



## GEF-6 GEF SECRETARIAT REVIEW FOR FULL-SIZED/MEDIUM-SIZED PROJECTS THE GEF/LDCF/SCCF TRUST FUND

GEF ID:	<b>9834</b>		
Country/Region:	<b>Mongolia</b>		
Project Title:	<b>Strengthening Capacity in the Agriculture and Land-use Sectors in Mongolia for Enhanced Transparency in Implementation and Monitoring of Mongolia's Nationally Determined Contribution (NDC) under the Paris Agreement</b>		
GEF Agency:	<b>FAO</b>	GEF Agency Project ID:	
Type of Trust Fund:	<b>Capacity-building Initiative for Transparency</b>	GEF Focal Area (s):	<b>Climate Change</b>
GEF-6 Focal Area/ LDCF/SCCF Objective (s):	<b>CBIT-1; CBIT-1;</b>		
Anticipated Financing PPG:	<b>\$50,000</b>	Project Grant:	<b>\$863,242</b>
Co-financing:	<b>\$1,160,000</b>	Total Project Cost:	<b>\$2,023,242</b>
PIF Approval:		Council Approval/Expected:	
CEO Endorsement/Approval		Expected Project Start Date:	
Program Manager:	<b>Milena Vasquez</b>	Agency Contact Person:	<b>Kevin Gallagher</b>

<b>PIF Review</b>			
Review Criteria	Questions	Secretariat Comment	Agency Response
<b>Project Consistency</b>	1. Is the project aligned with the relevant GEF strategic objectives and results framework? <sup>1</sup>	MGV, May 21, 2017: Yes, the project is aligned with the objectives of the CBIT.	
	2. Is the project consistent with the recipient country's national strategies and plans or reports and assessments under relevant conventions?	MGV, May 21, 2017: Yes, the project is aligned with Mongolia's National Action Programme on Climate Change 2000, updated in 2011. Mongolia ratified the Paris Agreement on September 21, 2016. In	

<sup>1</sup> For BD projects: has the project explicitly articulated which Aichi Target(s) the project will help achieve and are SMART indicators identified, that will be used to track the project's contribution toward achieving the Aichi Target(s)?

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		its NDC, Mongolia outlined a series of policies and measures to implement up to 2030, in the energy, industry, agriculture and waste sectors, expected to result in a 14% reduction in GHG emissions (excluding LULUCF) compared to baseline. It also included an adaptation component focused on actions on animal husbandry and pastures, arable farming, water resources and forest resource.	
<b>Project Design</b>	3. Does the PIF sufficiently indicate the drivers <sup>2</sup> of global environmental degradation, issues of sustainability, market transformation, scaling, and innovation?	MGV, May 21, 2017: Yes, the PIF identifies key barriers to Mongolia's tracking of its NDC implementation progress, in particular in the AFOLU sector.	
	4. Is the project designed with sound incremental reasoning?	MGV, May 21, 2017: Yes, the project will build upon its work on the FBUR and the UN-REDD+ program, among other baseline work by national ministries and institutions.	
	5. Are the components in Table B sound and sufficiently clear and appropriate to achieve project objectives and the GEBs?	MGV, May 21, 2017: Yes. The project consists of the following components: 1. Institutional arrangements to coordinate preparation of ETF reports for agriculture, land-use and other relevant sectors enhanced. 2. Capacity to assess and report emissions and removals from the agriculture and land use sectors to	

<sup>2</sup> Need not apply to LDCF/SCCF projects.

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		design and monitor related emission reduction activities strengthened. 3. Capacity to monitor and report adaptation activities in agriculture and land-use sectors strengthened.	
	6. Are socio-economic aspects, including relevant gender elements, indigenous people, and CSOs considered?	MGV, May 21, 2017: Yes.	
<b>Availability of Resources</b>	7. Is the proposed Grant (including the Agency fee) within the resources available from (mark all that apply):		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The STAR allocation?</li> </ul>	MGV, May 21, 2017: NA. This project requests funding from the CBIT Trust Fund.	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The focal area allocation?</li> </ul>	MGV, May 21, 2017: NA.	
	<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>		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Focal area set-aside?</li> </ul>		
<b>Recommendations</b>	8. Is the PIF being recommended for clearance and PPG (if additional amount beyond the norm) justified?	MGV, May 21, 2017: Yes, PM recommends CEO PIF clearance.  By CEO Endorsement, please further refine how the project outputs will link with and support the overall transparency framework in Mongolia, beyond the AFOLU sectors, to respond to the enhanced transparency framework of the Paris Agreement.	
<b>Review Date</b>	Review	May 21, 2017	
	Additional Review (as necessary)		

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CEO endorsement Review			
Review Criteria	Questions	Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement	Response to Secretariat comments
<b>Project Design and Financing</b>	1. If there are any changes from that presented in the PIF, have justifications been provided?		
	2. Is the project structure/ design appropriate to achieve the expected outcomes and outputs?		
	3. Is the financing adequate and does the project demonstrate a cost-effective approach to meet the project objective?		
	4. Does the project take into account potential major risks, including the consequences of climate change, and describes sufficient risk response measures? (e.g., measures to enhance climate resilience)		
	5. Is co-financing confirmed and evidence provided?		

## CEO endorsement Review

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	6. Are relevant tracking tools completed?		
	7. <i>Only for Non-Grant Instrument:</i> Has a reflow calendar been presented?		
	8. Is the project coordinated with other related initiatives and national/regional plans in the country or in the region?		
	9. Does the project include a budgeted M&E Plan that monitors and measures results with indicators and targets?		
	10. Does the project have descriptions of a knowledge management plan?		
<b>Agency Responses</b>	11. Has the Agency adequately responded to comments at the PIF <sup>3</sup> stage from:		
	• GEFSEC		
	• STAP		
	• GEF Council		
	• Convention Secretariat		
<b>Recommendation</b>	12. Is CEO endorsement recommended?		
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<sup>3</sup> If it is a child project under a program, assess if the components of the child project align with the program criteria set for selection of child projects.