Implementation and institutionalization of a National Monitoring and Management Frameworks for Living Modified Organisms and Invasive Alien Species

Review CEO Endorsement and Make a recommendation

Basic project information

GEF ID

10981
Countries

Cameroon
Project Name

Implementation and institutionalization of a National Monitoring and Management Frameworks for Living Modified Organisms and Invasive Alien Species
Agencies

UNEP
Date received by PM

4/28/2023
Review completed by PM

5/11/2023
Program Manager

Adriana Moreira
Focal Area

Multi Focal Area
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
5-8-2023: The project is aligned with the Biodiversity focal area priorities (BD 2.6 and 3.8) and Land Degradation (LD 1.4).

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
5-8-2023: The proposed components and outputs described in Table B are appropriate

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 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

5-8-2023: Proposed co-financing is adequate.

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

5-8-2023: Proposed financing indicated in Table D is adequate.

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 5-8-23: Status of PPG utilization is reported 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

5-22-2023: Core Indicators targets need to be aligned with Results Framework. Please consider including the GEF Core Indicators and their targets explicitly in the Results Framework in Annex A.

Agency Response

5-26-2023

Core indicators and targets are included in the Project Results Framework in Annex A

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

5-8-2023: Barriers and threats are adequately described.

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

5-8-2023: Baseline scenario is well elaborated and adequate

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

5-8-2023: Alternative scenarios are adequately described.

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

5-8-2023: Proposed project is well aligned with focal area strategies.

Agency Response

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

Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement Request

5-8-2023: Incremental cost reasoning is adequate.

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

5-8-2023: Land based indicators have been provided and the GEBs are well described.

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

5-8-2023: Description of potential for innovation, sustainability and scaling up is adequate.

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

5-8-2023: Maps are satisfactory.

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

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

5-8-2023: Stakeholder engagement description and plan are satisfactory.

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

5-22-2023: The proposal includes a gender action plan which reflected the gender dimensions in the project components 1,2 and 3. However, it did not include a thorough gender analysis. Please, provide a gender analysis and summarize in the Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment section of the portal the proposed gender-responsive measures.

Agency Response

05-26-2023

The gender section was reviewed and updated to capture gender-responsive measures. It is further buttressed and budgets made available for dedicated actions as reflected in Annex P on the Gender Action plan the budget. The Project document requires the PMU to put in place measures to ensure that gender is taken into consideration within the execution of activities, in technical and advisory committees, and training activities.

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
5-8-2023: Private sector engagement description is adequate.

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

5-8-2023: Description of risks and mitigation approach is adequate.

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
5-8-2023: Description of institutional arrangements and coordination is satisfactory.

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

5-8-2023: Proposed project is well aligned with the country's national strategies.

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

5-8-2023: Project includes a component focusing on knowledge management and comprehensive communications approach.

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

5-9-23: Risks and impacts have been adequately described and safeguards documentation completed.

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

5-9-23: Project includes M&E plan with respective budget allocation.

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

5-9-23: Local and GEB benefits are adequately described.

Agency Response

Annexes

Are all the required annexes attached and adequately responded to?

Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement Request

5-22-23:The budget table is missing the column ?Responsible Executing Entity?. Also, please, clarify what ?Others? means ($21,603 exclusively in bank charges can?t be approved)

ANNEX E: Project Budget Table

Please attach a project budget table.

ANNEX F-1 : RECONCILIATION BETWEEN GEF ACTIVITY BASED BUDGET AND UNEP BUDGET LINE (GEF FUNDS ONLY US$)

Project title: Implementation and Institutionalization of a National Monitoring and Management Framework for Living Modified Organisms and Invasive Alien Species										
Project number:										
Project executing partner: Ministry of Environment, Protection of Nature and Sustainable Development (MINEPDED)										
Project implementation period:			Expenditure by project component/activity (provide description)							
From:			Add additional components/activities as required							Add a
To:										Expe
UNEP Budget Line			1	2	3	M&E	5(PM)	Total	Year 1*	Y
	5302	Communication for project management					3,600	3,600	1,300	
	5303	Production costs for awareness raising materials - posters, leaflets, booklets, etc						-		
	5304	Others (Bank Charges etc)	680	5,030	15,353			21,063	7,000	
	5399	**Sub-total**	**4,066**	**27,030**	**32,553**	-	**3,600**	**67,249**	**22,500**	

Agency Response

05-26-2023

Budget ? A column on ?Responsibility has been introduced and the budget item on ?others? included in dedicated areas related directly to project delivery.

Project Results Framework

Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement Request 5-9-23: Project results framework is adequate.

Agency Response

GEF Secretariat comments

Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement Request 5-22-23: Please, address the comments above and resubmit for further review. Thanks!

Agency Response

Council comments

Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement Request

Agency Response

STAP comments

Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement Request

Agency Response

Convention Secretariat comments

Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement Request

Agency Response

Other Agencies comments

Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement Request

Agency Response

CSOs comments

Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement Request

Agency Response

Status of PPG utilization

Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement Request

Agency Response

Project maps and coordinates

Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement Request

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

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

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

Agency Response

GEFSEC DECISION

RECOMMENDATION

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

Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement Request

Review Dates

	Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement	Response to Secretariat comments
First Review		
Additional Review (as necessary)		
Additional Review (as necessary)		
Additional Review (as necessary)		
Additional Review (as necessary)		

CEO Recommendation

Brief reasoning for CEO Recommendations