

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

Review CEO Endorsement and Make a recommendation

## Basic project information

**GEF ID**

10908

**Countries**

Madagascar

**Project Name**

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

**Agencies**

UNIDO

**Date received by PM**

11/29/2022

**Review completed by PM**

12/7/2022

**Program Manager**

Jason Spensley

**Focal Area**

Climate Change

**Project Type**

MSP

**PIF**   
**CEO Endorsement**

**Part I ? Project Information**

**Focal area elements**

**1. Does the project remain aligned with the relevant GEF focal area elements as presented in PIF (as indicated in table A)?**

**Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement Request**

**17 January 2022:**

**Thank you for the explanation. This is cleared.**

14 December 2022:

There is a 30k difference between the GEF Project Financing at PIF stage (\$1,746,484) and at CEO Approval stage (\$1,776,484) ? same with the Agency Fee (\$165,916 at PIF stage vs. \$168,766 at CEO Endorsement request ? see attached PIF Approval letter). This seems to be a typo. Please correct the GEF Project Financing and Agency Fee to match what was approved at PIF stage

**Agency Response**

UNIDO 6 January 2023:

During the PPG phase, it was considered to raise the GEF Financing by 30k in order to align the budget with the amount expressed in the Endorsement Letter of the Malagasy GEF OFP. This alignment would further ensure that the country's allocation for the GEF-7 cycle under the LDCF is entirely utilized and the planned support unlocked its maximum potential.

**Project description summary**

**2. Is the project structure/design appropriate to achieve the expected outcomes and outputs as in Table B and described in the project document?**

Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement Request

17 January 2022:

Cleared

14 December 2022:

There are multiple differences between the amounts provided in Table B and the amounts provided in Annex E. For example:

\$ 43,149 in component 2

\$ 1 for M&E

\$ 13,150 in the PMC

Please correct where necessary and make sure all the amounts match between the various sections in the portal and the overall project budget provided in Annex E.

Agency Response

UNIDO 6 January 2023:

The comment has been addressed and discrepancies have been revised.

**3. If this is a non-grant instrument, has a reflow calendar been presented in Annex D?**

Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement Request

14 December 2022:

N/A

Agency Response

Co-financing

**4. Are the confirmed expected amounts, sources and types of co-financing adequately documented, with supporting evidence and a description on how the breakdown of co-financing was identified**

**and meets the definition of investment mobilized, and a description of any major changes from PIF, consistent with the requirements of the Co-Financing Policy and Guidelines?**

Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement Request

17 January 2022:

Cleared

14 December 2022:

The significant increase in co-finance is well noted and appreciated.

GEHEM-GIE equity: Please change ?Recurrent expenditures? to ?Investment Mobilized.

Agency Response

UNIDO 6 January 2023:

Comment has been addressed and description changes.

**GEF Resource Availability**

**5. Is the financing presented in Table D adequate and does the project demonstrate a cost-effective approach to meet the project objectives?**

Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement Request

14 December 2022:

Yes

Agency Response

**Project Preparation Grant**

**6. Is the status and utilization of the PPG reported in Annex C in the document?**

Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement Request

14 December 2022:

Yes

Agency Response

**Core indicators**

**7. Are there changes/adjustments made in the core indicator targets indicated in Table E? Do they remain realistic?**

Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement Request

14 December 2022:

Cleared

Agency Response

**Part II ? Project Justification**

**1. Is there a sufficient elaboration on how the global environmental/adaptation problems, including the root causes and barriers, are going to be addressed?**

Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement Request

14 December 2022:

Cleared

Agency Response

**2. Is there an elaboration on how the baseline scenario or any associated baseline projects were derived?**

Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement Request

14 December 2022:

Cleared

Agency Response

**3. Is the proposed alternative scenario as described in PIF/PFD sound and adequate? Is there sufficient clarity on the expected outcomes and components of the project and a description on the project is aiming to achieve them?**

Secretariat Comment at PIF/Work Program Inclusion

14 December 2022:

Cleared

Agency Response

**4. Is there further elaboration on how the project is aligned with focal area/impact program strategies?**

Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement Request

14 December 2022:

Cleared

Agency Response

**5. Is the incremental reasoning, contribution from the baseline, and co-financing clearly elaborated?**

Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement Request

14 December 2022:

Cleared

Agency Response

**6. Is there further and better elaboration on the project's expected contribution to global environmental benefits or adaptation benefits?**

Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement Request

14 December 2022:

Cleared

Agency Response

**7. Is there further and better elaboration to show that the project is innovative and sustainable including the potential for scaling up?**

Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement Request

14 December 2022:

Cleared

Agency Response  
**Project Map and Coordinates**

**Is there an accurate and confirmed geo-referenced information where the project intervention will take place?**

Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement Request  
14 December 2022:

Yes

Agency Response  
**Child Project**

**If this is a child project, is there an adequate reflection of how it contributes to the overall program impact?**

Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement Request  
14 December 2022:

N/A

Agency Response  
**Stakeholders**

**Does the project include detailed report on stakeholders engaged during the design phase? Is there an adequate stakeholder engagement plan or equivalent documentation for the implementation phase, with information on Stakeholders who will be engaged, the means of engagement, and dissemination of information?**

Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement Request  
14 December 2022:

Yes

Agency Response  
**Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment**

**Has the gender analysis been completed? Did the gender analysis identify any gender differences, gaps or opportunities linked to project/program objectives and activities? If so, does the project/program include gender-responsive activities, gender-sensitive indicators and expected results?**

Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement Request  
14 December 2022:

Yes

Agency Response  
**Private Sector Engagement**

**If there is a private sector engagement, is there an elaboration of its role as a financier and/or as a stakeholder?**

Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement Request  
14 December 2022:

Cleared

Agency Response  
**Risks to Achieving Project Objectives**

**Has the project elaborated on indicated risks, including climate change, potential social and environmental risks that might prevent the project objectives from being achieved? Were there proposed measures that address these risks at the time of project implementation?**

Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement Request  
14 December 2022:

Yes

Agency Response  
**Coordination**

**Is the institutional arrangement for project implementation fully described? Is there an elaboration on possible coordination with relevant GEF-financed projects and other bilateral/multilateral initiatives in the project area?**

Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement Request  
14 December 2022:

Yes

Agency Response  
**Consistency with National Priorities**

**Has the project described the alignment of the project with identified national strategies and plans or reports and assessments under the relevant conventions?**

Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement Request  
14 December 2022:

Yes

Agency Response  
**Knowledge Management**

**Is the proposed Knowledge Management Approach for the project adequately elaborated with a timeline and a set of deliverables?**

Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement Request  
14 December 2022:

Yes

Agency Response  
**Environmental and Social Safeguard (ESS)**

**Are environmental and social risks, impacts and management measures adequately documented at this stage and consistent with requirements set out in SD/PL/03?**

Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement Request

14 December 2022:

Yes

Agency Response

**Monitoring and Evaluation**

**Does the project include a budgeted M&E Plan that monitors and measures results with indicators and targets?**

Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement Request

14 December 2022:

Yes

Agency Response

**Benefits**

**Are the socioeconomic benefits at the national and local levels sufficiently described resulting from the project? Is there an elaboration on how these benefits translate in supporting the achievement of GEBs or adaptation benefits?**

Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement Request

14 December 2022:

Yes

Agency Response

**Annexes**

**Are all the required annexes attached and adequately responded to?**

## Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement Request

17 January 2022:

Cleared

14 December 2022:

A) There are some tables in the main sections of the CER (table 4, table 6) as well as in Annex E) that don't fit within the Portal margins. Please correct this in all tables and annexes so that when the project documents are exported from the portal they contain all the complete information.

B) The budget, in Annex E, does not provide enough information to be reviewed. Please include details so one can assess the reasonability of each activity/expenditure charged to the different sources (project components, M&E and PMC) and confirm that the funds are used for eligible activities under GEF guidelines.

## Agency Response

UNIDO 6 January 2023:

A) Comment has been addressed.

B) Comment has been addressed and additional budget breakdown has been inserted. The funds will be used in line with the GEF guidelines.

## Project Results Framework

## Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement Request

14 December 2022:

Yes

## Agency Response

**GEF Secretariat comments**

## Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement Request

17 January 2022:

All comments are addressed

14 December 2022:

Please address the comments for policy adherence.

Agency Response

**Council comments**

Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement Request

14 December 2022:

Yes

Agency Response

**STAP comments**

Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement Request

14 December 2022:

No comments were made

Agency Response

**Convention Secretariat comments**

Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement Request

14 December 2022:

No comments were made

Agency Response

**Other Agencies comments**

Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement Request

14 December 2022:

No comments were made

Agency Response

**CSOs comments**

Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement Request

14 December 2022:

No comments were made

Agency Response  
**Status of PPG utilization**

Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement Request  
14 December 2022:

Cleared

Agency Response  
**Project maps and coordinates**

Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement Request  
14 December 2022:

Cleared

Agency Response  
**Does the termsheet in Annex F provide finalized financial terms and conditions? Does the termsheet and financial structure address concerns raised at PIF stage and that were pending to be resolved ahead of CEO endorsement? (For NGI Only)**

Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement Request  
14 December 2022:

N/A

Agency Response

**Do the Reflow Table Annex G and the Trustee Excel Sheet for reflows provide accurate reflow expectations of the project submitted? Assumptions for Reflows can be submitted to explain expected reflows. (For NGI Only)**

Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement Request  
14 December 2022:

N/A

Agency Response

**Did the agency Annex H provided with information to assess the Agency Capacity to generate and manage reflows? (For NGI Only)**

Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement Request

14 December 2022:

N/A

Agency Response

**GEFSEC DECISION**

**RECOMMENDATION**

**Is CEO endorsement recommended? (applies only to projects and child projects)**

Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement Request

**17 January 2022:**

**All comments are addressed.**

14 December 2022:

A set of comments need to be addressed in a resubmission please.

**Review Dates**

	<b>Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement</b>	<b>Response to Secretariat comments</b>
<b>First Review</b>	<b>12/14/2022</b>	
<b>Additional Review (as necessary)</b>	<b>1/17/2023</b>	
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**Secretariat Comment at  
CEO Endorsement**

**Response to  
Secretariat comments**

<b>Additional Review (as necessary)</b>
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**CEO Recommendation**

**Brief reasoning for CEO Recommendations**