



Global Biodiversity Framework Early Action Support (Asia Pacific 7)

Review CEO Endorsement and Make a recommendation

Basic project information

GEF ID

11029

Countries

Regional (Bhutan, Cambodia, China, India, Indonesia, Lao PDR, Malaysia)

Project Name

Global Biodiversity Framework Early Action Support (Asia Pacific 7)

Agencies

UNDP

Date received by PM

5/13/2022

Review completed by PM

5/18/2022

Program Manager

Mark Zimsky

Focal Area

Biodiversity

Project Type

EA

Expedited Enabling Activity req (CEO)

Part 1: Project Information

Focal area elements

Is the enabling activity aligned with the relevant GEF focal area elements as indicated in Table A and as defined by the GEF 7 Programming Directions?

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request
5/16/2022

Yes. The EA responds to the evolution of the GBF development process and facilitates preparation of NBSAP revision and alignment as well as enabling actions related to monitoring, policy coherence and biodiversity finance, all necessary elements for the implementation of the GBF. Cleared.

Agency Response
Project description summary

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
5/16/2022

Yes. Extensive upstream discussion has been undertaken to ensure project framework design is appropriate for the outcomes and outputs desired. Cleared.

Agency Response

Co-financing

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
5/16/2022

No cofinancing is required for EAs. Please report any cofinance that does materialize and that is easy to track during project implementation. Cleared.

Agency Response
GEF Resource Availability

Is the proposed GEF financing in Table D (including the Agency fee) in line with GEF policies and guidelines?

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5/16/2022

Yes. Cleared.

Agency Response
**Are they within the resources available from:
The STAR allocation?**

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request
5/16/2022

NA

Agency Response
The focal area allocation?

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request

5/16/2022

Yes. Cleared.

Agency Response

The LDCF under the principle of equitable access

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request

5/16/2022

NA

Agency Response

The SCCF (Adaptation or Technology Transfer)?

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request

5/16/2022

NA

Agency Response

Focal area set-aside?

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request

5/16/2022

Yes. Cleared.

Agency Response

Is the financing presented adequate and demonstrate a cost-effective approach to meet the project objectives?

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request

5/16/2022

Yes. Extensive upstream discussions were held on cost parameters. Cleared.

Agency Response

Part 2: Enabling Activity Justification

Background and Context.

Are the achievements of previously implemented enabling activities cited since the country(ies) became a party to the Convention?

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request

5/16/2022

Yes. Cleared.

Agency Response

Goals, Objectives, and Activities.

Is the project framework sufficiently described?

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request

5/16/2022

Yes. Cleared.

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

5/16/2022

Yes. Cleared.

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

5/16/2022

No.

In section 3 on Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment, please tick the relevant results area(s) the project is expected to contribute to achieve gender equality (Yes or No responses):

- closing gender gaps in access to and control over natural resources;
- improving women's participation and decision making; and or
- generating socio-economic benefits or services for women.

The above is a sub-category of the question: Does the project expect to include any gender-responsive measures to address gender gaps or promote gender equality and women's empowerment? The proponent already responded (yes), but you must specify which of the three result areas above is the project expected to contribute to (in terms of gender equality and women's empowerment).

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Cleared.

Agency Response

The following results areas were chosen:

- X closing gender gaps in access to and control over natural resources;
- X improving women's participation and decision making; and or

Monitoring and Evaluation.

Does the project include a budgeted M&E Plan?

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request

This MSP does not require a PIR. In lieu of the annual PIR reporting, the project will provide project status data during the annual reporting period in the GEF Portal. UNDP will implement one TE that will cover the 10 MSPs providing EA support for the recipient countries.

The TE will be budgeted for out of a global MSP technical support grant that will be provided to UNDP to facilitate technical support for the implementation of the 10 MSPs across all recipient countries. Cleared.

Agency Response

Cost Effectiveness.

Is the project cost effective?

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request

5/16/2022

Yes, very cost effective. Cleared.

Agency Response

Cost Ranges

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

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request

5/16/2022

NA

Agency Response

Part III. Endorsement/Approval by OFP

Country endorsement

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

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request

5/18/2022

Thank you. Please keep the program manager apprised of progress in this regard.

5/16/2022

No.

Letters of Endorsement: as stipulated in the Milestones section of the portal, this project was submitted on May 13, 2022. Kindly note that per Guidelines, the LoEs have to be signed by the official OFP at the time of the project submission. Out of the 7 letters, 2 of them were signed by an OFP who was not the official OFP by the time of submission: Cambodia and Malaysia. Below you will find the details. Please ask the Agency to either get new LoEs or obtain an email from the official OFP (in the column 'Current OFP?') during the circulation time, so the email can be uploaded in Portal. The Country Relations Team can help.

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5	Indonesia	Correct	Ibu Laksmi DHEWANTHI	8/20/2015	12/29/2021	Amount is correct on LoE
6	Lao PDR	Correct	Virana Sonnasingh	10/30/2020	12/24/2021	Amount is correct on LoE
7	Malaysia	Incorrect	Noor Afifah Abdul Razak	3/23/2022	12/24/2021	Letter signed by DATO' Jana Santhiran Muniayan

Agency Response

New LOEs or emails will be requested from the countries highlighted in yellow and they will be uploaded to the portal during the circulation time.

Response to Comments

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

GEF Secretariat Comment

5/16/2022

NA

Agency Response
Other Agencies comments?

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request

5/16/2022

NA

Agency Response
Council comments

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request

5/16/2022

NA

Agency Response
STAP Comments

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request

5/16/2022

NA

Agency Response
Convention Secretariat comments

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request

5/16/2022

Yes. Extensive upstream discussion was held with the CBD and their concerns have

been fully incorporated.

Agency Response
CSOs comments

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request

5/16/2022

NA

Agency Response
GEFSEC DECISION

RECOMMENDATION

Is CEO Endorsement/approval recommended?

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request

5/16/2022

No.

This EA should be a Regional not a Global one given it is only in Asia. Please revise.

Other Executing Partner is blank, please fill in UNDP as UNDP is executing.

Gender:

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5/18/2022

CEO approval is recommended.

Review Dates

	Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement	Response to Secretariat comments
First Review	5/17/2022	5/18/2022
Additional Review (as necessary)	5/18/2022	
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**Additional Review
(as necessary)**

CEO Recommendation

Brief reasoning for CEO Recommendations

The objective of this enabling activity support is to fast-track readiness and early actions to implement the post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework by providing financial and technical support to GEF-eligible Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) in their work to review and align their national targets, NBSAPs, policy frameworks, monitoring frameworks and finance with the Global Biodiversity Framework.

Each grant will support countries to achieve the following four outcomes:

- 1) NBSAPs are ready to be aligned and National Biodiversity targets are aligned with post-2020 GBF and relevant SDG targets
- 2) Enhanced and improved monitoring, reporting systems and transparency frameworks
- 3) Identification of actions for policy alignment and coherence on nature-related sectors
- 4) Biodiversity finance gaps defined, and opportunities for resource mobilization identified

COVID 19 risk mitigation plan is in place to support implementation.