



Securing Climate-Resilient Sustainable Land Management and Progress Towards Land Degradation Neutrality in the Federated States of Micronesia

Review CEO Endorsement and Make a recommendation

Basic project information

GEF ID

10858

Countries

Micronesia

Project Name

Securing Climate-Resilient Sustainable Land Management and Progress Towards Land Degradation Neutrality in the Federated States of Micronesia

Agencies

UNDP

Date received by PM

6/29/2023

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9/5/2023

Program Manager

Jean-Marc Sinnassamy

Focal Area

Multi Focal Area

Project Type

FSP

PIF
CEO Endorsement

Part I ? Project Information

Focal area elements

1. Does the project remain aligned with the relevant GEF focal area elements as presented in PIF (as indicated in table A)?

Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement Request
July 7, 2023

Addressed.

Agency Response
Project description summary

2. Is the project structure/design appropriate to achieve the expected outcomes and outputs as in Table B and described in the project document?

Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement Request
July 7, 2023

Addressed.

Agency Response

3. If this is a non-grant instrument, has a reflow calendar been presented in Annex D?

Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement Request NA

Agency Response

Co-financing

4. Are the confirmed expected amounts, sources and types of co-financing adequately documented, with supporting evidence and a description on how the breakdown of co-financing was identified and meets the definition of investment mobilized, and a description of any major changes from PIF, consistent with the requirements of the Co-Financing Policy and Guidelines?

Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement Request

July 7, 2023

Addressed.

Agency Response

GEF Resource Availability

5. Is the financing presented in Table D adequate and does the project demonstrate a cost-effective approach to meet the project objectives?

Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement Request

July 7, 2023

Addressed.

Agency Response

Project Preparation Grant

6. Is the status and utilization of the PPG reported in Annex C in the document?

Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement Request
July 7, 2023

Yes

Agency Response
Core indicators

7. Are there changes/adjustments made in the core indicator targets indicated in Table E? Do they remain realistic?

Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement Request
July 7, 2023

- Targets are confirmed and justified.

CI 3: 925 ha, including 320 ha of agricultural lands (3.1), 380 ha of forests (3.2), 115 ha of natural grass and woodland (3.3), and 110 ha of wetlands (3.4).

CI4: 8,376 ha under improved practices, including 2,181 ha to benefit biodiversity, 6,195 ha of areas under SLM (4.3)

CI5: 585 ha of marine habitats under improved practices (out of protected area

CI6.1: 31,582 tons of CO₂e sequestered or avoided in the AFOLU sector.

CI11: 4516 beneficiaries, including 50%of women.

Explanations are provided.

Agency Response
11 Aug 2023

Thank you for your confirmation that targets are confirmed and justified. During implementation, we will ensure that targets will be monitored and reported during the annual PIR process

Part II ? Project Justification

1. Is there a sufficient elaboration on how the global environmental/adaptation problems, including the root causes and barriers, are going to be addressed?

Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement Request
July 7, 2023

Yes

Agency Response

2. Is there an elaboration on how the baseline scenario or any associated baseline projects were derived?

Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement Request
July 7, 2023

Yes

Agency Response

3. Is the proposed alternative scenario as described in PIF/PFD sound and adequate? Is there sufficient clarity on the expected outcomes and components of the project and a description on the project is aiming to achieve them?

Secretariat Comment at PIF/Work Program Inclusion
July 7, 2023

Yes

Agency Response

4. Is there further elaboration on how the project is aligned with focal area/impact program strategies?

Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement Request
July 7, 2023

Yes

Agency Response

5. Is the incremental reasoning, contribution from the baseline, and co-financing clearly elaborated?

Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement Request

July 7, 2023

Yes

Agency Response

6. Is there further and better elaboration on the project's expected contribution to global environmental benefits or adaptation benefits?

Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement Request

July 7, 2023

- Targets are confirmed and justified.

Yes

Agency Response

7. Is there further and better elaboration to show that the project is innovative and sustainable including the potential for scaling up?

Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement Request

July 7, 2023

Addressed.

Agency Response

Project Map and Coordinates

Is there an accurate and confirmed geo-referenced information where the project intervention will take place?

Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement Request

Maps and geographic coordinates are available in the annex 3.

Agency Response
Child Project

If this is a child project, is there an adequate reflection of how it contributes to the overall program impact?

Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement Request
NA

Agency Response
Stakeholders

Does the project include detailed report on stakeholders engaged during the design phase? Is there an adequate stakeholder engagement plan or equivalent documentation for the implementation phase, with information on Stakeholders who will be engaged, the means of engagement, and dissemination of information?

Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement Request
Addressed

However, several aspects stay relatively vague and need to be confirmed during the first year of implementation (notably about the private sector).

Agency Response
11 Aug 2023

Thank you for your positive response. The team agrees that while there was consultation with the 4 States and key agencies, consultation at the ground level (refer Annex 17), this was to some extent being constrained by the wave of Covid infections that occurred in the second half of Year 2022. However, the project intends to undertake significant consultation with local stakeholders and communities at the 5 landscape/seascape sites through the State Stakeholder Engagement Officers. This is with the intent to (i) organize, consult and actively mobilize community leaders, church leaders, and all rural inhabitants about project planned activities on a regular basis, as well as ensuring a warm working relationship is maintained throughout the project, strengthening existing community working groups in demonstration sites to plan and coordinate SLM/LDN and biodiversity activities, improve coordination and planning for implementation of on-the-ground activities in the demonstration sites, secure agreement on project activities, coordinate community activities with significant community influencers including state, municipal, traditional and religious leaders, ensure that

they actively participate in project and community planning initiatives in terms of promotion of awareness and knowledge, assist in implementation on the ground with effective logistical support and procurement, facilitate and mobilizes technical support by sector agencies to enable communities to implement on-the-ground activities. community project activities with rural residents are carried out, etc. These will be undertaken in the first year of project implementation.

Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment

Has the gender analysis been completed? Did the gender analysis identify any gender differences, gaps or opportunities linked to project/program objectives and activities? If so, does the project/program include gender-responsive activities, gender-sensitive indicators and expected results?

Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement Request
September 14, 2023

Addressed.

September 5, 2023

- The Agency is requested, for consistency, to reflect the changes made (or the response to our earlier comments) in the Portal as well. This applies in particular to the reflection of gender perspectives in Outputs 1.2 and 1.4 in the Portal.

- A short description under the Gender Equality section (in the Portal) on how the GAP will be monitored and reported on [as already specified in the Gender Action Plan (annexed)] is also requested.

August 15, 2023

Sorry, if we missed the changes in the documents, but please help us in pointing out where and how the comments were addressed. Moreover, the expected changes in formulation and clarifications should also be reflected in the project document that was not resubmitted.

So, please, respond to the two previous comments:

- Please ensure reflection / integration of gender perspectives in Outputs 1.3, 1.4
- Please clarify how the Gender Action Plan will be monitored and reported on.

And point out the changes in the CEO endorsement (portal) and project document.

July 29, 2023

- Please ensure reflection / integration of gender perspectives in Outputs 1.3, 1.4, 3.3, 4.3 - revise formulation.

- Please clarify how the Gender Action Plan will be monitored and reported on.

Agency Response

11 Aug 2023

Thank you for the comment. Reflection/integration of gender perspectives in terms of Outputs 1.2, 1.4, 3.3 and 4.3 are now included.

Monitoring and reporting of implementation of gender action plan is now included

4 Sep 2023

Thank you for the comment. We are extremely sorry that we had previously inadvertently submitted to you an older version of the documents. The documents that were updated (August 3, 2023) reflect the integration of the gender perspectives in terms of Outputs 1.2, 1.4, 3.3 and 4.3 are now included.

Monitoring and reporting of implementation of gender action plan is also now included in the revised documents and gender annex

11 Sep 2023

We sincerely regret the oversight of missing the reflection of the changes in the Portal.

The changes of gender perspectives in Outputs 1.3, 1.4, 3.3, and 4.3 are now reflected in the Portal. (output 1.2 was typo in previous response).

The reflection of a short description under the Gender Equality section is also included in the Portal.

Private Sector Engagement

If there is a private sector engagement, is there an elaboration of its role as a financier and/or as a stakeholder?

Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement Request

July 18, 2023

- The intention is here, but the reports stay relatively vague about the potential partners from the private sector.

To be developed at the first year of implementation.

Agency Response

11 Aug 2023

Thank you for the comment. Section 4 of the GEF CEO ER elaborates the role of the private sector. Given the status of the private sector in FSM, the PPG team feels that private sector engagement will largely focus on small sale business actors at the demonstration site levels, such as traders and local food vendors, processors, exporters/importers, Farmers Associations and cooperatives, State Chambers of Commerce, Small Business Development Centers (in each State), etc. The intent is to create new community-based revenue streams as opportunities become available for farmers to market coconuts. Similarly, there are opportunities to engage with tour operators and hotels to promote community-based ecotourism and income-generation activities. Eco-tourism could also provide flexible employment opportunities for women youth. The project will support business development for women for handicrafts and ecotourism as well as opportunities for . handicraft development. Additionally, the project will seek support from small-private business investors and tourism operators and agents to support ecotourism activities for local communities, training and marketing for small-business development activities. There is good potential to promoting small-scale community-private sector partnerships for the agriculture, fisheries and sustainable marine resource sectors through engagement between local producers, agricultural cooperatives and retailers to build stronger markets for local, healthy foods from well-managed ecosystems. Similarly, post-COVID, opportunities should re-emerge to engage the tourism sector and resorts for establishing financial mechanisms to support environmental improvements for example the viability of establishment of small rolling funds will be investigated. The inter-relationships and engagement of the private sector (with potential creation of partnerships) will be actively solicited during Year 1 of project implementation, following the planning activities, identification of potential business products and services that could be developed so that linkages with the private sector can be established. The project will support consultancy services to help identify and promote local products, marketing and establishment of private sector market value chain linkages and support job creation.

Risks to Achieving Project Objectives

Has the project elaborated on indicated risks, including climate change, potential social and environmental risks that might prevent the project objectives from being achieved? Were there proposed measures that address these risks at the time of project implementation?

Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement Request
Addressed.

Agency Response
Coordination

Is the institutional arrangement for project implementation fully described? Is there an elaboration on possible coordination with relevant GEF-financed projects and other bilateral/multilateral initiatives in the project area?

Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement Request
July 18, 2023

Yes, the institutional arrangements are described.

There were exchanges between UNDP and the GEF Secretariat about the additional support provided by UNDP. GPU manager approved the proposals. The rationale is provided below.

Addressed.

The HACT assessment raised some issues about national agency's capacities (Department of Environment, Climate Change and Emergency Management (DECEM)), with identified significant/high risk areas in accounting policies and procedures and moderate risk rating in financial reporting, monitoring, and procurement. Additionally, audits conducted in 2022 and 2023 identified deficiencies in asset management, budget control, and expense tracking, aligning with the assessment findings. In the context of Micronesia, with lack of effective suppliers and professionals in various fields, we agree that this situation can pose a serious risk for UNDP in terms of project delivery. The option of third partner has been explored, but unsuccessful. The HACT audit recommends that the project be executed using the national implementation modality (NIM) with partial UNDP Country Office support. The national agency agreed and confirmed the need from UNDP support in various areas, including recruitment, procurement, financial services, project management, and training. The estimated costs of these services are \$41,000 and appear reasonable in the context of the Pacific region, with high transaction costs. The point is also to reinforce the DECEM's capacities to be able to switch to a full national implementation mode in a near future.

Agency Response

11 Aug 2023

Agreed. We will strive during the implementation of the project to help raise and reinforce DECEM capacities through organizing of training and provision of technical support on project management and project execution so as to help switching to full national implementation mode in the future.

Consistency with National Priorities

Has the project described the alignment of the project with identified national strategies and plans or reports and assessments under the relevant conventions?

Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement Request
July 7, 2023

Addressed.

Agency Response
Knowledge Management

Is the proposed Knowledge Management Approach for the project adequately elaborated with a timeline and a set of deliverables?

Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement Request
July 7, 2023

Addressed.

Agency Response
Environmental and Social Safeguard (ESS)

Are environmental and social risks, impacts and management measures adequately documented at this stage and consistent with requirements set out in SD/PL/03?

Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement Request
August 15, 2023

Addressed. to be followed.

July 7, 2023

The following documents are available in the annexes 5, 6, and 9, and 19: Environmental and Social Management Plan, Social and Environmental Screening Template, and Climate risks screening review. However, none of these documents are signed. Please, complete.

Agency Response
11 Aug 2023

Following UNDP's Programme & Operations Policies and Procedures, during the appraise and approve stage, UNDP will organize the Local Project Appraisal Committee meeting to appraise the quality of UNDP project activities and share all documents to the committee. Only the Social & Environmental Screening will be signed off. At this time, the project's LPAC is scheduled September.

Monitoring and Evaluation

Does the project include a budgeted M&E Plan that monitors and measures results with indicators and targets?

Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement Request

Yes

Agency Response

Benefits

Are the socioeconomic benefits at the national and local levels sufficiently described resulting from the project? Is there an elaboration on how these benefits translate in supporting the achievement of GEBs or adaptation benefits?

Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement Request

Yes

Agency Response

Annexes

Are all the required annexes attached and adequately responded to?

Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement Request

August 15, 2023

Addressed.

July 7, 2023

Budget

- Please, justify the expenses of lines 4, 5, 6, 7 (all about IT equipment) and explain why they are not in the pmc. Without a significant explanation, these expenses should be covered by the pmc.
- Line 9 about the contractual services: please justify the need for these different positions that sound very close and may lead to duplications: project manager, national technical coordinator, 4 x State Technical coordinators, 4x State Stakeholder engagement officers (in addition to an international technical assistant further lines 18-23).
- Moreover, these positions sound all related to project management activities and should be covered by pmc. We do not see the justification to cover these positions under the component 1. Please, clarify and correct.
- Same comment for the line 10: the partial coverages of several positions should be covered by pmc (project manager, national technical coordinators, state technical coordinators, state engagement officers). Please clarify and correct.
- Lines 11 and 12: same comment
- Line 14: yes, the Project Manager (\$60,000) and Financial/Administration assistant (\$126,000) are well positioned in the pmc.
- Project Manager's costs are charged across all components and PMC. Generally PM should only be charged to PMC. Please consider to adjust the budget allocation accordingly.
- Line 17: please explain the expense ? Develop and advance demonstration farm outcomes for each State?.
- Line 18, 19, 21, 23, and 23: 1) please explain how this position of international technical assistant does not duplicate the other coordination positions already mentioned in the lines 9, 10, 11, and 14; 2) please explain the justification to cover this position under the technical components.
- Line 38: except you have an explanation, supplies should not be covered by a technical component.
- Line 33-34-35-36: please justify these travel expenses in the technical components.
- Except you have a justification, it seems that the office supplies from the line 38 should not be under the component 4, but under pmc. Please, clarify or correct.

Staff

- We understand the need for a project director from DECEM, eventually a Chief Technical Advisor. However, several positions seem redundant: project manager, national technical coordinator, State Technical Coordinators. Please explain the non-duplication of these positions or adjust the ?coordination and management? positions.

Agency Response

11 Aug 2023

Thank you for the comments:

Equipment: IT equipment in lines 4-7 are for state and local entities for technical component of the project hence were developed separately from the PMC costs. Given, the limited financing available under PMC, existing equipment (computers, furniture etc.) available within DECEM (including those purchased in previous GEF projects) will be used to support project management.

What is more, while this equipment as envisioned would support project activities at local and states levels, it is also necessary for overall SLM, BD and LDN efforts by states offices which are expected to strengthen their respective roles in these areas as part of this project through day to day activities with this equipment key to assisting with states? management roles both under this project and beyond.

Through these equipment, there will be additional/improved capacity to support state level technical SLM offices with necessary map and IT resources that are essential for strengthening SLM policy and implementation of SLM activities including BD and LDN. While it is envisioned that FSM National level will establish a technically capacitated office, inclusive of technical coordination role that will consolidate and maintain country wide SLM mapping capacity inclusive of up to date and regularly maintained database that national and state entities and partners can utilize, the states will play an essential role in collecting, ground truthing and regularly updating GIS and associated activities for land resources. States are the land owners/regulators and each state will need to establish and maintain a technically capable office for land related activities. These offices will need to be supported with staffing and materials, inclusive of technical equipment ranging from camera laden drones to computers with appropriate software and capacity to handheld state of the art GPS units that are capable of collecting highly detailed information during ground truthing activity for maintaining up to date information for each state.

General ideas of some of the equipment which may be required to support the state technical offices and activities are currently listed in Annex 1.

Contractual Services (line 9): Justification of these Positions: It is worth mentioning in response to the query regarding contractual staff that FSM is a federation of four highly independent and distinct states, which are supported by a national system but even so, the states retain much of their individual power and coordination at the states levels with each state being separate from the others in terms of how the state roles and resources are governed in many aspects. This system is somewhat distinct from many other countries and necessitates that technical inputs and management occurs at states? levels even for nationally managed and implemented projects if and when they have state level actions which in the FSM SLM and LDN require. In the FSM, the States are the landowners/regulators. This SLM project deals specifically with land planning, use, regulation, preservation and restoration. While the project will be coordinated overall from the national level, it is essential that each state has adequate buy-in and resources to oversee and conduct SLM activities within each state. These state level resources are required for each of the four states as states are independent and distinct and distant from one another being separated by hundreds of miles of open ocean with extremely limited transportation connections which largely depend on irregular and costly air flights. In addition, each state is culturally unique as well as has multiple languages, and hence on-the-ground staff must be culturally sensitive and speak the local languages to enable working with the community and stakeholders. This

independence and isolations dictates that each state establish the technical capacity to conduct and manage their own SLM activities.

It should be noted that the Project Director (DECCEM staff) that will be responsible for overseeing the project overall, will have other primary duties and will not be full-time on the project, hence the need for full-time dedicated staff at the national level. The Project Manager will oversee the project implementation from the national level, but will also focus on technical aspects related to provision of support for governance, work planning, national-state coordination, monitoring and evaluation, etc.

National technical coordination is necessary given the technical nature of SLM and specifically with a focus on GIS and mapping control/maintenance and updating. The national technical coordinator is not expected to manage the overall project but rather to oversee and maintain a national SLM office with a key activity of establishing, maintaining and updating a national SLM database and assisting the states with technical direction, training, etc. while regularly receiving data from each state to maintain the national database which will be available for planning and regulatory actions at both national and state levels as well as other activities as deemed appropriate by the country.

The national project manager and national technical coordinator will need to coordinate and work with each of the four states. This is best accomplished by having a key manager or technical coordinator for each of the states.

State technical coordinators are necessary for each of the four states due to various elements including that in general much of the land ownership and associated policy and regulation is set by each state and may vary between states. Therefore, it is key that technical project aspects are coordinated at the state level (by the State Technical Coordinators) for each state and then at the national level for the entire project inclusive of the input from each of the four states. The chief role of the STCs is to support for all components of the project at the State level, and in particular for overseeing the planning, regulatory and institutional framework for development of State Actions Plans for NAP, oversight and guidance for the planning and implementation of activities in the demonstration sites, capacity building, knowledge management, gender mainstreaming and M&E. He/she will also be responsible for ensuring project quality and the provision of technical oversight for all project activities and the delivery of its outputs at the State level. The STCs will support and coordinate the activities of all partners, staff, and consultants as they relate to the implementation of the project in the State.

States in the FSM are relatively remote from each other as well as having a high level of self-governance. It is also cost prohibitive for the PM or NTC to travel continually to monitor progress, since the travel budget seems would be large and of grave concern and not a very effective mode of operation. Therefore, for many roles it is deemed most productive to have state level positions in each state such as the states' technical coordinators and the states' stakeholder engagement officers. This is also a key lessons that has emerged from GEF 5 and 6 that ground staff at state-level are critical for project success.

Under the direction of the State Technical Coordinators, the State Engagement officers will oversee and coordinate efforts at the ground level, working directly with stakeholders and local communities (farmers, grazers, forest dependents, fishermen, etc.) and local-level private entrepreneur within each target landscape/seascape in each state to strengthen understanding, and support local level consultations, local level planning at

landscape/seascape level and support day-to-day implementation/engagement in SLM, BD, and LDN efforts.

At the states and local levels, these roles are essential, technical and not part of the overall project coordination roles but will feed into and receive support from the national project coordination unit.

Line 10: There is no overlap with the position of Chief Technical Advisor (CTA), National Project Manager (NPM) and National Technical Coordinator (NTC). The CTA position will not be a full-time position (90 days for 5-year period of the project) and will ONLY provide high level technical and policy advice for the implementation of the Project. Given the lack of international expertise within DECEM, the CTA will play a lead role in work planning, progress review and guidance for project adjustment, provide guidance on key strategic, policy and regulatory aspects, quality assurance, facilitate south-south exchanges and progress evaluation. Given that the duration of the CTA is very limited and confined to provide technical and policy advice, the carrying out of these technical functions at national level justifies the need for the NTC. The specific and distinct role of the NTC is to provide technical support for all components of the project at the national level, and in particular to overseeing the planning, regulatory and institutional framework for development of National Action Plan for NAP, resilience assessment and provide technical guidance for the planning, regulatory and institutional framework for development of State Actions Plans for NAP, knowledge management, gender mainstreaming and M&E. The NTC will support the work of the Chief Technical Advisor, technical consultants, and coordinate the activities of all partners and project staff as they relate to the implementation of the project. The National Project Manager's role will be very distinct and in terms of project management responsibilities will be responsibility for managing the project team, work plans, programs and activities, as well as oversight of progress and financial reporting to Project Steering Committee and UNDP. The PMU will have operational and financial autonomy, including the authority to select and sub-contract specific project activities or components to local consultants and local institutions. The PM will perform a liaison role with government, UNDP and stakeholders. In terms of the technical responsibilities, the NPM will have specific responsibilities for governance, work planning, national-state coordination, monitoring of gender, safeguards, RFA etc. etc., including

Line 11 and 12: see comments above

Line 14: see comments above

Demonstration Farms: (Line 17): Demonstration farms will be identified within each of the state demonstration landscapes (or possibly elsewhere if deemed appropriate). These farms will be utilized to establish farm related SLM actions within each state and once established utilized as training opportunities to further engage state level community members to expand SLM activities beyond the demonstration farms.

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Duplication of Services (line 18, 19, 21 and 23): In terms of line 18, 19 and 21, please see responses above. Line 20, includes specifically support for development of gender sensitive training and extension strategy/direction for the demonstration sites. Line 23 includes part cost for CTA and MTR and TE consultant costs. As explained above, we have clarified that there is no duplication between the tasks of CTA and other positions.

Travel expenses: (Line 33, 34, 35 and 36) These travel expenses are associated with the output of all 4 components and directly support technical activities under this component at the states and local level and are not for national project management activities.

The high travel costs are associated on account of the distance from one island to the other being separated by hundreds of kilometers (1,500 to 2,800 kilometers) of open ocean with extremely limited transportation connections which largely depend on irregular, non-direct and costly air flights.

Supplies (Line 38) covers supplies for states promoting SLM and BD aspects in schools and learning institutions and not for overall project management at the state or national level.

Staff: As mentioned previously, States are separate and each is managed under its own governance necessitating that each state have a technical coordinator to facilitate coordination with the national project management unit. Project Manager will be at the national level and oversee the entire project implementation. The National Technical Coordinator will be a skilled technician, and specially oversee the work of the GIS specialist who will be responsible for maintaining up to date databases, consolidating data and developing maps, under the guidance of the NTC. These roles do not duplicate and each is essential for the success of this project and the strengthening of SLM with the FSM.

Project Results Framework

Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement Request Cleared

Agency Response

GEF Secretariat comments

Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement Request Yes

Agency Response

Council comments

Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement Request Yes

Agency Response

STAP comments

Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement Request Yes

Agency Response

Convention Secretariat comments

Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement Request NA

Agency Response

Other Agencies comments

Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement Request NA

Agency Response

CSOs comments

Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement Request NA

Agency Response

Status of PPG utilization

Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement Request Yes

Agency Response

Project maps and coordinates

Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement Request

July 29, 2023

In Annex D on Project Map and Coordinates, please consider inserting the geographic location of the site directly under the dedicated data entry field. This includes the Location Name, Latitude and Longitude.

Agency Response

Does the termsheet in Annex F provide finalized financial terms and conditions? Does the termsheet and financial structure address concerns raised at PIF stage and that were pending to be resolved ahead of CEO endorsement? (For NGI Only)

Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement Request

NA

Agency Response

Do the Reflow Table Annex G and the Trustee Excel Sheet for reflows provide accurate reflow expectations of the project submitted? Assumptions for Reflows can be submitted to explain expected reflows. (For NGI Only)

Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement Request NA

Agency Response

Did the agency Annex H provided with information to assess the Agency Capacity to generate and manage reflows? (For NGI Only)

Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement Request NA

Agency Response

GEFSEC DECISION

RECOMMENDATION

Is CEO endorsement recommended? (applies only to projects and child projects)

Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement Request
September 14, 2023

The comments are addressed. The project is recommended for Council circulation.

September 5, 2023

See the comment on gender: The point was addressed in the Gender Action Plan and the Project Document, but for consistency, please, reflect the changes in the portal. Upon receipt of a revised package, the project will be recommended for Council circulation.

August 15, 2023

All comments are addressed, but one. Please, see the item on gender.

July 18, 2023

The CEO endorsement cannot be recommended yet. Please, address the comments above.

Review Dates

	Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement	Response to Secretariat comments
First Review	7/18/2023	8/11/2023

	Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement	Response to Secretariat comments
Additional Review (as necessary)	8/15/2023	9/5/2023
Additional Review (as necessary)	9/5/2023	9/11/2023
Additional Review (as necessary)	9/14/2023	
Additional Review (as necessary)		

CEO Recommendation

Brief reasoning for CEO Recommendations