



**REQUEST FOR PROJECT PREPARATION GRANT (PPG)**  
**PROJECT TYPE: Full-Sized Project**  
**THE GEF TRUST FUND**

**Submission date:** 06 November 2007  
**Re-submission date:** 04 January 2008

**GEFSEC PROJECT ID:** 3383  
**GEF AGENCY PROJECT ID:**  
**COUNTRY(IES):** Niger  
**PROJECT TITLE:** Agricultural and Rural Rehabilitation and Development Initiative  
**GEF AGENCY(IES):** IFAD  
**OTHER EXECUTING PARTNER(S):** NONE  
**GEF FOCAL AREA(S):** LD  
**GEF-4 STRATEGIC PROGRAM(S):** SPI  
**NAME UMBRELLA PROJECT:** Strategic Investment Program for SLM in SSA (SIP)  
**GEF FEE ADVANCE (10%):** USD 15,000

**A. PROJECT PREPARATION TIMEFRAME**

Start date	February 08
Completion date	October 08

**B. PROJECT PREPARATION ACTIVITIES (\$)**

<b>Describe the PPG activities:</b>			
<b>List project preparation activities</b>	<b>GEF Grant</b>	<b>Co-financing</b>	<b>Total</b>
<p><b>1. Baseline study to identify priority areas, agro-ecological zones and specific ecosystems for GEF intervention:</b></p> <p>The study should be based on a rapid needs assessment, consultation with key stakeholders and suggestion of SLM technical solutions that would complement IFAD's operation in Maradi region. The study should provide elements for project design focusing on activities and sites where global environmental benefits could be yielded. The baseline study will also provide baseline values for the project log frame and cost elements for project design and costing.</p>	30,398	27,000	57,398
<p><b>2. Review of bottlenecks and barriers to SLM in the Maradi region:</b></p> <p>This study will provide a comprehensive assessment of the institutional, financial and technical barriers to SLM in Maradi. It will provide the basis to further strengthen the rationale for the GEF investments and identify the key investment needs. The study will pay particular attention to barriers that hinder SLM at the local level (crop/livestock conflicts, access to land and natural resources, tradition systems for SLM etc). Analysis of SLM experiences should be outlined in this study and help to build the project design on previous experiences and lessons.</p>	10,133	9,000	19,133
<p><b>3. Assessment and management of CC risks:</b></p> <p>The PPG phase will entail a full assessment of climate-related risks and coping existing mechanism climate (autonomous adaptations at</p>	10,133	10,000	20,133

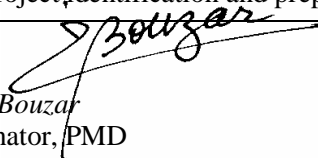
community and farm levels). The study should provide a comprehensive risk assessments by type of ecosystem/or type of intervention while identifying necessary adaptation measures that could be undertaken in view of a climate proofed SLM operations. The study should also provide cost estimates that are associated with risk management			
<b>4. Assessment of capacity-building needs for SLM/NRM:</b>  This assessment will be carried out during project preparation to identify capacity building needs for improved SLM/NR management at in Maradi region (government agencies and decentralized community institutions). The study will be providing exact estimation of capacity needs in terms of scope/targets and costs. It should propose a capacity building plan (costed out) for the full project.	10,133	14,000	24,133
<b>5. Project formulation and design:</b>  Full project design including implementation arrangement, institutional setup, global environmental benefits, M&E, sustainability assessment etc based on the consolidation of the studies and stakeholder consultation.	43,435	25,896	69,331
<b>6. Preparation of the project cost tables:</b>  The preparation of the COSTAB file and the annex on the financial analysis (the financial analysis will provide elements for, procurement modalities, audits, financial flow etc.) The task includes including contribution to the preparation of the IC analysis and the project implementation manual.	11,026	5,000	16,026
<b>7. Project management</b>	0	20,000	20,000
<b>8 .Travel</b>	12,688	15,000	27,688
<b>9. Regional consultation meetings and advocacy for SLM</b>	8,000	18,000	26,000
<b>10. Documents translation</b>	10,000	4,000	14,000
<b>11. Contingencies (2.7 %)</b>	4,054	4,104	8,158
<b>Total project preparation financing</b>	<b>150,000</b>	<b>152,000</b>	<b>302,000</b>

### C. PPG BUDGET REQUESTING FINANCE BY GEF

Cost Items	Tot. Est. Person Wks (PW)	GEF (\$)	Co-financing (\$)	Total (\$)
Local consultants	48	60,797	60,000	120,797
International consultants	17	54,461*	30,896	85,357
Travel		12,688	15,000	27,688
Project management		0	20,000	20,000
Regional consultation meetings and advocacy for SLM		8,000	18,000	26,000
Translation		10,000	4,000	14,000
Contingencies (2.7 %)		4,054	4,104	8,158
<b>Total PPG Budget</b>		<b>150,000</b>	<b>152,000</b>	<b>302,000</b>

\* including international travel (2 missions for the team leader and one mission for the economist)

**D. GEF AGENCY(IES) CERTIFICATION**

This request has been prepared in accordance with GEF policies and procedures and meets the GEF criteria for project identification and preparation.	
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## Annex A

### Consultants Financed by the Project Preparation Grant (PPG)

<b>Position Titles</b>	<b>\$/Person Week</b>	<b>Est. PWs</b>	<b>Tasks to be performed</b>
<b>LOCAL</b>			
<b>Soil and water conservation, agro-ecologist and environmentalist (M&amp;E)</b>	1,266	24	Analyze the baseline situation with regard to the land and NRM basis degradation. Identify priority sites for interventions (based on selected criteria) and potential for global environmental benefits. Provide a set of indicators (baseline and proposal for the project log frame) and clear targets for investment activities (in terms of size and detailed costs).  <i>Outcome:</i> Study on investment needs with their detailed costs with indicators for the logframe
<b>Agronomist CC Specialist</b>	1,266	8	Assess CC risks, adaptation potential (including an assessment of existing autonomous adaptation measures), and suggest cost-effective means for risk management. The consultant should provide clear assessment of risks by type of ecosystem and possible investments for risk management.  <i>Outcome:</i> Annex on climate change and project climate proofing
<b>SLM/NRM capacity-building specialist</b>	1,266	8	Analyze capacity building needs at the local and regional levels (in Maradi) for improved SLM/ and sustainable NRM. Prepare a detailed capacity building plan and provide detailed cost tables (based on actual unit costs and targets)  <i>Outcomes</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Report on capacity building needs</li><li>- Capacity building plan (at regional and local levels)</li></ul>
<b>Institutional specialist on SLM/NRM issues</b>	1,266	8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Review of bottlenecks and barriers to SLM in the Maradi region.</li><li>- Assess previous SLM experiences and outline lessons learned</li><li>- Suggest cost effective solutions for improved SLM mainstreaming at the regional/local levels</li></ul> <i>Outcomes:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Study on barriers to SLM, SLM previous experiences and cost effective solutions to better SLM mainstreaming</li></ul>

Position Titles	\$/Person Week	Est. PWs	Tasks to be performed
<b>INTERNATIONAL</b>			
<b>GEF SLM/NRM specialist</b>	2,533	13	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Design the GEF project for GEF CEO endorsement</li> <li>- Supervise the implementation of the PPG, guide the team of consultants (local and international) and consolidate all inputs</li> <li>- Responsible for the overall quality of the project design</li> <li>- Prepare all the required annexes by the GEF for the CEO endorsement</li> <li>- Accommodate all comments throughout the project review/approval steps</li> <li>- Prepare the project implementation manual</li> </ul> <p><i>Outcome:</i> CEO endorsed project</p>
<b>Economist/Financial specialist (COSTAB Specialist)</b>	1,418	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Prepare the project detailed cost tables</li> <li>- Contribute (assist the team leader) in preparing the IC annex</li> <li>- Assist the team leader in preparing the project implementation manual</li> <li>- Draft the annex on financial modalities (procurement, flow of funds, audits etc)</li> </ul> <p><i>Outcomes:</i> COSTAB, cost and financial analysis annex</p>