

Development of Malaysia's Second Biennial Transparency Report and combined Third Biennial Transparency Report and Fifth National Communication under the UNFCCC

Review CEO Endorsement and Make a recommendation

Basic project information

GEF ID

12306

Countries

Malaysia

Project Name

Development of Malaysia's Second Biennial Transparency Report and combined Third Biennial Transparency Report and Fifth National Communication under the UNFCCC

Agencies

UNDP

Date received by PM

3/16/2026

Review completed by PM

Program Manager

Saba Kalam

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

4/02/2026

Cleared. All information correctly populated.

Agency's Comments

Cost Ranges.

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

Secretariat's Comments

4/02/2026

Cleared, no deviation. EA-set aside is \$1,233,000 is within the threshold. (\$633,000 for combined NC/BTR and \$600,000 for standalone BTR). The project will produce one combined NC5/BTR3 and a standalone BTR2 to be submitted to UNFCCC.

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

4/21/2026

Cleared

4/02/2026

-The objective is too long, it should ideally be not more than 3-4 lines. Please revise.

- In the summary section, please briefly mention a)the components of the project b) The national communication/s submitted to UNFCCC in the past c) any observation from the FSV/TER process.

Agency's Comments

UNDP response - 21 April 2026

1. 1. It is revised to:

To support preparation of Malaysia's 2nd Biennial Transparency Report and a combined 3rd Biennial Transparency Report and 5th National Communication Report for the fulfilment of the obligations under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) and the Paris Agreement (PA). The project will support Malaysia in complying with its commitments under the international conventions.

2. In summary section

a) Components of project added.

b) Information on past reports provided.

c) observation from TER included.

Section 2 - Enabling Activity Supporting Information

Eligibility Criteria.

Is this enabling activity eligible for GEF funding?

Secretariat's Comments

4/02/2026

Cleared. Malaysia has submitted its first BTR to UNFCCC in Dec 2024. The second BTR is due in Dec 2026 and third in Dec 2028. The request is to develop these two BTRs and the full National Communication as part of the convention.

Agency's Comments

Institutional framework.

Are the institutional arrangements for implementation adequately described?

Secretariat's Comments

4/02/2026

Cleared. Stakeholder engagement plan along with list of stakeholders included.

Cleared. Gender action plan included.

Dual execution and implementation role for the project has been approved by the Manager; uploaded.

Agency's Comments
Monitoring and Evaluation.

Does the project include a budgeted M&E Plan?

Secretariat's Comments

4/02/2026

Cleared. Yes, the project has budgeted M&E plan. The M&E budget is 2.3%, which should be okay considering this is an EA project.

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

4/02/2026

Cleared. Yes the GEF financing Table F in line with the GEF policies and guidelines.

Agency Response
Are they within the resources available from (mark all that apply):
STAR allocation?

Secretariat's Comments

4/02/2026

Cleared. To be funded from CCM- EA-Set aside.

Agency's Comments
Focal Area allocation?

Secretariat's Comments

4/02/2026

Cleared. To be funded from CCM- EA-Set aside.

Agency's Comments

LDCF under the principle of equitable access?

Secretariat's CommentsNA

Agency's Comments

SCCF (Adaptation or Tech Transfer)?

Secretariat's CommentsNA

Agency's Comments

Focal Area Set Aside?

Secretariat's Comments

4/02/2026

Cleared. To be funded from CCM- EA-Set aside.

Agency's Comments

Rio Markers.

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

Secretariat's Comments

4/02/2026

Cleared.

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

4/02/2026

Cleared. The project has been endorsed by Dr. Noranida Zainal, OFP since May 2024

Agency's Comments
Response to Comments

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

Secretariat's CommentsNA

Agency's Comments
Other Agencies comments

Secretariat's CommentsNA

Agency's Comments
Council comments

Secretariat's CommentsNA

Agency's Comments
STAP comments

Secretariat's CommentsNA

Agency's Comments
Convention Secretariat comments

Secretariat's CommentsNA

Agency's Comments
CSOs comments

Secretariat's CommentsNA

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

05/13/2026

Cleared. The responsibilities of the Project Manager now includes technical aspects. The responsibilities of of the Assistant could have been made stronger but it suffices the requirements.

4/24/2026

The Project Manager and a Project Assistant are charged across project components and PMC. However, the TORs included in the Prodoc for these two positions are focusing on management, administration, and monitoring tasks, thus are not justified for the budget allocations to the EA components. Please revise the budget table and the TORs accordingly to ensure alignment.

4/21/2026

It is still off-margin. Please work with the IT team to get this rectified. Please see below the screenshot

Detailed Description	Component (USDeq.)	Component 1	Component 2	Sub-Total	M&E	PMC	Total (USDeq.)	(Executing Entity receiving funds from the GEF Agency [1])
Information Technology Equipmt	IT equipment to support the development of national inventory report (NIR)	4,000		4,000			4,000	NRES
Information Technology Equipmt	IT equipment to support the project management team			-		5,000	5,000	NRES
Subtotal - Equipment [Goods]		4,000	-	4,000	-	5,000	9,000	
Contractual Services- Individual	Local consultant - Writer for writeup (FTC, Gender, Article 6)	15,000	11,000	26,000			26,000	UNDP
Contractual Services- Individual	Local consultant - Consultant to support writing/proofreading for Component1-the BTR2 report; Component 2 - for the BTR3 and NCS reports	12,000	12,000	24,000			24,000	UNDP
Contractual Services- Individual	Local consultant - Writer for writeup (Research, systematic observation, education, training, and public awareness)		22,000	22,000			22,000	NRES
Contractual Services- Individual	Local consultant-Self-assessment and stocktaking exercise for report preparation.			-	10,000		10,000	NRES
Contractual Services- Individual	Project Manager- Partial Technical and coordination support under Outcome 1.5 and 2.6 equivalent to USD 84,000 and under PMC for day-to-day operation for USD 12,000 (based on a rate of USD 2,000/month).	42,000	42,000	84,000		12,000	96,000	NRES
Contractual Services- Individual	Project Assistant- Partial Technical support under Outcome 1.5 and 2.6 equivalent to USD 72,000 over the project duration and under PMC for day-to-day operation for USD 12,000 (based on USD 1,750/month).	36,000	36,000	72,000		12,000	84,000	NRES
Contractual Services- Individual	Project Financial Officer - USD 1,500/month x 48 months = USD 72,000			-		72,000	72,000	NRES
Subtotal -Contractual Services- Individual		105,000	123,000	228,000	10,000	96,000	334,000	

4/02/2026

1. The table included in the CEO Approval Request Portal view, which is the document webposted after CEO Approval (see attached pdf file) is off the margins - please amend.

Contractual Services-Companies	<p>Component1 (\$95,000) Implementing agencies/consultants to collect data from public sources, reports, and official documents, conducting desk research, climate change modelling, vulnerability and impact assessments on Vulnerability and Adaptation (Estimation: USD3958.33/month X 12 months x 2 agencies)</p> <p>Component 2 (\$90,000) Implementing agencies/consultants to collect data from public sources, reports, and official documents, conducting desk research, climate change modelling, vulnerability and impact assessments on Vulnerability and Adaptation Implementing agencies/consultants to conduct RSO segment (Estimation: USD3,750/month X 12 months X 2 agencies)</p>	95,000	90,000	185,000		185,000	UNDP
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Contractual Services-Companies	<p>Component1 (\$300,000) Implementing agencies/consultants to update the GHG inventory data to 2024 and time series data from 1990 Implementing agencies/consultants to develop country specific emission factors in key categories Implementing agencies/consultants to enhance activity data in key categories Implementing agencies/consultants to conduct uncertainty assessment Implementing agencies/consultants to follow the any related requirement with Annex V of Decision 5/CMA.3 and Decision 18/CMA.1 (Estimation: USD 5,000 x 12 months x 5 agencies)</p> <p>Component 2 (\$240,000) Implementing agencies/consultants to update the GHG inventory data to 2025 and time series data from 1990 Implementing agencies/consultants to develop country specific emission factors in key categories Implementing agencies/consultants to enhance activity data in key categories Implementing agencies/consultants to conduct uncertainty assessment Implementing agencies/consultants to follow the any related requirement with Annex V of Decision 5/CMA.3 and Decision 18/CMA.1 (Estimation: USD 4,000 x 12 months x 5 agencies)</p>	300,000	240,000	540,000		540,000	NRES
Contractual Services-Companies	<p>Component1 (\$30,000) & Component 2 (\$30,000) Implementing agencies/consultants to develop/update the projection of GHGs emissions and removals Implementing agencies/consultants to support long terms GHG emissions reduction strategy (Policies, Actions, Measures - PAMs) Implementing agencies/consultants to support the NDC implementation strategies/actions Implementing agencies/consultants to follow the any related requirement</p>	30,000	30,000	60,000		60,000	UNDP

Agency's Comments

UNDP response - 11 May 2026

Responsibilities have been clarified in the TORs to justify the budget allocation. Project staff are expected to provide technical knowledge and inputs to the BTR and NC reports, in addition to carrying out oversight functions.

UNDP response - 24 April 2026

The new table with correct margin has been uploaded in coordination with GEF IT Team.

UNDP response - 21 April 2026

1. New budget file has been uploaded.
2. The explanation of the budget notes has been adjusted. For Component 1, the implementing agencies/consultants work to collect data for the development of BTR2, while for Component 2, the implementing agencies/consultants work to collect data for the development of BTR3/NC5.

Environmental and Social Safeguards.

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

Secretariat's Comments

4/02/2026

- The project title in the SESP does not match with the project document title. Please revise.
- The date of the SESP is of 16th December 2026. Please revise

Agency's Comments

UNDP response - 21 April 2026

1. The project title has been revised to match with the project document title.
2. The date has been revised.

**GEFSEC DECISION
RECOMMENDATION.
Is CEO endorsement/ approval recommended?**

Secretariat's Comments

REVIEW DATE(S)	Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement	Response to Secretariat comments
First Review	4/3/2026	4/21/2026
Additional Review (as necessary)		4/24/2026
Additional Review (as necessary)		5/11/2026
Additional Review (as necessary)		
Additional Review (as necessary)		