

Summary of Document GEF/ME/C.42/01

Annual Performance Report 2011

Recommended Council Decision

The Council, having reviewed document GEF/ME/C.42/01, “*Annual Performance Report 2011*,” and document GEF/ME/C.42/02, “*Management Response to the Annual Performance Report 2011*,” notes that evidence emerges that the GEF Agencies are starting to involve GEF Operational Focal Points in a more systematic manner in monitoring and evaluation. The Council requests the GEF Agencies to continue to enhance their efforts to specify how Operational Focal Points will be engaged, when feasible and relevant, in project or program monitoring and evaluation.

Executive Summary

1. This document is the eighth annual performance report (APR) of the Global Environment Facility (GEF) Evaluation Office. The report presents a detailed account of some aspects of project results, of processes that may affect these results, of monitoring and evaluation (M&E) arrangements in completed GEF projects, and also of quality of terminal evaluation reports. This APR also focuses on 109 completed projects for which terminal evaluations were submitted during the fiscal year 2011 (FY11).
2. The APR primarily reviews the evidence presented in the terminal evaluation reports, with verification of performance ratings based primarily on desk reviews. The evaluation offices of different agencies have been conducting similar reviews and their ratings have been accepted for 93 projects. Sixteen projects were reviewed by the GEF Evaluation Office.
3. The APR 2011 contains the following seven conclusions:
 - (a) Outcome achievements of 82 percent of completed projects reviewed for FY11 were rated in the satisfactory range.
 - (b) The level of cofinancing materialized, as reported by the GEF Agencies, is on average higher than the level of expected cofinancing at the time of project approval.
 - (c) Quality of M&E at project closure is fluctuating with an average of 68 percent of projects being rated moderately satisfactory or above since 2006.
 - (d) The quality of 84 percent of the terminal evaluations submitted during FY11 was rated moderately satisfactory or above.

- (e) Eighty percent of projects endorsed by the CEO in FY 2011 are compliant with minimum requirements for quality at entry as measured by GEF4 standards. In comparison, 76 percent of projects endorsed by the CEO during FY 2008 met the same minimum requirements.
- (f) GEF projects at entry demonstrate a high level of alignment between project logical frameworks and focal area results frameworks per the new requirement in the 2010 M&E Policy.
- (g) GEF Projects are beginning to specify how Operational Focal Points will be informed and where feasible, involved in M&E activities.

4. Based on the analysis presented in the APR the following recommendation is made: GEF Agencies should continue to enhance their efforts to specify how Operational Focal Points will be engaged, when feasible and relevant, in project or program monitoring and evaluation.

5. The full APR 2012 report, containing detailed evidence for the findings in this Working Document, has been uploaded to the GEF Evaluation Office website at <http://www.gefio.org>.