

# National child project under the GEF Africa Mini-grids Program Comoros

Review PIF and Make a recommendation

## Basic project information

**GEF ID**

10473

**Countries**

Comoros

**Project Name**

National child project under the GEF Africa Mini-grids Program Comoros

**Agencies**

UNDP

**Date received by PM**

1/21/2020

**Review completed by PM**

3/18/2020

**Program Manager**

Filippo Berardi

**Focal Area**

Climate Change

**Project Type**

MSP

## **PIF**

### **Part I – Project Information**

#### **Focal area elements**

**1. Is the project/program aligned with the relevant GEF focal area elements in Table A, as defined by the GEF 7 Programming Directions?**

#### **Secretariat Comment at PIF/Work Program Inclusion**

#### **Agency Response**

**Indicative project/program description summary**

2. Are the components in Table B and as described in the PIF sound, appropriate, and sufficiently clear to achieve the project/program objectives and the core indicators?

**Secretariat Comment at PIF/Work Program Inclusion**

**Agency Response**

Co-financing

3. Are the indicative expected amounts, sources and types of co-financing adequately documented and consistent with the requirements of the Co-Financing Policy and Guidelines, with a description on how the breakdown of co-financing was identified and meets the definition of investment mobilized?

**Secretariat Comment at PIF/Work Program Inclusion**

**Agency Response**

GEF Resource Availability

4. Is the proposed GEF financing in Table D (including the Agency fee) in line with GEF policies and guidelines? Are they within the resources available from (mark all that apply):

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**Agency Response**

The STAR allocation?

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The focal area allocation?

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**Agency Response**

The LDCF under the principle of equitable access

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**Agency Response**

The SCCF (Adaptation or Technology Transfer)?

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**Agency Response**

Focal area set-aside?

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**Agency Response**

Impact Program Incentive?

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**Agency Response**  
**Project Preparation Grant**

5. Is PPG requested in Table E within the allowable cap? Has an exception (e.g. for regional projects) been sufficiently substantiated? (not applicable to PFD)

**Secretariat Comment at PIF/Work Program Inclusion**

FB, March 18:

This item is cleared - the justification of why the proposed PPG is exceeding the policy cap and why an exception is needed, is accepted.

**Agency Response**

TLE, 02/03/2020

1. The higher PPG amount in Comoros is based on bottom-up cost estimates for a PPG team of international and national consultants to develop the CEO Endorsement Request. These cost estimates, itemized by consultant, are set out below, totaling USD 91,325 .

Of note, the PPG costs in Comoros are elevated by two factors:

· Comoros is the only Small Island Development State (SIDS) national child project in the AMP. SIDS represent a particular challenge for private sector investment in mini-grids, in particular given limitations around smaller market sizes and achieving economies of scale. To date there are few successful models which engage the private sector. The PPG mini-grid expert will be tasked with specifically looking into this issue and developing an AMP approach for SIDS.

· These estimates reflect that the geographic profile of Comoros results in high transaction costs as regards undertaking stakeholder consultations (particularly with the private sector).

PPG Team Leader	International	\$39,247
Mini-Grid Expert	International	\$17,800
Social & Environmental Safeguards Expert	International	\$7,889
Gender Specialist	International	\$10,299
National Consultant	National	\$16,000

**TOTAL**

**\$91,325**

2. With regard to other issues raised:

· The DREI assessment will occur at the beginning of project implementation

· UNDP hires safeguards and gender specialists in an 'execution' role in the PPG, for which UNDP then provides oversight via its agency fee. For this reason these have been included in the PPG budget

3. As suggested, the expected PPG implementation start date has been revised to March 27, 2020.

Core indicators

6. Are the identified core indicators in Table F calculated using the methodology included in the correspondent Guidelines? (GEF/C.54/11/Rev.01)

**Secretariat Comment at PIF/Work Program Inclusion**

**Agency Response**

Project/Program taxonomy

7. Is the project/ program properly tagged with the appropriate keywords as requested in Table G?

**Secretariat Comment at PIF/Work Program Inclusion**

**Agency Response**

Part II – Project Justification

1. Has the project/program described the global environmental / adaptation problems, including the root causes and barriers that need to be addressed?

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**Agency Response**

2. Is the baseline scenario or any associated baseline projects appropriately described?

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**Agency Response**

3. Does the proposed alternative scenario describe the expected outcomes and components of the project/program?

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**Agency Response**

4. Is the project/program aligned with focal area and/or Impact Program strategies?

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**Agency Response**

5. Is the incremental / additional cost reasoning properly described as per the Guidelines provided in GEF/C.31/12?

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**Agency Response**

6. Are the project's/program's indicative targeted contributions to global environmental benefits (measured through core indicators) reasonable and achievable? Or for adaptation benefits?

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**Agency Response**

7. Is there potential for innovation, sustainability and scaling up in this project?

**Secretariat Comment at PIF/Work Program Inclusion**

**Agency Response**

Project/Program Map and Coordinates

Is there a preliminary geo-reference to the project's/program's intended location?

**Secretariat Comment at PIF/Work Program Inclusion**

**Agency Response**

Stakeholders

Does the PIF/PFD include indicative information on Stakeholders engagement to date? If not, is the justification provided appropriate? Does the PIF/PFD include information about the proposed means of future engagement?

**Secretariat Comment at PIF/Work Program Inclusion**

**Agency Response**

Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment



**Is the articulation of gender context and indicative information on the importance and need to promote gender equality and the empowerment of women, adequate?**

**Secretariat Comment at PIF/Work Program Inclusion**

**Agency Response**

Private Sector Engagement

**Is the case made for private sector engagement consistent with the proposed approach?**

**Secretariat Comment at PIF/Work Program Inclusion**

**Agency Response**

Risks

**Does the project/program consider potential major risks, including the consequences of climate change, that might prevent the project objectives from being achieved or may be resulting from project/program implementation, and propose measures that address these risks to be further developed during the project design?**

**Secretariat Comment at PIF/Work Program Inclusion**

**Agency Response**

Coordination

**Is the institutional arrangement for project/program coordination including management, monitoring and evaluation outlined? Is there a description of possible coordination with relevant GEF-financed projects/programs and other bilateral/multilateral initiatives in the project/program area?**

**Secretariat Comment at PIF/Work Program Inclusion**

**Agency Response**

Consistency with National Priorities

Has the project/program cited alignment with any of the recipient country's national strategies and plans or reports and assessments under relevant conventions?

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**Agency Response**

Knowledge Management

Is the proposed "knowledge management (KM) approach" in line with GEF requirements to foster learning and sharing from relevant projects/programs, initiatives and evaluations; and contribute to the project's/program's overall impact and sustainability?

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**Agency Response**

Part III – Country Endorsements

Has the project/program been endorsed by the country's GEF Operational Focal Point and has the name and position been checked against the GEF data base?

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**Agency Response**

**Termsheet, reflow table and agency capacity in NGI Projects**

**Does the project provide sufficient detail in Annex A (indicative termsheet) to take a decision on the following selection criteria: co-financing ratios, financial terms and conditions, and financial additionality? If not, please provide comments. Does the project provide a detailed reflow table in Annex B to assess the project capacity of generating reflows? If not, please provide comments. After reading the questionnaire in Annex C, is the Partner Agency eligible to administer concessional finance? If not, please provide comments.**

**Secretariat Comment at PIF/Work Program Inclusion  
Agency Response**

**GEFSEC DECISION**

**RECOMMENDATION**

**Is the PIF/PFD recommended for technical clearance? Is the PPG (if requested) being recommended for clearance?**

**Secretariat Comment at PIF/Work Program Inclusion**

**ADDITIONAL COMMENTS**

**Additional recommendations to be considered by Agency at the time of CEO endorsement/approval.**

**Secretariat Comment at PIF/Work Program Inclusion**

**Review Dates**

	PIF Review	Agency Response
<b>First Review</b>		
<b>Additional Review (as necessary)</b>		
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**PIF Recommendation to CEO**

**Brief reasoning for recommendations to CEO for PIF Approval**