

PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION REPORT

Project ID:	10481
Project Name:	Promoting Integrated Landscape Management and Sustainable Food Systems in the Niger Delta Region in Nigeria
Countr(ies):	Nigeria
Implementing Agency:	FAO

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I. Overview

A. Description

Project name

Promoting Integrated Landscape Management and Sustainable Food Systems in the Niger Delta Region in Nigeria

Country

Nigeria

GEF ID

10481

Implementing Agency

FAO

Executing Entity

Federal Ministry of Environment; Federal Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development; Forestry Research Institute of Nigeria

Trust Fund

GET

Project Type

FSP

PIR Submission

9/5/2025

Fiscal Year , PIR Number

FY 2025 , 2nd PIR

Objective

To transform the Niger Delta cocoa and palm oil production systems and landscapes towards sustainability and resilience, delivering multiple environmental and social benefits.

B. Ratings and Disbursements

Implementation Progress

Moderately Satisfactory

Development Objective

Moderately Satisfactory

Overall risk

Moderate Risk

Project Financing

5,836,500.00

Cumulative Disbursement

1,382,558.80

C. Key Dates

CEO Endorsement/Approval

1/4/2022

Agency Approval

7/16/2021

Implementation Start 1/4/2022	First Disbursement 2/23/2023
Expected MTR 10/3/2024	Actual MTR
Expected Completion 11/30/2027	Actual Completion

II. PROGRESS STATUS AND ISSUES

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

About 376 ha brought under sustainable land management via distribution of 18,820 agroforestry seedlings to smallholder farmers.

17,803 (37% women) of smallholder farmers have benefited from trainings on sustainable cocoa, oil palm and income diversification.

48 people (52% women) have been trained and engaged in on-the-ground restoration activities.

New nurseries established at Ore, Ogoja and Akamkpa for all-year round raising of seedlings for conservation, restoration of degraded ecosystems and agroforestry practice. These nurseries have a combined capacity of producing an estimated 3,000,000 seedlings per annum in the next fiscal year.

Over 500,000 seedlings consisting of about 150,000 seedlings of native fruit trees for agroforestry and over 350,000 seedlings of indigenous tree species for enrichment planting were raised, but only 18,820 were distributed for agroforestry due to rainfall pattern (onset of dry season).

An estimated 92,010 ha of potential agricultural area to be brought under sustainable land management in production system already enrolled and the farmers sensitized on climate-smart cocoa & oil palm production.

CP supported policy development of strategic plan for cocoa, oil palm & coffee sectors in Cross River State. This policy is at the final stage of enactment as the draft has been officially presented to the State Governor, in Q2, 2025.

Multi-layer consultations for PPP arrangement on traceability & establishment of Verified Sourcing Area for cocoa and jurisdictional RSPO certification process for Oil Palm farmers in the project landscape.

B. Challenges: Information on challenges of project implementation activities

1) Absent of Executive local government administration and delays in conducting LGC elections in both states stalled CP project's efforts in mobilizing stakeholders at grassroots for key policy actions.

2) Alternative credit co-financing sources are been explored due to low rate of contributions from government partners at the state level. Likewise the closure of CBN's anchor borrower's programme by the federal government.

C. Stakeholder Engagement

9. Stakeholders' Engagement

Please report on progress, challenges, and outcomes on stakeholder engagement (based on the description of the Stakeholder Engagement Plan) included at CEO Endorsement/Approval during this reporting period. (This section will be uploaded to the GEF Portal)

Profile	Stakeholder name	Type of partnership	Progress, results & Challenges on Stakeholder's Engagement
IGOs	FAO	GEF implementing Agency	Continuous technical oversight function on project implementation
Government Institutions	FRIN	Operating partner	Provision of indigenous seedlings for restoration activities
Government Institutions	NIFOR	Collaborating partner	Technical collaboration for delivery of extension training modules
Government Institutions	CRIN	Collaborating partner	Technical collaboration for delivery of extension training modules
Government Institutions	IAR&T	Collaborating partner	Providing Technical support for extension delivery to the project
Government Institutions	Ministry of Environment (GEF Desk)	Implementing agency	Provided oversight function
Government Institutions	FDF	Chairman National Project Steering Committee (NPSC)	Oversight function and monitoring of project activities
Government Institutions	FMAFS	Co-led government partner, Chairman National Project Steering Committee (NPSC)	Oversight function
Government Institutions	REDD+	Collaborating partner	ILM delivery and Geospatial analysis
Government Institutions	BOA	Collaborating partner	Ongoing effort on provision of credit products
Government Institutions	CBN	Collaborating partner	Consultative engagements to enable smallholder friendly agricultural credit products.
Government Institutions	NIRSAL	Collaborating partner	Closure of programme stalled efforts to linkage/insurance of credit products.
Government Institutions	ADP	Collaborating partner	Extension delivery to smallholders farmers
Government Institutions	LGC's	Implementation partner	Local coordination unit
Government Institutions	CRS&ODS state governments	Co financing/ Implementation partner	Driving project implementation. Improved commitment to co-financing obligations.
Government Institutions	CRS and ODS Ministry of Agriculture	Implementation partner	Driving project implementation. Improved commitment to co-financing obligations. Change in govt cabinet have limited driving key executive actions.
IGOs	TRACE	Strategic partner	Traceability system and EUDR Compliance
NGOs	PIND & SOLIDARI DAAD	Executing partner	
Private Sector entities	OLAM, TULIP, JOHN VENT, SUNBETH, AGRO TRADERS	Agribusiness along cocoa value chain	Produce off-takers and market linkage
Others	SWOFON, CFAN, NPPAN, OPGAN	Commodity association	Coordinate beneficiaries activities

D. Gender Equality

10. Gender Mainstreaming

Information on Progress on Gender-responsive measures as documented at CEO Endorsement/Approval in the gender action plan or equivalent (when applicable) during this reporting period. (This section will be uploaded to the GEF Portal)

Category	Yes/No	Briefly describe progress and results achieved during this reporting period.
a. Closing gender gaps in access to and control over natural resources		There is an ongoing land titling process that aims at providing support for project beneficiaries of which at least 30% must be women
b. Improving women's participation and decision making		Women are part of all stakeholder's platform; federal, state and local government with women led producers' organization and NGO as major stakeholders
c. generating socio-economic benefits or services for women		Women groups have been formed at communal level with an ongoing verification process. This will be followed with leadership training and empowerment activities to aid socio economic benefits
Any other good practices on gender		The project is engaging local community facilitators who are resident in the areas where the groups are located. This will help facilitate full participation of women at the communal levels

E. Knowledge Management

11. Knowledge and Learning Activities

Knowledge activities/products (when applicable), as outlined in Knowledge Management (and Learning) Approach approved at CEO Endorsement/Approval, during this reporting period. (This section will be uploaded to the GEF Portal)

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.	<p>CP actively fosters knowledge sharing and learning at both national, state and grassroots tiers.</p> <p>The project knowledge sharing is driven via multistakeholder engagement approach; Held a National MSP workshop in Q1. At the state, the project has instituted technical working groups whose primary objective is discussion, insight sharing and creating a technical roadmap for actualizing GEF core indicators in the landscape.</p> <p>At communities level, the CP engaged smallholder farmers through the FFBS model, where community facilitators and extension officers cascade knowledge products and trainings to end users.</p>
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.	<p>CP supported the restoration of Monthly Technology Review Meeting (MTRM) revived in Ondo State Agriculture Development Programme. The MTRM which included farm visits created a hands-on approach of addressing the challenges of smallholder farmers. Simultaneously training extension officers, and local government agric officers on climate smart cocoa and oil palm production.</p> <p>Monthly Inter-state Review and Planning Meeting of Project Management Unit & State Implementing Units.</p> <p>Bi-weekly Project Update Meeting with FOLUR Global Teams especially with partners under the PILA framework.</p>
Communication strategy: Does the project have a communication strategy?	Yes
Please provide a brief overview of the communications successes and challenges this fiscal year.	<p>The project has recorded wide spread awareness at both the state and grassroots levels owing to series of communities sensitization, stakeholders engagement and Farmers' Field and Business School (FFBS) trainings.</p> <p>Key project activities were broadcast on National Television Networks, newspaper, and environmental centric online blogs within the fiscal year. Similarly the CP ranks among the top results for keywords such as "FOLUR-IP" "FAO GEF7 FOLUR-IP" "GEF7 FOLUR-IP" on search engines. Indicating an improvement in SEO performance.</p> <p>Visibility materials such as branded T-shirts, Caps, Jotas, and communications products; brief, newsletters and pamphlets were produced and circulated during the period under report.</p>
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	<p>Livelihood support through job creation from nursery expansion; with expansion of nurseries in Ore, Ogoja and Akamkpa LGAs, the CP has engaged locals to carry out various task and get paid with standard wages.</p> <p>Extension workers at both CP landscapes have seen significant improvement in their technical capabilities owing to series of trainings conducted by the project. Let's hear what Mr. Toikebi has to say about CP facilitated MTRM.</p>

III: Minor Amendments

CONTEXT	
Result Framework	
Components and Cost	
Institutional And Implementation Arrangements	
Financial Management	
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	
others	

IV: Geographic Coordinates of Project Activities

Location Name	Latitude	Longitude	GeoName ID
FRIN rainforest research station	6.745682	4.865293	

Location Description:

Ore-Odigbo LGA,

Activity Description:

Location Name	Latitude	Longitude	GeoName ID
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FRIN high forest research station	8.32868	4.95627	
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Location Description:

Calabar Municipal, GA

Activity Description:

V. ANNEX

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