

Development of the First Biennial Transparency Report and the combined Fifth National Communication and Second Biennial Transparency Report of Armenia to the UNFCCC

Review CEO Endorsement and Make a recommendation

Basic project information

GEF ID

11309

Countries

Armenia

Project Name

Development of the First Biennial Transparency Report and the combined Fifth National Communication and Second Biennial Transparency Report of Armenia to the UNFCCC

Agencies

UNDP

Date received by PM

6/2/2023

Review completed by PM

6/15/2023

Program Manager

Patricia Marcos Huidobro

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

6.15.2023 PM:

Yes. This enabling activity is aligned with the GEF-8 climate change focal are strategy.

Agency's Comments

Cost Ranges.

If there was a deviation in the cost range, was this explained?

Secretariat's Comments

6.15.2023 PM:

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

6.27.2023 PM:

Cleared.

6.15.2023 PM:

Yes, with suggestions. The proposal states that an adaptation communication will be submitted as a component of BTR1 and NC5/BTR2 in line with Article 7 of the PA and Decision 9/CMA.1. The proposal has also successfully made the link between the proposed components and the activities of the CBIT proposal. Please consider adding "CBIT" next to the name of the project "Building Armenia's national transparency framework under the Paris Agreement" to make clear this is a CBIT project.

Agency's Comments

27/06/2023:

Thank you for the GEFSEC comment. The abbreviation "CBIT" has been added next to the full title of the project in the EA request form and the Project Document.

Section 2 - Enabling Activity Supporting Information

Eligibility Criteria.

Is this enabling activity eligible for GEF funding?

Secretariat's Comments

6.27.2023 PM:

Cleared. Blank pages have been removed. Thank you for reaching out to the GEF IT team.

6.15.2023 PM:

Yes, with the following suggestions:

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- Please remove blank pages 51 to 338.

- Since the project mentions the Technology Needs Assessment, please include a reference to the Technology Needs Assessment funded by the GEF in Armenia under Phase II of the Global TNA Project.

- We noted that an initial gender analysis was conducted. Please reflect/integrated gender-responsive actions with respect to relevant Project Components reflecting the finding of the initial gender analysis in with line with good gender mainstreaming practice.

Agency's Comments

27/06/2023:

?1. The footnote links are checked in the online portal to ensure no duplicated links appear in the PDF version of the CEO Endorsement form.

2. We understand the blank pages in the PDF version of the CEO Endorsement form are automatically generated by the GEF Portal. The issue has been reported to the GEF IT team for their support and action on 19 June 2023.

3. Reference to the Phase II of the Global TNA Project has been included in the EA Request Form and the project document (references are highlighted in both documents).

4. A preliminary Gender Action Plan has been included under the Gender Dimension section of the EA Request and Annex 9 of the project document outlining initial gender responsive

actions per component. Gender responsive actions have also been highlighted under each component. Detailed Gender analysis will be conducted during the project's inception phase and the Gender Action Plan will be finalized after that.

Institutional framework.

Are the institutional arrangements for implementation adequately described?

Secretariat's Comments

6.27.2023 PM:

Cleared.

6.15.2023 PM:

Yes, with suggestion. The project will be implemented by UNDP with limited execution support services. The execution support services has been previously approved by the GEF Sec via email, which has been uploaded in the GEF Portal. In line with the execution support letter signed by Armenia's OFP and the project budget, kindly include in the proposal a reference to the estimated support to be provided by UNDP in US\$.

Agency's Comments

27/06/2023:

Thank you for the GEFSEC comment. The reference to the estimated cost of the limited execution support services (8,415.28 USD) to be provided by UNDP for this project is included in the EA request form and the project document (highlighted in both documents).

Monitoring and Evaluation.

Does the project include a budgeted M&E Plan?

Secretariat's Comments

6.15.2023 PM:

Yes.

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

6.15.2023 PM:

Yes.

Agency Response

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

STAR allocation?

Secretariat's Comments

6.15.2023 PM:

N/A.

Agency's Comments

Focal Area allocation?

Secretariat's Comments

6.15.2023 PM:

N/A.

Agency's Comments

LDCF under the principle of equitable access?

Secretariat's Comments

6.15.2023 PM:

N/A.

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

Secretariat's Comments
6.15.2023 PM:

N/A.

Agency's Comments
Focal Area Set Aside?

Secretariat's Comments
6.15.2023 PM:

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
6.15.2023 PM:

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
6.15.2023 PM:

Yes. The project has been endorsed by the country's GEF OFP and the endorsed amounts are consistent with the amounts in the Portal.

Agency's Comments

Response to Comments

Are all the comments adequately responded to? (only as applicable)

Gef Secretariat comments

Secretariat's Comments

6.15.2023 PM:

N/A.

Agency's Comments

Other Agencies comments

Secretariat's Comments

6.15.2023 PM:

N/A.

Agency's Comments

Council comments

Secretariat's Comments

6.15.2023 PM:

N/A.

Agency's Comments

STAP comments

Secretariat's Comments

6.15.2023 PM:

N/A.

Agency's Comments
Convention Secretariat comments

Secretariat's Comments
6.15.2023 PM:

N/A.

Agency's Comments
CSOs comments

Secretariat's Comments
6.15.2023 PM:

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
6.15.2023 PM:

Yes.

Agency's Comments
Environmental and Social Safeguards.

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

Secretariat's Comments
6.15.2023 PM:

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

6.27.2023 PM:

Yes. This project is recommended for further processing.

6.15.2023 PM:

No. Please address minor suggestions remaining above.

REVIEW DATE(S)

**Secretariat Comment at
CEO Endorsement**

**Response to
Secretariat comments**

First Review		6/27/2023
Additional Review (as necessary)		
Additional Review (as necessary)		
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