

# Scientific and Technical Advisory Panel

The Scientific and Technical Advisory Panel, administered by UNEP, advises the Global Environment Facility  
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## STAP Scientific and Technical screening of the Project Identification Form (PIF)

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Consultant(s):

### I. PIF Information *(Copied from the PIF)*

**FULL SIZE PROJECT**    **SPECIAL CLIMATE CHANGE FUND**

**GEF PROJECT ID:** 6927

**PROJECT DURATION :** 4

**COUNTRIES :** Egypt

**PROJECT TITLE:** Integrated Management and Innovation in Rural Settlements

**GEF AGENCIES:** IFAD

**OTHER EXECUTING PARTNERS:** Ministry of Agriculture and Land Reclamation

Ministry of Environmental Affairs

**GEF FOCAL AREA:** Climate Change

### II. STAP Advisory Response *(see table below for explanation)*

Based on this PIF screening, STAP's advisory response to the GEF Secretariat and GEF Agency(ies):  
**Minor issues to be considered during project design**

### III. Further guidance from STAP

STAP believes the proposal could be strengthened further by addressing the following recommendations during its development:

1. Please provide evidence of positive outcomes from previous projects focused on resettling populations for the purpose improving agricultural activities as an adaptation strategy. Additionally, specify how this evidence will be applied in the design of this project.
2. STAP recommends detailing further the components by describing clearly the activities for each one. Additionally, STAP recommends defining further the adaptation benefits and the additional cost reasoning (The latter is referred to incremental cost reasoning in the proposal, page 7.). Currently, this information is not described clearly in the project overview section.
3. STAP encourages for the project proponents to detail in the full proposal the indicators that will be used to measure and monitor the adaptation benefits. This information will strengthen further the additional cost reasoning by describing how the adaptation activities will be monitored to generate adaptation benefits that complement the baseline activities.
4. STAP recommends using additional indicators other than poverty alone in order to determine which villages are the most vulnerable and are to be selected for the project.

<i>STAP advisory response</i>	<i>Brief explanation of advisory response and action proposed</i>
<b>1. Consent</b>	STAP acknowledges that on scientific or technical grounds the concept has merit. However, STAP may state its views on the concept emphasizing any issues where the project could be improved.  Follow up: The GEF Agency is invited to approach STAP for advice during the development of the project prior to submission of the final document for CEO endorsement.
<b>2. Minor revision required.</b>	STAP has identified specific scientific or technical challenges, omissions or opportunities that should be addressed by the project proponents during project development.

	<p>Follow up: One or more options are open to STAP and the GEF Agency:</p> <p>(i) GEF Agency should discuss the issues with STAP to clarify them and possible solutions.</p> <p>(ii) In its request for CEO endorsement, the GEF Agency will report on actions taken in response to STAP's recommended actions.</p>
<b>3. Major revision required</b>	<p>STAP has identified significant scientific or technical challenges or omissions in the PIF and recommends significant improvements to project design.</p> <p>Follow-up:</p> <p>(i) The Agency should request that the project undergo a STAP review prior to CEO endorsement, at a point in time when the particular scientific or technical issue is sufficiently developed to be reviewed, or as agreed between the Agency and STAP.</p> <p>(ii) In its request for CEO endorsement, the Agency will report on actions taken in response to STAP concerns.</p>