



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

GEF ID:	4754		
Country/Region:	Pakistan		
Project Title:	Sustainable Land Management Programme to Combat Desertification		
GEF Agency:	UNDP	GEF Agency Project ID:	4593 (UNDP)
Type of Trust Fund:	GEF Trust Fund	GEF Focal Area (s):	Land Degradation
GEF-5 Focal Area/ LDCF/SCCF Objective (s):	LD-2; LD-2; LD-3; LD-3; Project Mana;		
Anticipated Financing PPG:	\$0	Project Grant:	\$3,791,000
Co-financing:	\$16,630,000	Total Project Cost:	\$20,421,000
PIF Approval:	December 08, 2011	Council Approval/Expected:	February 29, 2012
CEO Endorsement/Approval		Expected Project Start Date:	
Program Manager:	Ulrich Apel	Agency Contact Person:	Doley Tshering

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?	12-05-2011 UA: Yes.	09/30/2013 UA: Yes.
	2. Has the operational focal point endorsed the project?	12-05-2011 UA: Yes. Letter dated 11-24-2011, signed by Mohammad Javed Malik.	
Agency's Comparative Advantage	3. Is the Agency's comparative advantage for this project clearly described and supported?	12-05-2011 UA: Yes. UNDP has extensive experience in providing assistance to Pakistan and was the IA in the first phase of this project.	09/30/2013 UA: Yes. Refer to comments at PIF stage.
	4. If there is a non-grant instrument in the project, is the GEF Agency capable of managing it?	n/a	n/a
	5. Does the project fit into the Agency's program and staff capacity in the country?	12-05-2011 UA: Yes. Linked with UNDP Pakistan's Country Programme Action Plan and UNDP has an established and fully staffed Country Office.	09/30/2013 UA: Yes.
	6. Is the proposed Grant (including the Agency fee) within the resources		

Resource Availability			
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>the STAR allocation?</li> </ul>	12-05-2011 UA: Yes. 100% of Pakistans LD STAR will be used.	09/30/2013 UA: Yes.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>the focal area allocation?</li> </ul>	12-05-2011 UA: Yes. Refer to comment above.	09/30/2013 UA: Yes.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>the LDCF under the principle of equitable access</li> </ul>	n/a	n/a
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>the SCCF (Adaptation or Technology Transfer)?</li> </ul>	n/a	n/a
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Nagoya Protocol Investment Fund</li> </ul>	n/a	n/a
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>focal area set-aside?</li> </ul>	n/a	n/a
Project Consistency	7. Is the project aligned with the focal /multifocal areas/ LDCF/SCCF/NPIF results framework?	12-05-2011 UA: Yes. Well aligned with LDFA framework.	09/30/2013 UA: Yes.
	8. Are the relevant GEF 5 focal/multifocal areas/LDCF/SCCF/NPIF objectives identified?	12-05-2011 UA: LD-2, LD-3	09/30/2013 UA: LD-2, LD-3
	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?	12-05-2011 UA: Yes.	09/30/2013 UA: Yes.
	10. Does the proposal clearly articulate how the capacities developed, if any, will contribute to the sustainability of project outcomes?	12-05-2011 UA: Yes. Through institutionalizing training programmes and decision -support systems.	09/30/2013 UA: Yes. Refer to comments at PIF stage.
	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?	12-05-2011 UA: Yes. The baseline consists of five programmes / projects. The proposed project also builds on the SLM Pilot Phase project funded by GEF.	09/30/2013 UA: Yes. Refer to comments at PIF stage.

Project Design			
	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?		09/30/2013 UA: Yes.
	13. Are the activities that will be financed using GEF/LDCF/SCCF funding based on incremental/additional reasoning?	12-05-2011 UA: Yes. Incremental reasoning has been applied. Agreed global environmental benefits will be delivered.	09/30/2013 UA: Yes. GEBs are listed in the CEO endorsement document and have been entered into the Tracking Tool as well.
	14. Is the project framework sound and sufficiently clear?	12-05-2011 UA: Yes.  By CEO endorsement stage, please provide further details on how the community financed local SLM funds will operate.	09/30/2013 UA: Yes. Details on the local SLM funds are provided in the UNDP project document.
	15. Are the applied methodology and assumptions for the description of the incremental/additional benefits sound and appropriate?	12-05-2011 UA: Yes. However, please make sure that the establishment of baselines will be taken care of during the design phase - even without PPG funding - and also incorporates requirements of the LDFA tracking tool.	09/30/2013 UA: Yes. Baselines are provided in the tracking tool.
	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?	12-05-2011 UA: Yes. Adequate at PIF stage. Please provide further information on the mentioned gender inclusion strategy at CEO endorsement stage.	09/30/2013 UA: Yes. Gender strategy is provided in the UNDP project document.
	17. Is public participation, including CSOs and indigenous people, taken into consideration, their role identified and addressed properly?	12-05-2011 UA: Yes. Adequate at PIF stage. Please outline the involvement of CSOs in more detail at CEO endorsement stage.	09/30/2013 UA: Yes. Stakeholder engagement plan, including CSO involvement is outlined in the UNDP project document.

	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)	12-05-2011 UA: Yes, adequate.	09/30/2013 UA: Yes. Refer to comments at PIF stage.
	19. Is the project consistent and properly coordinated with other related initiatives in the country or in the region?	12-05-2011 UA: Yes. The project is well co-ordinated with ongoing initiatives, in particular with GEF initiatives in the country and region.	09/30/2013 UA: Yes. Refer to comments at PIF stage.
	20. Is the project implementation/ execution arrangement adequate?	12-05-2011 UA: Yes.	09/30/2013 UA: Yes.
	21. Is the project structure sufficiently close to what was presented at PIF, with clear justifications for changes?		09/30/2013 UA: Yes. The project is fully in line with what has been approved at PIF stage.
	22. If there is a non-grant instrument in the project, is there a reasonable calendar of reflows included?		n/a
Project Financing	23. Is funding level for project management cost appropriate?	12-05-2011 UA: Yes, indicative at 5%.	09/30/2013 UA: Yes.
	24. Is the funding and co-financing per objective appropriate and adequate to achieve the expected outcomes and outputs?	12-05-2011 UA: Yes. Considered appropriate.	09/30/2013 UA: Yes.
	25. At PIF: comment on the indicated cofinancing; At CEO endorsement: indicate if confirmed co-financing is provided.	12-05-2011 UA: Indicative co-financing is solid and mostly grant resources.	09/30/2013 UA: Yes. Co-financing is confirmed and letters provided.
	26. Is the co-financing amount that the Agency is bringing to the project in line with its role?	12-05-2011 UA: Yes. UNDP contributes \$1.5 million in grant.	09/30/2013 UA: Yes. Refer to comments at PIF stage.
Project Monitoring and Evaluation	27. Have the appropriate Tracking Tools been included with information for all relevant indicators, as applicable?		09/30/2013 UA: Yes.

	28. Does the proposal include a budgeted M&E Plan that monitors and measures results with indicators and targets?		09/30/2013 UA: Yes.
Agency Responses	29. Has the Agency responded adequately to comments from:		
	• STAP?		09/30/2013 UA: Yes.
	• Convention Secretariat?		n/a
	• Council comments?		09/30/2013 UA: Yes.
	• Other GEF Agencies?		n/a
<b>Secretariat Recommendation</b>			
Recommendation at PIF Stage	<b>30. Is PIF clearance/approval being recommended?</b>	12-05-2011 UA: Yes. The PIF is recommended for CEO clearance for WP inclusion.	
	31. Items to consider at CEO endorsement/approval.	12-05-2011 UA: Please refer to comments in the review sheet for items to consider at CEO endorsement stage.	
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?		n/a
	<b>33. Is CEO endorsement/approval being recommended?</b>		09/30/2013 UA: Yes. Program Manager recommends the project for CEO endorsement.
Review Date (s)	First review*	December 05, 2011	September 30, 2013
	Additional review (as necessary)		
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**REQUEST FOR PPG APPROVAL**

<b>Review Criteria</b>	<b>Decision Points</b>	<b>Program Manager Comments</b>
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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