

# PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION REPORT

Project ID:	10908
Project Name:	Building adaptation and resilience to climate change in the essential oil sector in Madagascar (ARCHE)
Countr(ies):	Madagascar
Implementing Agency:	UNIDO

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## I. Overview

### A. Description

Project name

Building adaptation and resilience to climate change in the essential oil sector in Madagascar (ARCHE)

Country

Madagascar

GEF ID

10908

Implementing Agency

UNIDO

Executing Entity

National Coordination Bureau for Climate Change and REDD+ (BNCC-REDD+) - Ministry of Environment & Sustainable Development (MEDD)

Trust Fund

LDCF

Project Type

MSP

PIR Submission

9/15/2025

Fiscal Year , PIR Number

FY 2025 , 2nd PIR

Objective

Reduce vulnerability and increase resilience to climate change of the essential oils (EO) value chain by promoting the deployment of innovative adaptation technologies and services

### B. Ratings and Disbursements

Implementation Progress

Moderately Satisfactory

Development Objective

Satisfactory

Overall risk

Low Risk

Project Financing

1,945,250.00

Cumulative Disbursement

16,762.99

### C. Key Dates

CEO Endorsement/Approval

1/25/2023

Agency Approval

2/10/2023

Implementation Start 4/13/2023	First Disbursement
Expected MTR 6/30/2026	Actual MTR
Expected Completion 6/1/2028	Actual Completion

## II. PROGRESS STATUS AND ISSUES

### A. Progress: Information on progress and outcomes of project implementation activities

The project launch workshop was held on September 4, 2024. The signing of the Implementation Partner Agreement (IPA) between UNIDO and BNCCREDD+ as the national executing entity was signed on October 24, 2024, based on which the project bank account was opened in November 2024. The first transfer of project financing was received into the project bank account in Madagascar in March 2025, according to the terms of the IPA.

Two project management meetings were held between the PMU and UNIDO, First was held at the beginning of September 2024 before the launch of the project, the second in May 2025 before the actual execution of project activities. For the start and validation of the project activities, the first meeting of the Project Steering Committee was held on May 13, 2025.

During the initial months of project implementation, significant preparatory steps have been finalized, laying the groundwork for project implementation, with most technical activities now underway.

**PC 1: Institutional capacity building and mainstreaming climate resilience into the Essential Oils value chain.** Under Outcome 1.1, contracts were signed with GEHEM and Climate Kick to map stakeholders for gender equality and youth inclusion in the EO value chain, contributing to the KPI target of mapping at least three organizations. GEHEM's start-up report awaits validation; Climate KIC's is pending. These outputs support a climate-resilient EO strategy that incorporates gender dimensions, directly mainstreaming resilience into the EO sector.

**PC 2: Innovative adaptation technologies and services promoted and deployed along the EO value chain.** Key elements of the innovation support ecosystem were initiated. This included planning calls for pre-accelerator and accelerator programs, alongside designing outreach activities with a gender lens to ensure inclusive participation.

**PC 3: Knowledge sharing and learning.** This component includes the launch of a call for proposals to build the ARCHE Online Platform. This platform will showcase adaptation technologies and feature gender/youth-specific tabs, contributing directly to knowledge dissemination of outcomes.

Finally, the elaboration of the ARCHE project's Communication strategy is ongoing, awaiting an IT consultant to improve its contents. While most Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) are in early execution or planning phases, these initial activities effectively position the project to achieve its intended outputs and outcomes in the coming fiscal year.

\*At this point there are no deliverables available at the output levels, therefore no logframe of the project was enclosed.

### B. Challenges: Information on challenges of project implementation activities

The initial hurdles related to the assessment of execution capacity and finalization of the contract with the project executing entity are fully resolved by March 2025, with execution of activities expected to start in July 2025.

## C. Stakeholder Engagement

Decisions Made by the Project Steering Committee:

Validation of the Year 2 Project Work Plan, and approval of corresponding budget;

Sustainable Essential Oil and Climate Change (SEOCC) Platform may be renamed as needed to avoid confusion as an online platform or website, as long as the objective remains to improve coordination, share information on climate change and adaptation, promote Malagasy standards for the EO sector, support research and development, encourage gender equality and support for youth, and contribute to project implementation.

Validation of the regional hubs: these are interregional hubs, including Haute Matsiatra (which covers the Vakinankaratra, Haute Matsiatra, and Ihorombe regions) and Fitovinany (which covers the Vatovavy, Fitovinanny, and Atsimo Atsinanana regions).

The relevant stakeholder consultation documents: *Project Document, Minutes of the first Steering Committee meeting, Presentations of the Steering Committee Meeting, Annual work plan*

## D. Gender Equality

Project Steering Committee comprises of **7 women and 6 men**, demonstrating that **women's participation reached 50%** and the target was achieved with the number of women in the PSC.

## E. Knowledge Management

The project knowledge management approach relies on a key tools that support internal learning and communication. The project deep dives served as in-depth, focused sessions to unpack complex topics and share insights within the project team. Weekly update meetings ensure continuous knowledge exchange and alignment, allowing the project team to share progress and address challenges in real time. Additionally, our online file sharing system acts as a central repository for project documents, resources, and outputs, ensuring accessibility and transparency. Together, these tools are at this stage the backbone of our KM and communications system, helping us document, share, and apply knowledge effectively.

## III: Minor Amendments

CONTEXT	
Result Framework	
Components and Cost	
Institutional And Implementation Arrangements	
Financial Management	
Implementation Schedule	
Executing Entity	
Executing Entity Category	

Minor Project Objective Change	
Safeguards	
Risk Analysis	
Increase of GEF Financing up to 5%	
Co-Financing	
Location of Project Activity	
others	

#### IV: Geographic Coordinates of Project Activities

Location Name	Latitude	Longitude	GeoName ID
Antananarivo, Madagascar	-18.91	47.53	1,070,940

Location Description:

Activity Description:

Location Name	Latitude	Longitude	GeoName ID
Atsimo Atsinanana, Capital city : Farafangana	-22.82	47.83	1,065,159

Location Description:

Activity Description:

Location Name	Latitude	Longitude	GeoName ID
Vakinankaratra Capital city: Antsirabe	-19.8667	47.0333	1,069,166

Location Description:

Activity Description:

Location Name	Latitude	Longitude	GeoName ID
Amoron'i Mania, Capital city: Ambositra	-20.5167	47.25	1,079,088

Location Description:

Activity Description:

Location Name	Latitude	Longitude	GeoName ID
Haute Matsiatra , Capital city: Fianarantsoa	-21.4536	47.0858	1,067,686

Location Description:

Activity Description:

Location Name	Latitude	Longitude	GeoName ID
Vatovavy Fitovinany, Capital city: Manakara	-22.15	48.00	1,069,162

Location Description:

Activity Description:

Location Name	Latitude	Longitude	GeoName ID
Ihorombe , Capital city : Ihosy	-22.4036	46.1258	1,064,275

Location Description:

Activity Description:

## V. ANNEX

Uploaded Document

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