries through the Capacity-Building Initiative for Transparency (CBIT), which can complement the preparation of the enabling activities addressed by the current project.

Agency's Comments

1/25/2023:

Thank you for the GEFSEC comment. The latest status regarding the CBIT support request from El Salvador is incorporated in the EA request form (online and Word versions).

3/24/2023:

Please note that Project Document in English is uploaded to GEF Portal document section.

Institutional framework.

Are the institutional arrangements for implementation adequately described?

Secretariat's Comments

EBF 1/17/2023:

Yes, institutional arrangements, including the narrative description of the project activities are well elaborated.

Agency's Comments

Monitoring and Evaluation.

Does the project include a budgeted M&E Plan?

Secretariat's Comments

EBF 1/17/2023:

Yes, \$3,000 are budget for M&E related activities.

Agency's Comments

Section 3. Information Tables

GEF resource availability.

Is the proposed GEF financing in Table F (including the Agency fee) in line with GEF policies and guidelines?

Secretariat Comment at PIF/Work Program Inclusion

EBF 1/17/2023:

Yes, it is in line with GEF policies and guidelines.

Agency Response

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 (Adaptation or Tech Transfer)?

Secretariat's Comments N/A

Agency's Comments

Focal Area Set Aside?

Secretariat's Comments

EBF 1/17/2023:

Yes, this is in line with the [information note GEF/C.62/Inf.15](#).

Agency's Comments

Rio Markers.

Are the Rio Markers for CCM ,CCA, BD and LD presented?

Secretariat's Comments

EBF 1/17/2023:

Yes

Agency's Comments

Country endorsement.

Has the project been endorsed by the country's GEF Operational Focal Point at the time of the EA submission and has the name and position been checked against the GEF database? Are the endorsed amounts consistent with the amounts included in Portal

Secretariat's Comments

EBF 1/17/2023:

Yes, the project has been endorsed by the GEF OFP of El Salvador and the endorsed amounts are consistent with the amounts in the Portal.

Agency's Comments

Response to Comments

Are all the comments adequately responded to? (only as applicable)

Gef Secretariat comments

Secretariat's Comments N/A

Agency's Comments

Other Agencies comments

Secretariat's Comments N/A

Agency's Comments

Council comments

Secretariat's Comments N/A

Agency's Comments

STAP comments

Secretariat's Comments N/A

Agency's Comments

Convention Secretariat comments

Secretariat's Comments N/A

Agency's Comments
CSOs comments

Secretariat's Comments N/A

Agency's Comments
Project Budget Table.

Is the project budget table attached? Are the activities / expenditures reasonably and accurately charged to the three identified sources (Components, M&E and PMC)?

Secretariat's Comments
EBF 2/13/2023:

1. Thanks. Cleared.

EBF 1/17/2023:

Please address the following comment:

1. The budget table is off margins, and the format (with no rows or columns) makes it challenging to follow de budget lines vis-?-vis their costs. Please correct.

Agency's Comments
1/25/2023

1. Thank you for the GEFSEC comment. The margins in the online Portal are adjusted.

Environmental and Social Safeguards.

**If there are screening documents or other ESS documents available, have these been attached?
(only as applicable)**

Secretariat's Comments
EBF 1/17/2023:

Yes

Agency's Comments
**GEFSEC DECISION
RECOMMENDATION.**
Is CEO endorsement/ approval recommended?

Secretariat's Comments

EBF 3/28/2023: The PM recommends the clearance for CEO Approval.

EBF 2/13/2023: Please upload the ProDoc in English to the documents section.

01/04/2023 EBF: Please address the comments above.

REVIEW DATE(S)

	Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement	Response to Secretariat comments
First Review	1/17/2023	1/25/2023
Additional Review (as necessary)	2/13/2023	3/24/2023
Additional Review (as necessary)	3/28/2023	
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