

Integrated Economic Development and Community Resilience (IEDCR)

Basic Information

GEF ID

10861

Countries

Solomon Islands

Project Title

Integrated Economic Development and Community Resilience (IEDCR)

GEF Agency(ies)

World Bank

Agency ID

World Bank: 173688

GEF Focal Area(s)

Climate Change

Program Manager

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PIF

Part I – Project Informatics

Focal area elements

1. Is the project/program aligned with the relevant GEF focal area elements in Table A, as defined by the GEF 7 Programming Directions?

Secretariat Comment at PIF/Work Program Inclusion

10/7/2021:

Cleared.

9/20/2021:

Adjustment is requested.

At present, Table A only shows alignment with LDCF Objective CCA-1. However, in the PCN, alignment with CCA-2 ('mainstream climate change adaptation and resilience for systematic impact') is also mentioned.

Please include LDCF Objective CCA-2 in Table A.

Agency Response

10/04/2021

This is now addressed in Table A of the revised GEF Datasheet.

Indicative project/program description summary

2. Are the components in Table B and as described in the PIF sound, appropriate, and sufficiently clear to achieve the

project/program objectives and the core indicators?

Secretariat Comment at PIF/Work Program Inclusion

10/12/2021:

Cleared.

9/20/2021:

Not yet:

(a) Section 'B' of the Portal entry: Please only show climate change adaptation related outcomes and outputs for the project. Several of those listed pertain to the cofinance investment objectives and not to the direct mandate of the LDCF.

(b) As the PID will be posted for Council review (and not the PCN), please ensure that all information relevant for approval of the LDCF grant is contained in either this document or the Portal entry. These should include all LDCF/adaptation related aspects, as well as sections on (i) Stakeholder engagement; (ii) Gender; (iii) Innovation, sustainability and scale up; (iv) Project risks matrix (including risk mitigation measures); (v) Coordination; (vi) Consistency with national priorities; and (vii) Knowledge Management. The agency has also uploaded another document, titled 'Additional information for LDCF funding' that contains important information that the Council will need to see. Please merge this document with the PID or include its information in the GEF Portal entry.

(c) For each component's description in the PID, please include a concise paragraph outlining how the LDCF funds will support additional adaptation benefits.

[For all review questions, please ensure that in addition to entering the agency response below in the review sheet, clarifications or additional requested information is included in the documentation.]

Agency Response

10/04/2021

a) Section B of the Portal entry is adjusted as requested

b) The PID now includes all LDCF/adaptation related aspects in either the main text of the PID or LDCF Annex.

c) This is described in paragraph 46 of the PID

Co-financing

3. Are the indicative expected amounts, sources and types of co-financing adequately documented and consistent with the requirements of the Co-Financing Policy and Guidelines, with a description on how the breakdown of co-financing was identified and meets the definition of investment mobilized?

Secretariat Comment at PIF/Work Program Inclusion 9/20/2021:

Cleared.

The LDCF resources will be blended within World Bank grant and loan financing to the Government of Solomon Islands, to mainstream climate resilience at a provincial level.

Agency Response

10/04/2021

Thank you

GEF Resource Availability

4. Is the proposed GEF financing in Table D (including the Agency fee) in line with GEF policies and guidelines? Are they within the resources available from (mark all that apply):

Secretariat Comment at PIF/Work Program Inclusion 9/20/2021:

Yes.

Agency Response

10/04/2021

Thank you

The STAR allocation?

Secretariat Comment at PIF/Work Program Inclusion n/a

Agency Response

The focal area allocation?

Secretariat Comment at PIF/Work Program Inclusion

Agency Response

The LDCF under the principle of equitable access?

Secretariat Comment at PIF/Work Program Inclusion 9/20/2021:

Yes.

Agency Response

10/04/2021

Thank you

The SCCF (Adaptation or Technology Transfer)?

Secretariat Comment at PIF/Work Program Inclusion n/a

Agency Response

Focal area set-aside?

Secretariat Comment at PIF/Work Program Inclusion n/a

Agency Response

Impact Program Incentive?

Secretariat Comment at PIF/Work Program Inclusion n/a

Agency Response

Project Preparation Grant

5. Is PPG requested in Table E within the allowable cap? Has an exception (e.g. for regional projects) been sufficiently substantiated? (not applicable to PFD)

Secretariat Comment at PIF/Work Program Inclusion 9/20/2021:

PPG has not been requested.

Agency Response

Core indicators

6. Are the identified core indicators in Table F calculated using the methodology included in the corresponding Guidelines? (GEF/C.54/11/Rev.01)

Secretariat Comment at PIF/Work Program Inclusion

10/7/2021:

Cleared. The provided explanations are adequate.

9/20/2021:

Further information is requested:

(a) Please provide information in the submitted documentation on why the proportion of women to be trained on climate risks and adaptation by this project is much lower than the number of men (one third of total beneficiaries).

(b) Please provide some examples of the policies/plans that will mainstream climate resilience. Please provide a brief explanation for how the figure of 129 was estimated.

Agency Response

10/04/2021

(a) The proposition of women is estimated based on the number of women represented in Ward Committees and the Provincial Government officers to be trained. The target also meets the minimum requirement for women participation in IDA programs.

(b) Climate resilience will be mainstreamed into Ward Development Plans (WDPs) and Provincial Governments' 3 year rolling plans. Although all 172 WDPs will be targeted, transportation issues and bad weather conditions may affect rollout of activities in 43 Wards that are in very remotely locations. Therefore, the target is revised down to 129 (172-43)

Project/Program taxonomy

7. Is the project/program properly tagged with the appropriate keywords as requested in Table G?

Secretariat Comment at PIF/Work Program Inclusion 9/20/2021:

Cleared.

Agency Response

Part II – Project Justification

1. Has the project/program described the global environmental/adaptation problems, including the root causes and barriers that need to be addressed?

Secretariat Comment at PIF/Work Program Inclusion

10/21/2021:

Cleared for PIF stage.

10/12/2021:

Further information is requested.

As the information requested on 9/20/2021 constitutes important rationale for the LDCF grant request, we will need additional information to be provided. It may be included in the Annex to the PID, which includes LDCF-specific elements.

- a) The climate projections in para 9 of the PID cite a single source, a document that is nearly 10 years old. Please draw more on recent projections. There are several sources available, such as the IPCC Special Report on the Oceans and Cryosphere; Regional factsheet on Small Islands for the AR WG1 (2021); CSIRO's publication on current and future climate of Solomon Islands; the World Bank Climate Change Knowledge Portal (has climate change information for Solomon Islands); and Solomon Islands has included climate change information in its NatComm (2017).
- b) Please discuss which scenario the projections included pertain to. To account for uncertainty, please provide projections for more than one scenario.
- c) Please provide further information on expected impacts of climate change on people and socio-economic sectors in SI, drawing on published work.

9/20/2021:

Further information is requested.

Please provide additional information on projected climate change for the Solomon Islands (with references). How are increasing climate variability and climate change impacting service delivery, infrastructure and community wellbeing in Solomon Islands? This information is important in explaining the case for why LDCF funding is needed. Please include the information in either the Portal entry or the PID.

Agency Response

10/20/2021

thank you. Updated PID is uploaded in the GEF portal and includes all requested information points in the relevant sections (paras 9, 18, 20) and in detail in the Annex Least Developed Countries Fund

10/05/2021

addressed in para 48 of the Annex to the PID

2. Is the baseline scenario or any associated baseline projects appropriately described?

Secretariat Comment at PIF/Work Program Inclusion

9/20/2021:

Yes.

Solomon Islands is a highly vulnerable, post-conflict Pacific LDC SIDS, ranking 153 of 189 countries on the 2019 UNDP human development index. It is highly exposed to natural hazards, is located in the cyclone belt as well as 'ring of fire', and the fact that its 997 islands are spread over 1.34 million square miles of ocean makes its remote population hard to reach or assist. Models suggests that due to natural hazards and climate change, in the next 50 years Solomon Islands is likely to incur an average direct loss of over US\$20 million per year, and has a 50 percent chance of experiencing an event causing a loss exceeding US\$240 million. Climate change projections show that Solomon Islands will witness sea level rise, extreme rainfall, longer dry spells, more intense extreme weather events (including cyclones), and ocean acidification, which will affect the health of reefs.

The Solomon Islands' National Development Strategy 2016–2035 prioritizes achieving sustained and inclusive economic growth and development, poverty alleviation, climate and disaster resilience, stable good governance, gender equality and improved access to service delivery. The SI Government is focusing on mainstreaming and integration of CCA and DRM across sectoral programs, strengthening CCA and DRM capacities, and enhancing the resilience of key sectors including human settlements and infrastructure development.

COVID-19 has resulted in a high degree of economic disruption. Reverse migration from cities is putting pressure on service delivery in rural communities, with many agricultural activities temporarily suspended. The SI Government established the Provincial Capacity Development Fund (PCDF), a performance-based grant system for service delivery and small-scale infrastructure projects, at the provincial level. The World Bank project (cofinance) aims to stimulate inclusive growth and support the resilience and economic recovery of rural communities at the provincial level, via the PCDF. The blended LDCF funding will support additional climate change adaptation and resilience measures in at the provincial level.

Agency Response

3. Does the proposed alternative scenario describe the expected outcomes and components of the project/program?

Secretariat Comment at PIF/Work Program Inclusion

10/12/2021:

Cleared.

9/20/2021:

Adjustments are requested:

- (a) Section 'B' of the Portal entry: As stated in the review comment for review item #2 of Part I of this review, please ensure that the climate change adaptation or climate resilience aspect of each outcome and output is clearly identified.
- (b) Please include a concise para, in each component's description in the PID, on the additional climate resilience benefits that will be supported by the LDCF funds.

Agency Response

10/04/2021

- (a) This is addressed in Section B of the GEF Datasheet
- (b) This has been included in paragraph 24 which describes the co-benefits for each of the Project's components.

4. Is the project/program aligned with focal area and/or Impact Program strategies?

Secretariat Comment at PIF/Work Program Inclusion

9/20/2021:

Yes. It is aligned with LDCF strategic objectives CCA-1 and CCA-2.

Agency Response thank you

5. Is the incremental/additional cost reasoning properly described as per the Guidelines provided in GEF/C.31/12?

Secretariat Comment at PIF/Work Program Inclusion

Secretariat Comment at PIF / Work Program Inclusion

9/20/2021:

Yes for PIF stage.

Please note that detailed information on the activities/investments that will be supported by the LDCF will be needed by CEO Endorsement stage.

Agency Response

10/20/2021

thank you. More information and detailed project description will be added by the endorsement stage, after project preparation.

10/04/2021

The types of CCA investments to be financed by the LDCF (and IDA) are described in paragraph 21. More information will be provided by the endorsement stage

6. Are the project's/program's indicative targeted contributions to global environmental benefits (measured through core indicators) reasonable and achievable? Or for adaptation benefits?

Secretariat Comment at PIF/Work Program Inclusion

9/20/2021:

Yes.

However, please see comment for review item #6 of Part I of the review, above.

Agency Response

10/20/2021

thank you. Information is provided in relevant parts of the updated PID and LDCF annex

10/04/2021

THE SECRETARIAT

Thank you and noted.

7. Is there potential for innovation, sustainability and scaling up in this project?

Secretariat Comment at PIF/Work Program Inclusion

9/20/2021:

Yes.

The project is innovative in 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 aligned with and a vehicle for the Solomon Islands to achieve the goals laid out in its National Development Strategy 2016-2035 (these 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 rooted in national strategy and processes, prospects for sustainability and replicability are high.

Agency Response Thank you

Project/Program Map and Coordinates

Is there a preliminary geo-reference to the project's/program's intended location?

Secretariat Comment at PIF/Work Program Inclusion

9/20/2021:

Yes.

Agency Response

Stakeholders

Does the PIF/PFD include indicative information on Stakeholders engagement to date? If not, is the justification provided appropriate? Does the PIF/PFD include information about the proposed means of future engagement?

Secretariat Comment at PIF/Work Program Inclusion

10/7/2021:

Cleared.

9/20/2021:

Further information is requested (please include in either the Portal entry or the PID - please do not use highlighter).

(a) Have any CSOs or local NGOs been consulted, and how will they be engaged in project design and implementation?

(b) Please provide further information about how women and women's groups have been and will be consulted as part of project development.

Agency Response

10/04/2021

a) A Stakeholder Engagement Plan is being prepared for the Project with an initial draft available by November 30, 2021. CSO will be consulted during the next preparation mission in November. However, the client continues to engage and consult CSOs such as Ward Development Committees on an ongoing basis as part of the PCDF program that the Project will be supporting. The SEP will include the tools and methodology for engaging and consulting CSOs including women and women groups. See Annex to PID, para 54 & 55.

b) addressed in para 55 of the Annex to the PID.

Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment

Is the articulation of gender context and indicative information on the importance and need to promote gender equality and the empowerment of women, adequate?

Secretariat Comment at PIF/Work Program Inclusion

10/12/2021:

Cleared for PIF stage. The project has a strong focus on gender and inclusion, including of vulnerable and disabled groups.

By CEO Endorsement, please provide information on how the project will address women's vulnerability as it pertains to risks posed by climate change, and how the project will build resilience and empower women in the context of these risks.

9/20/2021:

Further information is requested.

Please provide further information on Gender considerations as they relate to vulnerability and adaptation to climate change. How will the project specifically help to build climate resilience for women, and to reduce their vulnerability? Please include this information in either the Portal entry or the PID (please do not use highlighter).

Agency Response

10/20/2021

thank you. More information and detailed project description will be added by the endorsement stage, after project preparation. Gender analysis and Gender Action Plan will be developed by the team before the endorsement request.

10/04/2021

This is addressed in the revised PID. See para 42-44

Private Sector Engagement

Is the case made for private sector engagement consistent with the proposed approach?

Secretariat Comment at PIF/Work Program Inclusion

10/12/2021:

Cleared for PIF stage.

By CEO Endorsement, please discuss in further detail the resilient construction design standards that will be explored by this project.

9/20/2021:

Further information is requested.

Please discuss how the project will contribute to capacity of the private sector to engage in climate change adaptation, or how it will reduce risks of the private sector to climate change risks.

Agency Response

10/20/2021

thank you. More information and detailed project description will be added by the endorsement stage, after project preparation.

10/04/2021

This is addressed in the revised PID. See para 34, page 20

Risks to Achieving Project Objectives

Does the project/program consider potential major risks, including the consequences of climate change, that might prevent the project objectives from being achieved or may be resulting from project/program implementation, and propose measures that address these risks to be further developed during the project design?

Secretariat Comment at PIF/Work Program Inclusion

10/12/2021:

Yes. Potential project level risks have been discussed and mitigation measures identified.

9/20/2021:

Further information is requested.

We note that environmental and social risks have been discussed. Please also discuss project-level operational and other risks that could affect delivery of envisioned outcomes, along with potential risk mitigation measures. Please include this discussion in the Portal entry or the PID.

Agency Response

10/04/2021

This is addressed in the Annex of the revised PID. See para 10-13.

Coordination

**Is the institutional arrangement for project/program coordination including management, monitoring and evaluation outlined?
Is there a description of possible coordination with relevant GEF-financed projects/programs and other bilateral/multilateral initiatives in the project/program area?**

Secretariat Comment at PIF/Work Program Inclusion

10/20/2021:

Cleared for PIF stage. Please continue to monitor the adaptation portfolio in Solomon Islands during project preparation to ensure coordination with any other initiatives that have started by then.

10/12/2021:

Not yet cleared.

As requested on 9/20, please provide information also on this project will coordinate with other (non-GEF) adaptation initiatives such as projects being developed for support by the Adaptation Fund and GCF in Solomon Islands.

9/20/2021:

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Further information is requested.

We note that a few LDCF projects have been listed that this project will coordinate with. Please provide further information on the nature of the envisioned coordination. Please also discuss coordination with projects being (or to be) supported by the GCF and Adaptation Fund in the country. (As per the comment for review item #2 of Part I of this review, please ensure that Coordination and other requested sections are included in either the main PID or the GEF Portal entry.

Agency Response

10/20/2021

additional information on how the project will coordinate with other adaptation initiatives is added in the PID annex LDCF project description

10/05/2021

addressed in para 60 of the PID Annex

Consistency with National Priorities

Has the project/program cited alignment with any of the recipient country's national strategies and plans or reports and assessments under relevant conventions?

Secretariat Comment at PIF/Work Program Inclusion

10/12/2021:

Cleared. The project is aligned with Solomon Islands' NAPA, its NDC (2021), its National Disaster Risk Management Plan (2018) and the regional Framework for Resilient Development in the Pacific (2017). This framework promotes climate change adaptation and disaster risk mainstreaming across sectoral programs (agriculture, fisheries, human settlements and infrastructure development) and strengthening capacities at all levels of government.

9/20/2021:

Further information is requested.

Please discuss how the use of LDCF funds towards the activities of this project is aligned with country adaptation priorities as laid out in SI's NAPA, NAP and/or NDCs, or in other national strategic documents that define adaptation priorities for the country.

Agency Response

10/04/2021

This is addressed in the Annex of the revised PID. See para 5.

Knowledge Management

Is the proposed “knowledge management (KM) approach” in line with GEF requirements to foster learning and sharing from relevant projects/programs, initiatives and evaluations; and contribute to the project’s/program’s overall impact and sustainability?

Secretariat Comment at PIF/Work Program Inclusion

10/12/2021:

Cleared for PIF stage. Please note that para 53 pertains to project monitoring, performance assessments and surveys, etc., which are different activities than those we are interested in learning about in the 'Knowledge Management' section. Please see CEO Endorsement stage comment.

By CEO Endorsement: Please adequately address all PIF-stage comments of 9/20/2021, on Knowledge Management.

9/20/2021:

Further information is requested.

- (a) Please discuss knowledge management aspects of this project as they relate to climate resilience. How will lessons and best practice on mainstreaming climate resilience or management of climate risks be collected and disseminated, within the country and regionally? Who will be the target audiences of these lessons?
- (b) How will existing lessons from ongoing relevant projects and initiatives on mainstreaming climate resilience inform the project concept and plan?
- (c) What are some of the proposed tools and methods for knowledge exchange, learning and collaboration?
- (d) What are the proposed knowledge outputs to be produced and shared with stakeholders?
- (e) Please include discussion on how the knowledge and learning will contribute to overall project impact and sustainability; and
- (f) What are plans for strategic communications, following the KM Approach?

Agency Response

10/20/2021

thank you. More information and detailed project description will be added by the endorsement stage, after project preparation. KM will be addressed following your comments made on 9.20.2021

10/04/2021

This is addressed in para 55 of the Annex to the revised PID. The audience of KM is primarily sectoral government agencies, NGOs, development partners, the private sector, and academic institutions.

Please note that KM is a key part of the proposed project. It will incorporate lessons from the implemented and active projects and initiatives on climate resilience and adaptation. The proposed tools and methods are discussed in para 53 of the Annex to PID. The project will prepare a detailed KM plan that will be shared with the GEFSEC and Council at the endorsement stage. The KM plan will include a detailed methodology for KM generation and exchange, KM outputs to be delivered by the project, and will focus on project impact and sustainability.

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 PIF/Work Program Inclusion

10/12/2021:

Cleared.

9/20/2021:

Further information is requested.

(1) We see from the Portal entry that the project has moderate environmental risks and moderate social risks. Please ensure that GEF funds (i.e., LDCF) are not applied to activities that could result in significant environmental or social risk. Please also annex the environmental and

social screening report, if available.

(2) The climate and disaster risk screening has stated a "High" risk rating for Exposure, Impact, and Outcome. We see that explanations have been provided on how the project will mitigate/modulate these risks. Please ensure that by CEO Endorsement, an assessment is undertaken for the identified risks.

Agency Response

10/04/2021

noted, thank you

art III – Country Endorsements

Has the project/program been endorsed by the country's GEF Operational Focal Point and has the name and position been checked against the GEF data base?

Secretariat Comment at PIF/Work Program Inclusion

9/20/2021:

Yes.

Agency Response

Termsheet, reflow table and agency capacity in NGI Projects

Does the project provide sufficient detail in Annex A (indicative termsheet) to take a decision on the following selection criteria: co-financing ratios, financial terms and conditions, and financial additionality? If not, please provide comments. Does the project provide a detailed reflow table in Annex B to assess the project capacity of generating reflows? If not, please provide comments. After reading the questionnaire in Annex C, is the Partner Agency eligible to administer concessional

provide comments. After reading the questionnaire in Annex C, is the Partner Agency eligible to administer concessional finance? If not, please provide comments.

Secretariat Comment at PIF/Work Program Inclusion

n/a

Agency Response

EFSEC DECISION

RECOMMENDATION

Is the PIF/PFD recommended for technical clearance? Is the PPG (if requested) being recommended for clearance?

Secretariat Comment at PIF/Work Program Inclusion

10/21/2021:

Yes.

10/12/2021:

Not yet. Please address the following review comments:

- Part II of the review sheet (project justification): Review item 1; and
- Section on Coordination.

9/22/2021:

Not yet.

Please address the above review comments. Where appropriate, please provide additional or revised text in the GEF Portal entry or the PID.

Please do not use highlighter to mark new/revised text as it can make the underlying text difficult to read. Please do not use tracked changes.

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

Additional recommendations to be considered by Agency at the time of CEO endorsement/approval.

Secretariat Comment at PIF/Work Program Inclusion

9/20/2021:

- (1) The PCN-stage climate and disaster risk screening has stated a "High" risk rating for Exposure, Impact, and Outcome. Please ensure that by CEO Endorsement, an assessment is undertaken for the identified risks, and its report submitted to the GEF Sec.
- (2) By CEO Endorsement, we will need much more detailed information on the activities that will actually be funded by the LDCF.
- (3) Please provide further information of socio-economic impacts of climate change that are directly relevant to this project, i.e., based on observed and projected changes in climate, what impacts on people are observed/likely that this project is directly addressing. How is it addressing vulnerability to those impacts?
- (4) Please ensure a Gender Action Plan and Gender Assessment are submitted by CEO Endorsement.
- (5) Please provide information on how the project will address women's vulnerability as it pertains to risks posed by climate change, and how the project will build resilience and empower women in the context of these risks.
- (6) Please submit a Stakeholder Engagement Plan by CEO Endorsement.
- (7) Please include information on all PIF-stage comments of 9/20/2021 in the 'Knowledge Management' section.
- (8) Private sector: please discuss in further detail the resilient construction design standards that will be explored by this project.
- (9) During project preparation, continue to monitor the adaptation portfolio in Solomon Islands to ensure coordination with any other relevant initiatives that have started by then (e.g., GCF or AF projects, other bilateral or multilateral).
- (10) Some of the national strategies the project states coordination with date back to 1989. Please provide current examples.

/iew Dates

	PIF Review	Agency Response
First Review	9/22/2021	
Additional Review (as necessary)	10/12/2021	
Additional Review (as necessary)	10/20/2021	
Additional Review (as necessary)		
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PIF Recommendation to CEO

Brief reasoning for recommendations to CEO for PIF Approval