



# Amazon Sustainable Landscapes Program Phase 3- Addendum Council Meeting Feb 5, 2024

Review PIF and Make a recommendation

## Basic project information

**GEF ID**

11337

**Countries**

Regional (Guyana)

**Project Name**

Amazon Sustainable Landscapes Program Phase 3- Addendum Council Meeting  
Feb 5, 2024

**Agencies**

World Bank, FAO

**Date received by PM**

10/13/2023

**Review completed by PM**

10/30/2023

**Program Manager**

Pascal Martinez

Focal Area

Multi Focal Area

Project Type

PFD

## GEF-8 PROJECT IDENTIFICATION FORM (PIF) REVIEW SHEET



### 1. General Program Information



a) Is the Program Information table correctly filled, including specifying adequate executing partners?

Secretariat's Comments

October 29, 2023:


1. The Anticipated Program Executing Entity(s) is (are) missing. Please fill out Executing Entity Name and Type as included in the LoE and in the General Child Project Information:

GENERAL PROGRAM INFORMATION 			
Program Title:	Amazon Sustainable Landscapes Program Phase 3- Addendum Council Meeting Feb 5, 2024		
Country(ies):	Guyana	GEF Program ID:	11337
Lead GEF Agency:	World Bank	GEF Agency Program ID:	
Other GEF Agency(ies):	FAO	Submission Date:	10/13/2023
Type of Trust Fund:	GET		
Anticipated Program Executing Entity(ies):		Anticipated Program Executing Partner Type(s):	
Sector (only for Programs on CC): 		Program Duration (Months):	60
GEF Focal Area (s):	Multi Focal Area	Program Commitment Deadline:	8/5/2025

GENERAL CHILD PROJECT INFORMATION 			
Child Project Title:	Advancing Guyana's National Development through Improved Management of Amazon Forests in G		
Region:	Guyana	GEF Child Project ID:	11338
Country(ies):	Guyana	Type of Child Project:	FSP
GEF Agency(ies):	World Bank	GEF Agency Child Project ID:	
	FAO		
Anticipated Executing Entity(ies):	Environmental Protection Agency	Anticipated Executing Type:	Government
GEF Focal Area (s):	Multi Focal Area	Submission Date:	10/13/20
Type of Trust Fund:	GET	Child Project Duration (Months):	60
GEF Child Project Financing: (a)	3,519,722.00	PPG Amount: (c)	150,000.00
Agency Fee(s): (b)	316,774.00	PPG Agency Fee(s): (d)	13,500.00
Total GEF Program Financing: (a+b+c+d)	3,999,996.00	Total Co-financing:	20,800.00
Project Tags:	CBIT: No SGP: No		
Project Sector (CCM Only): 			

2. On "Sector (only for Programs on CC)", please include "AFOLU" as the PFD addendum includes CCM funds.

3. Countries should include "Regional"? please amend accordingly including in this field "Regional, Guyana".

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4. Program Commitment Deadline must be 18th months after the approval of the Work Program ? please adjust to 8/9/2025.

Fund:		Anticipated Program Executing Partner Type(s):	
Anticipated Program Executing Entity(s):			
Sector (only for Programs on CC): 		Program Duration (Months):	60
GEF Focal Area (s):	Multi Focal Area	Program Commitment Deadline:	8/5/2025

**November 10, 2023:**

Thank you for the amendments. Cleared.

Agency's Comments

November 10, 2023:

Adjustments has been done accordingly in the portal:

- 1) Executing Agency is: Environmental Protection Agency; Type is: Government
- 2) Added AFOLU
- 3) Changed to Regional (instead of Country)
- 4) Changed Commitment deadline to 08/09/2025

**b) Are the Rio Markers for CCM, CCA, BD and LD correctly selected, if applicable?**

Secretariat's Comments

**October 29, 2023:**

Yes, cleared.

Agency's Comments

**2. Program Summary**

a) Does the program summary concisely describe the problem to be addressed, the program objective and the strategies to deliver the GEBs or adaptation benefits and other key expected outcomes?

b) Is the program's geographical coverage explicit, as well as the covered sectors? Does the summary explain how the program is transformative or innovative?

#### Secretariat's Comments

##### **October 29, 2023:**

Please add a last paragraph presenting the expected GEBs of Guyana's addition and the total expected GEBs of the whole Program.

##### **November 10, 2023:**

The summary says "200 additional hectares will be restored". This is not consistent with what is expected in the core indicator section where 700 hectares of forest are expected to be restored and 200 hectares are expected to be under improved management to benefit biodiversity. Please correct the summary accordingly.

##### **November 22, 2023:**

Thank you for the amendment. Cleared.

#### Agency's Comments November 10, 2023:

Guyana's inclusion in the third phase of the ASL program significantly enhances its impact, as it now encompasses all Amazon sovereign countries. The addition of Guyana augments the collective efforts of the ASL Program in safeguarding the region's critical ecosystems. In its entirety, the program will prioritize the conservation of primary forests, biodiversity, and the promotion of sustainable practices and restoration within protected areas, areas under sustainable management, and beyond. This project aims to contribute to GEBs by maintaining intact forest landscapes, engaging stakeholders in sustainable production and landscape restoration, and facilitating effective communication and knowledge sharing.

Guyana will add to global environmental benefits already determined by the other participant countries. For instance, additional 1.8 million hectares of protected areas will improve their management effectiveness and 700 additional hectares will be restored.

Collectively, as part of the ASL3 Program, with Guyana, GEF funding is expected to help countries contribute to over 36 million hectares of terrestrial protected areas created or with improved management effectiveness. Additionally, more than 104 thousand hectares of land and ecosystems are set to undergo restoration efforts, fostering the regeneration of critical natural habitats at the regional and landscape level. In addition, more than 13 million hectares of landscapes are set to be placed under improved practices, across the eight participating Amazon countries. This regional approach collectively aims to mitigate greenhouse gas

emissions, reducing them by more than 74 million metric tons of CO<sub>2</sub>e. The GEF-financed investments will directly be benefiting 393,517 people, of whom 198,963 are women. The Program maintains a strong emphasis on gender disaggregation and inclusion of vulnerable and marginalized groups throughout its implementation, ensuring equal participation and equitable distribution of benefits.

### **3 Indicative Program Overview**

- a) Is the program objective statement concise, clear and measurable?**
- b) Are the components and outcomes sound, appropriate and sufficiently clear to achieve the program objective and the core indicators per the stated Theory of Change?**
- c) Are gender dimensions, knowledge management, and M&E included within the program components and appropriately funded?**
- d) Are the GEF program Financing and Co-Financing contributions to PMC proportional?**
- e) Is the PMC equal to or below 5%? If above 5%, is the justification acceptable?**

#### Secretariat's Comments

**October 29, 2023:**

Yes, cleared.

#### Agency's Comments

November 17 Addendum:

The project will be implemented by FAO and executed by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) of Guyana. A Project Steering Committee (PSC) will be established for strategic decisions and will convene one or twice a year. The PSC will be composed by the EPA, FAO, and other relevant institutions and stakeholders to be identified during project formulation. A technical committee will be established to provide guidance to the project. The EPA will nominate a National Director for the day-to-day supervision, and there will be a Project Management Unit (PMU) led by a project National Coordinator, responsible for project execution.

### **4 Program Outline**

#### **A. Program Rationale**

- a) Is the current situation (including global environmental problems, key drivers of environmental degradation, climate vulnerability) clearly and adequately described from a systems perspective and adequately addressed by the program design?**
  
- b) Has the role of stakeholders, incl. the private sector and local actors in the system been described and how they will contribute to GEBs and/or adaptation benefits and other program outcomes? Is the private sector seen mainly as a stakeholder or as financier?**

**c) Is the baseline situation and baseline projects and initiatives well laid out and how the program will build on these?**

**d) Have lessons learned from previous efforts been considered in the program design?**

**e) For NGL, is there a brief description of the financial barriers and how the program ? and the proposed financial structure- responds to these financial barriers.**

#### Secretariat's Comments

**October 29, 2023:**

No, in the Portal entry there isn't any information under "A. Program Rationale". Please complete briefly with specific elements related to Guyana's context. In particular, please include summarized information on: a- the current situation (environmental problems, key drivers and barriers); b- the role of stakeholders and their contribution to the GEBs; and c- the baseline situation, projects and initiatives the program will build on. Information from the Concept Note can be used here.

**November 10, 2023:**

Under the rationale, the text says "The government is implementing GEF projects to establish new protected areas". Is the participation of Guyana in ASL3 among these GEF projects? If so, this wouldn't be consistent with the core indicators where there is no expected results for the Indicator 1.1 "Terrestrial Protected Areas Newly created". Please clarify.

**November 22, 2023:**

The response remains unclear. Clarification will be requested at CEO endorsement.

#### Agency's Comments November 10, 2023:

a) The current environmental situation in Guyana's Amazon region, with similarities to other Amazon countries, is characterized by threats like deforestation, habitat degradation, fragmentation, and the impact of gold mining on protected areas. Additionally, abandoned bauxite mining areas with soil acidification and the use of slash-and-burn agriculture contribute to the challenges. Future climate projections indicate increased fire frequency and rising temperatures.

b) In Guyana, stakeholders including the government and indigenous communities play a vital role in addressing these environmental issues and contributing to Global Environmental Benefits (GEBs). Guyana's commitment to conserving at least 17% of terrestrial land aligns with global biodiversity goals. The government is implementing GEF projects to establish new protected areas with connectivity to existing ones, and Guyana is a party to the Amazon Cooperation Treaty. The signing of the Belem

Declaration in 2023 underlines Guyana's commitment to forest protection and biodiversity.

c) Guyana's policy and regulatory framework include the Low Carbon Development Strategy (LCDS 2030), the National Forest Plan 2018, and relevant laws. These policies align with low-carbon development and provide an enabling environment for effective forest management.

## **5 B. Program Description**

**5.1 a) Is there a concise theory of change (narrative and an optional schematic) that describes the program logic, including how the program design elements are contributing to the objective, a set of identified key causal pathways, the thrust and basis (including scientific) of the proposed solutions, how they provide a robust solution and listing the key assumptions underlying these?**

**b) Is there a description of how the GEF alternative will build on ongoing/previous investments (GEF and non-GEF), lessons and experiences?**

**c) Are the program components described and proposed solutions and critical assumptions and risks properly justified? Is there an indication of why the program approach has been selected over other potential options?**

**d) Incremental/additional cost reasoning: Is the incremental/additional cost reasoning properly described as per the Guidelines provided in GEF/C.31/12? Have the baseline scenario and/or associated baseline programs been described? Is the program incremental reasoning provisioned (including the role of the GEF)?**

**e) Are the relevant levers of transformation identified and described?**

**f) Is there an adequate description on how relevant stakeholders (including women, private sector, CSO, e.g.) will contribute to the design and implementation of the program and its components?**

**g) Gender: Does the description on gender issues identify any differences, gaps or opportunities linked to program objectives and have these been taken up in component description/s?**

**h) Are the proposed elements to capture, exchange and disseminate knowledge and lessons learned adequate in order to benefit future programs? Are efforts for strategic communication adequately described?**

**i) Policy Coherence: How will the program support participating countries to improve, develop and align policies, regulations or subsidies to not counteract the intended program outcomes?**

Secretariat's Comments

**October 29, 2023:**

In the Portal entry there isn't any information under "B. Program Description". Please elaborate briefly on the Guyana's Child Project strategy and how it will contribute to and align with the Program, including on transformation objective. Please ensure the Child project is clearly aligned with the Program TOC. As indicated above, information from the Concept Note can be used here.

**November 10, 2023:**

Thank you for the additional information. Cleared.

### Agency's Comments

November 10, 2023:

The Guyana child project strategy is closely aligned with the ASL Program, its transformation objectives and reinforces the collective effort towards common goal. Each of Guyana's Child Project component addresses specific barriers, such as institutional shortcomings, lack of knowledge, or limited access to markets, and proposes interventions that directly align with the ASL Program's broader objectives. Such alignment is also incorporated in the project's components: 1. **Maintenance of Intact Forest Landscapes including** strengthening conservation under different protection regimes; 2. **Engagement of Stakeholders in Sustainable Production and Landscape Restoration**, overcoming knowledge gaps, lack of techniques, and limited awareness of the benefits of ecosystem restoration. By enhancing sustainable production and landscape restoration, this project aligns with the ASL Program's goal of promoting sustainable practices and involving stakeholders in conservation efforts. 3. **Effective Strategic Communication and Knowledge Management:** promoting capacity building, communications, and regional cooperation. This aligns with the ASL Program's emphasis on improving communication and knowledge sharing to support conservation and sustainable use of Amazon forests.

The project in Guyana will add to the programmatic efforts to facilitate, inform, or secure transformational changes. For instance, on the lever of transformation related to finance, the project will pilot and implement a biodiversity mechanism to finance restoration and conservation, building on lessons learned from the carbon credits scheme. Also, multistakeholder dialogues will be guided by an engagement plan designed to strengthen fora that exist for exchange of knowledge and experiences and disseminate findings and plans among stakeholders.

#### **5.2 Program coherence and consistency**

**a) How will the program design ensure resilience to future changes in the drivers and allow for adaptive management needs and options?**



**b) Is the potential for achieving transformative change through the integrated approach adequately described? How is the program going to be transformative or innovative? Does it explain scaling up opportunities?**

**c) Are the countries or themes selected as child projects under the program appropriate for achieving the overall program objective?**

**d) Are the descriptions of child projects adequately reflective of the program objective and priorities as described in the ToC?**

**e) Is the financing presented in the annexed financing table adequate to meet the program objectives?**

#### Secretariat's Comments

**October 29, 2023:**

As mentioned above, specific elements of the Guyana's Child Project need to be briefly presented (on rationale and project description) to ensure the Child Project is consistent with the Program. The financing presented in the annexed financing table is adequate to contribute to the program objectives. Cleared.

**November 10, 2023:**

Thank you for the additional information. Cleared.

#### Agency's Comments

November 10, 2023:

Additional comments have been added in previous points and further details provided in the Guyana child project note. As mentioned the child project description and components align with the ASL ToC and goals.

#### **5.3 Program Governance, Coordination and Cooperation with Ongoing Initiatives and Programs**

**a) Are the program level institutional arrangements for governance and coordination, including potential executing partners, outlined on regional, national/local levels and a rationale provided? Has a program level organogram / diagram been included, with description of roles and responsibilities, and decision-making processes?**

**b) Is there a description of coordination and cooperation with ongoing GEF and non-GEF financed initiatives, projects/programs (such as government, private sector and/or other bilateral/multilateral supported initiatives in the program area, e.g.).**

#### Secretariat's Comments

**October 29, 2023:**

Please briefly present the governance of the project at national level (including potential executing partners).

**November 10, 2023:**

Thank you for the additional information. Cleared.

#### Agency's Comments

November 10, 2023:

The project will be implemented by FAO and executed by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) of Guyana. A Project Steering Committee (PSC) will be established for strategic decisions and will convene one or twice a year. The PSC will be composed by the EPA, FAO, and other relevant institutions and stakeholders to be identified during project formulation. A technical committee will be established to provide guidance to the project. The EPA will nominate a National Director for the day-to-day supervision, and there will be a Project Management Unit (PMU) led by a project National Coordinator, responsible for project execution.

#### **5.4 Program-level Results, Monitoring and Reporting**

**a) Are the global environmental benefits and/or adaptation benefits identified? Does the PFD describe how it will support the generation of multiple environmental benefits which would not have accrued without the GEF program?**

**b) Are the identified core indicators calculated using the methodology and adhering to the overarching principles included in the corresponding Guidelines (GEF/C.62/Inf.12/Rev.01/GEF/C.54/11/Rev.01)?**

**c) Are the program's targeted contributions to GEBs (measured through core indicators and additional listed outcome indicators) / adaptation benefits reasonable and achievable? Are the GEF Climate Change adaptation indicators and sub-indicators for LDCF and SCCF properly documented?**

**d) Other Benefits: Are the socioeconomic benefits resulting from the program at the global, national and local levels sufficiently described?**

**e) Is the described approach to program level M&E aiming to achieve coherence across child projects and to allow for adaptative management?**

#### Secretariat's Comments

**October 29, 2023:**

1. Under core indicator 1.2, the IUCN Category is missing for 3 Protected Areas. Please complete.

2. The expected result for core indicator 6.1 seems very low, especially considering the forest restoration. Please explain, provide the calculation and eventually revise as needed. Note: the description says estimations have been made with the EXACT tool (See Appendix 1) but the Appendix 1 of the Concept Note is barely readable and we don't find the EXACT tool uploaded in the document tab.

**November 10, 2023:**

1. Thank you for the additional information. Cleared.

2. The estimate of GHG mitigation remains low and this may be due to 2 possible mistakes in the Ex-ACT tool: 1- the reforestation is with "tropical shrublands" covering 508 ha while the core indicator 3.2 considers 700 ha of forest under restoration; 2- The Ex-ACT tool does consider a decrease of the forest degradation from "low" to "very low" but over an area of "0" hectares. We take note the Agency plans to estimate this area during the project formulation but an estimate of the area at this stage, even very conservative, is expected. Also, can't the area of avoided deforestation due to forest fires can be estimated based on areas burned in the previous years? Please clarify and adjust the Ex-ACT tool and the expected GHG mitigation as needed.

**November 22, 2023:**

Thank you for the revised assessment. Cleared.

**Agency's Comments**

November 10, 2023:

1. The information missing on the IUCN Category for some Pas has been completed.

2. The estimate of GHG reduction has been revised considering the area under restoration, based on similar experiences. The updated EX-ACT tool is also included as Annex 1 in the child project document and uploaded in the portal. During project formulation, and with data gathered in the field, an estimate of potential reduction on the areas in protected areas under improved management will also be included.

November 17:

Adjustments in the calculations were made. The new expected target is 2,182,841 metric ton of CO<sub>2</sub>e of as direct emission reduction for a 20-year period, considering avoided deforestation and restoration as follows:

Component 1. Based on geospatial data derived from Global Forest Watch area of tree cover loss, and from EarthMap land cover, it was estimated that an annual loss of 1,354 ha per year is due to mining. With the project it is expected a reduction of 70% of deforestation rate (4,740.25 ha).

Component 2. Restoration of 700 ha of degraded lands with forest landscape: a 73% adoption rate was considered over the 700 ha, resulting in 507.5 ha. This is to have a conservative approach, considering the growth of remaining trees over the time period of the project, and / or the actual achievement of restoring 700 ha of forest. The scenario takes degraded land as initial land use, converted to tropical shrub. The changes of land from degraded (1tC/ha of biomass) to shrub (1.88 tC/ha of biomass) was also decided as a conservative approach considering the state of degradation into a more realistic change (there are previously mining areas resulting in silicate and sandy soil).

This information is also available in the 'calculations' tab of the EX-ACT tool uploaded in the portal and as an annex in the concept note.

#### **5.5 Risks to Achieving Program Outcomes**

**a) Are climate and other main risks relevant to the program identified and adequately described? Are mitigation measures outlined and realistic? Is there any omission?**

**b) Are the key risks and mitigation measures that might affect implementation and the achievement of outcomes adequately rated?**

**c) Are environmental and social risks and impacts adequately screened and rated and consistent with requirements set out in SD/PL/03?**

#### **Secretariat's Comments**

**October 29, 2023:**

In addition to the risks and mitigation measures presented at Program level, please consider whether there is specific risks and mitigation measures (if any) related to the specific context in Guyana.

**November 10, 2023:**

Thank you for the clarification. Cleared.

#### **Agency's Comments**

**November 10, 2023:**

With the inclusion of Guyana in the Program, the risk rating for the overall program does not change. In fact, the participation of all Amazon countries for ASL3 will fortify regional efforts and positive impacts. It demonstrates an augmented determination to confront challenges to the Amazon and ensuring the deliverer of global environmental benefits.

For the Guyana specific project, as with all other national projects, during project preparation, environmental and social risk analysis will be further developed, in addition to gender action plan. Free prior informed consent processes with indigenous communities will be conducted as needed.

## **6 C. Alignment with GEF-8 Programming Strategies and Country/Regional Priorities**

**6.1 a) Is the program adequately aligned with Focal Area and IP Elements, and/or LDCF/SCCF strategy?**

**\*For IPs: is the program adequately aligned with the Integrated Program goals and objectives as outlined in the GEF 8 programming directions?**

Secretariat's Comments

**October 29, 2023:**

Yes, cleared.

Agency's Comments

**b) Child project selection criteria: Are the criteria for child project selection sound and transparently laid out?**

Secretariat's Comments

**October 29, 2023:**

Addressed at EoI stage by the EoI Review Committee.

Agency's Comments

November 10, 2023:

Thanks. The EOI review committee (including representative from the lead agency) met virtually on September 18, 2023. It welcomed the EoI from Guyana and recommended its inclusion in the Amazon CFP-IP (ASL3). It was considered a good proposal that made a strong case for inclusion in the CFB-IP for the Amazon. Recommendations were provided for the next stage of Concept Note and project document.

**6.2 Is the program alignment/coherent with country / regional / global priorities, policies, strategies and plans (including those related to the MEAs and to relevant sectors)?**

Secretariat's Comments

**October 29, 2023:**

Yes, cleared.

Agency's Comments

**7 D. Policy Requirements**

**7.1 Are the Policy Requirement sections completed?**

Secretariat's Comments

**October 29, 2023:**

Yes, in the original PFD. Cleared.

Agency's Comments

**7.2 Environmental and Social Safeguards**

**Have safeguard screening document and/or other ESS document(s) attached and been uploaded to the GEF Portal? (annex D)**

Secretariat's Comments

**October 29, 2023:**

Yes, in the original PFD. Cleared.

Agency's Comments

**8 Other Requirements**

**Knowledge Management**

**8.1 Has the agency confirmed that a project level approach to Knowledge Management and Learning has been included in the PFD?**

Secretariat's Comments

**October 29, 2023:**

Yes, cleared.

Agency's Comments

**9 Annexes**

**Financing Tables (Annex A and Annex H)**

**9.1 GEF Financing Table:**

**a) 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):**

**Country STAR allocation?**

Secretariat's Comments

**October 29, 2023:**

Yes, cleared.

Agency's Comments

**Non-STAR 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 A (SIDS)?**

Secretariat's Comments N/A

Agency's Comments

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

Secretariat's Comments N/A

Agency's Comments

**Focal Area Set Aside?**

Secretariat's Comments N/A

Agency's Comments  
**IP Set Aside**

Secretariat's Comments N/A

Agency's Comments  
**IP Contribution**

Secretariat's Comments  
**October 29, 2023:**

Yes, cleared.

Agency's Comments

**For Child Project Financing information (Annex H)**

**b) Are the IP Matching Incentives amounts correctly calculated according to the country STAR focal areas? allocated amounts? Are the IP contributions aligned with the Program? The allocated amounts (including Agency Fee) match those in LoE?**

**c) Project Preparation Grant Table: Are the IP Matching Incentives amounts correctly calculated according to the country STAR focal areas? allocated amounts? The allocated amounts (including PPG Fee) match those in LoE? Is the requested PPG within the authorized limits set in Guidelines? (pop up information?) If above the limits, has an exception been sufficiently substantiated?**

**d) Sources of Funds Table: Are the allocated sources of funds for each and every one of the three STAR Focal Areas within the Country's STAR envelope by the time of the last review?**

**e) Indicative Focal Area Elements Table: (For IPs) The selected Indicative Focal Area element corresponds to the respective IP?**

**f) (For non-IPs) The selected Indicative Focal Area Elements are aligned with the respective Program?**

**g) Co-financing Table: Are the indicative expected amounts, sources and types of co-financing provided and consistent with the requirements of the Co-Financing Policy and Guidelines?**



Secretariat's Comments

**October 29, 2023:**

Yes, cleared.

Agency's Comments

**9.2 Project Preparation Grant (PPG): if PPG for child projects has been requested: has the PPG table been included and properly filled out adding up to the correct PPG and PPG fee totals as per the sum of the child projects?**

Secretariat's Comments

**October 29, 2023:**

Yes, cleared.

Agency's Comments

**9.3 Sources of Funds for Country STAR Allocation**

**Does the table represent the sum of STAR allocations sources utilized for this program?**

Secretariat's Comments

**October 29, 2023:**

Yes, cleared.

Agency's Comments

**9.4 Indicative Focal Area Elements**

**For non-IP Programs**

**Does the table contain the sum of focal area elements and amounts as per the sum of the child projects?**

Secretariat's Comments N/A

Agency's Comments

**9.5 Indicative Co-financing**

**Are the indicative amounts, sources, and types of co-financing adequate and reflect the ambition of the program? Has the subset of co-finance which are expected to be investment mobilized been identified and defined (FI/GN/01)?**

## Secretariat's Comments

**October 29, 2023:**

1. In the co-financing table, please correct the typo "Protected Area oOmmission".
2. All the co-financing sources are in-kind and recurrent expenditures. Please consider the possibility of co-financing as Investments mobilized as well.

**November 10, 2023:**

1. There is still a typo: "Protected Area Ommission". Please correct.
2. Thank you for the consideration and clarification. Cleared.

**November 22, 2023:**

1. Thank you for the correction. Cleared.

## Agency's Comments

November 10, 2023:

1. Fixed the typo
2. Regarding co-financing: at this stage, FAO in consultation with national counterparts, informs it's not possible to commit mobilized investment. During project preparation, the implementation agency will explore other sources of co-financing, including sources of mobilized investment and report accordingly.

## Annex B: Endorsements

**9.6 Has the program and its respective child project been endorsed by the GEF OFP/s of all GEF eligible participating countries and has the OFP name and position been checked against the GEF database at the time of submission?**

## Secretariat's Comments

**October 29, 2023:**

Yes, cleared.

## Agency's Comments

November 10, 2023:

Newly uploaded Child concept document has been adjusted to consistently call the project Advancing Guyana's Development through Improved Forest Management as it stands in the LoE.

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

Secretariat's Comments

**October 29, 2023:**

The addendum includes only one country and the Letter of Endorsement is uploaded to the GEF Portal. 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

**October 29, 2023:**

The title of child project in Portal is different from the project title in the Letter of Endorsement. Please correct child project entry in Portal to match the Letter of Endorsement.

**Mr. Jeffrey Griffin**  
**FAO-GEF Coordination Unit**  
**Food and Agriculture Organisation**  
Viale delle Terme di Caracalla, 00153, Rome  
Italy.

**Dear Mr. Griffin,**

**ENDORSEMENT FOR THE PROJECT 'Guyana – Advancing Guyana's  
Development Through Improved Forest Management'**

**November 10, 2023:**

No, the title in the Portal is "Advancing Guyana's National Development through Improved Management of Amazon Forests in Guyana". It is still different from the LoE. Please correct the title in the Portal.

**November 22, 2023:**

Thank you for the amendment. Cleared.

Agency's Comments

November 10, 2023:

Comments have been addressed in the portal and the updated Child Project Concept Note was uploaded.

**Annex C: Program Locations**

**9.7 a) Are geo-referenced information and maps provided indicating where the program interventions will take place?**

Secretariat's Comments

**October 29, 2023:**

Yes, cleared.

Agency's Comments

**Annex G: NGI Relevant Annexes\* (\*only for non IP programs)**

**9.9 a) Does the program 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.**

**b) Does the program provide a detailed reflow table to assess the program capacity of generating reflows? If not, please provide comments.**

**c) Is the Agency eligible to administer concessional finance? If not, please provide comments.**

Secretariat's Comments N/A

Agency's Comments

**Additional Annexes**

**10 GEFSEC Decision**

**10.1 GEFSEC Recommendation**

**Is the program recommended for clearance?**

Secretariat's Comments

**November 1, 2023:**

Not yet. Please, address the comments above.

**November 10, 2023:**

Not yet. Please address the remaining comments.

**November 22, 2023:**

Thank you for addressing the remaining comments. The Program addendum is now recommended for clearance.

Agency's Comments

**10.2 Additional Comments to be considered by the Agency(ies) during the child project development.**

Secretariat's Comments

**November 22, 2023:**

At CEO endorsement, the Agency is expected to clarify whether the project will establish new protected areas.

Agency's Comments

**10.3 Review Dates**

	<b>PIF Review</b>	<b>Agency Response</b>
<b>First Review</b>	<b>11/1/2023</b>	<b>11/10/2023</b>
<b>Additional Review (as necessary)</b>	<b>11/10/2023</b>	
<b>Additional Review (as necessary)</b>	<b>11/22/2023</b>	
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