



Vulnerable Twenty Group funding programme to leverage adaptation by averting and minimizing impacts of climate change

Basic Information

GEF ID

11055

Countries

Global

Project Title

Vulnerable Twenty Group funding programme to leverage adaptation by averting and minimizing impacts of climate change

GEF Agency(ies)

UNIDO

Agency ID

UNIDO: 220208

GEF Focal Area(s)

Climate Change

Program Manager

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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

Yes, the project meets the criteria for eligibility of LDCF funding.

The table is also populated correctly.

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

In the summary please add the following aspects:

- Please specify more clearly that the project will support LDCs of the V20 group.
- Please also specify that the projects which will be supported through the funding program will be implemented by CSOs, MSMEs and other local agencies.

- GEF Secretariat is fine to add some additional resources to this project from SCCF (up to 0.5 million USD) to focus on selected non LDC, but highly vulnerable V20 countries. In the PIF, please consider adding these resources and expanded scope. Also, please include in the PIF that during the PPG phase the scope will be reviewed again to potentially include other countries if there is a demand and strategic value add.

GEFSEC 19 October, 2022

Thanks for addressing the above comments. Please see below a few more comments:

- In para 1 of Project summary, please mention LDCF and SCCF both in the last sentence.

GEFSEC 25th October 2022

Thanks for addressing the comments. Cleared.

Agency's Comments

UNIDO response 18/10/2022:

Comments have been addressed accordingly.

- Please see section B "project description". An elaboration has been added, explaining that funds from LDCF will support LDCs of the V20 group, whereas SCCF will support highly vulnerable countries non LDC of the V20 group.

- This has been specified in table B as well as in section B, accordingly.

- The confirmation of additional funds from SCCF has been noted and integrated into the project accordingly.

UNIDO response 25/10/2022

Paragraphs 1-3 have been updated to clearly show that in line with the LDCF/SCCF strategy, the resource from LDCF and SCCF will only focus on adaptation interventions. V20 will mobilize additional and complementary resources to cover loss and damage interventions

Paragraph 4 adjusted to a) explain the rationale and benefits of working through MSMEs/CSOs and b) to explain the potential cross linkages between this project and other UNIDO projects that are focused on developing and scaling up adaptation MSMEs

Project objective has been updated accordingly

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

Resilient communities, ecosystems and infrastructure in climate vulnerable V20 countries with impacts of climate change minimized and averted. Resilient communities, ecosystems and infrastructure in climate vulnerable V20 countries with impacts of climate change minimized and averted. 1 a): Yes

b) Please see comments below:

Please add a more detailed theory of change diagram with some supporting text in the next submission. The TOC should ideally include issues/problems, assumptions, etc.

Component 1: Please provide a bit more details of the expected funding framework i.e. how will the fund be channeled to projects. For example, how will the projects be selected, approximate ticket size of the projects, funding mechanisms (all grant or innovative options e.g. revolving funds, guarantees, etc.), fund management arrangement, etc.

Component 2: In the table Output 2.1, can you please add a bit more information? It reads like an indicator currently. e.g. Community groups, CSOs, MSMEs. etc. receive adaptation funds to implement high impact adaptation projects. Please also add expected themes/sectors

Please provide more information about climate impact in the V20 economies particularly the LDCs. Ideally, some science based evidence from credible sources e.g. IPCC and other references will be useful.

In the rationale and also in the project description, please add more description around the importance of working with local organizations (CSOs, youth based, MSMEs, etc.) and how supporting projects through them will build their capacity and also deliver direct impact at community level.

Component 3: Please consider to add capacity building element in this component to support CSOs, MSMEs, etc. and other local governments.

In the indicators table:

- Please tick yes for SIDS. There are LDC SIDS which will likely be supported and with additional SCCF resources, we can reach out to more SIDS.

- Project is likely to engage with communities directly in the program. So, please click this also yes.

- We also expect that the knowledge management part will have south-south exchange activities. So, please tick yes and also add south-south knowledge exchange in component 3.
- The sectoral distribution should clearly show a few targeted sectors (3-4). Please add some indicative distribution and say that this will be reviewed at PPG phase.
- Please fill up the core indicators.

GEFSEC 19 October, 2022

Thanks for including a TOC for the project. It looks fine.

For the funding mechanisms, please elaborate how the grant funding will be utilized especially for MSMEs. Will it be purely one time grant or other innovative mechanisms will also be considered e.g. revolving fund, guarantees, performance based incentives, etc. We recommend to keep the option flexible to cater to the specificities of projects.

In the indicators, please confirm if the project will not address mean temperature change and sea level rise. As the project may support some SIDS and will address climate variability, these hazards could potentially be addressed.

Number of beneficiaries is quite less for this scale of project. Please consider revising it upwards. To scale up community benefits, the project should aim to support initiatives which can deliver benefits of a large number of vulnerable communities through catalytic and transformative investments. Also, the gender ratio has to be 50:50 at least and we will encourage to have a higher gender ration for a project like this which focuses on the most vulnerable.

Does the project not anticipate any land based adaptation interventions? We expect there may interventions related to climate resilient agriculture, etc. So, there could be hectares of land which could be brought under climate resilient management. We suggest having a conservative target at the PIF stage and review it at CEO ER stage.

Thanks for ticking the box of South-South Exchange. However, please qualify this or add some description under the knowledge management component/section to specify that this will be supported in the project.

Please specify where the importance of working with CSOs, local organizations and community organizations is described in the PIF. I couldn't locate it. If not done, please add.

GEFSEC 25th October 2022

In the TOC- in the top box please say "LDCs and other vulnerable countries" as SCCF funding is also being used. Also, for the other box, please revise it to "**Impacts of climate change averted, minimized and addressed**".

In para 25, in the leverage section, please remove the following as it is not necessary at the PIF stage:

This leverage goal will be assessed periodically by the V20 and core partners. Leverage of the loss and damage funds can be measured immediately at the project level (e.g., co-investment) or for the whole program.

For SCCF core indicator 1, the number of beneficiaries seems too high for half million dollar fund and relatively modest co-finance. Please

reduce it significantly.

Agency's Comments

UNIDO response 18/10/2022:

b) The comments have been addressed accordingly.

ToC has been provided under Section B. Furthermore, the project rationale and scope has been further elaborated as requested.

The LDCF- SCCF Core Indicators have been completed in the respective section, as requested.

UNIDO response 25/10/2022

Foot note provided to clarify that LDCF/SCCF resources will not be used for loss and damage interventions

UNIDO response 26/10/2022

- TOC duly adjusted to capture the fact that the project will also intervene in 'LDCs and other countries.
- Text on the other box adjusted to remove reference to L&D
- Outcomes adjusted accordingly
- Para 25, the section on leverage was removed accordingly
- number of beneficiaries for SCCF reduced accordingly.

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

Secretariat's Comments

Gender dimensions are not reflected in the document. Please reflect gender equality and women's empowerment in the project description and project components.

On Knowledge Management: We note that the project has whole component 3 dedicated to knowledge management and exchange. Please, however, elaborate more under the knowledge management component, how the knowledge will be created, managed and disseminated under the project.

Please elaborate more information on how the GEF alternative will build on ongoing/previous investments (GEF and non-GEF), lessons and experiences in the country/region" in 4.2 Justification for project (c) and "Please elaborate more about the proposed elements to capture and disseminate knowledge and learning outputs and strategic communication" in 5.3 implementation framework, (d).

GEFSEC 19 October

Thanks. Comment cleared.

Agency's Comments

UNIDO response 18/10/2022:

Gender dimension has been added - Gender disaggregated indicators have been included as well as a section on how the project will address gender equality and women's empowerment.

Component 3 has been elaborated in order to explain how the project will address Knowledge Management.

Please see section "Coordination and Cooperation with Ongoing Initiatives and Project". additional information has been added elaborating on baseline projects that the project could potentially collaborate with/ learn from.

Furthermore, please find under this section an indicative institutional arrangement for the project governance and execution modalities.

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

Yes.

Yes.

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

Please see comments above and add details as requested.

Comment cleared.

Agency's Comments

UNIDO response 25/10/2022

Paragraph 11 revised to include climate vulnerabilities of both LDCs and SIDs

Paragraph 15 revised to clarify the role of V20 in mobilizing loss and damage resources from other sources to complement the LDCF/SCCF resources

Paragraph 16 include to highlight the fact that the project will contribute towards sustainable and resilient recovery to COVID19 given its impacts in LDCs and SIDs

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

Please add more details in response to the above questions in the PIF.

Thanks for the additional details. Comment is cleared subject to more explanation at the CEO ER stage.

Agency's Comments

UNIDO response 25/10/2022

Paragraphs 19 and 20 revised to a) provide more information on the intervention strategy of the VFP , and b) benefits of working through MSMEs/CSOs in this project.

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

Please add a TOC in the PIF.

Thanks. Comment cleared.

Agency's Comments

UNIDO response 18/10/2022:

Comment has been addressed and ToC has been added under section B.

UNIDO Response 25/10/2022

Footnote on the TOC has been provided to clearly indicate that reference to loss and damage impact will be covered from additional resources that V20 will mobilize other than LDCF/SCCF

Paragraph 25 adjusted to explain the leverage potential of the project i.e. LDCF/SCCF resources will leverage loss and damage funds that will be mobilized by V20 and the project leverages investments from MSMEs.

Components 2 - paragraphs 30 revised to state the potential for using various financial mechanism for the LDCF/SCCF resources

Paragraph 37, 38 and 41 updated ton include potential benefits of south-south exchange in sharing knowledge and lessons across V20 members

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 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

Please provide more details of the implementation framework. How will the fund be managed, different committees, coordination mechanisms, country engagements, collaboration with institutions on the ground, coordination with other donors, etc.

GEFSEC 19 October 2022

Thanks. Comment cleared subject to more details at the CEO ER stage.

Agency's Comments

UNIDO response 18/10/2022:

Comment has been addressed and an indicative institutional arrangement has been added in section "Coordination and Cooperation with Ongoing Initiatives and Project", elaborating on the foreseen governance structure and execution modalities.

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

Please see comments related to indicators above.

Core indicators are not provided. Sectoral distribution and tagging needs to be revised.

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Please refer to core indicators' comment above in the review sheet.

GEFSEC 25 October 2022

Thanks. Comments cleared.

Agency's Comments

UNIDO response 18/10/2022:

Comment has been addressed and core indicators for LDCF and SCCF have been added.

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

Secretariat's Comments NA

Agency's Comments

5.6 RISKS

- a) Are climate risks and other main risks relevant to the project described and addressed within the project concept design?
- b) Are the key risks that might affect the project preparation and implementation phases identified and adequately rated?
- 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

Yes.

GEFSEC 25 October 2022

Thanks for adding reference to COVID 19. However, please provide a bit more detailed COVID-19 analysis. The analysis should include:

- COVID 19 context
- COVID-19 risks on the project
- Opportunities for climate resilient recovery.

GEFSEC 26th October 2022

Thanks for the elaboration in the PIF. Comment cleared.

Agency's Comments

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

Please add some more details on question c, related to improved policy coherence at national and regional level. In short, please describe how this project will support framing or supporting national policies to be coherent with adaptation outcomes.

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Please refer to this text in the PIF.

Priority Area 2: Strengthening innovation and private sector engagement

64. The project directly supports innovation and technology transfer through the identification of innovative adaptation technologies for loss and damage through notably the private sector (MSMEs).

Please revise this to innovative technologies for adaptation through notably the private sector (MSMEs). L&D is not a direct support area and is not specified in GEF 8 strategy.

GEFSEC 19 October 2022

Comment cleared. Thanks.

Agency's Comments

UNIDO response 18/10/2022:

Comment has been addressed and further elaboration has been provided under section B as well as section "Alignment with GEF-8

Programming strategies and country/regional priorities".

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

Please elaborate the alignment more. The project is aligned with all the three priorities of LDCF SCCF GEF 8 strategy i.e. scaling up finance, innovation and private sector, and whole of society approach. Please add a paragraph for all these priorities describing how the project contributes to these priorities.

GEFSEC 19 October 2022

Thanks. Comment cleared. Please see a related comment above.

GEFSEC 19 October 2022

Please address an additional comment on this. The alignment with SCCF should only be with priority area 2 to align with SCCF-B funding window.

GEFSEC 26th October 2022

Thanks. Comment cleared.

Agency's Comments

UNIDO response 18/10/2022:

Comment has been addressed and further elaboration has been provided under section "Alignment with GEF-8 Programming strategies and country/regional priorities".

UNIDO response 26/10/2022

Paragraph 27 on SCCF revised.

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

Please add more details related to this in the PIF.

GEFSEC 19 October 2022

Please provide details. You may like to specify how this can support NAPs, NAPAs, NDCs and other adaptation goals of the target countries. Also, you may like to specify V20's adaptation goals here and how this project will contribute to it.

GEFSEC 19 October 2022

Thanks. Comment cleared.

Agency's Comments

UNIDO response 18/10/2022:

Comment has been addressed and further elaboration has been provided under section "Alignment with GEF-8 Programming strategies and country/regional priorities".

UNIDO response 25/10/2022

paragraphs 68 and 69 revised to link the project activities to various national adaptation processes.

7 D Policy Requirements

7.1 Policy Requirements**7.1 Is the Policy Requirements section completed?****Secretariat's Comments**

Some gaps are there, which are commented in the review questions.

GEFSEC 19 October 2022

Comment cleared.

Agency's Comments**7.2 Is a list of stakeholders consulted during PIF development, including dates of these consultations, provided?****Secretariat's Comments**

The agency should add details of consultations and a list of stakeholders consulted during the PIF development. In addition, please clearly indicate which stakeholders were consulted during project design and also provide additional information on the relevant roles of different stakeholders to project outcomes as well as information on plans to consult stakeholders during project development.

GEFSEC 19 October 2022

Thanks. Comment cleared.

Agency's Comments

UNIDO response 18/10/2022:

Comment has been addressed and further description on the stakeholder engagement has been added.

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 NA

Agency's Comments

Focal Area allocation?

Secretariat's Comments NA

Agency's Comments

LDCF under the principle of equitable access?

Secretariat's Comments Yes.

Agency's Comments

SCCF A (SIDS)?

Secretariat's Comments NA

Agency's Comments

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

Secretariat's Comments

The Agency is requested to allocate around 0.5 million USD from SCCF B window for this project. Please see comment in the first question of the review sheet. The SCCF budget needs to be clearly distinguished for various project components.

GEFSEC 19 October 2022

Thanks. Comment cleared.

Agency's Comments

UNIDO response 18/10/2022:

Comment has been addressed and funds have been integrated accordingly.

Focal Area Set Aside?

Secretariat's Comments NA**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 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

Is there any co-finance available from Denmark for this project? We have an indication that they are willing to complement LDCF's funding. If yes, please indicate in the PIF.

GEFSEC 19 October 2022

Thanks. Comment cleared. We expect the project to mobilize more co-finance at the CEO ER stage.

Agency's Comments

UNIDO response 18/10/2022:

comment has been addressed and further co-financing has been indicated

comment has been addressed and further financing has been indicated.

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

Per component 2 and 3, it is expected that GEF financed activities will take place in some not yet identified countries that may be selected during the preparation phase – these identified countries will require Letters of Endorsement signed by the official OFP by the time of CEO Endorsement Request submission. Selected countries with no LoE have to be removed from the project.

GEFSEC 19 October 2022- Thanks. Cleared.

Agency's Comments

UNIDO response 18/10/2022:

Comment has been noted.

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

Secretariat's Comments

Please see comment above.

Cleared.

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

Please see above.

Cleared.

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 NA

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 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 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 Yes.

Agency's Comments

Annex F: Taxonomy worksheet**8.9 Is the project properly tagged with the appropriate keywords?**

Secretariat's Comments 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 NA

Agency's Comments

9 GEFSEC Decision

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

Secretariat's Comments

Not yet. The Agency is requested to address the comments and resubmit the PIF for consideration.

Not yet. Please address additional comments and resubmit the project for consideration.

Not yet. Please address additional comments and resubmit the project for consideration.

26th October: Yes, the agency has addressed all the comments and the PIF is recommended for technical clearance. The detailed rationale is provided below:

The global Multi-Trust Fund (LDCF+SCCF) project “Vulnerable Twenty Group funding program to leverage adaptation by averting and minimizing impacts of climate change” by UNIDO in collaboration with the V20 Secretariat aims to boost adaptation by building resilience at the community level to avert and minimize impacts from climate change amongst members of the V20. With a focus on Least Developed Countries and few highly vulnerable non-LDCs among the 58 vulnerable countries of the V20 group, the project aims to support deployment of innovative adaptation solutions and build capacity at local levels to access adaptation finance. With LDCF funding of 5 million USD and SCCF funding of 0.5 million USD, the project will provide catalytic finance to civil society organizations (CSOs) and micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs) to implement high impact and innovative locally led adaptation solutions across agriculture, water, climate information services and disaster risk reduction. The project aims to identify and support up to 50 community-based projects and through these projects it expects to improve resilience of 54000 vulnerable people (with 50% women) and strengthen capacity of nearly 3000 people in CSOs, MSMEs and community groups for improved adaptation planning and implementation.

The project will support innovative adaptation interventions by MSMEs and CSOs as they operate at very local levels in developing, planning, implementing community projects. MSMEs/CSOs can promote social inclusion of the marginalized thereby engaging the whole-of-society in these projects. Furthermore, they tend to engage beneficiary communities for the long term, which is key for the sustainability of projects. Capacity gaps will be addressed by the proposed project through focused capacity building and awareness raising targeting key stakeholders, such as policy makers and institutional actors. Networking, advocacy, knowledge generation and exchange will enhance awareness amongst stakeholders and increase the impact of the project whilst increasing demand- and supply-side opportunities for sustainably deploying adaptation technologies, products and services provided by MSMEs/CSOs in V20 member states.

The project is developed by UNIDO and the V20 Group which works with its member countries to increase their resilience by facilitating access to finance for adaptation. It also supports dialogues and creates knowledge to strengthen capacity and leadership for adaptation action. With support from the LDCF and SCCF, the V20 Group, UNIDO and the main executing agency Care International will design a V20 Funding Program (VFP), select projects to be supported under the program, enhance access to knowledge, and build capacity of decision makers and beneficiaries to implement adaptation solutions. The project will do this by (i) creating distribution and support channels of adaptation technologies, and services, (ii) generating and disseminating knowledge materials and (iii) raising awareness of key stakeholders on climate change vulnerability and availability of climate adaptation technologies and services.

The project will build on the collaboration between UNIDO and V20 on developing Climate Prosperity Plans (CPPs) that are focused on economy-wide transformation through climate action that promotes growth, development, employment and overall prosperity in V20 member states. That adaptation funding provided to communities through this project will complement other instruments in the climate and disaster risk financing and insurance architecture, through vital financial protection and global efforts like the G20-V20 InsuResilience Global Partnership and the G7-V20 Global Shield against Climate Risks. The project will also complement efforts by the V20 group to mobilize financing for loss and damage with support from LDCF and SCCF provided only for adaptation aspects.

The project is aligned with the adaptation priorities of scaling up finance, whole-of-society approach and strengthening innovation and private sector engagement priorities of the GEF 8 adaptation strategy of the LDCF and SCCF-B funding window. The project will also contribute to climate resilient and green recovery in the targeted LDCs, SIDS and other vulnerable countries by creating new economic opportunities at local level for communities and small businesses.

Agency's Comments

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

Secretariat's Comments

During project preparation and in preparing the gender analysis and gender action plan, the Agency is reminded of the requirement to weave in / mainstream gender considerations in the description of the project components, outputs and activities/indicators.

In the financing table, the agency is requested to align the LDCF funding allocation across the three priorities explained in the PIF. It is understood that at this stage the share of funding across LDCF 1.2, 1.3 and 1.4 is difficult and therefore the agency is expected to provide the distribution at the CEO ER stage.

Agency's Comments

UNIDO response 18/10/2022:

Comment has been addressed and has been integrated into the project description.

Review Dates

	PIF Review	Agency Response
First Review	10/17/2022	
Additional Review (as necessary)	10/19/2022	
Additional Review (as necessary)	10/25/2022	
Additional Review (as necessary)	10/26/2022	
Additional Review (as necessary)		