

# Establishing Lebanon's Transparency Framework

Edit and Submit CEO Endorsement

## Basic project information

**GEF ID**

9925

**Countries**

Lebanon

**Project Name**

Establishing Lebanon's Transparency Framework

**Agencies**

UNDP

**Date received by PM**

10/3/2018

**Review completed by PM**

**Program Manager**

Milena Vasquez

**Focal Area**

Climate Change

**Project Type**

MSP

## 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

The main change from PIF described in the Endorsement request is the change of source of the co-financing from ClimaSouth to CLIMA-MED; however, there is no explanation in how the project will coordinate with the CLIMA-MED project and how the co-financing will support this CBIT project more specifically. Please clarify under Incremental Cost Reasoning and Coordination sections.

This comment has been addressed.

#### Response to Secretariat comments

**Done.** Wording added in CEO endorsement and project document (page 17 for project document, and pages 13 and 18 for CEO endorsement)

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

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request Yes.

#### Response to Secretariat comments

**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 Yes.

#### Response to Secretariat comments

**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 Yes.

Response to Secretariat comments

**5. Is co-financing confirmed and evidence provided?**

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request

We could not find cofinancing letters confirming the listed cofinancing of 632,000.

Please upload a letter for each source.

Co-financing letters have been uploaded and co-financing confirmed.

Response to Secretariat comments **Done. Final versions of co-financing letters sent with CEO Endorsement**

**6. Are relevant tracking tools completed?**

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request Yes.

Response to Secretariat comments

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

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request

We note that in Section E the check box under Non-grant seems to have been inadvertently clicked. Please unclick as this project does NOT include non-grant instruments.

Thank you. This comment has been addressed.

Response to Secretariat comments **Done. On page 3 in CEO endorsement, section F asks ?Does the project include a ?non-grant? instrument?? and our answer was NO.**

**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

Yes, but refer to comment above regarding coordination with CLIMA-MED.

Comment addressed.

Response to Secretariat comments

**Done.** Information on coordination with CLIMA-MED added on page 18 of CEO endorsement.

**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 Yes.

Response to Secretariat comments

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

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request Yes.

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 N/A

Response to Secretariat comments

STAP

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request N/A

Response to Secretariat comments

GEF Council

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request N/A

Response to Secretariat comments

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

Not yet. Please address comments above. In addition, please see below comments:

- If the template allows, please select the relevant taxonomy for the project.
- In the A.3 stakeholders section, please check the role that the civil society will play in the project (options are Consulted only; member of advisory body; co-financier; member of project steering committee; executor; other).

Thank you for addressing most of our comments. Unfortunately, the comment above regarding the "check box" in section A.3 stakeholders section was not selected, although the explanation is provided. Please check it appropriately. In addition, we note that the project duration should be in months not years. Right now, it says 4 - should say 48.

MGV, Feb 22, 2019: The stakeholders section has been updated as requested. Comment cleared. The project duration seems to be locked and will be updated by IT at a later time. Comment cleared. PM recommends technical clearance; however, as of today Lebanon, has not yet ratified the Paris Agreement. Thus, CEO Endorsement recommendations is pending the completion of the ratification process.

Please note that Paragraph 26 of the Programing Directions for CBIT (GEF/C.50/06) states, "Proposals will be prioritized based on demonstrated responsiveness to Paris

Agreement transparency requirements under Article 13. Proposals will also be prioritized for those countries that are in most need of capacity-building assistance for transparency-related activities, in particular small island developing States (SIDs) and least developed countries (LDCs)?.

Taking into account the above Council decision, proposals from countries that have completed the Paris Agreement ratification/accession process will be prioritized. Upon completion of the ratification process, the agency is requested to inform the GEF Secretariat.

2/26/2020: Thank you for re-submitting after confirmation on Lebanon's ratification of the Paris Agreement. However, as a year has gone by and certain updates need to be carried out in the endorsement request. Please also submit an updated ProDoc. In addition, address comments below:

- Please change the project duration to accommodate the termination of the CBIT Trust Fund on October 2023. This will affect the multi-year plan as well.
- Please review and update co-financing as necessary.
- Please update baseline information to include latest BUR submitted to the UNFCCC.
- Please update the risks outlined to incorporate Lebanon's ongoing political instability and economic crisis, how it may affect this project and how it will be addressed.
- Please remove audits from the M&E budget.
- Please remove references to and section on provision of direct support services per our policies.

#### Response to Secretariat comments

- If the template allows, please select the relevant taxonomy for the project

**Done.** The GEF-6 template does not include the taxonomy, but the GEF-7 does. It is now included as an annex even though it is a GEF-7 annex.

- In the A.3 stakeholders section, please check the role that the civil society will play in the project (options are Consulted only; member of advisory body; co-financier; member of project steering committee; executor; other).

**Done.** Wording added on page 15 of the CEO endorsement, and civil society role already mentioned in Annex E.

Kindly see the 'check box in section A.3 stakeholders section, it is now selected. The box for the project duration doesn't let us to modify. Kindly asking your leading.

UNDP, 02/17/2020: Lebanon completed the ratification/accession process of the Paris Agreement on February 5<sup>th</sup>, 2020.  
[https://treaties.un.org/pages/ViewDetails.aspx?src=TREATY&mtdsg\\_no=XXVII-7-d&chapter=27&lang=en](https://treaties.un.org/pages/ViewDetails.aspx?src=TREATY&mtdsg_no=XXVII-7-d&chapter=27&lang=en)

#### Review Dates

	Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request	Response to Secretariat comments
<b>First Review</b>	<b>10/19/2018</b>	<b>11/16/2018</b>
<b>Additional Review (as necessary)</b>	<b>12/19/2018</b>	<b>1/24/2019</b>
<b>Additional Review (as necessary)</b>	<b>2/22/2019</b>	<b>2/17/2020</b>
<b>Additional Review (as necessary)</b>	<b>2/26/2020</b>	
<b>Additional Review (as necessary)</b>		