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Subject: GEF fees advance on the Eritrea preparatory grant
“Catchments and Landscape Management”

Madame,

References are made to World Bank-led “Strategic Investment Program for SLM in Sub-Saharan Africa (SIP)” and the group submission of associated project identification forms on 05 November 2007. We are pleased to submit for your consideration for CEO approval the project preparatory grants for Eritrea entitled, “Catchments and Landscape Management”. Kindly note, this GEF proposal has been developed in consultation with UNDP and with the support of the Government of Eritrea.

The project preparatory grant proposal will fund the preparatory activities (incremental activities) for the development of the full project document proposal including integrating these environmental objectives into IFAD’s Loan, “Post-crisis Rural Recovery and Development Programme.” While the overall goal of the full sized project grant is to mitigate barriers in the project area limiting the adoption of SLM practices through a systematic, community-based, catchment and landscape planning and management process which specifically targets the needs of the rural poor.

At this time and upon your approval, we kindly request for the associated GEF Fees advance valued at US\$ 15,000.

It is my great pleasure to formally submit this proposal for your approval and ask you to accept, Madame, the assurances of my high consideration.

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

Submission date: 06 November 2007

Re-submission date:

GEFSEC PROJECT ID: 3362

GEF AGENCY PROJECT ID:

COUNTRY: Eritrea

PROJECT TITLE: Catchments and Landscape Management

GEF AGENCY: IFAD

OTHER EXECUTING PARTNERS: Ministry of Agriculture, Eritrea

GEF FOCAL AREA: Land Degradation

GEF-4 STRATEGIC PROGRAM: LD-SP1

NAME OF PROGRAM PROJECT: Strategic Investment Programme for SLM in SSA (SIP)

GEF FEE ADVANCE: US\$ 15,000

A. PROJECT PREPARATION TIMEFRAME

Start date	December 2007
Completion date	September 2008

B. PROJECT PREPARATION ACTIVITIES (\$)

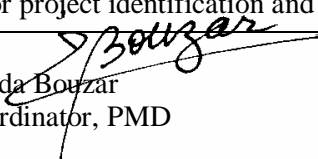
Describe the PPG activities: See Annex B			
List project preparation activities	GEF Grant	Co-financing	Total
1. Preparatory activities (project context and data collection)	34,299	71,750	106,049
2. Project formulation and design	72,701	25,625	98,326
3. Consultation and advocacy	43,000	40,000	83,000
4. PPG management		21,000	21,000
Total project preparation financing	150,000	158,375	308,375

C. PPG BUDGET REQUESTING FINANCE BY GEF

Cost Items	Total Estimated Person Weeks (PW)	GEF (\$)	Co-financing (\$)	Total (\$)
Local consultants *	22.00	26,000	27,375	53,375
International consultants*	27.00	66,500	110,000	176,500
Travel		21,500	6,000	27,500
Support to consultation activities		36,000	15,000	51,000
Total PPG Budget		150,000	158,375	308,375

* Split between local and international consultants might be indicative and subject to the procurement guidelines of the Agencies. Additional information regarding consultants should be provided in Annex A.

D. GEF AGENCY 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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Consultants Financed by the Project Preparation Grant (PPG)

Position Titles	\$/ Person Week	Estimated PWs	Tasks to be performed
LOCAL			
1. Stakeholder Analyst	1 250.00	8.00	Revision of relevant technical studies (institutional framework, political issues), stakeholder analysis, community participation
2. Environmental Conflict Analyst	1 250.00	8.00	Revision of relevant technical studies (land policies, land traditions and regulations, etc), participatory planning
3. Capacity Building Specialist	1 000.00	6.00	Assessment of training needs, design of capacity building strategy
INTERNATIONAL			
4. Specialist GEF & SLM	2 500.00	25.00	(i) Relationship with GoE and other stakeholders, overall coordination of work, financial management (procurement and disbursement issues, audits, administration), supervision arrangements, alignment of GEF proposal with IFAD-GoE project (ii) Revision of relevant technical studies (water, soil, biodiversity, land issues), formulation of proposal (project design, implementation arrangements, workplan, M&E), alignment with GEF's priorities, SIP objectives and TerrAfrica
5. Economist	2 000.00	2.00	Formulation of proposal (incremental cost analysis, cost-effectiveness analysis, budget, project administration)

PROJECT PREPARATION ACTIVITIES

The PPG funding will provide additional support to formulate the project (components, budget, incremental reasoning, climate proofing), including implementation arrangements and other operational details, financing additional technical studies and public consultations. Below the description of the proposed preparation activities:

1. Preparatory activities (project context and data collection)

This activity includes the revision and completion of some additional studies to ensure the formulation of a high quality and innovative program. Detailed terms of reference for the abovementioned activities will be prepared and shared at early stages of the project preparation.

Outputs: Baseline studies, assessment reports and strategies carried out and recommendations incorporated into the full project design.

2. Project formulation and design

This component will cover the preparation of the project document, based on the information available and the studies and analyses revised and carried out by the PPG. Activities will include:

- Coordination of activities and supervision of consultants
- Alignment of objectives and activities to GEF, SIP and TerrAfrica priorities
- Design of the Project Implementation Plan in full coordination with the PCRRDP work program and arrangements
- Preparation of budget and Incremental Cost Analysis, including financial management
- Supervision arrangements
- Monitoring and Evaluation framework
- Sustainability: Financial and environmental sustainability

Outputs: Overall project design, with accompanying documents (Executive Summary, annexes) prepared for submission to GEF Secretariat. Minimum required sections are: Logical Framework, Project Implementation Plan, Budget, Incremental Cost Analysis, Cost-Effectiveness Analysis, Institutional Setup and Monitoring and Evaluation Framework.

3. Consultation and advocacy

This activity will involve discussions with key stakeholders and partners, and dissemination of information and awareness, to promote transparency and ensure wide participation.

Output: Validation and discussion of information from studies and assessments with project stakeholders, and confirmation of support to final proposal.

4. PPG management

This crucial activity will promote the proper management of activities, to guarantee due diligence, deadline accomplishment and timely delivery of outputs.

Output: Management of project preparation activities.