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Climate Adaptation and Resilience in Cambodia's Coastal Fishery Dependent Communities



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Review CEO Endorsement and Make a recommendation

Basic project information

GEF ID

9201

Countries

Cambodia

Project Name

Climate Adaptation and Resilience in Cambodia's Coastal Fishery Dependent Communities

Agencies

FAO

Date received by PM

2/25/2020

Review completed by PM

9/14/2020

Program Manager

Fareeha Iqbal

Focal Area

Climate Change

Project Type

FSP

PIF

CEO Endorsement

Review Sheet

COMMENTS HISTORY

Henry Salazar Gallego

PPO

Action Taken On: Jun 10, 2020, 8:50 PM

Action Performed: send back to manager

Project to be returned to the Agency due to:

1. On the Project Information - No information on taxonomy
2. On Co-financing - IUCN should be categorized as Donor Agency
3. On Co-financing. Please refer to the FAO co-financing letter. It espitulates \$150.000 in-kind and \$3.809.000 in grants. The total for Grants (as shown on image below) sums up to \$3,959,000 USD. The 150.000 USD TCP: Supporting the national technical capacity building for developing shrimp farming in sector in Cambodia should not be included there as they are in-kind.
4. On PPG – Missing table information.
5. On budget:
 - Excepting the Operations and Administration Officer correctly charged to the PMC, all other Project staff (easily identifiable either due to the position or the duration of the contract which is the project's life estimated at 60 months) are covered through the project's components. However, TORs for these positions were not found (apologies if I messed them – if so, let me know where to find them), so it is not possible to identify the contribution of these positions to the respective components - we need to understand what the GEF funds that are allocated to the project's components are paying for.
 - Vehicles are meant to be covered by the co-financing portion. Even if the Agency provided an justification on the need for the vehicles in the Review Sheet, nowhere in Portal the Program Manager approved such purchase – similar rationale for the gas and maintenance, which totals \$85,000 in transportation charged to the GEF. Additionally, items under 5028 are costs associated with the project execution, reason why these should be covered by the PMC (not by the project's components).

Fareeha Iqbal

primary program manager

Action Taken On: Sep 14, 2020, 12:46 PM

Action Performed: i recommend

This CER is recommended for clearance. The PM and the CCA Lead have cleared the request for one vehicle (scaled back from two), for which justification has been provided. The cover memo is below:

CONTEXT and BACKGROUND

This LDCF project will support climate change adaptation in the fisheries and aquaculture sector of four coastal provinces of Cambodia. Coastal areas are of great significance for these populations (for sustenance, livelihood, and economy), but are highly vulnerable to erosion, saltwater intrusion, and inundation from rising sea levels, in addition to a range of non-climate-related threats. The LDCF project will improve the climate resilience of coastal communities, who frequently suffer damage to crops, fisheries and housing from coastal storms, and of coral reefs, seagrasses and estuaries, which are deteriorating due to destruction of mangroves. Rise in sea level and mean temperature, as projected for Cambodia, will exacerbate existing coastal stresses and pose additional risks.

COMPONENTS and RESULTS:

The project focuses on improving the resilience of community livelihoods and of the coastal ecosystems on which they depend. It has three components, which address climate change adaptation through appropriate planning, investment and capacity building measures. Collectively, they will directly benefit 101,000 people, improve the climate-resilient management of 82,000 ha of land, mainstream adaptation in 36 policies and plans, and train 3,746 people.

Component 1 integrates adaptation measures in coastal and fisheries plans and frameworks, and, conversely, also integrates fishery and coastal ecosystem considerations in adaptation plans and policies being developed at national and sub-national levels. An ecosystem based adaptation approach will be applied to restore or conserve coral reefs, mangroves, and seagrasses. This component will also support government staff and other stakeholders' capacity to implement and assess climate change adaptation policies and practices, and to access finance for these matters.

Component 2 delves further into integrated assessments of factors (climatic and other) affecting coastal ecosystem degradation, and will help communities implement participatory management plans to enhance livelihood resilience. It will also support creation of a network to encourage lessons sharing.

Component 3 will support the integration and implementation of climate change mainstreaming in Community Fishing Area

Management Plans, as well as local level monitoring of climate resilience. This includes activities to 'climate-proof' fisheries and coastal infrastructure, such as: establishing dykes to prevent saline intrusion, improving freshwater management for coastal communities, and improving the siting of fishery and aquaculture operations. It will explore alternative and diverse livelihood options, such as community-based eco-tourism, more resilient post-harvest practices and processing of fisheries products (integrating climate change adaptation into value chains and logistical networks), small-scale integrated aquaculture (e.g. mud crab, marine fish and shrimp), etc., in a manner that will enhance resilience while being gender responsive. This component will also support early warning systems and disaster risk management measures.

The project will develop and apply Gender and Stakeholder Engagement strategies, capture and share emerging lessons, and develop a communications plan.

SUSTAINABILITY AND SCALE UP:

The integration of climate change adaptation considerations in Cambodia's coastal fisheries sector is innovative for the country, as is the establishment of the satellite-based mangrove/seagrass/coral reef monitoring system that the project will support.

The project's focus on capacity building of communities as well as government staff is likely to be conducive to sustainability, as is its focus on mainstreaming adaptation in development frameworks, plans and policies. Measures to improve and diversify community livelihoods, together with capacity building measures, will help generate community buy-in and improve community stewardship of coastal natural resources.

The project is aligned with three priority areas identified in Cambodia's NAPA: mangrove restoration; coastal protection infrastructure; and household water supply in coastal provinces. It will coordinate with the GCF project in the overlapping province of Kampat, as well as national adaptation efforts supported by the PPCR, in addition to other related ongoing or planned initiatives.

The project is co-financed by over USD24 million in grant and in-kind resources.



Henry Salazar Gallego

PPO

Action Taken On: Sep 24, 2020, 2:45 PM

Action Performed: send back to manager

Project to be returned to the Agency due to:

While most of the observations provided on June 10th, 2020 were addressed, the last one (TORs for project's staff) brought the following question: further reflection is needed on whether the project really needs the two more expensive positions that accrue for 13% of the GEF Financing (the Senior National Specialist and the Project Manager). The TORs for these two positions are very similar, both focusing on 'coordination activities'. Besides, the TOR's of the Senior National Specialist do not reflect the specific contribution to components 1, 2, 3 and 4 (as they are in the CEO Endorsement Request).

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