



Integrated Economic Development and Community Resilience (IEDCR)

Review CEO Endorsement and Make a recommendation

Basic project information

GEF ID

10861

Countries

Solomon Islands

Project Name

Integrated Economic Development and Community Resilience (IEDCR)

Agencies

World Bank

Date received by PM

3/21/2022

Review completed by PM

4/5/2022

Program Manager

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Focal Area

Climate Change

Project Type

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

4/1/22:

Yes.

Agency Response thank you!

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 4/14/22:

Cleared.

4/12/22:

Not yet; clarification is requested.

Thank you for the inclusion of Table 2 in Annex 5, as well as para 6. However, the adaptation relevance of the proposed Energy investments in Table 2 is not obvious. The description states: "Support for solar systems for buildings and streetlights as a renewable source of energy to help communities prepare for and adapt to negative impact of climate change." Please clarify how the energy investments will deliver clear climate change adaptation benefits.

4/5/22:

Not yet.

a) The Components in Table B include some Outcomes and Outputs that do not seem directly adaptation-related. These include the last two Outcomes of Component 1, and most of the Outcomes and Outputs of Component 2(a). If these will in fact be supporting adaptation, please adjust the text so this is clear. For those Outcomes that will not be supporting adaptation, please write in brackets "(to be supported by co-finance)". It may be easier to number the Outcomes and refer to the co-finance-only supported ones collectively at the bottom of that row.

b) At PIF review, we had requested much greater detail by CEO endorsement on the activities to be funded by the LDCF. At present, the level of detail is roughly the same as at PIF stage. Even if specific locations and individual infrastructure investments are as yet unknown, we expect a detailed analysis of approximately how many of the various types of infrastructure (for each category) will be made more climate resilient, and how this will be done. E.g., roughly how many kilometers of road, what interventions are expected to make them more climate resilient, what assessments will guide this process, and so on. Please consider including a table with this information. This may be added to Annex 5 of the PAD, if preferred. Please also provide a fuller description of the soft (non-infrastructure) activities that the LDCF will support, including more detail on the trainings on climate adaptation mainstreaming, envisioned revisions to WDPs, etc.

Agency Response

04/13/22

on your question about energy investments:

The impacts of climate change on infrastructure and weather conditions affects delivery of services and transportation of essential goods such as fuel to remote communities. Therefore solar power systems is an important adaptation measure in this regard. Also, while climate change impacts crop production, the use of renewal energy such as solar power system helps reduces production costs for famers/private sector to ensure their businesses remain viable and adapt to climate change.

04/08/22

a) Please see revised Table which incorporates your suggestion to separate Climate-related outcomes from other outcomes to be supported by IDA.

b) This is now addressed in Annex 5 of the PAD, paragraph 6 and Table 2.

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 4/4/22:

Yes, the project mobilizes \$19 million in co-finance, in the form of IDA grant and loan. The LDCF grant will be mainstreamed into the activities that will be supported by the IDA resources, focused on socio-economic resilience and climate change adaptation.

Agency Response thank you!

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

4/12/22:

Yes; agency response is cleared.

4/7/22:

Not yet.

Budget:

In the budget, it appears as though no LDCF funds are being allocated to activities that are normally covered by PMC and M&E. Is the World Bank planning to use funds from the co-financing to cover these expenditures? If so, there is a contradiction with Table B, which specifies an amount for PMC from the LDCF (\$217,411) in addition to PMC from co-financing (\$800,000). Please address this inconsistency, and provide more detail in the budget if needed.

Agency Response

04/08/22

The PMC will be fully covered by the co-financier, component 3. This is reflected in Table B.

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 The project did not request PPG.

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 4/12/22:

Cleared.

4/5/22:

Further information is requested.

Sub-indicator 1.1.1 has options for entering the number of public buildings or km of road that will be made climate-resilient. We see no value has been entered for either. Will the project not be enhancing the climate resilience of buildings or roads? If it will, please enter target values. If not, please provide more detail in the comment for this output.

Agency Response

04/08/22

The limited LDCF allocation for sub-projects will finance only climate change adaptation measures as listed in Table 2 of Annex 5 to the PAD. IDA will be financing the mainstreaming of resilience into buildings, roads and other sectoral investment

category of the PCDF investment menu. Sub-indicator 1.1.1 is now revised to reflect this and the total direct beneficiaries is also adjusted accordingly.

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

Yes.

Agency Response thank you!

2. Is there an elaboration on how the baseline scenario or any associated baseline projects were derived?

Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement Request

4/5/22:

Yes the baseline situation has been adequately discussed.

Agency Response thank you!

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

4/14/22:

Cleared.

4/12/22:

Please see comment for Table B, above.

4/5/22:

Not yet. As requested above, please provide further detail on the envisioned LDCF-supported activities.

Agency Response

04/13/22

the clarification is provided above

04/08/22

This is now addressed.(annex 5)

4. Is there further elaboration on how the project is aligned with focal area/impact program strategies?

Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement Request

4/5/22:

Yes, alignment with the LDCF strategy is clear.

Agency Response thank you!

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

Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement Request

4/5/22:

Yes.

Agency Response thank you!

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

4/5/22:

Yes, the project will pursue a climate risk mainstreaming approach to promote adaptation and resilient recovery in key economic sectors.

Agency Response thank you!

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

4/5/22:

Yes. The project is innovative in its approach of mainstreaming climate resilience considerations at the provincial level in the Solomon Islands, through the activities that will be supported by the PCDF. The PCDF is a vehicle for the Solomon Islands to achieve the goals laid out in its National Development Strategy 2016-2035 which include sustained and inclusive economic growth and development, poverty alleviation, climate and disaster resilience, stable good governance, gender equality and improved access to service delivery. Thus prospects for sustainability are high.

Agency Response thank you!

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

Yes.

Agency Response thank you!

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

4/5/22:

Yes.

Agency Response thank you!

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

4/12/22:

Cleared.

4/7/22:

Not yet.

It is noted in the attachments that the project has prepared a gender action plan. However, the Section on Gender in the Portal does not reference this. In addition, the section in the Portal does not reference or provide information on any gender assessments carried out in project design/preparation. Please update the section on Gender in the Portal accordingly and provide additional information on any gender assessments.

Agency Response

04/08/22

The gender assessments carried out during project preparation informs the Gender Action Plan. A summary of the assessment has been incorporated into the GEF Datasheet.

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

4/12/22:

Cleared.

4/5/22:

Further information is requested on private sector engagement in construction of climate-resilient infrastructure (the standards to be used, whether the construction companies will be changing their way of doing business for all subsequent infrastructure construction, whether trainings will be provided for them, etc.)

Agency Response

04/08/22

This is now addressed in the private section engagement section of the GEF Datasheet.

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

4/4/22:

Yes. A COVID risk report has also been submitted with proposed mitigation measures.

Agency Response thank you!

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

4/12/22:

Cleared.

4/5/22:

Not yet. There are missing approved regional LDCF projects that include the Solomon Islands that should be added to Table 2 of Annex 5 of the PAD (ID 8018, ID 10746). Please include these and some discussion on coordination with them, thanks.

Agency Response

04/08/22

Noted. The regional approved projects are now added in the Table and incorporated and the discussions on coordination is expanded to include these regional programs.

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

4/4/22:

Yes. Climate change adaptation is a major priority for the Solomon Islands, especially addressing climate risk to infrastructure. Solomon Islands' NDC (2021) and Green Climate Fund (GFC) National Adaptation Plan (NAP) Readiness Proposal (2019) also identifies the need to scale up efforts to achieve adequate adaptation to climate change through investments, sector mainstreaming and enhancing capacity to prepare and manage climate change and natural disasters.

Agency Response thank you!

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

Yes.

Agency Response thank you!

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

Yes. A climate and disaster risk report has also been submitted, which includes options to mitigate the identified risks.

Agency Response thank you!

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

4/4/22:

Yes, this has been uploaded to the Documents section.

Agency Response

thank you!

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

4/5/22:

Yes, the project is focused on improving economic resilience of Solomon Islands and on delivery of services and infrastructure that will provide socio-economic benefits to communities.

Agency Response thank you!

Annexes

Are all the required annexes attached and adequately responded to?

Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement Request

Yes.

Agency Response thank you!

Project Results Framework

Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement Request 4/4/22:

Yes.

Agency Response thank you!

GEF Secretariat comments

Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement Request 4/12/22:

Cleared.

4/5/22:

The PIF-stage comment requesting detailed information on the envisioned LDCF-supported investments has yet to be fully addressed. Further information is also requested on private sector engagement in construction of climate-resilient infrastructure (the standards to be used, whether the construction companies will be changing their

way of doing business for all subsequent infrastructure construction, whether trainings will be provided for them, etc.)

Agency Response

04/08/22

These are now addressed. See responses above on the respective comments, table B of the template and PAD Annex 5

Council comments

Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement Request Yes

Agency Response thank you!

STAP comments

Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement Request 4/12/22:

Cleared.

4/5/22:

Not yet. Please address additional relevant STAP comments.

Agency Response

04/10/22

All comments are updated in the relevant section, including full list of STAP comments made at the Work Program inclusion stage

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 n/a as PPG was not requested.

Agency Response
Project maps and coordinates

Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement Request Yes.

Agency Response thank you!
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
n/a
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 n/a

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 n/a

Agency Response

GEFSEC DECISION

RECOMMENDATION

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

Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement Request

4/14/22:

Yes.

4/12/22:

Not yet. Please see comment of 4/12 for the review item on Table B.

4/7/22:

Not yet. Please address the review comments, thank you.

Review Dates

	Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement	Response to Secretariat comments
First Review	4/7/2022	
Additional Review (as necessary)	4/12/2022	
Additional Review (as necessary)	4/14/2022	
Additional Review (as necessary)		
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CEO Recommendation

Brief reasoning for CEO Recommendations