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

GEF ID:	**8018**		
Country/Region:	**Regional (Kiribati, Solomon Islands, Tuvalu, Vanuatu)**		
Project Title:	**Building Resilience of Health Systems in Pacific Island LDCs to Climate Change**		
GEF Agency:	**UNDP**	GEF Agency Project ID:	**5396 (UNDP)**
Type of Trust Fund:	**Least Developed Countries Fund (LDCF)**	GEF Focal Area (s):	**Climate Change**
GEF-5 Focal Area/ LDCF/SCCF Objective (s):			
Anticipated Financing PPG:	**$300,000**	Project Grant:	**$17,850,000**
Co-financing:	**$76,000,000**	Total Project Cost:	**$94,150,000**
PIF Approval:		Council Approval/Expected:	
CEO Endorsement/Approval		Expected Project Start Date:	
Program Manager:	**Rawleston Moore**	Agency Contact Person:	**Shoko Takemoto**

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Eligibility	1. Is the participating **country eligible**?	YES. As LDC parties to the UNFCCC Kiribati, Solomon Islands, Tuvalu and Vanuatu are eligible to receive funds under the LDCF.	
	2. Has the **operational focal point** endorsed the project?	NOT YET. The submission includes letters from the governments of Solomon Islands, Tuvalu and Vanuatu. However please also include letter from the government of Kiribati. RECOMMENDED ACTION: Please include OFP letter of support from Kiribati. 3/10/15, ACL: YES, Kiribati OFP letter	

*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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		of support has been included with submission.	
Resource Availability	3. 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	YES. All countries are eligible to receive funding from the LDCF under the principle of equitable access.	
	• the SCCF (Adaptation or Technology Transfer)?		
	• the Nagoya Protocol Investment Fund		
	• focal area set-aside?		
Strategic Alignment	4. Is the project aligned with the focal area/multifocal areas/ LDCF/SCCF/NPIF **results framework and strategic objectives**? *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 progress toward achieving the Aichi target(s).*	YES. The project aligns with CCA-1, CCA-2 and CCA-3.	
	5. Is the project consistent with the recipient **country's national strategies and plans** or reports and assessments under relevant conventions, including NPFE, NAPA, NCSA, NBSAP or NAP?	YES. The project is aligned with the NAPAs of the 4 Pacific LDCs. Section B.1. of the PIF also mentions additional processes/strategies underway to strengthen health systems through the integration of adaptation activities.	
	6. Is (are) the **baseline project(s),** including problem(s) that the baseline project(s) seek/s to	NOT CLEAR. The PIF rightly lists the relevant baselines projects and notes that during the PPG phase, an "in-depth	

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Project Design	address, sufficiently described and based on sound data and assumptions?	analysis of these and other initiatives will be conducted". However, for many projects (particularly in Kiribati and Vanuatu), very little description of objectives is provided. For example, in Kiribati, what are the main elements of the "National Health Strategic Plan" or the "Health Sector Coordination Committee"? And in Vanuatu, the various baseline initiatives under the MoH e.g. "Tropical Diseases Program", "Applied Health Programs" etc. RECOMMENDED ACTION: Please revise baseline project descriptions, to include brief description of the main project elements/objectives, as to better ascertain the reasoning for the additional LDCF resources. 3/10/15, ACL: YES, comments have been addressed. The regional projects will support various programmes in country-specific National Heath Strategic Plans (NHSP) which sets direction for programming under the ministries of health and medical services. The objectives of the NHSP in each country, along with their supporting initiatives/programmes are adequately described in the revised PIF.	
	7. Are the components, outcomes and outputs in the **project framework** (Table B) clear, sound and appropriately detailed?	YES. The project aims to focus on 4 main components: 1) Governance and policies; 2) Health information and climate early warning systems; 3) Service delivery; and 4) Knowledge management and technical assistance. These elements are consistent	

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		in the 4 country projects.	
	8. (a) Are global environmental/ adaptation benefits identified? (b) Is the description of the incremental/additional reasoning sound and appropriate?	NOT CLEAR. The regional project will provide adaptation benefits in various ways, including, revisions to key health sector policy and strategy, strengthening of current health information and surveillance systems, and reducing vulnerability (to climate impacts) of primary health facility infrastructure. However: 1) Please address comments in 6, to better support the additional cost reasoning. and, 2) It is not clear what effect revisions to Health Sector Strategies will have in generating benefits. For instance, will these revisions not only update existing strategies, but also include budget allocations for adaptation interventions? RECOMMENDED ACTION: 1) Please address comments in 6; and 2) describe the benefits to be seen from revisions to health sector strategies. By CEO Endorsement: Please also describe the specific adaptation interventions/actions to be implemented by the project, particularly as they relate to health infrastructure. For example, in each country, what are the kinds of "climate-proofing measures" or	

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		"assessments" to be undertaken in selected high-risk facilities/areas? 3/10/15, ACL: YES, comments have been addressed. The regional project will build on existing baseline initiatives under the National Health Strategic Plan in each country. The project will also strengthen capacities of health sector professionals and make use of the latest technologies in health and climate information management and monitoring, as to enable improved treatment and prevention of climate-sensitive diseases. In addition, the revised PIF clarifies that revisions to health sector strategies "will also support review of operational aspects, such as institutional structures and capacities, financial and budgetary planning processes for their implementation." This will ensure overall capacity development at national level and local levels through sustainable allocation of resources and financial planning.	
	9. 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?		

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	10. Is the role of public participation, including CSOs, and indigenous peoples where relevant, identified and explicit means for their engagement explained?	NOT CLEAR. In section A.2. the project mentions that consultations will be undertaken with community members (to be led by various line ministries); however, please include information on how local communities (including CSOs, indigenous peoples and vulnerable groups such as women), will be involved in project preparation and implementation activities. RECOMMENDED ACTION: Please include information to how local communities will be involved in project preparation and implementation activities. 3/10/15, ACL: YES, requested information has been included in section A.2. of the revised PIF.	
	11. Does the project take into account potential major risks, including the consequences of climate change, and describes sufficient risk mitigation measures? (e.g., measures to enhance climate resilience)	YES. Risks and potential mitigation measures are described in section A.4. of the PIF.	
	12. Is the **project consistent and properly coordinated** with other related initiatives in the country or in the region?	YES. The project is consistent with various ongoing initiatives, including existing LDCF/SCCF projects in the region such as the Pacific Adaptation to Climate Change project (SCCF) and the Solomon Island Water Sector Adaptation Project (SIWAP) (LDCF).	
	13. Comment on the project's **innovative aspects, sustainability, and potential for scaling up**.	NOT CLEAR. Please address comments in 6 and 8 above, before theses aspects can be adequately assessed.	

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	• Assess whether the project is innovative and if so, how, and if not, why not. • Assess the project's strategy for sustainability, and the likelihood of achieving this based on GEF and Agency experience. • Assess the potential for scaling up the project's intervention.	RECOMMENDED ACTION: Please address comments in 6 and 8. 3/10/15, ACL: YES, comments have been addressed. Through the implementation of integrated and crosscutting approaches, the project seeks to enhance the capacity of national and local health institutions to manage health risks induced by climate variability and change in Kiribati, Solomon Islands, Tuvalu and Vanuatu. The project is innovative in its plans to strengthen capacities to better manage climate and health risks, particularly, through the application and use of the latest technologies and systems. This would ensure that remote island communities have access to reliable climate and health information (and early warning). In addition, efforts to build national awareness of climate and health risks, and support capacity development of health sector professionals (public health and MoH personnel), would ensure improved implementation and monitoring of adaptation, and support overall project sustainability. And finally, the regional structure of the project would ensure broader adoption and scale-up of key lessons and best practices, and provide other Pacific countries implementing similar projects to mainstream climate considerations into their existing and future programs.	

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	14. Is the project structure/design sufficiently close to what was presented at PIF, with clear justifications for changes?		
	15. Has the cost-effectiveness of the project been sufficiently demonstrated, including the cost-effectiveness of the project design as compared to alternative approaches to achieve similar benefits?		
Project Financing	16. Is the GEF funding and co-financing as indicated in Table B appropriate and adequate to achieve the expected outcomes and outputs?	NOT YET. Please address comments in 6 and 8 above. RECOMMENDED ACTION: Please address comments in 6 and 8 above. 3/10/15, ACL: YES, comments have been addressed.	
	17. At PIF: Is the indicated amount and composition of co-financing as indicated in Table C adequate? Is the amount that the Agency bringing to the project in line with its role? At CEO endorsement: Has co-financing been confirmed?	NOT YET. In addressing comments in 6 and 8 above, please revise co-financing, if necessary. RECOMMENDED ACTION: Please address comments in 6 and 8 above. 3/10/15, ACL: YES, comments have been addressed.	
	18. Is the funding level for **project management cost** appropriate?	YES.	
	19. At PIF, is PPG requested? If the requested amount deviates from the norm, has the Agency provided adequate justification that the level requested is in line with project design needs? At CEO endorsement/ approval, if PPG is completed, did Agency	YES.	

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	report on the activities using the PPG fund?		
	20. If there is **a non-grant instrument** in the project, is there a reasonable calendar of reflows included?	NA	
Project Monitoring and Evaluation	21. Have the appropriate **Tracking Tools** been included with information for all relevant indicators, as applicable?		
	22. Does the proposal include a **budgeted M&E Plan** that monitors and measures results with indicators and targets?		
Agency Responses	23. Has the Agency adequately responded to comments from:		
	• STAP?		
	• Convention Secretariat?		
	• The Council?		
	• Other GEF Agencies?		
Secretariat Recommendation			
Recommendation at PIF Stage	**24. Is PIF clearance/approval being recommended?**	NOT YET. Please address comments in 2, 6, 8, 10, 13, 16 and 17. 3/10/15, ACL: YES, all the outstanding comments have been addressed and the PIF is ready to be technically recommended. However, the project will be processed for clearance/approval only once adequate, additional resources become available in the LDCF.	
	25. Items to consider at CEO endorsement/approval.	Section 8: Please also describe the specific adaptation interventions/actions to be implemented by the project, particularly as they relate to health infrastructure. For example, in each	

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Recommendation at CEO Endorsement/ Approval	**26. Is CEO endorsement/approval being recommended?**		
	First review*	February 10, 2015	
Review Date (s)	Additional review (as necessary)		
	Additional review (as necessary)		

* **This is the first time the Program Manager provides full comments for the project. Subsequent follow-up reviews should be recorded. For specific comments for each section, please insert a date after comments. Greyed areas in each section do not need comments.**