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General Project Information

Project Title:

GIAHS+: Integration of Biodiversity into Agrifood Systems for Responsible Ecological and Economic Transformation in Morocco

Region:

Africa

GEF Project ID:

12185

Country(ies):

Morocco

Type of Project:

GBFF

GEF Agency(ies):

FAO

GEF Agency Project ID:

761281

Anticipated Executing Entity(s):

Ministry of Agriculture (DDRZM)

Anticipated Executing Type:

Government

GEF Focal Area (s):

Biodiversity

Submission Date:

12/15/2025

Project Sector (CCM Only)

AFOLU

Taxonomy

Community Based Organization, Civil Society, Stakeholders, Participation, Type of Engagement, Partnership, Local Communities, SMEs, Private Sector, Financial intermediaries and market facilitators, Individuals/Entrepreneurs, Women groups, Gender Mainstreaming, Gender Equality, Gender-sensitive indicators, Access and control over natural resources, Gender results areas, Participation and leadership

Type of Trust Fund:

GBFF

Project Duration (Months)

48

GEF Project Financing: (a)

2,127,201.00

GEF Project Non-Grant: (b)

0.00

Agency Fee(s) Grant: (c)

202,084.00

Agency Fee(s) Non-Grant: (d)

0.00

Total GEF Financing: (a+b+c+d)

2,329,285.00

Total Co-financing:

8,000,000.00

PPG Amount: (e)

100,000.00

PPG Agency Fee(s): (f)

9,500.00

PPG total Amount: (e+f)

109,500.00

Total GEF Resources: (a+b+c+d+e+f)

2,438,785.00

Project Tags:

GBF Target 3, GBF Target 10, GBF Target 14, Support IPLC

Indicative Project Overview

To support biodiversity conservation and sustainable management efforts in Morocco by expanding the GIAHS network as recognised agricultural OECMs and promoting responsible investments, strengthening ecosystem resilience, and creating sustainable economic opportunities for youth and women by 2030

Project Components

Component 1: Enabling Environment and Governance of GIAHS/OECMs

Component Type	Trust Fund
Investment	GBFF
GEF Project Financing (\$)	Co-financing (\$)
400,000.00	2,000,000.00

Project Outcomes:

Outcome 1.1: Enabling environment strengthened for recognition and operationalization of GIAHS as agricultural OECMs

Outcome 1.2: Evidence-based decision-making and national frameworks for agricultural OECMs established

Project Outputs:

Output 1.1.1: Review and alignment of policies and frameworks across agriculture, biodiversity, land use, and protected areas to ensure coherence and support for agricultural OECMs

Output 1.1.2: Strengthened institutional capacities for integrating biodiversity across agrifood systems, including technical guidance, training, and governance mechanisms

Output 1.1.3: Support for national and international GIAHS accreditation, enhancing recognition and protection of Morocco's heritage agricultural ecosystems and biodiversity

Output 1.1.4: Operationalization of the agricultural OECM approach, including guidance on identification, designation, governance, and monitoring

Output 1.1.5: Institutional strengthening for promoting Responsible Agricultural Investment (RAI), linking biodiversity-positive practices to inclusive, green entrepreneurship opportunities for youth and women

Output 1.2.1: Development of national criteria for agricultural OECMs, tailored to traditional governance structures and agricultural systems, including processes for validation, reporting, and long-term monitoring

Output 1.2.2: Identification and designation of 8 pilot GIAHS/OECMs across key agroecological zones, with mechanisms for reporting to the World Database on OECMs

Output 1.2.3: Comprehensive diagnostics of priority value chains in terms of biodiversity and entrepreneurship/ social economy to inform investment, policy, and management decisions

Output 1.2.4: Identification of at least 60 responsible investment opportunities linked to biodiversity and GIAHS/OECM sites

Output 1.2.5: Assessment and promotion of biodiversity-friendly practices with potential for scaling across agriculture, forestry, fisheries, and aquaculture, including ecosystem restoration, genetic resource conservation, and climate-resilient production

Component 2: Biodiversity-Friendly Practices and Responsible Investments

Component Type	Trust Fund
Investment	GBFF
GEF Project Financing (\$)	Co-financing (\$)
1,210,000.00	5,000,000.00

Project Outcomes:

Outcome 2.1: Participatory management and biodiversity-friendly agriculture promoted

Outcome 2.2: Responsible investments for youth and women expanded, supporting biodiversity conservation and inclusive socio-economic benefits

Project Outputs:

Output 2.1.1: Integrated and participatory land-use plans developed for pilot GIAHS/OECMs, incorporating biodiversity mapping, wildlife corridors, pollinator zones, agroforestry areas, and in situ conservation sites

Output 2.1.2: Strengthened capacities of territorial actors, communities, and institutions to implement biodiversity-positive practices

Output 2.1.3: Demonstration farms and farmer field schools established to showcase biodiversity-friendly practices and reinforce traditional knowledge and local stewardship systems

Output 2.2.1: Sensitization of 300 young farmers and agri-entrepreneurs on RAI approaches and biodiversity-positive practices

Output 2.2.2: Personalized support through Agri-Accelerators for 80 agri-entrepreneurs (50% women) to plan and implement biodiversity-positive business expansion projects

Output 2.2.3: Financial support provided for at least 40 agri-entrepreneurs to operationalize green investments

Output 2.2.4: Scaling-up of practices that restore and conserve biodiversity, maintain ecosystem services, and ensure sustainable agricultural use, contributing to resilient value chains

Component 3: Knowledge Management, Replication, and Long-Term Sustainability

Component Type	Trust Fund
Technical Assistance	GBFF
GEF Project Financing (\$)	Co-financing (\$)
320,000.00	600,000.00

Project Outcomes:

Outcome 3.1: Long-term action, financing, and monitoring plans developed for GIAHS/OECMs

Outcome 3.2: Knowledge capitalized and shared to support scaling up and replication

Project Outputs:

Output 3.1.1: Community-led governance and costed management plans developed for each pilot GIAHS/OECM, integrating institutional roles, financing scenarios, and sustainability strategies, linked to national reporting systems

Output 3.1.2: Monitoring frameworks established to track biodiversity outcomes, ecosystem services, and threatened species

Output 3.1.3: Long-term financing strategies identified, including public-private partnerships, innovative financing mechanisms, and sustainable value-chain revenues, to ensure sustainability of conservation and restoration interventions

Output 3.2.1: Development of knowledge products, including guidelines for agricultural OECM identification, governance, and management, biodiversity-friendly practice manuals, and RAI implementation tools

Output 3.2.2: Documentation, dissemination, and promotion of best practices, including South–South learning exchanges, policy briefs, workshops, and replication roadmaps to encourage adoption of GIAHS/OECM approaches in other regions

Output 3.2.3: Awareness-raising and communication on the positive socio-economic and biodiversity impacts of GIAHS/OECMs and RAI, including promotion of gender-inclusive and youth-focused green entrepreneurship

M&E

Component Type	Trust Fund
Technical Assistance	GBFF
GEF Project Financing (\$)	Co-financing (\$)
95,906.00	18,000.00

Project Outcomes:

Project progress and results captured and reported

Project Outputs:

A M&E plan developed and implemented

Component Balances

Project Components	GEF Project Financing (\$)	Co-financing (\$)
Component 1: Enabling Environment and Governance of GIAHS/OECMs	400,000.00	2,000,000.00
Component 2: Biodiversity-Friendly Practices and Responsible Investments	1,210,000.00	5,000,000.00
Component 3: Knowledge Management, Replication, and Long-Term Sustainability	320,000.00	600,000.00
M&E	95,906.00	18,000.00
Subtotal	2,025,906.00	7,618,000.00
Project Management Cost (PMC)	101,295.00	382,000.00
Total Project Cost (\$)	2,127,201.00	8,000,000.00

Please provide justification

PROJECT CONCEPT DESCRIPTION

Project Concept Description (No more than seven pages total, including 5 pages of text maximum. Concepts longer than 7 pages will be returned. Please note the portal entry will be limited to up to 19,400 characters of text and up to two figures.).

(i) Current situation and baseline conditions

Morocco is one of the most biodiverse countries in the Mediterranean Basin, with over 24,600 animal species, 7,000 plant species and an endemism rate of 20%. A share of this biodiversity is embedded in traditional agroecosystems recognised under the *Globally Important Agricultural Heritage Systems* (GIAHS) framework (e.g. oases, mountain terraces, sylvo-pastoral systems, ...). These multifunctional systems conserve genetic resources, secure ecosystem health, sustain traditional practices, and support agrifood value chains including argan, olive oil, aromatic plants and small-scale fisheries. Yet they are increasingly threatened by climate change, water scarcity, land degradation, and unsustainable agricultural practices, undermining both biodiversity and rural livelihoods.

Morocco's protected areas (covering 2.14% of terrestrial and inland waters areas), while essential, cannot on their own conserve biodiversity across landscapes where ecological values and agricultural production are deeply intertwined. Production landscapes can contribute to conservation outcomes, particularly where unique biodiversity depends on traditional management. *Other Effective Area-Based Conservation Measures* (OECMs - CBD Decision 14/8) offer a way to acknowledge such areas.

In Morocco, GIAHS systems already demonstrate many of the characteristics required of OECMs: long-term stewardship, sustained ecological functions, and strong links between biodiversity, cultural heritage, and local economies. Leveraging GIAHS as a foundation for agricultural OECMs therefore provides a natural and nationally relevant pathway to expand Morocco's effective conservation coverage while reinforcing the ecological and socio-economic value of traditional agroecosystems.

Already, Morocco has identified around 130,000 km² of biosphere reserves, hunting reserves and cultural landscapes (e.g. Agdals, Jmaa and Orf) as potential OECMs, and is updating its NBSAP with clear commitments to strengthen contributions to KM-GBF Target 3. At the same time, its growing GIAHS portfolio offers a mature baseline of landscapes where biodiversity, community stewardship, and resilient production systems coexist. Yet, agricultural OECMs remain undocumented and untested in practice, and the lack of recognised criteria, governance frameworks and monitoring systems prevents Morocco from fully capturing the conservation value of its traditional agricultural landscapes.

(ii) Problems to be addressed

Biodiversity embedded in Morocco's agroecosystems is declining due to climate stress, land degradation, water scarcity and weakening traditional practices. These landscapes—central to genetic diversity, ecosystem services and rural livelihoods—remain under-recognised in conservation planning. Protected areas cover only a fraction of the territory. There is no national framework for identifying or managing agricultural OECMs, despite strong evidence that GIAHS systems deliver *in-situ* conservation outcomes. Youth, women and smallholders lack the incentives, capacities and financing to sustain biodiversity-positive practices/green value chains. Without intervention, genetic erosion, landscape degradation and loss of traditional knowledge will accelerate, and Morocco will miss a key opportunity to meet KM-GBF Targets 3 and 10 through its agricultural systems.

(iii) Objective

To support biodiversity conservation and sustainable management efforts in Morocco by expanding the GIAHS network as recognised agricultural OECMs and promoting responsible investments, strengthening ecosystem resilience, and creating sustainable economic opportunities for youth and women by 2030.

(iv) Expected results

With GBFF support, Morocco will establish operational models of agricultural OECMs rooted in GIAHS systems. National guidelines, governance arrangements and monitoring frameworks will be developed and integrated into biodiversity conservation strategies and land-use planning. Working in 8 pilot landscapes, the project will deliver multiple biodiversity and socio-economic benefits, captured in the table below.

Indicator	Baseline (without GBFF)	Project Target (with GBFF)	Measurement Method / Source
Restored area (ha)	Uncoordinated, sporadic restorations; <10,000 ha cumulative	50,000 ha restored	GIS, satellite imagery, technical field reports
Supported GIAHS/OECM sites	Limited GIAHS network; no OECM recognition	8 pilot sites supported, potentially recognized as GIAHS/OECMs (50,000 ha)	Accreditation files, national validation, CBD sheets
Stabilized/improved indicator species	Fragmented data, declining populations	Stability or ≥10% increase in 5–10 target species	Biological monitoring, CBD/IUCN standard protocols
Private financing mobilized	Very low (<USD 100,000)	USD 1 million mobilized	Financial records, investor commitments
Households benefiting directly	No structured support based on GIAHS	2,000 households with documented income increase	Socio-economic surveys, cooperative records
Youth sensitized with the IRA approach	Limited knowledge	300 youth (50% women)	Sensitization workshops
Enterprises accelerated (women/youth)	Limited knowledge	80 Agri entrepreneurs, 50% women	Project employment registry + local partners
IPLC participation	Limited, unsystematic	Strengthened local governance structures; FPIC agreements applied	Meeting minutes, FPIC protocols, local committees

(v) Project Theory of Change

IF coherent policies, strengthened institutions, and sustainable financing mechanisms integrate biodiversity into agrifood systems and provide formal recognition of GIAHS as agricultural OECMs, IF territorial actors, IPLCs, and local entrepreneurs have the capacities, tools, and incentives to conserve, restore, and valorize biodiversity within production landscapes, IF biodiversity-friendly practices are identified, implemented, and scaled across agriculture, forestry, fisheries, and aquaculture—particularly in GIAHS/OECM candidate areas, IF responsible agricultural investments (RAI) promote biodiversity gains, ecosystem restoration, and inclusive economic opportunities for rural youth and women, IF knowledge on biodiversity, GIAHS/OECMs, and responsible investment is generated, shared, and used through a robust learning system, THEN GIAHS sites designated as agricultural OECMs will deliver stronger *in-situ* conservation outcomes, enhanced ecosystem resilience, and diversified, sustainable livelihoods, actively contributing to Morocco’s NBSAP and KM-GBF Targets 3 and 10.

RESULTING IN restored and enhanced biodiversity, resilient agroecosystems, and shared prosperity through sustainable, decent, and green employment for young women and men.

(vi) Project components

Component 1: Enabling Environment and Governance of GIAHS/OECMs

This component strengthens policies, institutions, and technical frameworks to integrate biodiversity into agrifood systems, positioning GIAHS as the foundation for recognising, designating, and sustainably managing agricultural OECMs. It brings together policy alignment, institutional capacity development, and evidence-based planning to enable biodiversity-positive investments and the operationalisation of GIAHS/OECMs. By ensuring coherent policies, capable institutions, and clear investment frameworks,

this component establishes the conditions for agricultural OECMs to deliver measurable biodiversity outcomes, enhanced ecosystem resilience, and inclusive socio-economic benefits.

Outcome 1.1: Enabling environment strengthened for recognition and operationalization of GIAHS as agricultural OECMs

- Output 1.1.1: Review and alignment of policies and frameworks across agriculture, biodiversity, land use, and protected areas to ensure coherence and support for agricultural OECMs
- Output 1.1.2: Strengthened institutional capacities for integrating biodiversity across agrifood systems, including technical guidance, training, and governance mechanisms
- Output 1.1.3: Support for national and international GIAHS accreditation, enhancing recognition and protection of Morocco's heritage agroecosystems
- Output 1.1.4: Operationalization of the agricultural OECM approach, including guidance on identification, designation, governance, and monitoring
- Output 1.1.5: Institutional strengthening for promoting RAI, linking biodiversity-positive practices to inclusive, green entrepreneurship opportunities for youth and women

Outcome 1.2: Evidence-based decision-making and national frameworks for agricultural OECMs established

- Output 1.2.1: Development of national criteria for agricultural OECMs, tailored to traditional governance structures and agricultural systems, including processes for validation, reporting, and long-term monitoring
- Output 1.2.2: Identification and designation of 8 pilot GIAHS/OECMs across key agroecological zones, with mechanisms for reporting to the WD-OECM
- Output 1.2.3: Comprehensive diagnostics of priority value chains in terms of biodiversity and entrepreneurship/social economy to inform investment, policy, and management decisions
- Output 1.2.4: Identification of at least 60 responsible investment opportunities linked to biodiversity and GIAHS/OECM sites
- Output 1.2.5: Assessment and promotion of biodiversity-friendly practices with potential for scaling across agriculture, forestry, fisheries, and aquaculture, including ecosystem restoration, genetic resource conservation, and climate-resilient production

Component 2: Biodiversity-friendly practices and responsible investments

This component enhances *in-situ* biodiversity conservation, ecosystem services, and socio-economic resilience through participatory management and targeted investments, with a strong focus on youth- and women-led green entrepreneurship. By linking GIAHS/OECM landscapes with Responsible Agricultural Investment (RAI), it ensures that biodiversity-positive practices are adopted and scaled across key agroecosystems. Component 2 puts biodiversity integration into practice, showing how GIAHS/OECMs can generate measurable conservation outcomes, strengthen ecosystem resilience, and create green jobs.

Outcome 2.1: Participatory management and biodiversity-friendly agriculture promoted

- Output 2.1.1: Integrated and participatory land-use plans developed for pilot GIAHS/OECMs, incorporating biodiversity mapping, wildlife corridors, pollinator zones, agroforestry areas, and *in situ* conservation sites

- Output 2.1.2: Strengthened capacities of territorial actors, communities, and institutions to implement biodiversity-positive practices, including IPM, reduced agrochemical use, seed and genetic resource conservation, climate-resilient species selection, and restoration of agricultural and pastoral ecosystems
- Output 2.1.3: Demonstration farms and farmer field schools established to showcase biodiversity-friendly practices and reinforce traditional knowledge and local stewardship systems

Outcome 2.2: Responsible investments for youth and women expanded, supporting biodiversity conservation and inclusive socio-economic benefits

- Output 2.2.1: Sensitization of 300 young farmers and agri-entrepreneurs on RAI approaches and biodiversity-positive practices
- Output 2.2.2: Personalized support through Agri-Accelerators for 80 agri-entrepreneurs (50% women) to plan and implement biodiversity-positive business expansion projects
- Output 2.2.3: Financial support provided for at least 40 agri-entrepreneurs to operationalize green investments
- Output 2.2.4: Scaling-up of practices that restore and conserve biodiversity, maintain ecosystem services, and ensure sustainable agricultural use, contributing to resilient value chains such as argan, olive oil, aromatic and medicinal plants, and small-scale fisheries

Component 3: Knowledge management, replication, and long-term sustainability

This component consolidates knowledge, lessons, and best practices from GIAHS/OECM implementation and disseminates them to support replication at national and regional levels, while establishing mechanisms for long-term sustainability. It ensures that biodiversity-positive practices, investment models, and governance arrangements are embedded in national systems and remain operational beyond the project.

Outcome 3.1: Long-term action, financing, and monitoring plans developed for GIAHS/OECMs

- Output 3.1.1: Community-led governance and costed management plans developed for each pilot GIAHS/OECM, integrating institutional roles, financing scenarios, and sustainability strategies, linked to national reporting systems
- Output 3.1.2: Monitoring frameworks established to track biodiversity outcomes, ecosystem services, and threatened species, ensuring alignment with KM-GBF indicators and reporting to the World Database on OECMs
- Output 3.1.3: Long-term financing strategies identified, including public-private partnerships, innovative financing mechanisms, and sustainable value-chain revenues, to ensure continuation of conservation and restoration interventions

Outcome 3.2: Knowledge capitalized and shared to support scaling up and replication

- Output 3.2.1: Development of knowledge products, including guidelines for agricultural OECM identification, governance, and management, biodiversity-friendly practice manuals, and RAI implementation tools
- Output 3.2.2: Documentation, dissemination, and promotion of best practices, including South–South learning exchanges, policy briefs, workshops, and replication roadmaps to encourage adoption of GIAHS/OECM approaches in other regions

- Output 3.2.3: Awareness-raising and communication on the positive socio-economic and biodiversity impacts of GIAHS/OECMs and RAI, including promotion of gender-inclusive and youth-focused green entrepreneurship

(vii) Stakeholders and roles

The project will mobilize national, regional, and local stakeholders, including the Ministry of Agriculture and its decentralized services, the Ministry of Energy Transition and Sustainable Development, the National Agency for Water and Forests, IPLCs, the private sector, universities and research institutes, national NGOs and associations, and FAO, to jointly ensure participatory design, strategic alignment, technical guidance, implementation of sustainable practices, and effective monitoring and evaluation.

(viii) Alignment with GBFF Action Areas

AA2 – Expanding and strengthening area-based conservation strategies while engaging IPLCs

- Supports national OECM frameworks and designation of agricultural OECMs.
- Strengthens ecological connectivity between protected and non-protected productive landscapes.

AA6 – Mainstreaming biodiversity across agricultural sectors

- Advances KMGBF Target 10 by embedding biodiversity-friendly practices into agricultural systems.
- Promotes agroecological transitions and sustainable value chains.

(ix) Alignment with selection criteria

Potential of the project to generate global environmental benefits (GEBs)

The project will generate substantial GEBs aligned with GBFF indicators and KM-GBF Targets 3, 10, and 14. It will conserve native and wild species, natural ecosystems, and their ecological integrity by establishing and managing GIAHS/OECMs, restoring forests, rangelands, wetlands, and agropastoral systems, and reducing pressures such as habitat degradation and fragmentation linked to agriculture and overgrazing. Landscape restoration and improved land and water management through nature-based solutions, agroecology, and SLM will enhance ecosystem integrity, ecological connectivity, and carbon sequestration. The project will also promote the sustainable use of biodiversity by supporting conservation and sustainable use of wild species and habitats, while safeguarding agrobiodiversity—including local crop varieties and livestock breeds—and enabling sustainable harvesting and diversified biodiversity-based livelihoods. Strengthened governance, inclusive participation, and the integration of traditional knowledge will secure long-term, community-led conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity.

Alignment with national strategies and priorities

The project is fully aligned with Morocco's NBSAP, Biodiversity Finance Plan, and national development strategies such as Generation Green 2020–2030. It supports national targets for expanding protected areas and OECMs toward 30% coverage; mainstreams biodiversity in agriculture and land-use planning; advances restoration of degraded ecosystems; and promotes climate-resilient, biodiversity-based rural economies. It also reinforces governance and institutional capacities, ensuring inclusive participation of

IPLCs, women, and youth, while contributing to national efforts to mobilize sustainable finance for biodiversity.

Policy coherence and coordination across ministries, agencies, private sector, and civil society

The project strengthens policy coherence by reviewing and harmonizing policies for biodiversity, agriculture, land use, and OECMs. It will facilitate coordinated action among key ministries (Environment, Agriculture, Water, Tourism), national agencies (ANEF, ANDZOA, ADA, ABH, ONCA, ORMVA), civil society, research institutions, and local authorities. Engagement with private-sector actors — including SMEs, cooperatives, agribusinesses, and eco-tourism operators — will leverage investment through accelerators and matching grants. This integrated approach ensures aligned planning, shared data, and effective implementation of biodiversity-positive measures.

Engagement with and support to actions by IPLCs

The project places IPLCs at the center of biodiversity governance. Communities will co-lead the identification, designation, and management of GIAHS/OECMs; participate in co-management of landscapes; and co-design biodiversity-friendly agricultural and restoration practices aligned with both traditional knowledge and science. They will benefit from targeted capacity-building, direct funding, and support to develop biodiversity-based enterprises, with dedicated efforts to empower women and youth and expand sustainable livelihood opportunities.

Core Indicators

Indicator 3 Area of land and ecosystems under restoration

Ha (Expected at PIF)	Ha (Expected at CEO Endorsement)	Ha (Achieved at MTR)	Ha (Achieved at TE)
50000	0	0	0

Indicator 3.1 Area of degraded agricultural lands under restoration

Disaggregation Type	Ha (Expected at PIF)	Ha (Expected at CEO Endorsement)	Ha (Achieved at MTR)	Ha (Achieved at TE)
Cropland	25,000.00			
Rangeland and pasture	25,000.00			

Indicator 3.2 Area of forest and forest land under restoration

Ha (Expected at PIF)	Ha (Expected at CEO Endorsement)	Ha (Achieved at MTR)	Ha (Achieved at TE)

Indicator 3.3 Area of natural grass and woodland under restoration

Disaggregation Type	Ha (Expected at PIF)	Ha (Expected at CEO Endorsement)	Ha (Achieved at MTR)	Ha (Achieved at TE)

Indicator 3.4 Area of wetlands (including estuaries, mangroves) under restoration

Ha (Expected at PIF)	Ha (Expected at CEO Endorsement)	Ha (Achieved at MTR)	Ha (Achieved at TE)

Indicator 4 Area of landscapes under improved practices (hectares; excluding protected areas)

Ha (Expected at PIF)	Ha (Expected at CEO Endorsement)	Ha (Achieved at MTR)	Ha (Achieved at TE)
0	0	0	0

Indicator 4.1 Area of landscapes under improved management to benefit biodiversity (hectares, qualitative assessment, non-certified)

Ha (Expected at PIF)	Ha (Expected at CEO Endorsement)	Ha (Achieved at MTR)	Ha (Achieved at TE)

Indicator 4.2 Area of landscapes under third-party certification incorporating biodiversity considerations

Ha (Expected at PIF)	Ha (Expected at CEO Endorsement)	Ha (Achieved at MTR)	Ha (Achieved at TE)

Type/Name of Third Party Certification

Indicator 4.3 Area of landscapes under sustainable land management in production systems

Ha (Expected at PIF)	Ha (Expected at CEO Endorsement)	Ha (Achieved at MTR)	Ha (Achieved at TE)

Indicator 4.4 Area of High Conservation Value or other forest loss avoided

Disaggregation Type	Ha (Expected at PIF)	Ha (Expected at CEO Endorsement)	Ha (Achieved at MTR)	Ha (Achieved at TE)

Indicator 4.5 Terrestrial OECMs supported

Name of the OECMs	WDPA-ID	Total Ha (Expected at PIF)	Total Ha (Expected at CEO Endorsement)	Total Ha (Achieved at MTR)	Total Ha (Achieved at TE)
TBD	TBD	120,000.00			

Documents (Document(s) that justifies the HCVF)

Title

Indicator 11 People benefiting from GEF-financed investments

	Number (Expected at PIF)	Number (Expected at CEO Endorsement)	Number (Achieved at MTR)	Number (Achieved at TE)
Female	4,550			
Male	4,550			
Total	9,100		0	0

Explain the methodological approach and underlying logic to justify target levels for Core and Sub-Indicators (max. 250 words, approximately 1/2 page)

CI 3 was calculated based on the estimation of the degraded agricultural land of the GIAHS areas (considering approximately 45% of the demonstration sites for restoration)

CI4 is the extent of the 8 newly designated agricultural OECMs, GIAHS sites

CI 11 was calculated considering an average household size of 4,4 in rural Morocco based on the latest census data. The project will secure equal participation of women and men in its activities, benefitting all to the same extent.

ANNEX A: PROJECT FINANCING TABLES

GEF Financing Table

Indicative Trust Fund Resources Requested by Agency(ies), Country(ies), Focal Area and the Programming of Funds

GEF Agency	Trust Fund	Country/ Regional/ Global	Focal Area	Programming of Funds	GEF Project Grant(\$)	Agency Fee(\$)	Total GEF Financing (\$)
FAO	GBFF	Morocco	Biodiversity	GBFF Action Area 2	1,000,000.00	95,000.00	1,095,000.00
FAO	GBFF	Morocco	Biodiversity	GBFF Action Area 6	1,127,201.00	107,084.00	1,234,285.00
Total GEF Resources (\$)					2,127,201.00	202,084.00	2,329,285.00

Project Preparation Grant (PPG)

Is Project Preparation Grant requested?

true

PPG Amount (\$)

100000

PPG Agency Fee (\$)

9500

GEF Agency	Trust Fund	Country/ Regional/ Global	Focal Area	Programming of Funds	Grant / Non-Grant	PPG (\$)	Agency Fee(\$)	Total PPG Funding(\$)
FAO	GBFF	Morocco	Biodiversity	GBFF Action Area 2	Grant	50,000.00	4,750.00	54,750.00

FAO	GBFF	Morocco	Biodiversity	GBFF Action Area 6	Grant	50,000.00	4,750.00	54,750.00
Total PPG Amount (\$)						100,000.00	9,500.00	109,500.00

Please provide justification

Sources of Funds for Country Star Allocation

(Only for Multi-Trust Fund projects where GEF TF is included)

GEF Agency	Trust Fund	Country/ Regional/ Global	Focal Area	Sources of Funds	Total(\$)
Total GEF Resources					0.00

Indicative Action Area Elements

Programming Directions	Trust Fund	GEF Project Financing(\$)	Co-financing(\$)
GBFF Action Area 2	GBFF	1,000,000.00	3,000,000.00
GBFF Action Area 6	GBFF	1,127,201.00	5,000,000.00
Total Project Cost		2,127,201.00	8,000,000.00

Amount of resource allocated to support actions by IPLCs for the conservation, restoration, sustainable use and management of biodiversity:

Amount

1,200,000.00

Indicative Co-financing

Sources of Co-financing	Name of Co-financier	Type of Co-financing	Investment Mobilized	Amount(\$)
Recipient Country Government	Ministry of Agriculture (DDRZM)	Public Investment	Investment mobilized	8,000,000.00
Total Co-financing				8,000,000.00

Describe how any "Investment Mobilized" was identified

The Ministry of Agriculture (DDRZM) will co-finance the GEF project with a total of USD 8 million, leveraging its dedicated national GIAHS budget line established in 2024—amounting to MAD 20 million annually (approximately USD 2 million) and expected to increase after 2026—to support the implementation of conservation plans and annual action plans for certified and newly integrated GIAHS sites under the National GIAHS Programme.

ANNEX B: ENDORSEMENTS

GEF Agency(ies) Certification

GEF Agency Type	Name	Date	Project Contact Person	Phone	Email
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Record of Endorsement of GEF Operational Focal Point (s) on Behalf of the Government(s):

Name	Position	Ministry	Date (MM/DD/YYYY)
Rachid Firadi	GEF Operational Focal Point	Ministère de la transition énergétique et du développement durable	9/15/2025