



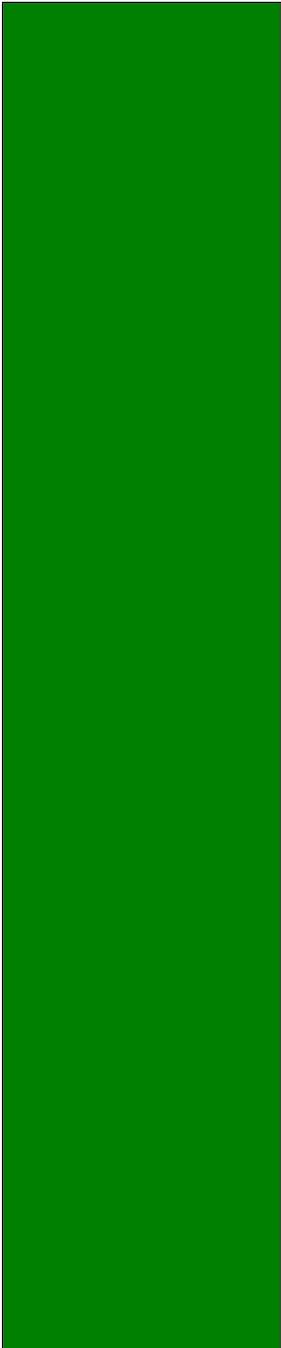
## GEF SECRETARIAT REVIEW FOR FULL/MEDIUM-SIZED PROJECTS\* THE GEF/LDCF/SCCF TRUST FUNDS

GEF ID:	5147		
Country/Region:	Georgia		
Project Title:	Enhancing Resilience of Agricultural Sector in Georgia (ERASIG)		
GEF Agency:	IFAD	GEF Agency Project ID:	
Type of Trust Fund:	Special Climate Change Fund (SCCF)	GEF Focal Area (s):	Climate Change
GEF-5 Focal Area/ LDCF/SCCF Objective (s):	CCA-1; CCA-2; CCA-2; CCA-3; CCA-3; Project Mana;		
Anticipated Financing PPG:	\$0	Project Grant:	\$5,300,000
Co-financing:	\$17,130,000	Total Project Cost:	\$22,430,000
PIF Approval:		Council Approval/Expected:	November 01, 2012
CEO Endorsement/Approval		Expected Project Start Date:	
Program Manager:	Knut Sundstrom	Agency Contact Person:	Rami Abu Salman

Review Criteria	Questions	Secretariat Comment at PIF (PFD)/Work Program Inclusion	Secretariat Comment At CEO Endorsement(FSP)/Approval (MSP)
Eligibility	1. Is the participating country eligible?	YES. Georgia is a non-Annex I Party to the UNFCCC.	
	2. Has the operational focal point endorsed the project?	YES. A Letter of Endorsement, signed by the Operational Focal Point and dated September 12, 2012, has been attached to the submission.	
Agency's Comparative Advantage	3. Is the Agency's comparative advantage for this project clearly described and supported?	YES. IFAD has a clear comparative advantage in agricultural and rural development, with a focus on smallholder farmers.	
	4. If there is a non-grant instrument in the project, is the GEF Agency capable of managing it?	NA	
	5. Does the project fit into the Agency's program and staff capacity in the country?	YES. The proposed project would build on IFAD's considerable portfolio of agricultural development projects in Georgia.	
	6. Is the proposed Grant (including the		

Resource Availability	available from (mark all that apply):		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the STAR allocation?</li> </ul>		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the focal area allocation?</li> </ul>		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the LDCF under the principle of equitable access</li> </ul>		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the SCCF (Adaptation or Technology Transfer)?</li> </ul>	YES. The proposed grant (\$5.80 million, including Agency fee) is available under the SCCF Adaptation Program (SCCF-A).	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nagoya Protocol Investment Fund</li> </ul>		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• focal area set-aside?</li> </ul>		
Project Consistency	7. Is the project aligned with the focal /multifocal areas/ LDCF/SCCF/NPIF results framework?	YES. The proposed project is aligned with the LDCF/SCCF results framework.	
	8. Are the relevant GEF 5 focal/ multifocal areas/LDCF/SCCF/NPIF objectives identified?	YES. The proposed project would contribute towards CCA-1, CCA-2 and CCA-3 and, specifically, to outcomes 1.2, 2.1, 2.3, 3.1 and 3.2.	
	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?	YES. The proposed project is aligned with the 2003-15 Economic Development and Poverty Reduction Programme and the 2012-2022 Strategy for Agricultural Development.	
	10. Does the proposal clearly articulate how the capacities developed, if any, will contribute to the sustainability of project outcomes?	YES. The proposed project includes specific activities aiming to ensure that the Ministry of Agriculture, local communities and other relevant stakeholders have the capacities required to maintain and strengthen the investments carried out through the project, as well as to adopt and scale up climate-resilient land and water management practices.	

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?	YES. The proposed project would build on the IFAD Agricultural Support Project and its small-scale rural infrastructure component in particular. The baseline project aims to (i) increase assets and income among poor rural women and men; and (ii) address infrastructure needs that inhibit access to markets.	
	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?		
	13. Are the activities that will be financed using GEF/LDCF/SCCF funding based on incremental/additional reasoning?	<p>NOT CLEAR. Building on the IFAD baseline investment, the proposed project seeks to carry out additional adaptation measures to enhance the resilience of smallholder farmers to the effects of climate change, particularly to changing precipitation patterns and more frequent and more intense extreme weather events. The project would focus on investments in the rehabilitation and expansion of irrigation and drainage infrastructure; reducing flood risks and controlling soil erosion; and capacity building.</p> <p>For the investment activities proposed under components 1 and 2, beyond expanding the scope of the baseline project, it is not clear whether and how these would specifically target the communities and production systems</p>	



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Output 2.1.4, as provided in the Project Framework (Table B), would support input supply and the recovery of assets. The output is not clearly reflected in the description of the additional cost reasoning on pp. 9-11, and it is not clear how input supply supports climate change adaptation.

As for Component 3, it is not clear how the project could achieve meaningful and sustainable results in line with the 8 outputs proposed, given the limited resources allocated towards the component.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** Please (i) clarify whether and how the investment activities proposed under components 1 and 2 will target the most vulnerable beneficiaries in the targeted regions; (ii) explain how output 2.1.4 supports adaptation based on additional reasoning; and (iii) clarify how Component 3 could achieve meaningful and sustainable adaptation benefits given the limited resources.

09/20/2012 -- YES. The targeting principles of the proposed project, as well as the additional cost reasoning, have been sufficiently clarified for this stage of project development.

By CEO Endorsement, kindly provide more specific information with respect to the issues raised above, including information about the vulnerability

		adaptation measures are designed, and the strategy for ensuring the sustainability and scaling up of the activities proposed under Component 3.	
	14. Is the project framework sound and sufficiently clear?	NOT CLEAR. Please refer to Section 13 above.  RECOMMENDED ACTION: Upon addressing the recommendations under Section 13, please revise the project framework accordingly, if necessary.  09/20/2012 -- YES.	
	15. Are the applied methodology and assumptions for the description of the incremental/additional benefits sound and appropriate?	NOT CLEAR. Please refer to Section 13 above.  RECOMMENDED ACTION: Upon addressing the recommendations under Section 13, please revisit the description of the expected adaptation benefits, if necessary.  09/20/2012 -- YES.	
	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?	YES. The socio-economic benefits and gender dimensions are adequately described for this stage of project development.	
	17. Is public participation, including CSOs and indigenous people, taken into consideration, their role identified and addressed properly?	YES. Public participation is adequately described for this stage of project development.	
	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)	YES. Relevant risks are identified.	

	<p>19. Is the project consistent and properly coordinated with other related initiatives in the country or in the region?</p>	<p>NOT CLEAR.</p> <p>RECOMMENDED ACTION: Please list the most important, other related initiatives planned or underway in the country and describe how the proposed project would be coordinated with these.</p> <p>09/20/2012 -- YES. The re-submission provides adequate information on coordination for this stage of project development.</p> <p>By CEO Endorsement, please demonstrate that the proposed project is coordinated with other related initiatives.</p>	
	<p>20. Is the project implementation/ execution arrangement adequate?</p>	<p>YES.</p>	
	<p>21. Is the project structure sufficiently close to what was presented at PIF, with clear justifications for changes?</p>		
	<p>22. If there is a non-grant instrument in the project, is there a reasonable calendar of reflows included?</p>		
<p>Project Financing</p>	<p>23. Is funding level for project management cost appropriate?</p>	<p>NOT CLEAR. At \$300,000 or 6 per cent of the sub-total for components 1 through 3, the proposed SCCF funding level for project management is somewhat high.</p> <p>RECOMMENDED ACTION: Please ensure that the SCCF funding level for project management does not exceed 5 per cent of the sub-total for project components.</p> <p>09/20/2012 -- YES. At \$250,000 or less</p>	

		components 1 through 3, the proposed SCCF funding level for project management is appropriate.	
	24. Is the funding and co-financing per objective appropriate and adequate to achieve the expected outcomes and outputs?	NOT CLEAR. Please refer to Section 13 above.  RECOMMENDED ACTION: Upon addressing the recommendations under Section 13, please adjust the grant and co-financing per component accordingly, if necessary.  09/20/2012 -- YES. The grant and co-financing per component is appropriate and adequate.	
	25. At PIF: comment on the indicated cofinancing; At CEO endorsement: indicate if confirmed co-financing is provided.	At \$17.13 million, the indicative co-financing is adequate.	
	26. Is the co-financing amount that the Agency is bringing to the project in line with its role?	YES. In line with its role, IFAD would bring \$13.5 million in co-financing.	
Project Monitoring and Evaluation	27. Have the appropriate Tracking Tools been included with information for all relevant indicators, as applicable?		
	28. Does the proposal include a budgeted M&E Plan that monitors and measures results with indicators and targets?		
Agency Responses	29. Has the Agency responded adequately to comments from:		
	• STAP?	NA	
	• Convention Secretariat?	NA	
	• Council comments?		
	• Other GEF Agencies?	NA	
<b>Secretariat Recommendation</b>			
Recommendation at	<b>30. Is PIF clearance/approval being recommended?</b>	NOT YET. Please refer to sections 13, 14, 15, 19, 23 and 24.	

		09/20/2012 -- YES.	
	31. Items to consider at CEO endorsement/approval.	09/20/2012 -- Please refer to sections 13 and 19.	
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?		
	<b>33. Is CEO endorsement/approval being recommended?</b>		
Review Date (s)	First review*	September 18, 2012	
	Additional review (as necessary)	September 20, 2012	
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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?	
	2. Is itemized budget justified?	
Secretariat Recommendation	<b>3. Is PPG approval being recommended?</b>	
	4. Other comments	
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