



Thailand's First Biennial Transparency Report (1BTR) and combined Fifth National Communication and Second Biennial Transparency Report (5NC/2BTR) to UNFCCC

Review CEO Endorsement and Make a recommendation

Basic project information

GEF ID

11488

Countries

Thailand

Project Name

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Agencies

UNDP

Date received by PM

12/7/2023

Review completed by PM

12/12/2023

Program Manager

Toshiyuki Yamasaki

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

Toshi 12/18/2023:

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

Toshi 12/18/2023:

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

Toshi 2/7/2024:

Thank you. Cleared.

Toshi 12/18/2023:

Regarding abbreviation words, to avoid confusion, please explain them when they appeared for the first time, i.e., TU-RAC in Budget Table B, and check through again.

Agency's Comments

Agency Response (to comment on 12/18/2023):

All abbreviation words have been explained throughout the project document and enabling activity request.

Section 2 - Enabling Activity Supporting Information

Eligibility Criteria.

Is this enabling activity eligible for GEF funding?

Secretariat's Comments

Toshi 12/18/2023:

Yes.

Agency's Comments

Institutional framework.

Are the institutional arrangements for implementation adequately described?

Secretariat's Comments

Toshi 12/18/2023:

We take note that UNDP will carry partial execution to provide execution services through the ?Support to County Office modality?. The request from the OFP and the authorization by the GEF Secretariat are uploaded in the Documents section of the project.

Agency's Comments

Monitoring and Evaluation.

Does the project include a budgeted M&E Plan?

Secretariat's Comments

Toshi 12/18/2023:

Yes. The M&E budget for the project is \$17,000.

Agency's Comments

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 Inclusion

Toshi 12/18/2023:

Yes.

Agency Response

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

STAR allocation?

Secretariat's Comments

N/A.

Agency's Comments

Focal Area allocation?

Secretariat's Comments

N/A.

Agency's Comments

LDCF under the principle of equitable access?

Secretariat's Comments

N/A.

Agency's Comments
SCCF (Adaptation or Tech Transfer)?

Secretariat's Comments
N/A.

Agency's Comments
Focal Area Set Aside?

Secretariat's Comments
Toshi 12/18/2023:
Yes. This 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
Rio Markers.
Are the Rio Markers for CCM ,CCA, BD and LD presented?

Secretariat's Comments
Toshi 12/18/2023:
Yes.

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 Comments
Toshi 2/7/2024:
Thank you. Cleared.

Toshi 12/18/2023:
The LOE template used for this project removed the footnote that conditions the selection of the executing partner to the following: ?Subject to the capacity assessment carried out by the GEF Implementing Agency, as appropriate?. Per the attached email distributed back in March when we were aiming to constitute June 2023 Work Program, Agencies were informed that LoEs ?with modifications cannot be accepted and will be returned?. While the removal of the footnote seems to be trivial, it is not: this footnote reduces the chances of having an executing partner that does not meet the fiduciary and procurement standards required to safely execute the project. Please get an email from the OFP accepting this footnote to be part of the LoE (this is an alternative to request a new LoE).

Agency's Comments

Agency Response (to comment on 12/18/2023):

An email from the GEF OFP accepting the footnote to be part of the LoE is attached.

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

Toshi 2/7/2024:

Thank you. Cleared.

Toshi 12/18/2023:

- 1) Office supplies should only be charged to PMC, currently is charged to project component.
- 2) Some of the text in the project budget table is off margins, please correct this (you can ask ITS for support in case it is needed).

Agency's Comments

Agency Response (to comment on 12/18/2023):

1. Reference is made to the budget note number 4 and 16 in the project document. The cost of office supplies is incurred as direct expenditures associated with project activities including technical work, stakeholder workshops, and data collection in different locations. Therefore, the cost is charged in project components, and it shall not include purchasing of any assets or supplies for the project management unit. The cost is re-budgeted under ?Audio Visual & Print Prod Costs? account code in UNDP budget and Other Operating Costs category in the GEF Budget template.

2. Project budget table format fixed.

Environmental and Social Safeguards.

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

Secretariat's Comments

Toshi 12/18/2023:

Yes. 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

Toshi 12/18/2023:

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	12/11/2023	2/7/2024
Additional Review (as necessary)	12/18/2023	
Additional Review (as necessary)	2/7/2024	
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