



Enhancing climate change adaptation of local communities in the Plateaux region of Togo through climate-resilient integrated landscape management

Review PIF and Make a recommendation

Basic project information

GEF ID

11819

Countries

Togo

Project Name

Enhancing climate change adaptation of local communities in the Plateaux region of Togo through climate-resilient integrated landscape management

Agencies

FAO

Date received by PM

10/10/2024

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11/20/2024

Program Manager

Jason Spensley

Focal Area

Climate Change

Project Type

MSP

GEF-8 PROJECT IDENTIFICATION FORM (PIF) REVIEW SHEET

1. General Project Information / Eligibility

a) Does the project meet the criteria for eligibility for GEF funding?

b) Is the General Project Information table correctly populated?

Secretariat's Comments

19 Nov 2024:

Yes

Agency's Comments

2. Project Summary

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 results?

Secretariat's Comments

19 Nov 2024:

Yes

Agency's Comments

3 Indicative Project Overview

3.1 a) Is the project objective presented as a concise statement and clear?

b) 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?

Secretariat's Comments

15 Jan 2025:

Cleared.

19 Nov 2024:

Output 2.1.1: This focus on financial inclusion, financial accessibility and microfinance is well appreciated. Please consider good practices in this space, including as being advanced by WOCCU (World Organization of Credit Unions) and AECF. Please consider how this project can strengthen efficiency of the financial intermediaries and VSLAs through digitalization of credit processes, as well as derisking lines of credit, both which can reduce the loan terms for the small holder farmers. Please consider if/how FAO will ensure just and equitable loan terms, including through first loss capital for the lines of credit, and/or improving digitalization of the lending process.

Output 2.2.2: Well noted. Please consider emerging good practice in wholistic farmer training programs, including as implemented by Save Soil for example.

Agency's Comments

6 December 2024

Thank you for these suggestions. We have amended the description of Output 2.1.1. to be guided by best practices to strengthen the efficiency of the financial intermediaries and VSLAs through derisking and digitalization of credit processes.

Output 2.2.2 has also been revised to better integrate a holistic regenerative farming approach.

3.2 Are gender dimensions, knowledge management, and monitoring and evaluation included within the project components and appropriately funded?

Secretariat's Comments

19 Nov 2024:

Yes

Agency's Comments

3.3 a) Are the components adequately funded?

b) Are the GEF Project Financing and Co-Financing contributions to PMC proportional?

c) Is the PMC equal to or below 5% of the total GEF grant for FSPs or 10% for MSPs? If the requested PMC is above the caps, has an exception (e.g. for regional projects) been sufficiently substantiated?

Secretariat's Comments

19 Nov 2024:

Yes

Agency's Comments

4 Project Outline

A. Project Rationale

4.1 SITUATION ANALYSIS

a) is the current situation (including global environmental problems, key contextual drivers of environmental degradation, climate vulnerability) clearly and adequately described from a systems perspective?

b) Are the key barriers and enablers identified?

Secretariat's Comments

19 Nov 2024:

Yes

Agency's Comments

4.2 JUSTIFICATION FOR PROJECT

a) Is there an indication of why the project approach has been selected over other potential options?

b) Does it ensure resilience to future changes in the drivers?

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?

d) are the relevant stakeholders and their roles adequately described?

Secretariat's Comments

15 Jan 2025:

Cleared

19 Nov 2024:

C) Please ensure and articulate in the PIF purposeful complementarity with the UNIDO GEF project ID 11549 "Towards climate resilient family farming mode in Togo"

D) Please ensure active consideration of microfinance institutions to engage, including credit unions and other MFIs, as relevant.

Agency's Comments

6 December 2024

c) Thank you for highlighting the IFAD GEF PIF, which was approved on 29 April 2024. It shares several similar activities with this LDCF PIF. However, it appears that IFAD has yet to confirm the specific targeted areas for the project. Strong coordination between the two projects is essential, and this has been outlined in Table 2.

NB: during the design process of the IFAD GEF project (PPG), FAO had shared information on the PIF and met IFAD consultants. This collaboration will continue during the PPD process to build on synergies and complementarities.

d) We confirm that further consultations with microfinance institutions active in the Plateaux region such as Assilassim? Solidarit? and FUCEC-Togo will be conducted during the PPG phase. Section D has been updated to reflect this consideration.

5 B. Project Description

5.1 THEORY OF CHANGE

a) Is there a concise theory of change that describes the project logic, including how the project design elements will contribute to the objective, the expected causal pathways, and the key assumptions underlying these?

b) Are the key outputs of each component defined (where possible)?

Secretariat's Comments

19 Nov 2024:

Yes

Agency's Comments

5.2 INCREMENTAL/ADDITIONAL COST REASONING

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

Secretariat's Comments

19 Nov 2024:

Yes

Agency's Comments

5.3 IMPLEMENTATION FRAMEWORK

a) Is the institutional setting, including potential executing partners, outlined and a rationale provided?

b) Comments to proposed agency execution support (if agency expects to request exception).

c) is there a description of potential coordination and cooperation with ongoing GEF-financed projects/programs and other bilateral/multilateral initiatives in the project area

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

Secretariat's Comments

19 Nov 2024:

Yes

Agency's Comments

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

b) Are the project's indicative targeted contributions to GEBs (measured through core indicators)/adaptation benefits reasonable and achievable?

Secretariat's Comments

15 Jan 2025:

Cleared

19 Nov 2024:

Please clarify if core indicator 2a is 125,000 or 125,000,000. In the portal it reads as 125,000.000, which seems to be a glitch in the portal.

Agency's Comments

6 December 2024

The correct target is 125,000 ha ? the Portal reflects this correctly on our end.

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

Secretariat's Comments

Agency's Comments

5.6 RISKS

a) Is there a well-articulated assessment of risk and identification of mitigation measures under each relevant risk category?

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 screened and rated at this stage and consistent with requirements set out in SD/PL/03?

Secretariat's Comments

15 Jan 2025:

Cleared

2 Dec 2024:

Please describe how the Overall risk rating was identified.

Agency's Comments

6 December 2024

The overall risk level has been assessed as low, given the average of the ratings of the sub-categories described above. The overall risk analysis will be revisited at PPG, and adequate risk mitigation measures will be identified. The above has been clarified in the Portal entry.

5.7 Qualitative assessment

- a) Does the project intend to be well integrated, durable, and transformative?
- b) Is there potential for innovation and scaling-up?
- c) Will the project contribute to an improved alignment of national policies (policy coherence)?

Secretariat's Comments

19 Nov 2024:

Yes

Agency's Comments

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

- 6.1 Is the project adequately aligned with focal area and integrated program strategies and objectives, and/or adaptation priorities?

Secretariat's Comments

19 Nov 2024:

Yes

Agency's Comments

- 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's Comments

19 Nov 2024:

Yes

Agency's Comments

- 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's Comments

Agency's Comments

7 D. Policy Requirements

7.1 Is the Policy Requirements section completed?

Secretariat's Comments

19 Nov 2024:

Yes

Agency's Comments

7.2 Is a list of stakeholders consulted during PIF development, including dates of these consultations, provided?

Secretariat's Comments

19 Nov 2024:

Yes

Agency's Comments

8 Annexes

Annex A: Financing Tables

8.1 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's Comments

19 Nov 2024:

Yes

Agency's Comments

Focal Area allocation?

Secretariat's Comments

Agency's Comments

LDCF under the principle of equitable access?

Secretariat's Comments

19 Nov 2024:

Yes

Agency's Comments

SCCF A (SIDS)?

Secretariat's Comments

Agency's Comments

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

Secretariat's Comments

Agency's Comments

Focal Area Set Aside?

Secretariat's Comments

Agency's Comments

8.2 Is the PPG requested within the allowable cap (per size of project)? If requested, has an exception (e.g. for regional projects) been sufficiently substantiated?

Secretariat's Comments

19 Nov 2024:

Yes

Agency's Comments

8.3 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?

Secretariat's Comments

20 Jan 2025:

Cleared

19 Nov 2024:

Please ensure the level of indicative co-finance at PIF stage is consistent (or at least very similar) or greater at CER submission. Please avoid earlier pattern of FAO projects to greatly reduce co-finance from PIF to CER. Thank you.

Agency's Comments

6 December 2024

As suggested, a more conservative estimate has been provided at this stage (USD 15 million instead of USD 20 million) ? with the ambition to revise upwards during the PPG phase as cofinancing sources are confirmed.

Annex B: Endorsements

8.4 Has the project been endorsed by the country's(ies) GEF OFP and has the OFP at the time of PIF submission name and position been checked against the GEF database?

Secretariat's Comments

15 Jan 2025:

Cleared

3 Dec 2024:

In LoE there is no determined Executing Partner, while in Portal the executing Partner is ?Direction des Ressources Foresti?res (DRF)/ Minist?re de l?environnement et des ressources foresti?res?. Please ask the Agency to (i) remove the executing partner in Portal to match that in LoE (preferred and easier); or (ii) to get a new LoE.

Agency's Comments

6 December 2024

The envisioned Executing Partner has been removed from the Portal to facilitate submission.

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

Secretariat's Comments

19 Nov 2024:

Yes

Agency's Comments

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

Secretariat's Comments Yes

Agency's Comments

8.5 For NGI projects (which may not require LoEs), has the Agency informed the OFP(s) of the project to be submitted?

Secretariat's Comments

Agency's Comments

Annex C: Project Location

8.6 Is there preliminary georeferenced information and a map of the project?s intended location?

Secretariat's Comments

19 Nov 2024:

Yes

Agency's Comments

Annex D: Safeguards Screen and Rating

8.7 If there are safeguard screening documents or other ESS documents prepared, have these been uploaded to the GEF Portal?

Secretariat's Comments

19 Nov 2024:

Yes

Agency's Comments

Annex E: Rio Markers

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

Secretariat's Comments

19 Nov 2024:

Yes

Agency's Comments

Annex F: Taxonomy Worksheet

8.9 Is the project properly tagged with the appropriate keywords?

Secretariat's Comments

19 Nov 2024:

Yes

Agency's Comments

Annex G: NGI Relevant Annexes

8.10 Does the project provide sufficient detail (indicative term sheet) 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 to assess the project capacity of generating reflows? If not, please provide comments. Is the Partner Agency eligible to administer concessional finance? If not, please provide comments.

Secretariat's Comments

Agency's Comments

9 GEFSEC Decision

9.1 Is the PIF and PPG (if requested) recommended for technical clearance?

Secretariat's Comments

15 Jan 2025:

This is recommended as technically cleared, and requires further review and clearance by policy alignment colleagues.

19 Nov 2024:

Comments need to be addressed.

Agency's Comments

9.2 Additional Comments to be considered by the Agency at the time of CEO Endorsement/ Approval

Secretariat's Comments

Dec 2, 2024:

In the development of the Gender Action Plan, please include specific budget lines, as appropriate and plans for monitoring and reporting on the GAP. Under M&E, please ensure that reports submitted to (MTR and TE) include gender-specific results and progress in the implementation of the gender action plan.

Agency's Comments

Review Dates

	PIF Review	Agency Response
First Review	11/19/2024	1/13/2025
Additional Review (as necessary)	12/2/2024	
Additional Review (as necessary)	1/15/2025	
Additional Review (as necessary)		
Additional Review (as necessary)		