



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

GEF ID:	9407		
Country/Region:	Regional (Egypt, Jordan)		
Project Title:	Healthy Ecosystems for Rangeland Development (HERD): Sustainable Rangeland Management for Biodiversity Conservation and Climate Change Mitigation		
GEF Agency:	UNEP	GEF Agency Project ID:	
Type of Trust Fund:	GEF Trust Fund	GEF Focal Area (s):	Land Degradation
GEF-6 Focal Area/ LDCF/SCCF Objective (s):	LD-1 Program 1; LD-2 Program 3; LD-3 Program 4;		
Anticipated Financing PPG:	\$136,986	Project Grant:	\$3,515,982
Co-financing:	\$9,000,000	Total Project Cost:	\$12,515,982
PIF Approval:		Council Approval/Expected:	
CEO Endorsement/Approval		Expected Project Start Date:	
Program Manager:	Ulrich Apel	Agency Contact Person:	Ersin Esen

PIF Review			
Review Criteria	Questions	Secretariat Comment	Agency Response
Project Consistency	1. Is the project aligned with the relevant GEF strategic objectives and results framework? ¹	03/17/2016 UA: Yes.	
	2. Is the project consistent with the recipient country's national strategies and plans or reports and assessments under relevant conventions?	03/17/2016 UA: Yes.	
Project Design	3. Does the PIF sufficiently indicate the drivers ² of global environmental degradation, issues of sustainability,	03/17/2016 UA: Yes.	

¹ 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)?

² Need not apply to LDCF/SCCF projects.

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	market transformation, scaling, and innovation?		
	4. Is the project designed with sound incremental reasoning?	03/17/2016 UA: Yes.	
	5. Are the components in Table B sound and sufficiently clear and appropriate to achieve project objectives and the GEBs?	<p>03/17/2016 UA: Not fully.</p> <p>Please clarify component 4:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - What is the linkage to national LDN target setting? - Which countries will be involved / will benefit from the regional component? - Where will the Communal Rangelands Leadership Hub for South-South Learning be established? - How, exactly, will the regional dialogue be promoted? <p>Table B includes 4 components. The PIF text on page 15 suggests that there may be is a component 5, which is confusing. Please check/clarify.</p> <p>03/25/2016 UA: Has been clarified in the resubmission.</p> <p>Cleared</p>	
	6. Are socio-economic aspects, including relevant gender elements, indigenous people, and CSOs considered?	03/17/2016 UA: Yes.	

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Availability of Resources	7. Is the proposed Grant (including the Agency fee) within the resources available from (mark all that apply):		
	• The STAR allocation?	03/17/2016 UA: Yes.	
	• The focal area allocation?	03/17/2016 UA: Yes.	
	• The LDCF under the principle of equitable access	n/a	
	• The SCCF (Adaptation or Technology Transfer)?	n/a	
	• Focal area set-aside?	03/17/2016 UA: The project requests \$1 million of LD set aside funds for regional activities.	
Recommendations	8. Is the PIF being recommended for clearance and PPG (if additional amount beyond the norm) justified?	03/17/2016 UA: No. Please address comments. 03/25/2016 UA: Yes. Program Manager recommends the PIF for CEO clearance.	
Review Date	Review	March 17, 2016	
	Additional Review (as necessary)	March 25, 2016	
	Additional Review (as necessary)		

CEO endorsement Review

Review Criteria	Questions	Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement	Response to Secretariat comments
Project Design and Financing	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?		
	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?		

CEO endorsement Review			
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	10. Does the project have descriptions of a knowledge management plan?		
Agency Responses	11. Has the Agency adequately responded to comments at the PIF ³ stage from:		
	• GEFSEC		
	• STAP		
	• GEF Council		
	• Convention Secretariat		
Recommendation	12. Is CEO endorsement recommended?		
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³ 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.