GEF SECRETARIAT REVIEW FOR FULL/MEDIUM-SIZED PROJECTS*
THE GEF/LDCF/SCCF TRUST FUNDS

GEF ID:	**4974**		
Country/Region:	**Comoros**		
Project Title:	**Enhancing Adaptive Capacity and Resilience to Climate Change in the Agriculture Sector in Comoros**		
GEF Agency:	**UNDP**	GEF Agency Project ID:	**4926 (UNDP)**
Type of Trust Fund:	**Least Developed Countries Fund (LDCF)**	GEF Focal Area (s):	**Climate Change**
GEF-5 Focal Area/ LDCF/SCCF Objective (s):		**CCA-2; CCA-2; CCA-3; Project Mana;**	
Anticipated Financing PPG:	**$100,000**	Project Grant:	**$8,990,890**
Co-financing:	**$38,309,621**	Total Project Cost:	**$47,400,511**
PIF Approval:	**June 14, 2012**	Council Approval/Expected:	**July 19, 2012**
CEO Endorsement/Approval		Expected Project Start Date:	
Program Manager:	**Rawleston Moore**	Agency Contact Person:	**Henry Rene Diouf**

Review Criteria	Questions	Secretariat Comment at PIF (PFD)/Work Program Inclusion [1]	Secretariat Comment At CEO Endorsement(FSP)/Approval (MSP)
Eligibility	1. Is the participating country eligible?	Comoros is a least developed country party and is eligible for resources from the Least Developed Country Fund	Same as PIF stage
	2. Has the operational focal point endorsed the project?	The operational focal point has endorsed the project. An endorsement letter is on file.	
Agency's Comparative Advantage	3. Is the Agency's comparative advantage for this project clearly described and supported?	Yes. UNDP is working in Comoros on a number of agricultural related activities. These include FAO - IFAD - UNIDO - UNDP supported project for the Agricultural Value Chain and Agro-processing Development Programme for the Union of Comoros. The project is also linked to the UNDP	Yes same as PIF stage.

*Some questions here are to be answered only at PIF or CEO endorsement. No need to provide response in gray cells.

[1] Work Program Inclusion (WPI) applies to FSPs only . Submission of FSP PIFs will simultaneously be considered for WPI.

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		Country Cooperation Framework 2008-2012, which focuses on : (i) poverty reduction and achievement of the MDGs, promoting inclusive growth, gender equality and the MDGs; (ii) Democratic governance,(iii) environment and sustainable development, adapting to climate change and take systematic account of the management of risks associated with climate change into national development strategies. UNDP has also implemented many capacity building project in the Comoros, and currently is working with UNCDF on a programme for inclusive finance in the Comoros.	
	4. If there is a non-grant instrument in the project, is the GEF Agency capable of managing it?	N/A	NA
	5. Does the project fit into the Agency's program and staff capacity in the country?	Yes. The project fits in with UNDP's program and staff capacity in the country.	Yes . Same as PIF stage
Resource Availability	6. Is the proposed Grant (including the Agency fee) within the resources available from (mark all that apply):		
	• the STAR allocation?		
	• the focal area allocation?		
	• the LDCF under the principle of equitable access	The resources are available in the LDCF under the priniciple of equitable access.	Same as PIF stage.
	• the SCCF (Adaptation or Technology Transfer)?		
	• Nagoya Protocol Investment Fund		
	• focal area set-aside?		

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Project Consistency	7. Is the project aligned with the focal /multifocal areas/ LDCF/SCCF/NPIF results framework?	The project is aligned with the LDCF framework.	Yes same a PIF stage
	8. Are the relevant GEF 5 focal/ multifocal areas/LDCF/SCCF/NPIF objectives identified?	The relevant GEF 5 focal area objectives are identified (i) Increasing adaptive capacity and (ii) Promoting the transfer and adoption of adaptation technologies	Yes same as PIF stage.
	9. Is the project consistent with the recipient country's national strategies and plans or reports and assessments under relevant conventions, including NPFE, NAPA, NCSA, or NAP?	The project is consistent with the Comoros NAPA and will address the vulnerability of the agricultural sector to drought. The introduction of crop varieties that are resilient to was identified as a priority project in the NAPA.	Yes the project consistent with the Comoros NAPA.
	10. Does the proposal clearly articulate how the capacities developed, if any, will contribute to the sustainability of project outcomes?	Yes proposal clearly articulates how the capacities developed, will contribute to the sustainability of project outcomes.	Same as PIF stage.
Project Design	11. Is (are) the baseline project(s), including problem (s) that the baseline project(s) seek/s to address, sufficiently described and based on sound data and assumptions?	The baseline projects are sufficiently described and based on sound assumptions. The baseline projects include (i) The Programme for the renovation of the agricultural institute of Moheli, (ii) The UNDP (BCPR) project on managing risks related to natural hazards in the Comoros, (iii) The FAO-Islamic Development Bank (IDB) supported project for the intensification, diversification and improvement of agricultural production, (iv) FAO - IFAD - UNIDO - UNDP supported project for the Agricultural Value Chain and Agro-processing Development Programme for the Union of Comoros, (v) Islamic Development Bank - Qatar	Same as PIF stage

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		Emirate supported project for the Development of fruit farming in Comoros, (vi) Agriculture intensification and strengthening of the rural hydraulic project (vii) UNCDF-UNDP supported project: Support programme for inclusive finance in the Comoros and (viii) Development of goat breeding project in Moheli	
	12. Has the cost-effectiveness been sufficiently demonstrated, including the cost-effectiveness of the project design approach as compared to alternative approaches to achieve similar benefits?		Yes cost effectiveness has been sufficiently demonstrated.
	13. Are the activities that will be financed using GEF/LDCF/SCCF funding based on incremental/ additional reasoning?	The project activities to be funded by the LDCF funding are based on additional reasoning. The expected outcomes of the project include (i) Adaptive capacities of institutions mandated to manage the agricultural sector are strengthened to enable them to plan for and respond to climate risks for agriculture (ii) Agro-meteorological and decision support information are packaged into agricultural advisories and disseminated by agricultural extension officers to key stakeholders to promote agricultural resilience to climate change and (iii) Climate resilient strategies are tested and transferred to strengthen the climate resilience of agro-sylvo-pastoral systems. The project will also establish a public private partnership to promote the integration of climate risks and adaptation options in ylang-ylang and	Yes, same as PIF stage.

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		clove production, as well as establish innovative financial products for climate resilient alternative income generating activities.	
	14. Is the project framework sound and sufficiently clear?	For the most part the project framework is sound and sufficiently clear. The project consist of the following components (i) Strengthening the adaptive capacity of the agricultural sector institutions (ii) Production and dissemination of agrometeorological information for informed decision making in the agricultural sector and (iii) Diffusion of climate resilient ago-sylvo-pastoral technologies in the most vulnerable communities. Component two will provide priority weather and climatic information needs for climate resilient agricultural in the 30 most vulnerable communities and climate monitoring equipment including automated agro-meteorological, weather and hydrological stations will be installed for monitoring conditions in those communities. Comoros is susceptable to cyclones, and consideration could be given to establishing an early warning system, if one is not in place. Recommended Action: Clarification is requested as to whether an early warning system in the Comoros is in place. If no early warning system in place, please clarify if the proposed installation of the automated agro-	Yes the project framework is sound.

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		meteorological, weather and hydrological stations could also be in a design of an early warning system for Comoros and what linkages are possible with Strengthening climate information and early warning systems in Eastern and Southern Africa for climate resilient development and adaptation to climate change project (GEF PMIS 4975) which is currently under development by UNDP.	
	15. Are the applied methodology and assumptions for the description of the incremental/additional benefits sound and appropriate?	The applied methodology and assumptions for the description of the additional benefits are sound and appropriate.	Yes same as PIF stage.
	16. Is there a clear description of: a) the socio-economic benefits, including gender dimensions, to be delivered by the project, and b) how will the delivery of such benefits support the achievement of incremental/ additional benefits?	There is a clear description of the socio economic benefits including gender dimensions and how the delivery of such benefits support the achievement of the additional benefits. At least half of the farmers to be trained in climate resilient agricultural practices will be women.	Yes there a clear description the socio-economic benefits, including gender dimensions,
	17. Is public participation, including CSOs and indigeneous people, taken into consideration, their role identified and addressed properly?	Public participation is taken into consideration in the project. Maison des Epices an umbrella association of different producers, transformers and exporters of the different main exports crops, will be involved in the project, along with agricultural development associations and cooperatives intervening in the project implementation areas.	Same as PIF stage.

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	18. Does the project take into account potential major risks, including the consequences of climate change and provides sufficient risk mitigation measures? (i.e., climate resilience)	The project takes into account potential major risks, and proposes mitigation measures.	Yes same as PIF stage.
	19. Is the project consistent and properly coordinated with other related initiatives in the country or in the region?	The project is coordinated with other relevant initiatives such as the GEF financed UNDP/UNEP project for Adapting Water Resource management in the Comoros. Further information should be provided by CEO Endorsement on the coordination arrangements for this project, as it relates to other ongoing initiatives in the country.	Yes, the project is consistent and properly coordinated with other related initiatives.
	20. Is the project implementation/ execution arrangement adequate?	The project implementation and execution arrangements are adequate. The National Direction for Agricultural and Livestock Strategies (DNSA) of the Ministry of Fishing, Environment, Livestock, Industry and Agriculture (MPEEIA) will provide overall leadership for the project as national implementing partner, in close collaboration with the DGEF (General Direction of Environment and Forests) and the island directions in charge of agriculture of Moheli, Anjouan and Grande Comore. The project management unit will be located within the General Secretariat in charge of the Vice Presidency of the MPEEIA.	Yes the project implementation and execution arrangements are adequate.
	21. Is the project structure sufficiently close to what was presented at PIF, with clear justifications for changes?		The project is sufficiently close to what was presented at the PIF.

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	22. If there is a non-grant instrument in the project, is there a reasonable calendar of reflows included?		NA
Project Financing	23. Is funding level for project management cost appropriate?	No. The level of funding for the project management should be adjusted to be 5% of the project costs.	PMC is appropriate.
	24. Is the funding and co-financing per objective appropriate and adequate to achieve the expected outcomes and outputs?	The funding and cofinancing per objective are appropriate to deliver the expected outcome and outputs.	Yes, same as PIF stage.
	25. At PIF: comment on the indicated cofinancing; At CEO endorsement: indicate if confirmed co-financing is provided.	Cofinancing should be confirmed at CEO Endorsement	Letters confirming cofinance are on file.
	26. Is the co-financing amount that the Agency is bringing to the project in line with its role?	The cofinance from the agency is in line with its role.	Yes the cofinance from the agency is in line with its role
Project Monitoring and Evaluation	27. Have the appropriate Tracking Tools been included with information for all relevant indicators, as applicable?		Yes.
	28. Does the proposal include a budgeted M&E Plan that monitors and measures results with indicators and targets?		Yes.
Agency Responses	29. Has the Agency responded adequately to comments from:		
	• STAP?		
	• Convention Secretariat?		
	• Council comments?		Comments from the US and German council members have been addressed.
	• Other GEF Agencies?		
Secretariat Recommendation			
Recommendation at	**30. Is PIF clearance/approval being recommended?**	PIF clearance is not being recommended.	

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PIF Stage		Please see box 14 and box 23. Update May 22nd 2012 The clarifications and changes provided are sufficient. The project management costs have been changed in line with GEF policy. The PIF is recommended for clearance	
	31. Items to consider at CEO endorsement/approval.		
Recommendation at CEO Endorsement/ Approval	32. At endorsement/approval, did Agency include the progress of PPG with clear information of commitment status of the PPG?		Yes the agency included information on the progress of the PPG
	33. Is CEO endorsement/approval being recommended?		CEO endorsement is being recommended.
Review Date (s)	First review*	May 07, 2012	
	Additional review (as necessary)		
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REQUEST FOR PPG APPROVAL

Review Criteria	Decision Points	Program Manager Comments
PPG Budget	1. Are the proposed activities for project preparation appropriate?	The proposed activities are appropriate for project preparation.
	2. Is itemized budget justified?	The budget is justified
Secretariat	**3. Is PPG approval being**	The PPG will be considered upon clearance of the PIF.\par

Recommendation	**recommended?**	The PPG is recommended for approval
	4. Other comments	
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