

Integrated management of degraded landscapes for sustainable food systems and livelihoods in Guinea Forest Region and Upper Guinea

Basic Information

GEF ID

10600

Countries

Guinea

Project Title

Integrated management of degraded landscapes for sustainable food systems and livelihoods in Guinea Forest Region and Upper Guinea

GEF Agency(ies)

FAO

Agency ID

FAO: 666081

GEF Focal Area(s)

Multi Focal Area

Program Manager

Pascal Martinez

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

Agency Response

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

Agency Response

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?

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Agency Response

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):

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Agency Response

The STAR allocation?

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The focal area allocation?

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The LDCF under the principle of equitable access

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The SCCF (Adaptation or Technology Transfer)?

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Focal area set-aside?

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Impact Program Incentive?

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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

June 15, 2020:

The PPG request isn't within the allowable cap. The upper limit for PPG request for projects whose GEF financing is lower than 10 million is \$200,000. If the request is above the cap, a justification is required and needs do be assessed and approved by the GEF Secretariat. Please correct the amount requested accordingly in the PPG request in the Portal or provide a strong justification.

June 16, 2020:

Thank you the justification provided which includes the following elements:

- project financing is close to 10 Millions which triggers the possibility to request up to \$300k;
- most of the baseline information and primary data for this project will have to be generated through PPG financing;
- Guinea is a least developed country and preliminary assessment for this PPG highlights the need for strong international expertise to complement the national team.

Considering the low capacity of the country and the complexity of the Impact Program, the justification provided by the Agency is reasonable and the requested exception is acceptable. Cleared.

Agency Response

FAO is requesting a higher PPG amount considering:

- 1. project financing is very close to 10 Millions*
- 2. most of the baseline information and primary data for this project will have to be generated through PPG financing*
- 3. Guinea is a least developed country and preliminary assessment for this PPG highlights the need for strong international expertise to complement the national team.*

This justification has been included under table A of the PPG request.

Figures were adjusted in consultation with the OFP vis a vis the remaining STAR available for Guinea.

Core indicators

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

Secretariat Comment at PIF/Work Program Inclusion

Agency Response

Project/Program taxonomy

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

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Agency Response

art 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?

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Agency Response

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

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Agency Response

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

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Agency Response

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

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Agency Response

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

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Agency Response

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?

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Agency Response

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

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Agency Response

Project/Program Map and Coordinates

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

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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?

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Agency Response

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?

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Agency Response

Private Sector Engagement

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

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Agency Response

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?

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Agency Response

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?

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Agency Response

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?

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Agency Response

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?

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Agency Response

Part 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?

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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 finance? If not, please provide comments.

Secretariat Comment at PIF/Work Program Inclusion

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

June 15, 2020:

The PPG request is not yet recommended. Please address the comments above in box 5.

In addition, please note that the submission and Implementation dates could not be the same. Please correct accordingly in the Portal.

June 16, 2020:

Thank you for addressing the comments. The PPG request is now recommended for clearance.

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

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

Secretariat Comment at PIF/Work Program Inclusion

Review Dates

	PIF Review	Agency Response
First Review	6/15/2020	6/15/2020
Additional Review (as necessary)	6/16/2020	6/16/2020
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PIF Recommendation to CEO

Brief reasoning for recommendations to CEO for PIF Approval

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