PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION REPORT

Project ID:	10195
Project Name:	CSIDS-SOILCARE Phase1: Caribbean Small Island Developing States (SIDS) multicountry soil management initiative for Integrated Landscape Restoration and climate-resilient food systems
Countr(ies):	Regional, Antigua and Barbuda, Belize, Grenada, Guyana, Haiti, Jamaica, St. Lucia, Barbados
Implementing Agency:	FAO

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I. Overview

A. Description

Project name

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Country

Regional, Antigua and Barbuda, Belize, Grenada, Guyana, Haiti, Jamaica, St. Lucia, Barbados

GEF ID	Implementing Agency
10195	FAO

Executing Entity

Partnership Initiative For Sustainable Land Management (PISLM) in Caribbean Small Island Developing States (SIDS)

Trust Fund	Project Type
MTF	FSP

PIR Submission	Fiscal Year , PIR Number
9/11/2025	FY 2025 , 3rd PIR

Objective

To Strengthen Caribbean SIDS with the necessary tools for adopting policies, measures and best practices and support review of legal and institutional frameworks to achieve Land Degradation Neutrality LDN and Climate Resilience

B. Ratings and Disbursements

Implementation Progress	Development Objective
Moderately Satisfactory	Moderately Satisfactory

Overall risk

Substantial

Project Financing	Cumulative Disbursement
8,929,949.00	5,449,942.21

C. Key Dates

CEO Endorsement/Approval 9/23/2021	Agency Approval 1/20/2021
Implementation Start 11/24/2021	First Disbursement 12/31/2021
Expected MTR	Actual MTR 2/19/2025
Expected Completion 11/23/2025	Actual Completion

II. PROGRESS STATUS AND ISSUES

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

Significant progress has been achieved under Component 1 of the SOILCARE Phase 1 initiative. National-level soil sampling activities have been successfully undertaken across all participating countries, with the exception of Haiti, where operations are scheduled to begin by August 2025. In Guyana, sampling is nearly complete, with only a few sites pending due to a vehicular accident during field operations. All intervention site soil sampling and analysis have been completed.

Laboratory equipment has been procured and distributed to all countries, except Haiti, due to ongoing social unrest. Building on the succesful completion of the training on Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) and data interpretation which was conducted to ensure appropriate use of the new lab equipment, a SOC Training for heads of labs, Labs technicians, Agronomist, and Extensions Officers was successfully completed with over 26 participants from the 8 countries participating. Additionally, several technical assessments—including DPSIR Reports, Climate-Smart Agriculture (CSA) and Vulnerability Assessments, Land Capability Assessments, and CSA Guidelines—have been finalized and validated, with field implementation activities set to commence in the third quarter of 2025. With support form the Global Soil Partnership, five countries now have updatd soil information for many parameters, and importantly for organic carbon stocks. With Support from teh GSP, countries have been trained to create SOC sequestration maps with one being produced for Antigua and Barbuda.

Institutional strengthening efforts have advanced significantly. The Caribbean Soil Support Group and the Sustainable Land and Soil Management Framework Agreement Group have been formally established and endorsed by Ministers responsible for the Environment. These bodies held their inaugural in person meeting in May 2024. The Caribbean Soil Laboratory Network (CarSoLan) has also been fully formulated and recognized by CARICOM Ministers. These bodies have completed their TOR for operations, meet frequently and are also providing support to ongoing regional soils and land management initiatives. They also participate in Global Soils activities.

Capacity building and stakeholder engagement activities have seen strong participation. A total of 451 stakeholders (316 males and 123 females) were engaged through Climate-Smart Agriculture Compliant (C-SAC) and DPSIR Intervention Site Capacity Building workshops. In total, over 500 individuals were trained in areas including HNVI C-SAC, soils database management, CARSIS, Land Degradation Neutrality (LDN), the Soils Doctors program, and gender mainstreaming. A specific gender mainstreaming workshop was also conducted for SOILCARE staff.

B. Challenges: Information on challenges of project implementation activities

Several challenges persist. The major challenge in the past 12 months is the issue of coordinating with local authorities to finalize their plans for the intervention sites. The PMU places high regard for local input and authorization of activites before commencement but the lengthy Delays in shipping and clearing soil samples through Trinidadian customs have impacted timely analysis of samples from both national and intervention sites. This persist with long waiting periods for the permits to be renewed. A regional lack of expertise in geo-statistics has delayed the creation of national soil maps necessary for the CARSIS system, hindering its operationalization. Furthermore, countries' limited technical capacity and scheduling conflicts between trainers and national programs have affected the implementation of in-person training activities. One challenge that must not be overlooked is the delay in funding for the initiation of the project. The final PRODOC was signed off in September 2021 and funds were only transferred to the PISLM in December 2021. This must be given due regard as it posed challenges in the mobilization of human resources from the Executing Entity and the National stakeholders. December to January are two months in which government officesare otherwise occupied and as such, without finances on hand to facilitate in-country launches and workshops, this led to a late start. The impacts of national disasters such as hurricanes on project sites affects implementation along with the limited number of input suppliers and capacity for installations of equipment available to complete procurement.
The PMU continues to grapple with the social conflict still ongoing in Haiti which has affected the delivery of soil lab equipment and participation of technical officers in regional training sessions. Additionally, the lack of capacity within the countries and the difficulty of coordinating among all the Government stakeholders responsible for approving the intervention site plans has proved to be an ongoing issue that has caused severe delays in starting the work in the sites.

C. Stakeholder Engagement

Profile	Stakeholder name	Type of partnership	Progress, results & Challenges on Stakeholder's Engagement
Government Institutions	Ministries of Environment and Agriculture in the participating countries	Cofinancing	Ministries have coordinated the holding of national workshops. The Government process of obtaining approvals for many activities has been slow and has caused delays.
Government Institutions	National Focal Points in the Participating Countries for SLM (UNCCD); SSM (Global Soil Partnership); Climate Change (UNFCCC); and GEF.	Cofinancing	Busy schedule and mandate of focal points have led to delays in some aspects of the project implementation.
NGOs	Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations	Implementing partner	FAO has assisted greatly with the creation of soil sampling designs, soil maps, training sessions and review of reports.
Others	Farmers organizations in the Participating countries	Strategic Partner	Many farmers have been engaged in validating the reccommendations for the intervention sites.
Others	Academia, in particular, the University of the West Indies, St. Augustine Campus, Trinidad and Tobago; the University of Guyana, Guyana; and the University of Belize, Belize.	Strategic Partner	Feedback from the UWI has been slow regarding the implementation of the RAC on NAT on the 25 acres facility. Analysis of soil samples has been delayed due to reduced capacity of the lab in light of regular scheduled classes.
Government Institutions	The PISLM High Level Ministerial Group	Cofinancing	The Ministers have given their full support to the project's objectives but feedback can sometimes be delayed which delays key activities.
IGOs	The Caribbean Community and its Organs (e.g., the Conference of the Heads of Government, Council on Trade and Economic Development (COTED), etc.).	Strategic Partner	The CARICOM Secretariat has been a valuable partner, helping to get the achievements of the project to the wider government spheres.

D. Gender Equality

Category	Yes/No	Briefly describe progress and results achieved during this reporting period.
a. Closing gender gaps in access to and control overal natural resources	No	
b. Improving women's participation and decision making	Yes	The PMU has made significant strides in ensuring female participation in regional and national capacity building initiatives.
c. generating socio-economic benefits or services for women	No	
Any other good practices on gender	Yes	Gender equality is encouraged at every level and information on participation levels are recorded.

E. Knowledge Management

Knowledge management and Learning (KML): Does the project have a KML strategy?	Yes
If YES, what is the implementation progress? In your answer, please describe how the project is fostering knowledge sharing and learning among stakeholders at national and sub-national level.	
If NO, how does the project identify, collect and document good practices?	
Please list good practices, including key-technical and/or institutional innovations, from the project thus far.	
Communication strategy: Does the project have a communication strategy?	
Please provide a brief overview of the communications successes and challenges this fiscal year.	
Human-interest story: Please share a human-interest story from your project, focusing on how the project has helped to improve people's livelihoods while contributing to achieving the expected Global Environmental Benefits. Please indicate any Socio-economic Co-benefits that were generated by the project. Include at least one beneficiary quote and perspective, and please also include related photos and photo credits.	
Please provide links to related website, social media account	
Please provide a list of publications, leaflets, video materials, newsletters, or other communications assets publised on the web, if any.	
Please indicate the Communication and/or knowledge management focal point's name and contact detais.	

III: Minor Amendments

CONTEXT	
Result Framework	a) The government of Belize has requested assistance under the project to update their Land Use Policy. This was presented at the 2nd Project Steering committee meeting.
Components and Cost	The PMU requested the move of 50,000USD from BL3210 (Capacity) to BL4201 (Procurement of Soil Lab Equipment) The PMU requested the move of 50,000USD from BL4207 (Reforestation Activity) to BL 1203 (National Assistant) toaddress the lack in capacity in Ministries to support the implementation of work in components 2 , 3 and 4.
Institutional And Implementation Arrangements	
Financial Management	a) In relation to the point mentioned above re Belize, at said meeting it was suggested that 50,000 USD under BL4209 allotted to Belize be reallocated to this activity. b) Utilization of funds from BL4702 to cover initial round of analysis of soil samples from target sites totalling approximately 8,000.00 USD.
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	Haiti has changed its target site under Component 2 from 'Lac Azeui of Fond Parisien' to 'Marion River Watershed'. Under Component 3 the site has changed from Rio Marion watershed to the Samana Watershed. St. Lucia – Component 2 site change from 'Choiseul' to 'Saltibus Choiseul'; Component 3 changed from 'Bois Den Jacmel' to 'Grand Riviere, Dennery'; Component 4 site change from 'Cendre de Feu/Sarot Bexon' to 'Roseau, Quarter of Anse La Raye'.
others	

IV: Geographic Coordinates of Project Activities

Location Name	Latitude	Longitude	GeoName ID
Coggins	13.2277	-59.56269333	

Location Description:

Activity Description:

Barbados -Soil sample point on intervention site

Location Name	Latitude	Longitude	GeoName ID
COG	13.22871	-59.56180833	

Location Description:

Activity Description:

Barbados -Soil sample point on intervention site

Location Name	Latitude	Longitude	GeoName ID
COG	13.22765	-59.56126	

Location Description:

Activity Description:

Barbados -Soil sample point on intervention site

Location Name	Latitude	Longitude	GeoName ID
Nature Fun Ranch	13.2252	-59.56455167	

Location Description:

Activity Description:

Barbados -Soil sample point on intervention site

Location Name	Latitude	Longitude	GeoName ID
NFR	13.2252	-59.56342833	

Location Description:

Activity Description:

Barbados -Soil sample point on intervention site

Location Name	Latitude	Longitude	GeoName ID
NFR	13.22618	-59.56492667	

Location Description:

Activity Description:

Barbados -Soil sample point on intervention site

Location Name	Latitude	Longitude	GeoName ID
Misty Wood Farm	13.22435	-59.58808667	

Location Description:

Activity Description:

Barbados -Soil sample point on intervention site

Location Name	Latitude	Longitude	GeoName ID
MWF	13.22405	-59.58754333	

Location Description:

Activity Description:

Barbados -Soil sample point on intervention site

Location Name	Latitude	Longitude	GeoName ID
Sedge Pond	13.24201	-59.59362667	

Location Description:

Activity Description:

Barbados -Soil sample point on intervention site

Location Name	Latitude	Longitude	GeoName ID
SEP	13.24308	-59.59422333	

Location Description:

Activity Description:

Location Name	Latitude	Longitude	GeoName ID
Mystic Valley Farm	13.24402	-59.58877833	

Location Description:

Activity Description:

Barbados -Soil sample point on intervention site

Location Name	Latitude	Longitude	GeoName ID
Greenland Overhill	13.26498	-59.58277667	

Location Description:

Activity Description:

Barbados -Soil sample point on intervention site

Location Name	Latitude	Longitude	GeoName ID
GRE	13.26657	-59.58252243	

Location Description:

Activity Description:

Barbados -Soil sample point on intervention site

Location Name	Latitude	Longitude	GeoName ID
Codrington college	13.17656	-59.47726333	

Location Description:

Activity Description:

Barbados -Soil sample point on intervention site

Location Name	Latitude	Longitude	GeoName ID
Roseau	13.95692	-61.01999	

Location Description:

Activity Description:

St. Lucia -Soil sample point on intervention site

Location Name	Latitude	Longitude	GeoName ID
SALCC	13.93392	-60.92690	

Location Description:

Activity Description:

St. Lucia -Soil sample point on intervention site

Location Name	Latitude	Longitude	GeoName ID
Holland estate	18.098917	-77.806152	

Location Description:

Activity Description:

Jamaica -Soil sample point on intervention site

Location Name	Latitude	Longitude	GeoName ID
Ginger Hill	18.204277	-77.866074	

Location Description:

Activity Description:

Jamaica -Soil sample point on intervention site

Location Name	Latitude	Longitude	GeoName ID
Yellow River	18.21154	-77.49767	

Location Description:

Activity Description:

Jamaica -Soil sample point on intervention site

Location Name	Latitude	Longitude	GeoName ID
Chambord	12.20689	-61.61663	

Location Description:

Activity Description:

Grenada -Soil sample point on intervention site

Location Name	Latitude	Longitude	GeoName ID
Les Avocat	12.110556	-61.711389	

Location Description:

Activity Description:

Grenada -Soil sample point on intervention site

Location Name	Latitude	Longitude	GeoName ID
Limlair	12.49890	-61.431980	

Location Description:

Activity Description:

Grenada -Soil sample point on intervention site

Location Name	Latitude	Longitude	GeoName ID
Belle Vue South	12.48527778	-61.46750	

Location Description:

Activity Description:

Grenada -Soil sample point on intervention site

Location Name	Latitude	Longitude	GeoName ID
LIMONADE	18.52944500	-72.32361000	

Location Description:

Activity Description:

Haiti- Soil sample point on intervention site

Location Name	Latitude	Longitude	GeoName ID
LOCALITE CAIQUE	19.27212000	-71.99355300	

Location Description:

Activity Description:

Haiti- Soil sample point on intervention site

Location Name	Latitude	Longitude	GeoName ID
CULTUR	19.26932600	-71.99548800	

Location Description:

Activity Description:

Haiti- Soil sample point on intervention site

Location Name	Latitude	Longitude	GeoName ID
RIV SAMANA	19.29727100	-71.90781100	

Location Description:

Activity Description:

Haiti- Soil sample point on intervention site

Location Name	Latitude	Longitude	GeoName ID
RIV HYGUE	19.26082500	-71.92325600	

Location Description:

Activity Description:

Haiti- Soil sample point on intervention site

Location Name	Latitude	Longitude	GeoName ID
COROSSI	19.26200800	-71.92272800	

Location Description:

Activity Description:

Location Name	Latitude	Longitude	GeoName ID
APOLON	19.29633600	-71.95622000	

Location Description:

Activity Description:

Haiti- Soil sample point on intervention site

Location Name	Latitude	Longitude	GeoName ID
LAC COLLINAIRE BWA COUL	19.28739700	-71.94929200	

Location Description:

Activity Description:

Location Name	Latitude	Longitude	GeoName ID
DEMAHADE	19.25264900	-71.95766700	

Location Description:

Activity Description:

Location Name	Latitude	Longitude	GeoName ID
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Location Description:

Activity Description:

Location Name	Latitude	Longitude	GeoName ID
KENGUE	19.26984600	-71.97867900	

Location Description:

Activity Description:

Location Name	Latitude	Longitude	GeoName ID
LABOQUE	19.26888100	-72.00717300	

Location Description:

Activity Description:

Haiti- Soil sample point on intervention site

Location Name	Latitude	Longitude	GeoName ID
RIV DLO PISSA	19.51793800	-71.90785900	

Location Description:

Activity Description:

Haiti- Soil sample point on intervention site

Location Name	Latitude	Longitude	GeoName ID
RIV MARION	19.51478600	-71.89377500	

Location Description:

Activity Description:

Location Name	Latitude	Longitude	GeoName ID
GRANDON	19.45677000	-71.88465400	

Location Description:

Activity Description:

Location Name	Latitude	Longitude	GeoName ID
CAFOU VINCENT	19.51129200	-71.88492000	

Location Description:

Activity Description:

Location Name	Latitude	Longitude	GeoName ID
RIV DIMICALIN	19.51850300	-71.92797000	

Location Description:

Activity Description:

Haiti- Soil sample point on intervention site

Location Name	Latitude	Longitude	GeoName ID
DIMICALIN	19.51946200	-71.92771300	

Location Description:

Activity Description:

Location Name	Latitude	Longitude	GeoName ID
BARRAGE MARION	19.54564600	-71.89352500	

Location Description:

Activity Description:

Location Name	Latitude	Longitude	GeoName ID
ENTREE MARRION	19.56651600	-71.93373100	

Location Description:

Activity Description:

Haiti- Soil sample point on intervention site

Location Name	Latitude	Longitude	GeoName ID
PLAINE TERRIE ROUGE	19.61936500	-71.95723800	

Location Description:

Activity Description:

Haiti- Soil sample point on intervention site

Location Name	Latitude	Longitude	GeoName ID
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Location Description:

Activity Description:

Haiti- Soil sample point on intervention site

Location Name	Latitude	Longitude	GeoName ID

UNIVERSITE LIMONADE	19.65505200	-72.07009700	

Location Description:

Activity Description:

Haiti- Soil sample point on intervention site

V. ANNEX

Uploaded Document

Document Category	Title
M and E Document	GEFID10195_2025PIR_FAO_Regional