

Coastal Area Resilience Enhancement for Nauru (CARE4N)

Review CEO Approval and Make a recommendation

Basic project information

GEF ID
11705
Countries
Nauru
Project Name
Coastal Area Resilience Enhancement for Nauru (CARE4N)
Agencies
ADB
Date received by PM
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Program Manager
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Focal Area
Climate Change
Project Type
MSP

CEO

Part I - General Project Information

1. a) Is the Project Information table correctly filled, including specifying adequate executing partners?

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request

Dec 16, 2025

Yes.

Agency Response

b) Are the Rio Markers for CCM, CCA, BD and LD correctly selected, if applicable?

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request

Dec 16, 2025

Yes.

Agency Response

2. Project Summary.

- a) Does the project summary concisely describe the problem to be addressed, the project objective and the strategies to deliver the GEBs or adaptation benefits and other key expected outcomes?**
- b) Does the summary capture the essence of the project and is it within the max. of 250 words?**
- c) [If a child project under a program] Does the project summary include adequate and substantive link with the parent program goal and approach?**

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request

Dec 16, 2025

Yes.

Agency Response

3. Project Description Overview

- a) Is the project objective statement concise, clear and measurable?**
- b) [If a child project under a program] Is there a project Theory of Change that is aligned and consistent with the overall program goal and approach?**
- c) Are the components, outcomes, and outputs sound, appropriate and sufficiently clear to achieve the project objective and the core indicators per the stated Theory of Change?**
- d) Are gender dimensions, knowledge management, and M&E included within the project components and budgeted for?**
- e) Are the GEF Project Financing and Co-Financing contributions to PMC proportional?**
- f) Is the PMC equal to or below 10% (for MSP) or 5% (for FSP)? If above, is the justification acceptable?**

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request

March 20, 2026

a, c) Yes - the revised objective and project components look good.

Dec 16, 2025

b, d, e, f) Yes.

a) Not yet. Please add a bit more detail by aligning the objective statement with the objective included in ToC.

c) Not yet. There are several discrepancies between outcomes and outputs for Component 3 listed in the "Project Components" section and "B. Project Description" section. Please make sure that they are back to back.

Agency Response

ADB

a) Further consultations have led to a clarification of the Objective. See notably the revised table in the ?Child Project Description Overview?, Section B and Annex C. Theory of Change diagram and description are fully aligned.

c) have led to a clarification of the Components and Outcomes. See notably the revised table in the ?Child Project Description Overview?, Section B and Annex C. Theory of Change is also consistent.

4. Project Outline

A. Project Rationale

a) Is the current situation (including global environmental problems, key drivers of environmental degradation, climate vulnerability) clearly and adequately described from a systems perspective and adequately addressed by the project design?

b) Have the role of stakeholders, incl. the private sector and local actors in the system been described and how they will contribute to GEBs and/or adaptation benefits and other project outcomes? Is the private sector seen mainly as a stakeholder or as financier?

c) If this is an NGI project, is there a description of how the project and its financial structure are addressing financial barriers?

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request

March 20, 2026

a, b) Yes - thank you for addressing the comment.

Dec 16, 2025

a, b) Yes; however, footnotes under "Project Rationale" and "Project Description" are not properly presented on the Portal. Please rework on them.

c) N/A

Agency Response

ADB

b) Footnotes have been tidied and presented properly.

5 B. Project Description

5.1 a) Is there a concise theory of change (narrative and an optional schematic) that describes the project logic, including how the project design elements are contributing to the objective, the identified causal pathways, the focus and basis (including scientific) of the proposed solutions, how they provide a robust approach? Are underlying key assumptions listed?

b) [If a child project under a program] Is the Theory of change aligned with and consistent with the

overall program goal and approach?

c) Is there a description of how the GEF alternative will build on ongoing/previous investments (GEF and non-GEF), lessons and experiences in the country/region? [If a child project under a program] Does the description include how the alternative aligns with and contributes to the overall program goal and approach?

d) Are the project components (interventions and activities) described and proposed solutions and critical assumptions and risks properly justified? Is there an indication of why the project approach has been selected over other potential options?

e) Incremental/additional cost reasoning: Is the incremental/additional cost reasoning properly described as per the Guidelines provided in GEF/C.31/12? Has the baseline scenario and/or associated baseline projects been described? Is the project incremental reasoning provisioned (including the role of the GEF)? Are the global environmental benefits and/or adaptation benefits identified?

f) Other Benefits: Are the socioeconomic benefits resulting from the project at the national and local levels sufficiently described?

g) Is the financing presented in the annexed financing table adequate and demonstrate a cost-effective approach to meet the project objectives? Are items charged to the PMC reasonable according to the GEF guidelines?

h) How does the project design ensure resilience to future changes in the drivers and adaptive management needs and options (as applicable for this FSP/MSP)?

i) Are the relevant stakeholders (including women, private sector, CSO, e.g.) and their roles adequately described within the components?

j) Gender: Does the gender analysis identify any gender differences, gaps or opportunities linked to project/program objectives and activities and have these been taken up in component design and description/s?

k) Are the proposed elements to capture and disseminate knowledge and learning outputs and strategic communication adequately described?

l) Policy Coherence: Have any policies, regulations or subsidies been identified that could counteract the intended project outcomes and how will that be addressed?

m) Transformation and/or innovation: Is the project going to be transformative or innovative? [If a child project under an integrated program] Are the specific levers of transformation identified and described? Does it explain scaling up opportunities?

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request

March 20, 2026

d, i, j, k, l) Yes - thank you for addressing all comments, particularly on gender considerations.

Dec 16, 2025

a-c, e-h, m) Yes.

d) Not yet.

- There are several discrepancies between outcomes and outputs for Component 3 listed in the "Project Components" section and "B. Project Description" section. Please make sure that they are back to back.

- Under Output 2.1.1, please mention the gender balance in the membership of the Project Steering Committee (PSC). Please also consider including the engagement with local communities. The inclusion of civil society and local government is appreciated.

- There are important gender dimensions in Component 2, in particular, Outputs 2.1.4, 2.2.2, 2.2.3. Please include the gender aspects in these outputs.

- Under the "Policy Requirements" section, the project ticked the box on the line: Closing gender gaps in access to and control over natural resources. Please ensure that the project's interventions address this (e.g., if there are gender-specific measures related to Output 2.1.4).

i) Yes. However, please consolidate "Stakeholder contribution" and "STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT" subsections to avoid redundancy.

j) Not yet.

- Please refer to the gender-related comment for d) and k).
- Under M&E, please ensure that in PIRs, MTR and TE, gender-specific results are reported on. Please also report on the implementation of the Gender Action Plan.

k) Not yet.

- Please consolidate "Knowledge use and knowledge generation" and "KNOWLEDGE MANAGEMENT" subsections to avoid redundancy.
- Please ensure that some KMs include best practices and lessons learned in advancing women's empowerment in the project, and are widely disseminated.

l) Yes. However, please remove the "Contribution and alignment to national policies, strategies, and plans" subsection to avoid redundancy, as the same content is repeated under "Alignment with GEF-8 Programming Strategies and Country/Regional Priorities" section.

Agency Response

ADB

d) have led to a clarification of the Components and Outcomes. See notably the revised table in the ?Child Project Description Overview?, Section B and Annex C. Theory of Change is also consistent.

i) done

j) gender elements have been strengthened throughout the CER. M&E adjustments include PIR and gender-reporting

k) See revised Section E. - there will be alignment with other ADB initiatives, notably TA 6742 on building coastal resilience.

l) The "Contribution and alignment to national policies, strategies, and plans" sub-section has been deleted as requested.

5.2 Institutional Arrangements and Coordination with Ongoing Initiatives and Project

a) Are the institutional arrangements, including potential executing partners, outlined on regional, national/local levels and a rationale provided? Has an organogram and/or funds flow diagram been included?

b) Comment on proposed agency execution support (if agency expects to request exception). Is GEF in support of the request?

c) Is there a description of coordination and cooperation with ongoing GEF and non-GEF financed projects/programs (such as government and/or other bilateral/multilateral supported initiatives in the project area, e.g.).

d) [If a child project under an integrated program] Does the framework for coordination and collaboration demonstrate consistency with overall ambition of the program for transformative change?

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request

April 3, 2026

b) The dual execution is approved on an exceptional basis, while GEF notes that the Agency's share is high. Please try to lower the Agency's share for future projects that require dual execution.

March 20, 2026

b) Thank you for additional information provided. GEF will internally review it and confirm the proposed arrangement in due course.

Dec 16, 2025

a, c, d) Yes.

b) Not yet.

- The assessment report is high-level and does not specify which fiduciary, procurement, or administrative capacities were considered too risky. Please elaborate a bit on this in the CEO endorsement document.
- Please also elaborate on residual risk after GON and ADB mitigation measures, not just the inherent risk mentioned and highlighted in the report.
- Please provide a short justification why DCCNR is selected as the execution entity over potential alternative executing entities (e.g., Department of Finance), which may have more capacity.
- Annex J is mentioned (explaining the division of labor for the project), but it is not available in the Portal; please kindly upload it.
- Please obtain and upload the support letter from the current OFP. Please also omit temporary comment that read "The official letter for dual execution is (...)".

Agency Response

ADB

b) There are two previous assessments covering execution/implementation capacity of DCCNR (and other, related agencies) one from dating 2022, one dating from 2024 . Together they provide details of the capacity gaps. More details are provided in the revised section on institutional arrangements.

DCCNR is the logical executing body and partner. Climate change adaptation is central to their mandate.

Annex J is now annexed on the implementation arrangements.

The letter on dual execution is uploaded.

5.3 Core indicators

- a) Are the identified core indicators calculated using the methodology and adhering to the overarching principles included in the corresponding Guidelines (GEF/C.62/Inf.12/Rev.01)? [If a child project under a program] Is the choice of core indicators consistent with those prioritized under the parent program?**
- b) Are the project's targeted contributions to GEBs (measured through core indicators and additional listed outcome indicators) /adaptation benefits reasonable and achievable? Are the GEF Climate Change adaptation indicators and sub-indicators for LDCF and SCCF properly documented?**

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request

March 20, 2026

a) Yes - thank you.

Dec 16, 2025

a) Please select "true" for collaboration with GCF and Adaptation Fund under the "Meta Information" section because relevant projects are included under "Cooperation with ongoing initiatives and projects" section.

b) Yes.

Agency Response

ADB

a) Done

5.4 Risks

a) Is there a well-articulated assessment of risk to outcomes and identification of mitigation measures under each relevant risk category? Are mitigation measures clearly identified and realistic? Is there any omission?

b) Is the rating provided reflecting the residual risk to the likely achievement of intended outcomes after accounting for the expected implementation of mitigation measures?

c) Are environmental and social risks, impacts and management measures adequately assessed and rated and consistent with requirements set out in SD/PL/03?

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request

March 20, 2026

a-b) Yes, thank you for addressing the comments.

Dec 16, 2025

a-b) Not yet.

•Financial and Business Model and Overall Risk Rating sections are left blank. Please evaluate these risks.

•Please consider increasing the risk level for "fiduciary" reflecting the assessment provided under dual execution arrangement.

c) Yes.

Agency Response

ADB

a-b) done

5.5 For NGI Only: Is there a justification of the financial structure and of the use of financial instrument with concessionality levels?

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement RequestN/A

Agency Response

6 C. Alignment with GEF-8 Programming Strategies and Country/Regional Priorities

6.1 a) Is the project adequately aligned with Focal Area objectives, and/or the LDCF/SCCF strategy?

b) [If a child project under an integrated program] Is the project adequately aligned with the program objective in the GEF-8 programming directions?

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request

Dec 16, 2025

a-b) Yes.

Agency Response

6.2 Is the project alignment/coherent with country and regional priorities, policies, strategies and plans (including those related to the MEAs and to relevant sectors).

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request

Dec 16, 2025

Yes.

Agency Response

6.3 For projects aiming to generate biodiversity benefits (regardless of what the source of the resources is - i.e., BD, CC or LD), does the project clearly identify which of the 23 targets of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework the project contributes to and how it contributes to the identified target(s)?

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement RequestN/A

Agency Response

7 D. Policy Requirements

7.1 Are the Policy Requirement sections completed?

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request

Dec 16, 2025

Yes.

Agency Response

7.2 Is the Gender Action Plan uploaded?

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request

Dec 16, 2025

Yes.

Agency Response

7.3 Is the stakeholder engagement plan uploaded?

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request

March 20, 2026

Yes - thank you.

Dec 16, 2025

Stakeholder engagement plan is uploaded; however, please address the following points:

- Please unselect "Yes" for the co-financer field under the "what role civil society will play" section.
- The plan provides limited details on the different stakeholder roles and responsibilities related to project objective, components and outputs. Please elaborate further on the specific roles and responsibilities of the different stakeholder groups and organizations related to project components and outputs as well as details on project plans and means to engage and consult these stakeholders in project implementation.

Agency Response

ADB

civil society role adjusted

More information is provided in the stakeholder engagement annex.

7.4 Have the required applicable safeguards documents been uploaded?

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request

Dec 16, 2025

Yes.

Agency Response

8 Annexes

Annex A: Financing Tables

**8.1 GEF Financing Table and Focal Area Elements: Is the proposed GEF financing (including the Agency fee) in line with GEF policies and guidelines? Are they within the resources available from (mark all that apply):
STAR allocation?**

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request

Dec 16, 2025

Yes.

Agency Response

Focal Area allocation?

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request

N/A

Agency Response

LDCF under the principle of equitable access?

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request

N/A

Agency Response

SCCF A (SIDS)?

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request

Dec 16, 2025

Yes.

Agency Response

SCCF B (Tech Transfer, Innovation, Private Sector)?

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement RequestN/A

Agency Response

Focal Area Set Aside?

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement RequestN/A

Agency Response

8.2 Project Preparation Grant (PPG)

a) Is the use of PPG attached in Annex: Status of Utilization of Project Preparation Grant (PPG) properly itemized according to the guidelines?

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request

March 20, 2026

Yes - thank you.

Dec 16, 2025

Not yet. Please list the activities implemented during the PPG phase rather than listing broad categories to better assess the validity of each. These items are not eligible without additional details to be validated: "Consultants" and "Seminars and Workshop". Provide specific activities and consultancies in different rows.

Agency Response

ADB

PPG table has been updated. Stakeholder engagement annex provides more information.

8.3 Source of Funds

Does the sources of funds table match with the amounts in the OFP's LOE?

Note: the table only captures sources of funds from the country's STAR allocation

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request

Dec 16, 2025

Yes.

Agency Response

8.4 Confirmed co-financing for the project, by name and type: Are the amounts, sources, and types of co-financing adequately documented and consistent with the requirements of the Co-Financing Policy and Guidelines?

e.g. Have letters of co-finance been submitted, correctly classified as investment mobilized or in-kind/recurring expenditures? If investment mobilized: is there an explanation below the table to describe the nature of co-finance? If letters are not in English, is a translation provided?

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request

April 3, 2026

Thank you for the clarification. The MoU is accepted as the commitment of co-financing. Please make sure to report co-financing in the implementation reports once it's materialized.

March 20, 2026

It appears that a wrong document has been uploaded (Country Operations Review Mission (12?13 May 2025) "Back-to-Office Report"). Please double check and upload the co-financing letter.

Dec 16, 2025

Please kindly submit the co-financing letter.

Agency Response

ADB March 31, 2026

According to the GEF policy:

6. Supporting evidence may include:
 - (a) an official project document for an approved project financed fully or in part by the entity that provides the Co-Financing;
 - (b) a legal agreement or memorandum of understanding between the entity that provides the Co-Financing and the Agency, the recipient country government, or an executing partner;
 - (c) agreed minutes of negotiations (such as between a multi-lateral development bank [MDB] and a government);
 - (d) signed and dated letter from the entity that provides the Co-Financing; or
 - (e) other written documentation, provided that it meets the criteria set out in Paragraph 7 below.

The BTOR serves as the cover document. Attached are the Memorandum of Understanding and the Annex on the Country Programming Mission, which were prepared in collaboration with the Government of Nauru in line with standard practice with member countries. Please refer to the highlighted paragraph indicating the financing amounts.

under its Health Sector Work Plan for 2025, that ADB is providing a continuing partnership for health infrastructure. ADB will continue to liaise with the government to agree on the scope of the project and the timeline for preparatory activities.¹

15. **Agriculture, food, nature and rural development/water and urban development sector pipeline 2025–2028.** The pipeline includes \$10.0 million for the Coastal Resilience Enhancement for Nauru project in 2027. The proposed but unconfirmed financing

¹ During an additional meeting with the Department of Finance on 26 June 2025, it was agreed that the scope of the proposed project scope could include preparatory activities for subsequent investments in health as part of the next ADF cycle.

arrangement is \$2.6 million in ADF country allocation grants and \$7.4 million in grant thematic financing for disaster risk reduction and climate change adaptation. The project is currently in the pre-concept stage. It could be structured around several key entry points that align with the government's ongoing climate and disaster risk reduction initiatives, with an ambitious, forward-looking transformational adaptation agenda. These entry points can build on the National Adaptation Plan and ADB's ongoing efforts, utilize updated climate projections, and promote practical, actionable solutions. The development of the project includes conducting a comprehensive review of Nauru's coastal adaptation and protection options, including an assessment of the impact of past interventions. A detailed scoping exercise will identify best adaptation measures to scale-up, particularly those addressing coastal erosion, storm surges, flooding, and extreme weather events. This will involve reviewing work undertaken by development partners in line with climate projections, transformational adaptation options, and their effectiveness in building long-term resilience. The scoping exercise will provide a baseline understanding of current initiatives and identify adaptation pathways for scaling up investment efforts. The scoping in part will be undertaken by the Global Environment Facility (GEF) and is expected to be completed by September 2025. Following the GEF review, ADB and the government will likely be in a position to finalize the project scope.

ADB

Co-financing support is annexed.

Annex B: Endorsements

8.5 a) If ? and only if - this is a global or regional project for which not all country-based interventions were known at PIF stage and, therefore, not all LOEs provided:

Has the project been endorsed by the GEF OFP/s of all GEF eligible participating countries and has the OFP name and position been checked against the GEF database at the time of submission?

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request

Dec 16, 2025

Yes.

Agency Response

b) Are the OFP endorsement letters uploaded to the GEF Portal (compiled as a single document, if applicable)?

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request

Dec 16, 2025

Yes.

Agency Response

c) Do the letters follow the correct format and are the endorsed amounts consistent with the amounts included in the Portal?

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request

Dec 16, 2025

Yes.

Agency Response

Annex C: Project Results Framework

8.6 a) Have the GEF core indicators been included?

b) Have SMART indicators been used; are means of verification well thought out; do the targets correspond/are appropriate in view of total project financing (too high? Too low?)

c) Are all relevant indicators sex disaggregated?

d) Is the Project Results Framework included in the Project Document pasted in the Template?

e) [If a regional/global coordination child project under an integrated program] Does the results framework reflect the program-wide result framework, inclusive of results from child projects and specific to the regional/global coordination child project? [If a country child project under an integrated program] Is the child project result framework inclusive of program-wide metrics monitored across child project by the Regional/Global Child project?

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request

April 3, 2026

a-e) Yes. Thank you for the clarification. Very much appreciated.

March 20, 2026

Not yet. The Core Indicators included under the "Meta Information" section are not reflected on the target figures of the Results Framework. Please double check and ensure the consistency between them.

CORE INDICATORS – SCCF				
	Total	Male	Female	% for Women
CORE INDICATOR 1 Total number of direct beneficiaries	11,000	5,500.00	5,500.00	50.00%
CORE INDICATOR 2 (a) Area of land managed for climate resilience (ha) (b) Coastal and marine area managed for climate resilience (ha)	2,100.00 900.00			
CORE INDICATOR 3 Number of policies/plans/ frameworks/institutions for to strengthen climate adaptation	3.00			
CORE INDICATOR 4 Number of people trained or with awareness raised	40	28.00	12.00	30.00%
CORE INDICATOR 5 Number of private sector enterprises engaged in climate change adaptation and resilience	1.00			
SUB INDICATOR 1				
		Total	Male	Female
1.1 Number of direct beneficiaries from more resilient physical and natural assets		11000	5,500	5,500

Dec 16, 2025

a-e) Please include Core Indicators 1-5 listed in the "Core Indicators" section.

Agency Response

March 31, 2026

We are not sure we understand this comment - however have prepared a revised Results Framework / Design and Monitoring Framework (DMF) which now integrates the Core Indicators.

ADB

This is done.

Annex E: Project map and coordinates

8.7 Have geographic coordinates of project locations been entered in the dedicated table? Are relevant illustrative maps included?

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request

Dec 16, 2025

Yes.

Agency Response

Annex F: Environmental and Social Safeguards Documentation and Rating

8.8 Have the relevant safeguard documents been uploaded to the GEF Portal? Has the safeguards rating been provided and filled out in the ER field below the risk table?

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request

March 20, 2026

Yes - thank you for revising the Annex F.

Dec 16, 2025

Please address the following comments:

- Please provide more detailed Environmental and social risk assessment and risk mitigation measures of the project. Particularly, please provide more information about unequal opportunities and potential impacts on informal fishers and informal sectors, and mitigation measures. If the land acquisition and land use restrictions (ESS5) report is completed as mentioned in CEO Endorsement (page 23), please provide that information.
- Please clarify further on stakeholder consultations with informal fishers and informal sectors around coastal areas and how the results of consultations were integrated into the project. Please also elaborate further how they are going to get involved in the project, particularly on the Component 1.1, 1.2 1.3 and 3.

Agency Response

ADB

More information is provided in the environment and social safeguards assessment and annex.

Annex G: GEF Budget template

8.9 a) Is the GEF budget template attached and appropriately filled out incl. items such as the executing partner for each budget line?

b) Are the activities / expenditures reasonably and accurately charged to the three identified sources (Components, M&E and PMC)?

c) Are TORs for key project staff funded by GEF grant and/or co-finance attached?

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request

April 7, 2026

a-c) Yes. All comments addressed.

April 3, 2026

a-c) Not yet. Thank you for the clarification. Please kindly address the following comments and finalize the budget:

- The travel international row is missing the detailed description on how these funds will be used. Please include a detailed description of what these 94k will cover.

Expenditure Category	Detailed Description	Component 1	Component 2	Component 3	PMC	M+E	Totals	Responsible Entity
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Travel International		94,000				94,000	ADB/DCNNR
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- GEF noticed that \$999,100 have been allocated for works related to pilot coastal protection. This does not provide any level of detail on the kind of works that will be covered under this line and how the almost 1 million USD will be used. Please provide few additional details, in the detailed description column, on what these funds will cover.

Expenditure Category	Detailed Description	Component 1	Component 2	Component 3	PMC	M+E	Totals	Responsible Entity
Works	Pilot coastal protection	999,100	-	-			999,100	DCNNR

- Please include the total for each sub-total category and remove any empty rows.

Expenditure Category	Detailed Description	Component 1	Component 2	Component 3	PMC	M+E	Totals	Responsible Entity
International consultants^^								
	International coastal zone management specialist	37,500	121,250	-			158,750	ADB
	International coastal engineer	6,250	121,250	-			127,500	ADB
	International Economist	-	56,250	-			56,250	ADB
	Final evaluation					55,000	55,000	ADB
Sub-total		43,750	298,750	-	-	55,000		

Travel International			94,000				94,000	ADB/DCNNR
Subtotal		-	469,000	-	-	-		
Works	Pilot coastal protection	999,100	-	-			999,100	DCNNR
Other								
TOTALS		1,141,450	817,750	500,400	126,000	75,000	2,660,600	

March 20, 2026

a-c) Not yet.

- GEF appreciates the reduced costs for the ?International coastal zone management specialist? and ?International coastal engineer,? but GEF could not find information on where the funds were allocated.
- GEF will review the budget table again upon resubmission and provide comments as appropriate.

Dec 16, 2025

a) Not yet.

- The presented budget table is missing the information related to Responsible entity. Additionally, it was not uploaded as a Word document. We kindly suggest the agency to use the template provided in the page 58 of the Guidelines on the Project Cycle in Word format and Portrait orientation.

https://www.thegef.org/sites/default/files/documents/2025-10/GEF_C.70_Inf.18_Guidelines_Project_Program_Cycle_Policy_1.pdf

b-c) Not yet.

- The ?International coastal zone management specialist? and ?International coastal engineer? are budgeted at \$325,000 each, totaling \$650,000 which represents 24% of the total project budget.
- These two positions are extremely costly: their monthly rates are \$27,083 for 12 months throughout the project duration. Based on the analysis of the TORs provided for these positions, approximately 90% of the tasks are redundant. Therefore, there is no need for two positions at an extremely high cost to carry out essentially the same functions. It appears that these to be the same position, or at most one leading and the other supporting, causing unnecessary redundancies.
- Please consider removing one of these positions and reduce the excessive cost of the remaining one, considering it is a 12-month position and specify where the additional funds will be reallocated.

ANNEX G: BUDGET TABLE

Please upload the budget table here. 

Please explain any aspects of the budget as needed here

		Output 1	Output 2	Output 3	PMC	M+E	Totals
International consultants							
	International coastal zone management specialist	25,000	300,000				325,000
	International coastal engineer	25,000	300,000				325,000
	International Economist	-	75,000				75,000
	Final evaluation					60,000	60,000
	SUBTOTAL	50,000	675,000			60,000	
Local Consultants							
	National Project Manager				126,000		126,000
	Mid-Term evaluation					40,000	40,000
	SUBTOTAL				126,000	40,000	

- The budget table will be reviewed again after the resubmission.

Agency Response

ADB 06 April 2026

a-c) the international travel budget description is now filled up.

For the coastal protection pilot projects, the 'strawman' TORs are provided in the annexed TORs for Key Personnel document. At the last few pages the proposed scope of work for the 2 subcontractors is described. These will be prepared into full bid documents during inception.

Sub-totals have now been included.

ADB 31 March 2026

We have attached a re-formatted Word file, which includes information on the Responsible Entity; it is possible that this section was not visible in your screen view. The document has also been reformatted for ease of review.

The funds for the two international specialists are allocated under Component 2. The remaining funds have been redistributed across the KM and Gender specialists, two subcontracts, and other related activities such as workshops and travel.

ANNEX G: BUDGET TABLE

Please upload the budget table here.

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ANNEX G: Budget Table

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	International Economist		-	56,250	-			56,250	ADB
	Final evaluation						55,000	55,000	ADB
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ADB

The budget has been revised considerably and converted to Word.

Annex H: NGI Relevant Annexes

8.10 a) Does the project provide sufficient detail (indicative term sheet) to assess the following criteria: co-financing ratios, financial terms and conditions, and financial additionality? If not, please provide comments.

b) Does the project provide a detailed reflow table to assess the project capacity of generating reflows? If not, please provide comments.

c) Is the Agency eligible to administer concessional finance? If not, please provide comments.

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement RequestN/A

Agency Response

Additional Annexes

9. GEFSEC DECISION

9.1.GEFSEC Recommendation

Is the project recommended for approval

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request

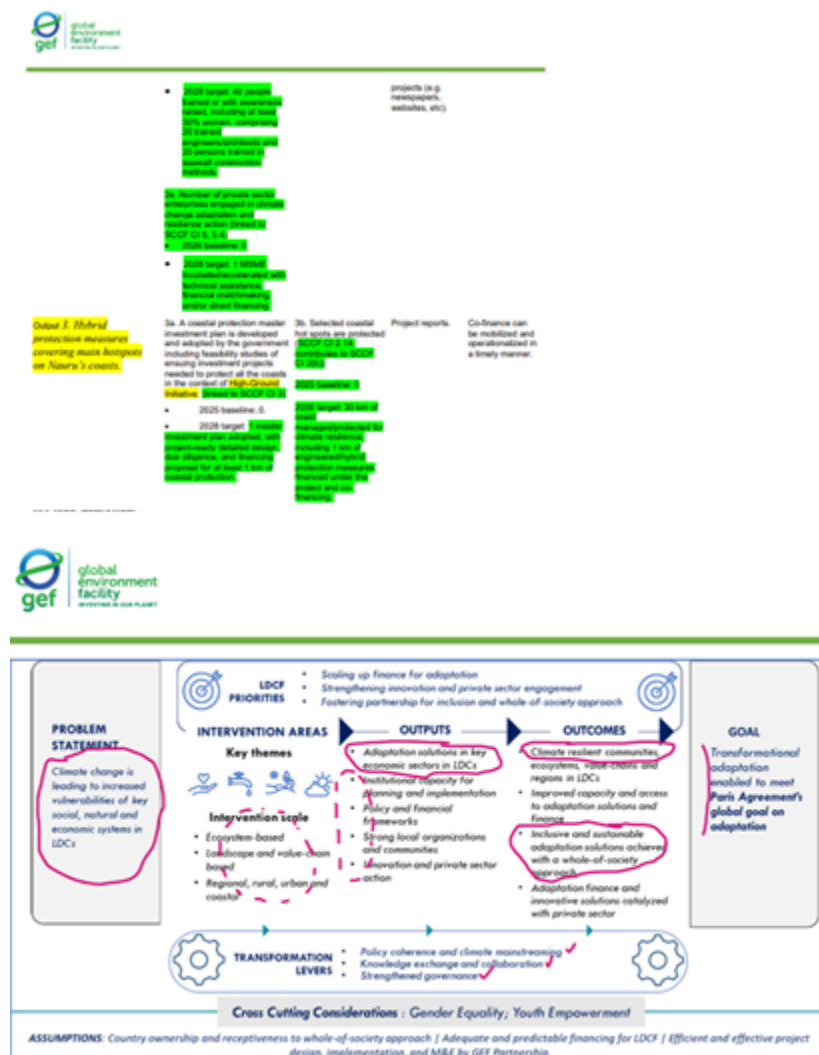
April 7, 2026

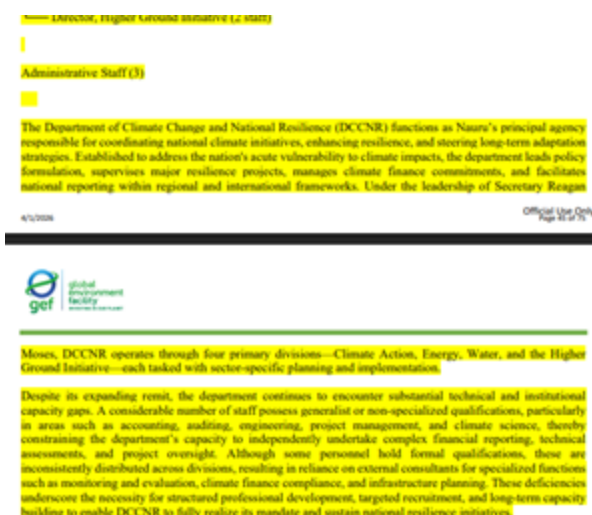
Yes - all comments have been addressed. This project is recommended for approval.

April 3, 2026

Not yet.

- Please address the remaining comments on the budget.
- As the Agency finalizes the CEO ER, please remove the highlights throughout the document for Council circulation.





March 20, 2026

Not yet. Please address the remaining comments. GEF will confirm the dual execution arrangement in the next iteration.

Dec 16, 2025

Not yet. Please address comments above.

9.2 Additional Comments to be considered by the Agency during the inception and implementation phase

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request

- Please make sure to conduct **more thorough environmental and social assessment** at the early phase of the project implementation to avoid unintended negative consequence of the project, including maladaptation.
- Please **report co-financing in the implementation reports** once it's materialized.

9.3 Review Dates

First Review

Additional Review (as necessary)

Additional Review (as necessary)

Additional Review (as necessary)

Additional Review (as necessary)

CEO Approval Response to Secretariat comments

12/16/2025

3/20/2026

4/3/2026

4/7/2026