

Scientific and Technical Advisory Panel

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STAP Scientific and Technical screening of the Project Identification Form (PIF)

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I. PIF Information *(Copied from the PIF)*

FULL SIZE PROJECT GEF TRUST FUND

GEF PROJECT ID: 4678

PROJECT DURATION : 4

COUNTRIES : Global (Albania, Armenia, Barbados, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Bhutan, Botswana, Belarus, Cote d'Ivoire, Cameroon, China, Colombia, Cape Verde, Dominican Republic, Fiji, Micronesia, Grenada, Ghana, Gambia, Guinea, Honduras, Jamaica, Jordan, Kiribati, Lao PDR, Lebanon, St. Lucia, Sri Lanka, Liberia, Moldova, Marshall Islands, Macedonia, Mali, Mongolia, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mozambique, Namibia, Niger, Nigeria, Nicaragua, Nepal, Nauru, Panama, Palau, Paraguay, Solomon Islands, Seychelles, Sierra Leone, Senegal, El Salvador, Syria, Togo, Tunisia, Tonga, Timor Leste, Ukraine, Uganda, Uruguay, Uzbekistan, St. Vincent and Grenadines, Venezuela, Congo DR)

PROJECT TITLE: GEF SGP Fifth Operational Phase--Implementing the Program Using STAR Resources II

GEF AGENCIES: UNDP

OTHER EXECUTING PARTNERS: UNOPS

GEF FOCAL AREA: Multi Focal Area

II. STAP Advisory Response *(see table below for explanation)*

Based on this PIF screening, STAP's advisory response to the GEF Secretariat and GEF Agency(ies): **Consent**

III. Further guidance from STAP

STAP welcomes this proposal, and is broadly supportive of the small grants program (SGP) overall. The SGP is uniquely placed to test innovative actions which address multi-focal area (MFA) challenges in a local setting, and to combine the delivery of global environmental benefits with actions to reduce poverty and promote local livelihoods. STAP also broadly supports the selection of objectives from the GEF-5 Focal Area Strategies, as these are designed to bring global and local benefits into alignment.

For all UNDP-SGP projects, STAP has the following overall recommendations:

Attention to the GEF Focal Area 'learning objectives' is highly relevant to the selection of individual small grant projects. In particular, this allows for additional opportunities to further evaluate the effectiveness of common approaches such as product certification, community forest management among others.

STAP understands that the SGP tends to be treated very much as a stand-alone project in each UNDP Country Office, often weakly integrated with other national and local-level multi-focal area initiatives. As such, STAP recommends attention be given as to how the SGP will be integrated institutionally in-country so that the SGP's outputs support multiple objectives, influence other activities, and where possible are sustained over the long term.

STAP would recommend that the contribution of these projects to the development of human and institutional capital and improved knowledge management at national level be further elaborated wherever possible. Additionally, these projects are uniquely placed to improve learning and knowledge management at the national level, and contribute directly to our understanding of the delivery of global environmental benefits and sustainable development objectives.

Finally, STAP encourages that each SGP defines explicitly the focal area-specific baselines, specify the multiple benefits, including indicators for each benefit to track the global environmental outcomes.

<i>STAP advisory response</i>	<i>Brief explanation of advisory response and action proposed</i>
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<p>1. Consent</p>	<p>STAP acknowledges that on scientific or technical grounds the concept has merit. However, STAP may state its views on the concept emphasizing any issues where the project could be improved.</p> <p>Follow up: The GEF Agency is invited to approach STAP for advice during the development of the project prior to submission of the final document for CEO endorsement.</p>
<p>2. Minor revision required.</p>	<p>STAP has identified specific scientific or technical challenges, omissions or opportunities that should be addressed by the project proponents during project development.</p> <p>Follow up: One or more options are open to STAP and the GEF Agency: (i) GEF Agency should discuss the issues with STAP to clarify them and possible solutions. (ii) In its request for CEO endorsement, the GEF Agency will report on actions taken in response to STAP's recommended actions.</p>
<p>3. Major revision required</p>	<p>STAP has identified significant scientific or technical challenges or omissions in the PIF and recommends significant improvements to project design.</p> <p>Follow-up: (i) The Agency should request that the project undergo a STAP review prior to CEO endorsement, at a point in time when the particular scientific or technical issue is sufficiently developed to be reviewed, or as agreed between the Agency and STAP. (ii) In its request for CEO endorsement, the Agency will report on actions taken in response to STAP concerns.</p>