



Enabling the Republic of T?rkiye to Prepare Its First Biennial Transparency Report (BTR1) and the Joint Ninth National Communication and Second Biennial Transparency Report (NC9/BTR2) to the UNFCCC

Review CEO Endorsement and Make a recommendation

Basic project information

GEF ID

11313

Countries

T?rkiye

Project Name

Enabling the Republic of T?rkiye to Prepare Its First Biennial Transparency Report (BTR1) and the Joint Ninth National Communication and Second Biennial Transparency Report (NC9/BTR2) to the UNFCCC

Agencies

FAO

Date received by PM

7/5/2023

Review completed by PM

7/17/2023

Program Manager

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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

PM 11.13.2023:

Cleared. The Expected Implementation Start Date has been revised to 1/1/2024.

PM 10.23.2023:

No. Please address the following remaining comment:

3. Please revisit the "Expected Implementation Start Date" to a later date to allow some time for the completion of the review process by both FAO and GEF. The current expected implementation start date of 11/1/2023 is very unlikely to be met.

PM 10.17.2023:

No. The following comments haven't been addressed:

1. "Type of Report(s)". Please add the following type of reports: UNFCCC Biennial Transparency Report (BTR) and UNFCCC Biennial Transparency Report/National Communication (BTR/NC)
2. "Expected Report Submission to Convention". Please add two lines, one with the expected submission date for BTR1 and another line with the expected submission line for BTR2/NC9.
3. Please revisit the "Expected Implementation Start Date" to a later date to allow some time for the completion of the review process by both FAO and GEF. The current expected implementation start date of 11/1/2023 is very unlikely to be met.

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Country(ies):	Türkiye	GEF Enabling Activity ID:	11313
GEF Agency(ies):	FAO	GEF Agency Enabling Activity ID:	743026
Project Executing Entity(s):	Directorate of Climate Change (affiliated to Ministry of Environment, Urbanization and Climate Change)	Executing Partner Type:	Government
GEF Focal Area (s):	Climate Change	Submission Date:	7/5/2023
Expected Implementation Start:	11/1/2023	Expected Duration:	48 Months
Type of Report(s):		Expected Report Submission to Convention:	

PM 7.14.2023:

No. This project is aligned with the GEF-8 climate change focal area strategy. However, the following information is missing in the General Enabling Activity Information table:

- "Type of Report(s)". Please add the following type of reports: UNFCCC Biennial Transparency Report (BTR) and UNFCCC Biennial Transparency Report/National Communication (BTR/NC)
- "Expected Report Submission to Convention". Please add two lines, one with the expected submission date for BTR1 and another line with the expected submission line for BTR2/NC9.

Also, you may want to revisit the "Expected Implementation Start Date" to a later date to allow some time for the completion of the review process by both FAO and GEF.

Agency's Comments

Comments 8 November 2023:

The proposed start date of the project is adjusted as 1 Jan 2024. Everything is ready to start as soon as ceo-endorsed.

Comments 12 October 2023:

1 ? The two reports have been added to the "Type of Report(s)" section of the General Enabling Activity Information table and the "Expected Report Submission to Convention" section has been corrected to two lines with the expected submission dates of the BTR1 and BTR2/NC9.

2 ? Expected submission date of both BTR1 and BTR2/NC9 has been inserted as per comments. Also , project?s EOD and NTE has been revised according to comment.

Cost Ranges.

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

Secretariat's Comments

PM 10.17.2023:

Cleared.

PM 7.14.2023:

No. The project is within the cost range. However, as per Information Note GEF/C.62/Inf.15 - <https://www.thegef.org/council-meeting-documents/gef-c-62-inf-15>, kindly note for the project can access up to US 1,233,000, i.e. US600,000 for the stand-alone BTR1 plus US 633,000 for a combined BTR2/NC9. If the agency decides to update the GEF financing from US 1,200,000 to US 1,233,000, please make sure the Letter of Endorsement and the Agency Fee are also updated accordingly.

Agency's Comments GEF financing has been updated as US 1,233,000 in both Letter of Endorsement and Project Document. Also, Agency Fee has been re-calculated accordingly.

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

PM 11.13.2023:

Cleared.

PM 10.23.2023:

No. The following comments haven't been addressed:

2. Other related activities/regulations. We noted the CEO Approval documents includes a general reference to the NIRs, NDCs, LT-LEDS. However, please include all these documents in a list and specify (including a link when available) the document, i.e. First Updated NDC. For instance, it seems Turkey has not yet submitted a LT-LEDS. Please clarify and document accordingly;

3. We noted that the Adaptation Communication will be submitted as a separate document. Please include a reference to this in the main body of the CEO Approval document (and not just in Annex A as in response to these review comments);

PM 10.17.2023:

No. Please address the following comments:

1. Clarify that the CBIT project submitted in August 2023 is still to be approved by the GEF;

2. Other related activities/regulations. We noted the CEO Approval documents includes a general reference to the NIRs, NDCs, LT-LEDS. However, please include all these documents in a list and specify (including a link when available) the document, i.e. First Updated NDC. For instance, it seems Turkey has not yet submitted a LT-LEDS. Please clarify and document accordingly;

3. We noted that the Adaptation Communication will be submitted as a separate document. Please include a reference to this in the CEO Approval document;

4. Please copy/paste Table 1 under Annex G of FAO's project document into the GEF's CEO Approval document, as this would be the document publicly available in our Portal.

PM 7.14.2023:

No. Please address the following comments:

- *BTR1 and NC9/BTR2*. For the sake of clarity and to know whether NC9 is combined with BTR1 or BTR2, please consider replacing NC9 and BTR1-2 by BTR1 and NC9/BTR2 across the project document as well as in the title.

- *CBIT*. The proposal mentions coordination with the CBIT project. Please clarify which CBIT project you are referring to (is this the AFOLU CBIT project? Currently Turkey doesn't have an approved CBIT standalone project) and elaborate further on the areas of coordination between the two projects, and on which CBIT activities the proposed project would be built on.

- *Other related activities/regulations*. The proposal mentions "*other ETF related activities in the country*". Please list the most relevant ETF related activities in Turkey along with key baseline projects, programs and policies.

- Under section C "Eligibility Criteria" please consider adding information on the number of NCs and BURs approved so far in Turkey and their respective approval dates.

- Please consider adding information on the capacity building needs and areas of improvements identified in previous BURs as per the UNFCCC International Consultation and Analysis (ICA) process. This information is usually listed in the Technical Analysis Summary Reports (TARS) of the BURs. Elaborate further on how the proposed activity would address these capacity building needs and areas of improvement.

- *Adaptation Communication*. Parties may submit an adaptation communication as a component of, or in conjunction with, a BTR. Please clarify in the proposal whether Turkey is expected to submit its Adaptation Communication in conjunction with BTR1 and/or BTR2.

- *Stakeholders*. Please consider strengthening the list of project's stakeholder by adding the role each of them is expected to have in the project and their means of engagement. Also, as per the current stakeholder's list the private sector, NGOs, academia and financial institutions seems underrepresented. In addition, it is unclear what efforts and activities have been considered to consult and coordinate with civil society organizations. Please consider elaborating on a broader civil society engagement as part of the project.

- Gender. Please consider including gender dimensions/perspectives in Output 4.1.2

Agency's Comments

Comments 8 November 2023:

2. The submissions of Turkiye and their links have been inserted as a list; on paragraph 13 and highlighted in green. The LT-LEDS is expected to be submitted in 2024, as indicated by the National Counterparts in consultations.

3. Information that the Adaptation Communication will be submitted as a separate document and outside of the project's activities is added to the main text, on paragraph 7, highlighted in green.

Comments 12 October 2023:

1. 9NC and BTR1-2 are replaced with BTR1 and BTR2/NC9 throughout the document.
- 2-3. Related information of country's CBIT and related activities has been inserted.
4. Other reports listed in the mentioned part of the document.
5. Information on previously submitted NCs and BRs listed. As an annex-1 country, Turkiye does not submit BURs so it was not mentioned.
6. Adaptation Communication will be submitted as a stand-alone document and listed as related processes. It will be submitted outside of the project.
7. Stakeholder list has been updated at the Annex G and now includes more local administrations, business organizations and other NGOs.
8. Gender dimension inserted into the related output.

Section 2 - Enabling Activity Supporting Information

Eligibility Criteria.

Is this enabling activity eligible for GEF funding?

Secretariat's Comments

PM 7.14.2023:

Yes.

Agency's Comments

Institutional framework.

Are the institutional arrangements for implementation adequately described?

Secretariat's Comments

PM 10.17.2023:

Cleared.

PM 7.14.2023:

No. Section E on "Monitoring and Evaluation Plan" mentions the Project Steering Committee (PSC). However, the section on institutional arrangements is silent with regards to the PSC. Please consider adding the PSC under this section outlining its responsibilities, and how these differ from the PMU's ones. Also, responsibilities of the PMU are scattered across this section, please consider listing these responsibilities in bullet points.

Agency's Comments PMU's and PSC's roles are identified under the " Institutional framework" section as suggested.

Monitoring and Evaluation.

Does the project include a budgeted M&E Plan?

Secretariat's Comments

PM 10.17.2023:

Cleared.

PM 7.14.2023:

Yes, with suggestions. In the M&E table please add new rows with all the M&E activities identified, including those activities which do not have an assigned budget.

Agency's Comments Non- budget activities are added to the M&E table.

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
PM 10.17.2023:**

Cleared.

PM 7.14.2023:

Yes, with suggestions. Please see comment above on cost-range.

Agency Response Letter of Endorsement and Project Document has been revised with regards to the comment on cost-range.

**Are they within the resources available from (mark all that apply):
STAR allocation?**

Secretariat's Comments

PM 7.14.2023:

N/A.

Agency's Comments

Focal Area allocation?

Secretariat's Comments

PM 7.14.2023:

N/A.

Agency's Comments

LDCF under the principle of equitable access?

Secretariat's Comments

PM 7.14.2023:

N/A.

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

Secretariat's Comments
PM 7.14.2023:

N/A.

Agency's Comments
Focal Area Set Aside?

Secretariat's Comments
PM 7.14.2023:

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
PM 10.23.2023:

Cleared. Rio Market for CCA has been updated to 1.

PM 10.17.2023:

No. Comment below hasn't been addressed. Please consider updating the CCA Rio Marker from 2 to 1, to make it consistent with other GEF's NC and BTR projects.

PM 7.14.2023:

No. NCs ad BTRs projects are usually marked as Rio Markers CCM2 and CCA1. Please consider updating the CCA Rio Marker from 2 to 1, to make it consistent with other GEF's NC and BTR projects.

Agency's Comments Revised according to the comment.

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

PM 10.17.2023:

Cleared.

PM 7.14.2023:

No. The project has been endorsed by the country's GEF OFP and the endorsed amounts are consistent with the amounts in the Portal. However, kindly note the Letter of Endorsement indicates the funding for this project comes from CBIT set-side- which is not correct. The budget shall come from the CC set-aside for Enabling Activities (EA), as rightly pointed in Section 3 "Information Tables", Table F "GEF Financing Resources Requested by Agency, Country and Programming of Funds". Kindly submit a revised Letter of Endorsement with corrected programming of funds.

F: GEF Financing Resources Requested by Agency, Country and Programming of Funds: ①

GEF Agency	Trust Fund	Country/Regional/ Global	Focal Area	Programming of Funds	GEF Enabling Activity Financing (\$)	Agency Fee (\$)	Total(\$)
FAO	GET	Türkiye	Climate Change	CC Set-Aside	1,200,000.00	114,000.00	1,314,000.00
Total GEF Resources					1,200,000.00	114,000.00	1,314,000.00

Trust Fund	GEF Agency	Focal Area Source	Amount (in US\$)				Total
			GEF Project Financing	GEF Project Financing Agency Fee	Project Preparation Grant (PPG)	Project Preparation Grant (PPG) Agency Fee	
GEFTF	FAO	CBIT Set- Aside	1,200,000	114,000	0	0	1,314,000
Total GEF Resources			1,200,000	114,000	0	0	1,314,000

Sincerely,

Ebubekir GİZLİGİDER
Deputy Minister, Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry
GEF Operational Focal Point for Türkiye

Agency's Comments Letter of Endorsement has been revised considering the suggestions from Cost Ranges and Country endorsement.

Response to Comments

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

Gef Secretariat comments

Secretariat's Comments

PM 10.23.2023:

Cleared. Annex A table is now within the margins.

Please note there is no need to include comments made in this review sheet in Table under Annex A (this annex is usually only for two-step projects). However, if you choose to include comments made in this Review Sheet in Annex A of the GEF CEO Approval document, please note the table is off margins.

PM 7.14.2023:

N/A.

Agency's Comments
Other Agencies comments

Secretariat's Comments
PM 7.14.2023:

N/A.

Agency's Comments
Council comments

Secretariat's Comments
PM 7.14.2023:

N/A.

Agency's Comments
STAP comments

Secretariat's Comments
PM 7.14.2023:

N/A.

Agency's Comments
Convention Secretariat comments

Secretariat's Comments

PM 7.14.2023:

N/A.

Agency's Comments
CSOs comments

Secretariat's Comments
PM 7.14.2023:

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
PM 7.14.2023:

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
PM 7.14.2023:

Yes.

Agency's Comments
**GEFSEC DECISION
RECOMMENDATION.
Is CEO endorsement/ approval recommended?**

Secretariat's Comments

PM 11.13.2023:

Cleared.

PM 10.23.2023:

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PM 10.17.2023:

No. As indicated above, there are still pending comments to be addressed.

PM 7.14.2023:

No. Please address comments identified above.

REVIEW DATE(S)

	Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement	Response to Secretariat comments
First Review		10/12/2023
Additional Review (as necessary)		11/8/2023

**Secretariat Comment at
CEO Endorsement**

**Response to
Secretariat comments**

Additional Review (as necessary)
Additional Review (as necessary)
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