



Preparation of the First Biennial Transparency Report and the combined Fifth National Communication and Second Biennial Transparency Report of the Republic of Tajikistan under Article 13 of the Paris Agreement to the UNFCCC

Review CEO Endorsement and Make a recommendation

Basic project information

GEF ID

11496

Countries

Tajikistan

Project Name

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Agencies

UNDP

Date received by PM

2/5/2024

Review completed by PM

2/7/2024

Program Manager

Esteban Bermudez Forn

Focal Area

Climate Change

Project Type

EA

Expedited Enabling Activity req (CEO)

Section I - Enabling Activity Summary

Funding elements.

Is the enabling activity aligned with the relevant GEF funding elements as indicated in Table A and as defined by the GEF-8 Programming Directions? Is the General Enabling Activity Information table correctly populated?

Secretariat's Comments

EBF 2/23/2024: Yes. This project is aligned with the GEF-8 climate change focal area strategy.

Agency's Comments

Cost Ranges.

If there was a deviation in the cost range, was this explained?

Secretariat's Comments EBF 2/23/2024: Cleared. The project has no deviations in the cost range. The costing is in line with Information Note GEF/C.62/Inf.15 - <https://www.thegef.org/council-meeting-documents/gef-c-62-inf-15>

Agency's Comments

Enabling activity summary.

Is the enabling activity summary clear? Are the components in Table B and as described in the enabling activity request sound, appropriate, and sufficiently clear to achieve the project objectives?

Secretariat's Comments EBF 2/23/2024: Yes, cleared.

Agency's Comments

Section 2 - Enabling Activity Supporting Information

Eligibility Criteria.

Is this enabling activity eligible for GEF funding?

Secretariat's Comments

EBF 3/11/2024: Cleared.

EBF 2/23/2024: On gender: Gender equality considerations are relevant in Outputs 1.1.1, 2.1.1, 2.1.3, 3.1.1, 3.1.2, 4.1.1, and 4.1.2. Please reflect gender perspectives accordingly.

Agency's Comments

Agency response - 11 March 2024

In line with the GEFSEC comment, the following adjustments have been made in the related outputs (both in the EA Request & Agency Project Document):

Output 1.1.1. Information on GHG inventories and climate change within the national context updated, including sex-disaggregated data where applicable, a brief on national circumstances and institutional arrangements related to the inventory preparation, review, and improvement process including gender considerations.

Output 2.1.1 Information provided to track the progress reached in the implementation and achievements of the NDC under article 4 of the Paris Agreement, including reporting on gender considerations.

Output 2.1.3. Description of the NDC and information on its effects as per Decision 18/CMA.1 provided, including information on the effects of mitigation policies and measures and sex-disaggregated data.

Output 3.1.1. National circumstances related to adaptation as per the MPGs and guidelines for Adaptation Communications summarized under the BTR1 and combined NC5/BTR2, including sex-disaggregated data.

Output 3.1.2. Information related to averting, minimizing, and addressing loss and damage associated with climate change impacts in Tajikistan collected, including gender-differentiated impacts.

Output 4.1.1. Detailed description provided of the national circumstances and institutional arrangements in place to track and report on support needed and received, including sex-disaggregated data.

Output 4.1.2. Information on support needed and received for financing, technology development and transfer and capacity building compiled and reported, including sex-disaggregated data.

** Gender considerations and collection of gender sensitive data under this project is expected to be based on gender binary data, i.e., men/women.

Institutional framework.

Are the institutional arrangements for implementation adequately described?

Secretariat's Comments EBF 2/23/2024: Cleared. We take note that UNDP will provide partial execution services under the UNDP Country Office Support to National Implementation (NIM) modality with the Agency of Hydrometeorology under the Committee for Environmental Protection of the Republic of Tajikistan as the Executing Entity. We also take note that the exceptional request by Tajikistan's OFP, the description of the partial execution services by UNDP, and the approval by the GEF GPU Manager on November 21, 2023, are uploaded in the document section of this project.

Agency's Comments

Monitoring and Evaluation.

Does the project include a budgeted M&E Plan?

Secretariat's Comments

EBF 3/11/2024: Cleared.

EBF 2/23/2024: \$12,200 are budgeted for M&E-related activities. Please ensure under M&E that gender-related results are monitored and reported on.

Agency's Comments

Agency response - 11 March 2024

The following adjustments have been made to the Project Document and the EA request form:

Agency Project Document, page 28:

In addition to these mandatory UNDP and GEF M&E requirements, other M&E activities deemed necessary to support project-level adaptive management will be agreed ? including during the Project Inception Workshop - and will be detailed in the Inception Report. Sex-disaggregated data and gender considerations will be an integral part of the project's M&E plan and reporting.

EA request form, page 20:

The project monitoring and evaluation (M&E) will be carried out according to UNDP and GEF programming policies and procedures. Sex-disaggregated data and gender considerations will be an integral part of the project's M&E plan and reporting.

Section 3. Information Tables

GEF resource availability.

Is the proposed GEF financing in Table F (including the Agency fee) in line with GEF policies and guidelines?

Secretariat Comment at PIF/Work Program InclusionEBF 2/23/2024: Cleared.

Agency Response

Are they within the resources available from (mark all that apply):

STAR allocation?

Secretariat's CommentsN/A

Agency's Comments

Focal Area allocation?

Secretariat's CommentsN/A

Agency's Comments

LDCF under the principle of equitable access?

Secretariat's CommentsN/A

Agency's Comments

SCCF (Adaptation or Tech Transfer)?

Secretariat's CommentsN/A

Agency's Comments

Focal Area Set Aside?

Secretariat's CommentsEBF 2/23/2024: Yes, this is in line with the information note GEF/C.62/Inf.15.

Agency's Comments

Rio Markers.

Are the Rio Markers for CCM ,CCA, BD and LD presented?

Secretariat's CommentsEBF 2/23/2024: Cleared.

Agency's Comments

Country endorsement.

Has the project been endorsed by the country's GEF Operational Focal Point at the time of the EA submission and has the name and position been checked against the GEF database? Are the endorsed amounts consistent with the amounts included in Portal

Secretariat's CommentsEBF 2/23/2024: Yes, the project has been endorsed by Mr. Sheralizoda Bahodur, OFP of Tajikistan, and the endorsed amounts are consistent with the amounts in the Portal.

Agency's Comments

Response to Comments

Are all the comments adequately responded to? (only as applicable)

Gef Secretariat comments

Secretariat's Comments N/A

Agency's Comments

Other Agencies comments

Secretariat's Comments N/A

Agency's Comments

Council comments

Secretariat's Comments N/A

Agency's Comments

STAP comments

Secretariat's Comments N/A

Agency's Comments

Convention Secretariat comments

Secretariat's Comments N/A

Agency's Comments

CSOs comments

Secretariat's Comments N/A

Agency's Comments

Project Budget Table.

Is the project budget table attached? Are the activities / expenditures reasonably and accurately charged to the three identified sources (Components, M&E and PMC)?

Secretariat's Comments

EBF 3/11/2024: Noted. cleared.

EBF 2/23/2024: Office supplies should only be charged to PMC, currently is charged to project component.

Agency's Comments

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The supplies budgeted under technical outcomes are intended to cover the cost of supplies and stationery for technical work, trainings, workshops, and webinars. They are not related to the PMC activities.

To accommodate the expenses and in line with the UNDP account code structure, the amounts, which were previously allocated under Supplies (in the technical components), are charged under 'Other Operating Costs' expenditure category in the GEF Budget table, which can correspond to related Audio Visual & Print Production Costs in the UNDP account code structure.

Environmental and Social Safeguards.

**If there are screening documents or other ESS documents available, have these been attached?
(only as applicable)**

Secretariat's Comments EBF 2/23/2024: ESS documents have been attached. The overall project risk is categorized as low risk.

Agency's Comments

GEFSEC DECISION

RECOMMENDATION.

Is CEO endorsement/ approval recommended?

Secretariat's Comments

EBF 3/11/2024: The PM recommends the project for further processing.

EBF 2/23/2024: Please address the comments above and resubmit. Please **highlight in yellow** the changes you make to the portal form for ease of revision.

REVIEW DATE(S)

	Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement	Response to Secretariat comments
First Review	2/23/2024	3/11/2024
Additional Review (as necessary)	3/11/2024	
Additional Review (as necessary)		
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