

Transitioning to an urban green economy and delivering global environmental benefits

Review PIF and Make a recommendation

Basic project information

GEF ID

10467

Countries

Costa Rica

Project Name

Transitioning to an urban green economy and delivering global environmental benefits

Agencies

UNDP

Date received by PM

1/9/2020

Review completed by PM

1/14/2020

Program Manager

Milena Vasquez

Focal Area

Multi Focal Area

Project Type

FSP

PIF

Part I – Project Information

Focal area elements

1. Is the project/program aligned with the relevant GEF focal area elements in Table A, as defined by the GEF 7 Programming Directions?

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Indicative project/program description summary

2. Are the components in Table B and as described in the PIF sound, appropriate, and sufficiently clear to achieve the project/program objectives and the core indicators?

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Co-financing

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, with a description on how the breakdown of co-financing was identified and meets the definition of investment mobilized?

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GEF Resource Availability

4. Is the proposed GEF financing in Table D (including the Agency fee) in line with GEF policies and guidelines? Are they within the resources available from (mark all that apply):

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The STAR allocation?

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The focal area allocation?

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The LDCF under the principle of equitable access

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The SCCF (Adaptation or Technology Transfer)?

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Focal area set-aside?

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Impact Program Incentive?

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Project Preparation Grant

5. Is PPG requested in Table E within the allowable cap? Has an exception (e.g. for regional projects) been sufficiently substantiated? (not applicable to PFD)

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1/13/2020: PPG is within allowable cap and matches the information in the letter of endorsement in the Parent Program. However, Table E has not been properly filled out. Please fill in all the information (agency, trust fund, country, focal area, etc.). Please also change the PPG implementation date to a date further in the future to account for this review and resubmission, as well as approval process.

1/14/2020: PPG Table has been correctly filled out. Cleared.

1/29/2020: Please fix error below:

GEF Child Project Financing(\$) 150,000

Agency Fee(\$)13,500

The GEF Child Project Financing and Agency Fee should be the amount for the project itself not the PPG. So, the GEF Child Project Financing should be: \$10,317,970 and the Agency Fee: \$928,617

Please also push further the PPG implementation date to account for this review and resubmission, as well as final approval process.

1/31/2020: Error has been fixed. Comment cleared.

Agency Response

Jan. 31, 2020

Child project financing and agency fee updated to 10,317,970 and 928,617 respectively.

New PPG implementation start date is now 14 February 2020.

Core indicators

6. Are the identified core indicators in Table F calculated using the methodology included in the correspondent Guidelines? (GEF/C.54/11/Rev.01)

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Project/Program taxonomy

7. Is the project/ program properly tagged with the appropriate keywords as requested in Table G?

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Part II – Project Justification

1. Has the project/program described the global environmental / adaptation problems, including the root causes and barriers that need to be addressed?

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2. Is the baseline scenario or any associated baseline projects appropriately described?

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3. Does the proposed alternative scenario describe the expected outcomes and components of the project/program?

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4. Is the project/program aligned with focal area and/or Impact Program strategies?

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5. Is the incremental / additional cost reasoning properly described as per the Guidelines provided in GEF/C.31/12?

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6. Are the project's/program's indicative targeted contributions to global environmental benefits (measured through core indicators) reasonable and achievable? Or for adaptation benefits?

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7. Is there potential for innovation, sustainability and scaling up in this project?

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Project/Program Map and Coordinates

Is there a preliminary geo-reference to the project's/program's intended location?

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Stakeholders

Does the PIF/PFD include indicative information on Stakeholders engagement to date? If not, is the justification provided appropriate? Does the PIF/PFD include information about the proposed means of future engagement?

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Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment

Is the articulation of gender context and indicative information on the importance and need to promote gender equality and the empowerment of women, adequate?

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Private Sector Engagement

Is the case made for private sector engagement consistent with the proposed approach?

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Risks

Does the project/program consider potential major risks, including the consequences of climate change, that might prevent the project objectives from being achieved or may be resulting from project/program implementation, and propose measures that address these risks to be further developed during the project design?

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Coordination

Is the institutional arrangement for project/program coordination including management, monitoring and evaluation outlined? Is there a description of possible coordination with relevant GEF-financed projects/programs and other bilateral/multilateral initiatives in the project/program area?

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Consistency with National Priorities

Has the project/program cited alignment with any of the recipient country's national strategies and plans or reports and assessments under relevant conventions?

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Knowledge Management

Is the proposed “knowledge management (KM) approach” in line with GEF requirements to foster learning and sharing from relevant projects/programs, initiatives and evaluations; and contribute to the project's/program's overall impact and sustainability?

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Part III – Country Endorsements

Has the project/program been endorsed by the country's GEF Operational Focal Point and has the name and position been checked against the GEF data base?

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Termsheet, reflow table and agency capacity in NGI Projects

Does the project provide sufficient detail in Annex A (indicative termsheet) 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 in Annex B to assess the project capacity of generating reflows? If not, please provide comments. After reading the questionnaire in Annex C, is the Partner Agency eligible to administer concessional finance? If not, please provide comments.

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GEFSEC DECISION

RECOMMENDATION

Is the PIF/PFD recommended for technical clearance? Is the PPG (if requested) being recommended for clearance?

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1/13/2020: PPG not recommended for clearance yet. Please fill out the table completely and change implementation start date.

1/29/2020: Please fix remaining error and push implementation date further.

1/31/2020: Thank you for fixing remaining error. PM recommends PPG clearance.

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

Additional recommendations to be considered by Agency at the time of CEO endorsement/approval.

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Review Dates

	PIF Review	Agency Response
First Review		
Additional Review (as necessary)		
Additional Review (as necessary)		
Additional Review (as necessary)		
Additional Review (as necessary)		

PIF Recommendation to CEO

Brief reasoning for recommendations to CEO for PIF Approval

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