

# Strengthening climate information and early warning systems for climate resilient development and adaptation to climate change in Guinea Bissau

Edit and Submit CEO Endorsement

## Basic project information

**GEF ID**

10105

**Countries**

Guinea-Bissau

**Project Name**

Strengthening climate information and early warning systems for climate resilient development and adaptation to climate change in Guinea Bissau

**Agencies**

UNDP

**Date received by PM**

12/20/2020

**Review completed by PM**

**Program Manager**

Katya Kuang-Idba

**Focal Area**

Climate Change

**Project Type**

FSP

**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

GEFSEC, 4/23/2021 - Yes

Agency Response

**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

GEFSEC, 5/3/2021 - Yes. The overall structure of the project makes sense and is well articulated in Table B as well as the description later in the submission.

Agency Response

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

Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement Request NA

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

GEFSEC, 4/23/2021 - Clarifications requested:

- Co-financing letters from the Ministry of Environment and UNDP are listed as grant, but the co-financing letters say different - In-kind and cash, respectively. Please edit the entry on the portal.

- The other two letters do not specify that it is grant financing being provided, please amend.

Agency Response

**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 GEFSEC, 4/23/2021 -

More information requested. is it possible to provide some additional information on the cost effectiveness of this project and how it is cost effective in comparison to viable alternatives?

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 GEFSEC, 4/23/2021 - Yes this is included in Annex C.

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 GEFSEC, 4/23/2021 - Clarification requested. At PIF stage an estimated 500 people were expected to be trained. Now, it's indicated that 50 will be trained. Is there a reason for this or is it a typo?

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 GEFSEC, 4/20/2021 - Some clarifications requested:

- 1) Does the project address the barrier regarding environmental databases?
- 2) Will the weather data collected by the new/improved weather stations will be relayed to the WMO's Global Basic Observation Network (GBON)? It is expected of all countries, but few are doing so, which is impacting the ability to generate regional forecasts with good lead time in Africa.

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

GEFSEC, 4/30/2021 - Not clear, more information requested. The baseline scenario and the project context make sense, however, it is difficult to understand which group of projects contribute to the baseline situation in the country. Please provide a summary of

which projects are providing co-financing and brief descriptions of these projects, including the timeline and main activities.

#### 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

GEFSEC, 5/3/2021 - Yes, the project structure makes sense and the outputs deliver against the respective outcomes.

#### 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

GEFSEC, 4/30/2021 - Yes, this project is well aligned with LDCE/SCCF focal area objectives 1,2, & 3.

#### Agency Response

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

#### Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement Request

GEFSEC, 4/30/2021 - No. The Section 1e/1(5) seems to be missing, and the way the proposal is currently structured makes it very difficult to determine the additional cost reasoning and the baseline / co-financing information. Is it possible to list each of the baseline investments in the baseline section, each with a brief description of the objective and main activities; as well as each of those interventions which are contributing co-financing to the proposed intervention? Currently it is difficult to determine the baseline projects which collectively make up the baseline scenario, and differentiate them from the projects which are contributing co-financing because there are no details provided on these projects. Therefore, understanding the additional cost basis and/or the LDCE contribution is also difficult.

#### 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

GEFSEC, 4/30/2021 - More information requested. Section 1f/1(6) seems to be missing -- This is the section where an articulation of the quantitative benefits provided in the results framework spreadsheet should be provided. A qualitative analysis detailing the project's expected contributions in terms of adaptation benefits would be appreciated.

#### 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

GEFSEC, 4/30/2021 - No - this section seems to be missing from the submission. There are references to sustainability and scaling up in the submission, but section 1g/1(7) is not articulated in the portal, please add.

#### 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

GEFSEC, 4/30/2021 - 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

NA

#### 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

GEFSEC, 4/30/2021 - More information requested. In section 3.VI of Annex 4 the prodoc states that a comprehensive plan will be developed and implemented. However, at this stage of project development, it seems that a plan for engaging stakeholders throughout implementation should have already been formulated. Please clarify and include in the relevant section of the portal.

#### 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

GEFSEC, 5/3/2021 - 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

GEFSEC, 4/30/2021 - More information requested. The submission refers to potential to include the private sector in non specific terms. At this stage of project development, some concrete examples of entities and engagement modalities would be appreciated, if relevant.

#### 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

GEFSEC, 4/30/2021 - Yes, the risk matrix is sufficiently developed. However, an additional section regarding COVID risk and opportunity would be appreciated. Please see the last comment box in this review sheet.

#### 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

GEFSEC, 5/3/2021 - Additional information requested. Coordination with other LDCF initiatives is described throughout the project description, but there is not much of summary in the requisite section. A brief but detailed synopsis of the coordination mechanisms with all relevant LDCF-financed projects in Guinea Bissau would be appreciated. Additionally, there are 9 projects in the GCF's pipeline in Guinea Bissau, some of which may be relevant to this initiative. A summary of whether and how this project will coordinate with ongoing GCF projects in GB would be appreciated.

#### 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

GEFSEC, 4/30/2021 - Yes. This project is well aligned with Guinea Bissau's national priorities. However, more information is requested regarding Component 2 -- More details on the specific interface with the NAP process would be appreciated.

#### 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



GEFSEC, 4/30/2021 - More information requested. The information provided in the KM section is appreciated, but is it possible to provide some type of plan with a set of deliverables?

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

GEFSEC, 12/22/2020 - 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

GEFSEC, 12/22/2020 - 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

GEFSEC, 4/30/2021 - More information requested. There is no specific information regarding how the infrastructure and information generated by this project will benefit the end users in terms of everyday impacts on their lives and quality of living. Is it possible to elaborate slightly on exactly how this project will result in socioeconomic benefits for those 100,000 estimated direct beneficiaries of this project?

Agency Response

**Annexes**

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

Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement Request

GEFSEC, 4/30/2021 - No. Annex B and Annex E need to be uploaded.

Agency Response

**Project Results Framework**

Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement Request GEFSEC, 4/30/2021 -

Yes.

Agency Response

**GEF Secretariat comments**

Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement Request GEFSEC, 4/30/2021 - In progress.

Agency Response

**Council comments**

Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement Request

GEFSEC, 4/23/2021 - No. Please include responses to comments from Council members in Annex B on the portal

[https://www.thegef.org/sites/default/files/work-program-documents/LDCF\\_SCCF%20Council%20Comments%20Compilation\\_Dec.2018.pdf](https://www.thegef.org/sites/default/files/work-program-documents/LDCF_SCCF%20Council%20Comments%20Compilation_Dec.2018.pdf)

Agency Response

**STAP comments**

Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement Request GEFSEC, 4/23/2021 - Not clear. Why does it say NA? Please include responses to STAP comments in Annex B on the portal: [https://www.thegef.org/sites/default/files/work-program-documents/Final%20STAP%20Screen%20PIF10105\\_Strengthening%20climate%20info%20early%20warning%20Guinea%20BissauCW\\_1.pdf](https://www.thegef.org/sites/default/files/work-program-documents/Final%20STAP%20Screen%20PIF10105_Strengthening%20climate%20info%20early%20warning%20Guinea%20BissauCW_1.pdf)

Agency Response

**Convention Secretariat comments**

Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement Request NA

Agency Response

**Other Agencies comments**

Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement Request NA

Agency Response

**CSOs comments**

Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement Request NA

Agency Response

**Status of PPG utilization**

Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement Request GEFSEC, 4/23/2021 -

Yes.

Agency Response

**Project maps and coordinates**

Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement Request GEFSEC, 5/3/2021 - Yes.

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

NA

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 NA

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 NA

Agency Response

**GEFSEC DECISION**

**RECOMMENDATION**

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

Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement Request

GEFSEC, 1/5/2021 - Please resubmit and include the Checklist for CEO Endorsement Template duly filled out for this project.

GEFSEC, 4/23/201- Not yet, please refer to flagged items and resubmit for consideration. Additional please consider the [below](#):

- 1) Please include a section elaborating further how this project will respond to challenges and risks posed by the COVID-19 pandemic to Guinea Bissau and the target area, as well as an opportunities analysis on how this project will contribute to the post-pandemic green recovery.
- 2) Please upload the full budget template onto the portal, as per the GEF guidelines
- 3) Please provide some more information regarding the amount of the budget that is allocated to international consultants -- the amount budgeted for international consultants is more than 5 times that of the local consultants. Considering this project is meant to build local capacity, some more information regarding how this is in line with that goal would be appreciated.
- 4) Please clarify what are the "Miscellaneous Expenses" under the budgeted expenses for the LDCF?
- 5) Where is the Theory of Change diagram?

**Review Dates**

**Secretariat Comment at  
CEO Endorsement**

**Response to  
Secretariat  
comments**

<b>First Review</b>	<b>5/3/2021</b>
<b>Additional Review (as necessary)</b>	
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