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# São Tomé and Príncipe Additional Financing - West Africa Coastal Area Resilience Investment Project





## Review CEO Endorsement and Make a recommendation

### Basic project information

**GEF ID**

9364

**Countries**

Sao Tome and Principe

**Project Name**

São Tomé and Príncipe Additional Financing - West Africa Coastal Area Resilience Investment Project

**Agencies**

World Bank

**Date received by PM**

2/25/2020

**Review completed by PM**

9/23/2020

**Program Manager**

Fareeha Iqbal

**Focal Area**

Climate Change

**Project Type**

FSP



PIF



CEOEndorsement



## Review Sheet

### COMMENTS HISTORY

#### Fareeha Iqbal

primary program manager

**Action Taken On:** Apr 1, 2020, 9:36 AM

**Action Performed:** send back to agency

GEF Sec provided comments on the project documents shared by WB for its Decision Meeting the week of March 23-30, as did other reviewers. We look forward to receiving the revised project documents, before we conduct the full, formal, technical review. Please submit the PAD, datasheet, and other documents when they have been revised to take into account the various comments received during the DM.

#### Fareeha Iqbal

primary program manager

**Action Taken On:** Sep 9, 2020, 9:08 PM

**Action Performed:** i recommend

This project is recommended for technical clearance.

### CONTEXT:

São Tomé and Príncipe (STP) is an LDC SIDS in Africa with a fragile economy that has been negatively impacted by socio-economic pressures of food, energy and financial crises. Climate change is adding to these pressures by exacerbating hazards such as river flash flooding, intense coastal storms, sea level rise and droughts, contributing to income loss, and food and livelihood insecurity amongst vulnerable coastal populations including poor fishing communities. STP is heavily dependent on the fishing industry a key contributor to poverty reduction. This LDCF project builds on activities initiated by the West Africa Coastal Areas (WACA) Management Program, and will implement and scale up climate resilient solutions and protection measures in twelve

additional highly vulnerable coastal communities of the country.

#### KEY COMPONENTS AND RESULTS:

The project will remove key barriers in adaptation to climate change in the fishery sector and build resilience through capacity development in coastal zone monitoring and investments in green infrastructure, and will mainstream policy reforms. It will also improve the early warning systems and Safety at Sea Program among artisanal fishers. The project will directly benefit 130,000 people (over 50% women), support the climate resilient management of 120 ha of land, mainstream climate resilience in 5 policies and plans, and train 4,740 people on climate risks and adaptation.

The LDCF resources will be used to support the following components:

a) Activities focused on the sea: Provision of two additional marine weather stations, marine weather models developed and staff trained to operate and maintain the stations as well as the marine weather stations network. Systems will be developed to share coastal climate information between institutions, and staff will be trained on producing bulletins and early warning alerts. Fisherfolk will be trained on safety-at-sea measures, as coastal storms claim several lives each year.

b) Onshore: the project will support community adaptation investment plans, undertake adaptation and flood prevention measures such as drainage and revegetation, and support ecosystem-based approaches, such as mangrove planting and restoration. The project will upgrade risk reduction measures to protect vulnerable communities by improving the drainage system and constructing small breakwaters to protect fishing boats and maintain shore sustainability.

c) Knowledge management: the project will support long-term monitoring and evaluation of the adaptation activities, strengthen community outreach and increase knowledge and raise awareness of climate change in fisheries and aquaculture communities.

#### INNOVATION, SUSTAINABILITY AND POTENTIAL FOR SCALING UP

The project will use innovative technologies such as Automatic Identification System (AIS) transponders for fishing boats going further out at sea, and will develop climate-informed marine spatial plans for integrated management and coordination of coastal and marine areas. It will also support nature-based solutions for community resilience and appropriate resilience building activities and/or alternative income generating livelihoods across different sectors. Replication potential is high, as demonstrated by the expansion of WB-GEF support for adaptation in STP to the 12 additional communities being supported by this project.

The project is aligned with STP's national development policies, strategies, and objectives, and its key NDC priority of protecting

coastal communities and artisanal fishermen.

Women's consultations will inform the policy and investments decision process. The project has developed and submitted an emerging response approach for Covid-19. It will coordinate with related projects in the country, and will be co-financed by USD8.4 million, of which USD7 million will be grant finance.

**Chizuru Aoki**

MGR

**Action Taken On:** Sep 10, 2020, 4:21 PM

**Action Performed:** i recommend

recommended for clearance

**Henry Salazar Gallego**

PPO

**Action Taken On:** Sep 14, 2020, 7:52 PM

**Action Performed:** send back to manager

Project to be returned to the Agency due to:

- 1- Under Project Objectives, entries under Expected Outcomes 1. and 4. Are incomplete - regardless on whether the outcomes receive GEF funds, they should be stated. The expected outputs are blank and need to be filled up.
- 2- On Co-financing: for the co-financing from EIB (credit) and Dutch cooperation (grant) - please include separate entries for credits and grants. As per the GEF co-financing guidelines, please also provide corresponding letters of co-financing from the entities that provide the Co-Financing.
- 3- On Gender (comment provided by Gabriella): Considering that this is a LDCF project we should expect to find more sex-disaggregated indicators. The project states that it aims to place a strong emphasis on addressing gender dimensions, promoting gender equality and addressing the differential vulnerabilities of men and women by ensuring that women are actively engaged and/or lead community-level risk assessments and community-driven resilience activities. If that is the case, some indicators should be developed to monitor progress achieving these ambitions. Almost all indicators are at the household level. Only one indicator is

disaggregated by sex (PDO Indicator 4. Share of target beneficiaries with rating 'Satisfied' or above on project interventions (disaggregated by country, sex) (%)). All other indicators are placed at household level. Please inquire whether there are any possibility for the project to break down some of the other indicators e.g. the indicator "Coastal households with access to improved livelihood activities (disaggregated by country)".

### **Fareeha Iqbal**

primary program manager

**Action Taken On:** Sep 23, 2020, 8:44 AM

**Action Performed:** i recommend

PPO comments addressed by agency. Cover memo below.

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**Henry Salazar Gallego**

PPO

**Action Taken On:** Sep 25, 2020, 4:15 PM

**Action Performed:** send back to manager



Project to be returned to the Agency due to:

1- On co-financing (comment provided by Minna) please note that as per our co-financing guidelines, the Agency needs to submit a signed and dated letter from the entity that provides the Co-Financing. The letters for “European Investment Bank” and “Dutch Bilateral Cooperation” are currently written by the Government. Please ask the Government to provide a document (whatever is publicly available – PID, Minutes of Negotiation or similar) that provides the information about the grant from Dutch bilateral cooperation, so we will understand the alignment between this specific GEF project and the grant. This Dutch grant/project is mentioned nowhere else in the submission.

Also on co-financing: the name of co-financier is wrong - should be Ministry of Financing, planning and blue Economy

2- On the budget:

(i) Sub-total of each components in the budget table do not match with table B: component 2 in Portal totaled \$2 mln, but is \$2,016,000 in budget table; component 3 totaled \$3,750,000 in Portal but is \$3,634,000 in budget table, component 4 is zero with PMC of \$250,000 in Portal but in budget table is \$350,000 (PMC \$250k + M&E \$100k).

(ii) Audit seems to be included under M&E, but it should be under PMC.

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## COMMENTS

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