



PDF IMPLEMENTATION REPORT



**GEFSEC PROJECT ID:** 3239  
**UNDP PROJECT ID:** 3188 – (ATLAS) 00045816  
**COUNTRY:** Turkmenistan  
**PROJECT TITLE:** Capacity Building and On-the-Ground Investments for Integrated and Sustainable Land Management  
**OTHER PROJECT EXECUTING AGENCY(IES):**  
**GEF FOCAL AREA:** Land Degradation  
**GEF OPERATIONAL PROGRAM:** OP 15  
**STARTING DATE:** 1 Nov 2005  
**ESTIMATED DATE OF OPERATIONAL CLOSURE:** 31 JULY 2006  
**ESTIMATED DATE OF FINANCIAL CLOSURE:** 31 DEC 2006

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## **PART I - PROJECT ACHIEVEMENTS**

### **A - SUMMARY OF ACTUAL ACHIEVEMENTS OF PREPARATORY PHASE (OUTPUTS AND OUTCOMES), AND EXPLANATION OF ANY DEVIATIONS FROM EXPECTED OUTCOMES**

Strong international expertise was secured at the inception of the preparatory phase to advise the UNDP CO, the national counterparts and local experts in planning and providing guidance in overall project management, with particular focus on sequencing of activities, development of ToRs for national and local tasks, use of participatory approach as well as establishing the overall coordination and oversight mechanism. This assistance and approach to project management enabled the timely completion of all the tasks and information and data collection and analysis required for producing a medium-sized project document.

Special attention was paid to undertaking a review of the country situation, validating and complementing existing technical and institutional information and initiating a broad-based consultation process. To ensure that the right information is collected, analyzed and is in place for development of the logical framework, methodology was introduced in support to collecting and identifying information and providing baseline analysis in relation to the overall land management situation in the country and to the pilot areas of the project.

Three pilot areas have been identified for implementation of the planned MSP focusing on building local capacities in land planning and management through on-the ground investments, technical know-how and development of knowledge and skills.

Draft MSP was produced and shared for review and comments. No major deviations were made from expected outcomes and outputs. The preparatory phase has identified the following project outcomes:

Outcome 1: Land users are strengthened for SLM through capacity building

Outcome 2: Land use practices have been improved in three pilot sites

Outcome 3: Improved knowledge basis for SLM exists in three project sites

Outcome 4: Institutional and policy framework for sustainable land management has been strengthened

**Outcome 5:** Adaptive management and learning introduced for sustainable project management, delivery and replication

It was agreed that UNDP Turkmenistan and GTZ-CCD will co-finance the revision of the National Action Programme to Combat Desertification in addition to its co-financing share of the project.

### **B – RECORD OF STAKEHOLDER INVOLVEMENT IN PROJECT PREPARATION**

At the international level project cooperated with:

- i) UNCCD Focal Point in Turkmenistan
- ii) UNDP, SPA (CACILM)
- iii) GTZ-CCD

National level was represented by:

- iv) Regulatory structures, such as Ministry of Environment, Ministry of Agriculture, Ministry of Water Economy,
- v) Scientific institutions, such as National Institute of Deserts, Flora and Fauna, National Institute of Livestock, National Institute of Statistics
- vi) non-governmental organizations and their branches at the local level,
- vii) UNDP Turkmenistan

Local level representation included:

- i) Velayat (Regional) and Etrap (Provincial) authorities,
- ii) Archynlyk (Farm Association administration), Gengeshlik (self-governing body in Farm Association),
- iii) Community based organizations in the villages
- iv) Various target groups of land users (including pilot areas of Karakum, Nokhur and Sakarchaga)

**Table 1: Completion status of Project Activities**

Proposed Activities at Approval	Approved		Completion status	Actuals		
	GEF Financing	Co-financing (UNDP)		GEF financing	Co-financing (UNDP)	Uncommitted GEF funds
PPU	7,140		6,678	6,678		
Baseline Assessment, information collection, consultation	3,860	1800	8,160	3,860	4,300	
NAP review and analysis		2,500				
Preparation of SLM 2 component	3,000	2,200	5,200	3,000	2,200	
Preparation of MSP	5,000	2,800	8,700	5,000	3,700	
National Workshops (2),	3,000	3,000	10,165	5,984	4,181	

meetings, publications, Travel							
<b>TOTAL</b>	25,000	15,000	38,903	24,522	14,381	•	<b>Formatted: Right</b>

**B – RECORD OF STAKEHOLDER INVOLVEMENT IN PROJECT PREPARATION**

**PART II - PDF FINANCIAL DELIVERY**

**TABLE 2 – PDF INPUT BUDGET – APPROVALS AND COMMITMENTS**

Input Description*	Approved			Committed		
	Staff weeks	GEF funds	Co-finance (UNDP)	Staff weeks	GEF funds	Co-finance (UNDP)
Personnel (Project Unit: Project Manager, Project Assistant)	60		7,000	60		7,000
Local consultants (10 National Experts)	70	7,140	3,000	70	6,678	2,200
International consultants (1 IC)	26	10,000		26	10,000	1,000
Training						
Travel (DSA, air ticket of 2 trips of IC; Local travel of NEs)					4,271	
Office equipment			5,000			4,181
Miscellaneous (Including 2 National workshop for discussion of MSP SLM)		7,860			3,573	
<b>Total</b>		<b>25,000</b>	<b>15,000</b>	<b>156</b>	<b>24,522</b>	<b>14,381</b>

Additional information as relevant:

- Indicate PDF delivery rate (funds disbursed at time of operational closure as percentage of total GEF allocation) = 98%
- Indicate whether it is expected that there will be unspent PDF funds at the time of financial closure – No unspent funds are foreseen for this PDF-A
- Provide justification for major deviations of actual disbursement from what was planned – No deviations

**TABLE 3: ACTUAL PDF CO-FINANCING**

Co-financing Sources for Project Development Preparation (PDF)				
Name of Co-financier (source)	Classification	Type	Amount	
			Expected (\$)	Actual (\$)
UNDP Country Office in Turkmenistan	UNDP	Cash	15,000	14,381
Total co-financing			15,000	14,381

Additional information as relevant:

- Provide explanation for major deviations from what was planned – No deviations