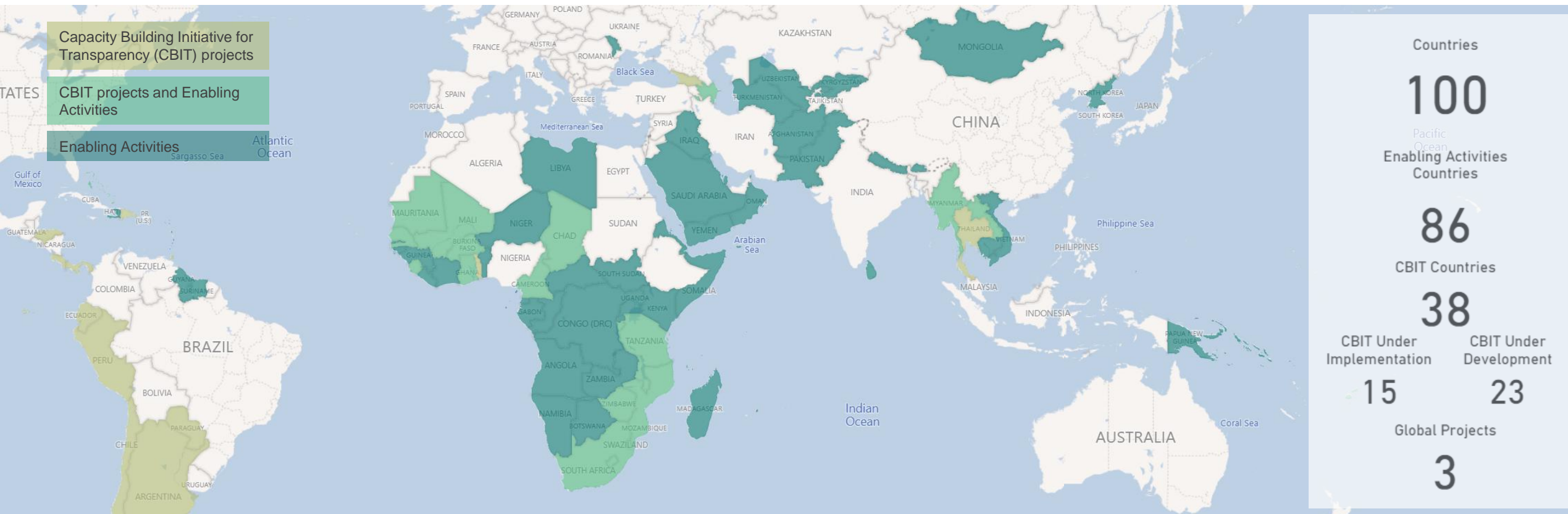# UNEP's Experience From Biennial Update Report (BUR) and National Communications (NC) Support.

June 18, 2020

CBITs AND ENABLING ACTIVITIES PORTFOLIO

Legend:
- Capacity Building Initiative for Transparency (CBIT) projects
- CBIT projects and Enabling Activities
- Enabling Activities

Statistics:
- Countries: **100**
- Pacific Ocean Enabling Activities Countries: **86**
- CBIT Countries: **38**
- CBIT Under Implementation: **15**
- CBIT Under Development: **23**
- Global Projects: **3**

Role of UNEP in supporting the Enhanced Transparency Framework of the PA: -

➢ Supporting Parties to access GEF Funding for EAs *(National Communications & Biennial Update Reports)* and CBITs.
➢ Supporting EAs & CBIT implementation & and provision of technical support through 2 Global Projects: -
 ▪ Global Support Programme (GSP): UNEP-UNDP project, that aims to improve Countries' EAs reporting systems
 ▪ CBIT Global Coordination Platforms: UNEP-UNDP project for supporting ETF
➢ Future plans of a '*CBIT Global Support Programme (UNEP/UNDP)'* – *a* global 'one-stop' shop platform for provision of technical support services for EAs and CBITs; and transitioning to BTRs

Strategic key partners: appx. 100 National Governments, UNDP, UNFCCC, IPCC, UNEP-DTU Partnership….

REGIONAL DISTRIBUTION OF EA/CBIT PROJECTS

Latin America and the Caribbean
20 countries

12 CBIT projects

Argentina
Chile
Costa Rica
Dominican Republic
Ecuador
Honduras
Panama
Paraguay
Peru
Trinidad and Tobago

Antigua and Barbuda
Bahamas

Dominica
Grenada
Guyana
Haiti
St. Lucia
St. Kitts and Nevis
St. Vincent and The Grenadines
Suriname

10 Enabling Activities

Africa
44 countries

17 CBIT projects

Togo

Burkina Faso	Mali
Burundi	Mauritania
Cameroon	Mozambique
Chad	Senegal
Eswatini	Sierra Leone
Ghana	South Africa
Lesotho	Tanzania
Malawi	Zimbabwe

Angola	Guinea-Bissau
Benin	Kenya
Central Republic of Africa	Liberia
Comoros	Libya*** *to be cancelled –*
Cote d'Ivoire	Mauritius
Republic of Congo	Madagascar
Djibouti	Niger
DRC	Rwanda
Equatorial Guinea	Seychelles
Eritrea	Sao Tome and Principe
Gabon	South Sudan
Gambia	Somalia
Guinea	Uganda
	Zambia

43 Enabling Activities

Global Projects

EA/CBIT Global projects
- **Global support Programme (GSP)**
- **CBIT Global Coordination Platform**
- **CBIT Global Support Programme**

Europe
1 country

Moldova

1 Enabling Activities

West Asia
9 countries

2 CBIT projects
Georgia

Azerbaijan

Bahrain
Iraq
Oman
Kuwait
Qatar
Yemen
Saudi Arabia

8 Enabling Activities

Asia and Pacific
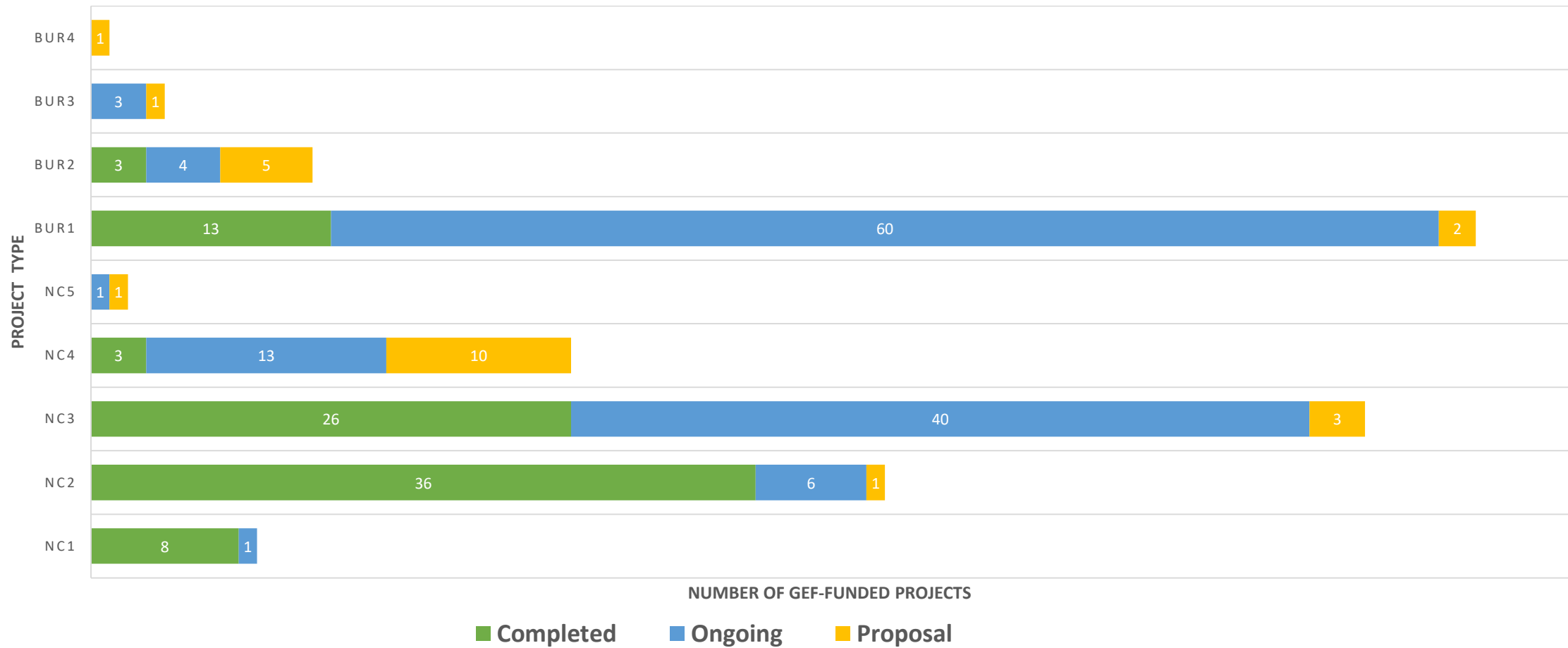**26 countries**

5 CBIT projects
Thailand

Fiji
Laos
Maldives
Myanmar

Afghanistan
Bhutan
Cambodia
Cook Islands
Kiribati
Korea DPR**** - *suspended*
Kyrgyzstan
Laos
Mongolia
Nauru
Nepal
Niue
Pakistan
Palau
Papua New Guinea
Solomon Islands
Sri Lanka
Turkmenistan
Tuvalu
Uzbekistan
Vietnam

25 Enabling Activities

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PROJECT STATUS (REPORTS SUBMITTED TO THE UNFCCC Vis a Vis ACTIVE PROJECTS)

PROJECT TYPE (y-axis)

NUMBER OF GEF-FUNDED PROJECTS (x-axis)

Project Type	Completed	Ongoing	Proposal
BUR4			1
BUR3		3	1
BUR2	3	4	5
BUR1	13	60	2
NC5		1	1
NC4	3	13	10
NC3	26	40	3
NC2	36	6	1
NC1	8	1	

Legend: ■ Completed ■ Ongoing ■ Proposal

National Communications (NCs):
- Supported completion and submission of: **73** reports
- Currently supporting preparation of **61 NC** reports,
- NC Projects at proposal phase: - **15**

Biennial Update Reports (BURs):
- Supported completion and submission of: **16** reports
- Currently supporting preparation of **67** reports
- NC Projects at proposal phase: - **9**

Overview - EA Portfolio & Costing

86 countries (Comprise 58 LDCs and SIDs)

- Overview of NC/BUR Nos. & Costs 86 countries
- 61 NC Projects – at US$ 500,000
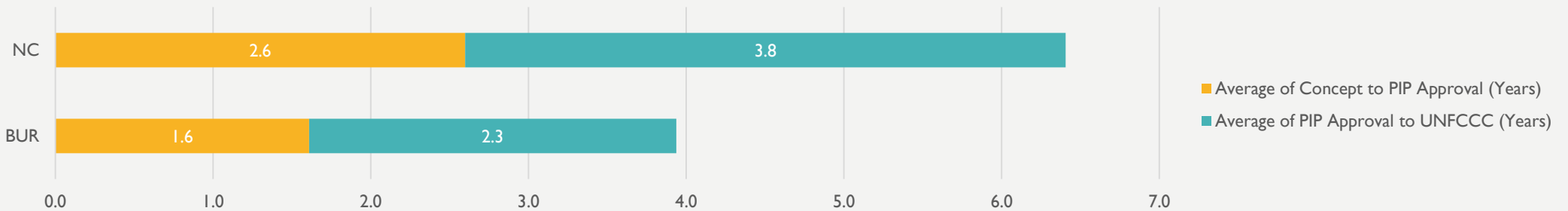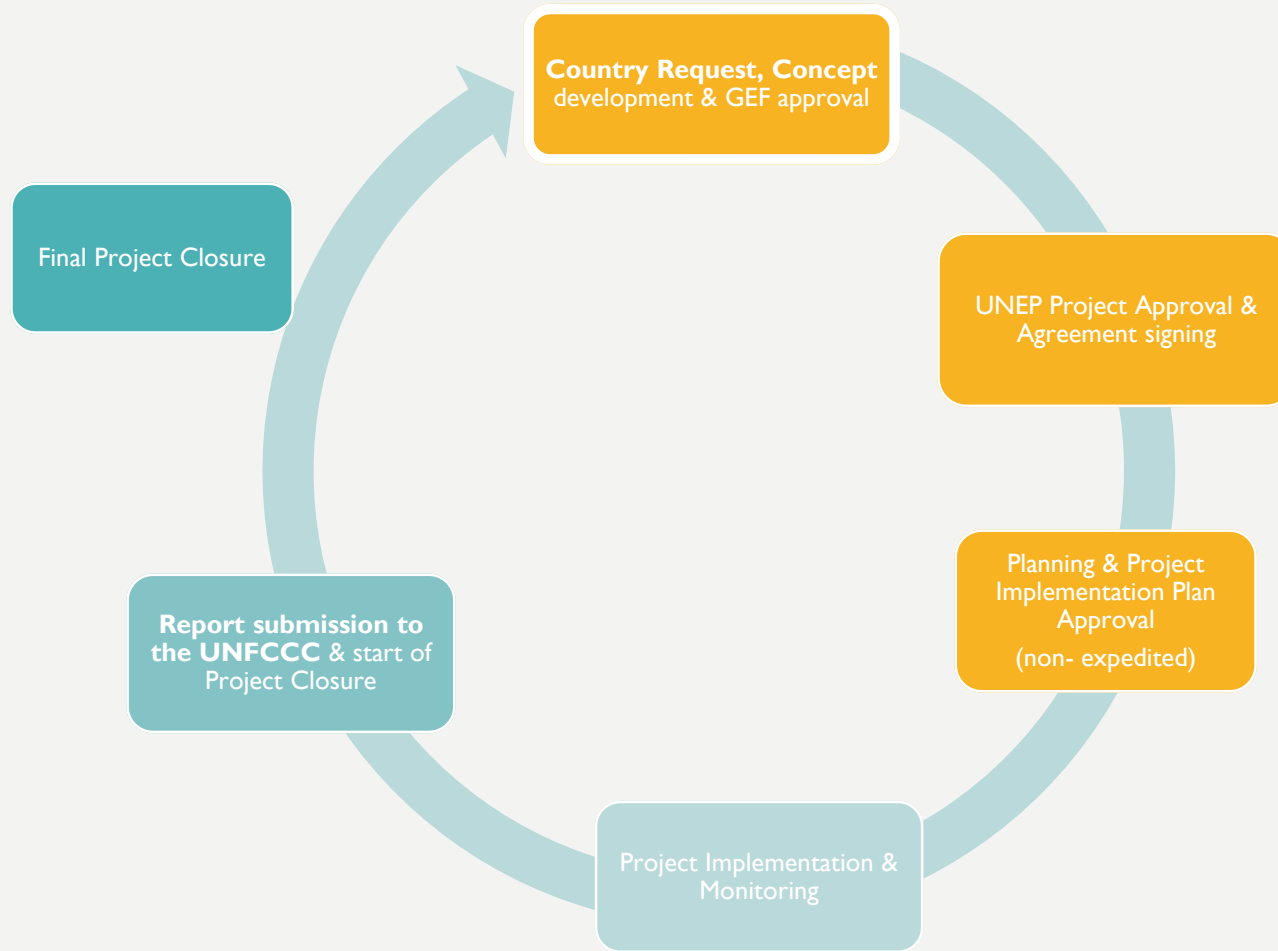- 67 BUR Projects at US$ 352,000
- 1 FSP – South Africa for 4M

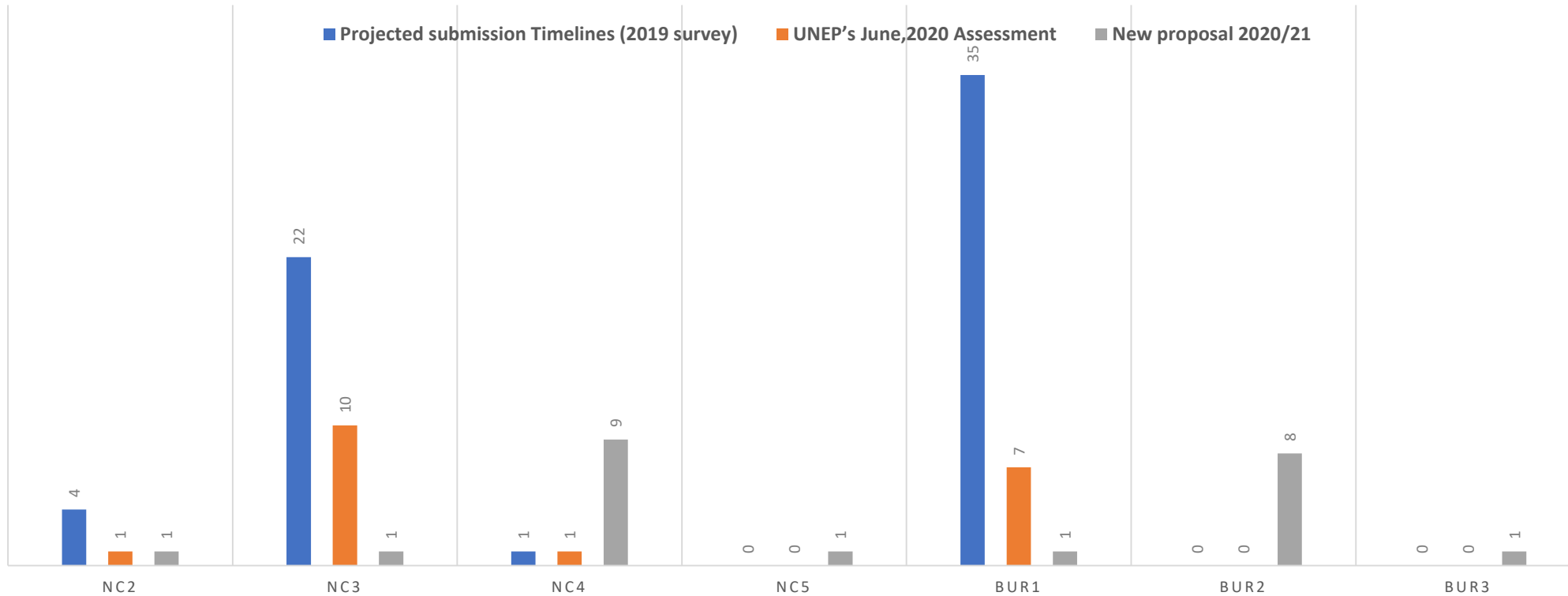
- 1 FSP – South Africa for 4M
- 5 Years Project timeline – 3 reports submitted to the UNFCCC. (2014 – 2019)
- Out of US$ 4,600,650 approved, appx. US$ 2,298,487 disbursed to SA – balance to be returned
- Reports completed; -

    BUR2 : Dec, 2017

    NC3: August 2018

    BUR3: June, 2019

South Africa developing a US$ 852,000 proposal for NC4/BUR4

Costs Analysis: -

Our experience show that most countries utilize the total funds approved under EAs modality.

HOW: PROJECT CYCLE & TIMELINES (average)

Country Request, Concept development & GEF approval

Final Project Closure

UNEP Project Approval & Agreement signing

Report submission to the UNFCCC & start of Project Closure

Planning & Project Implementation Plan Approval (non- expedited)

Project Implementation & Monitoring

NC 2.6 3.8

BUR 1.6 2.3

0.0   1.0   2.0   3.0   4.0   5.0   6.0   7.0

■ Average of Concept to PIP Approval (Years)
■ Average of PIP Approval to UNFCCC (Years)

NCS AND BURS ESTIMATED SUBMISSION TIMELINES & POTENTIAL OF NEW PROJECTS

Legend:
- Projected submission Timelines (2019 survey)
- UNEP's June,2020 Assessment
- New proposal 2020/21

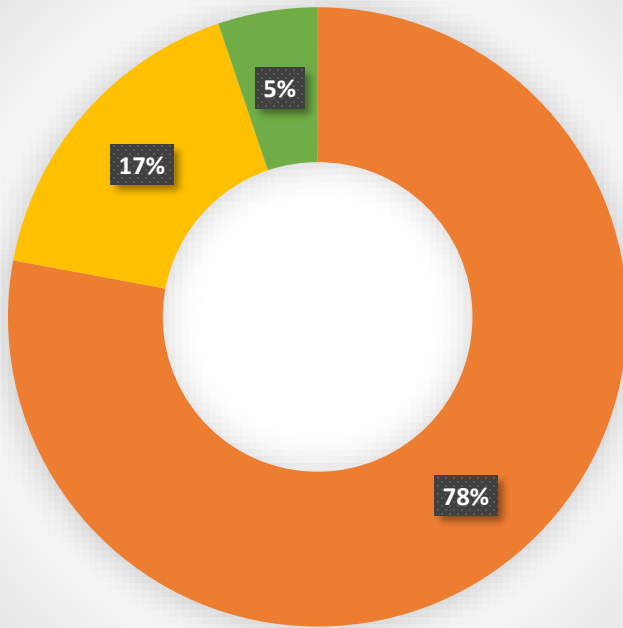| Category	Projected submission Timelines (2019 survey)	UNEP's June,2020 Assessment	New proposal 2020/21
NC2	4	1	1
NC3	22	10	1
NC4	1	1	9
NC5	0	0	1
BUR1	35	7	1
BUR2	0	0	8
BUR3	0	0	1

Issues to consider
NC/BUR submissions Dates: -
- impacts of COVID 19 on projected timelines & 'moving targets' from respondents
- continue to request Countries to provide accurate information in annual surveys

BUR New proposals: -
10 and 12 BUR & NCs proposal respectively, expected to be submitted to the GEF in Yr. 2020/21 –
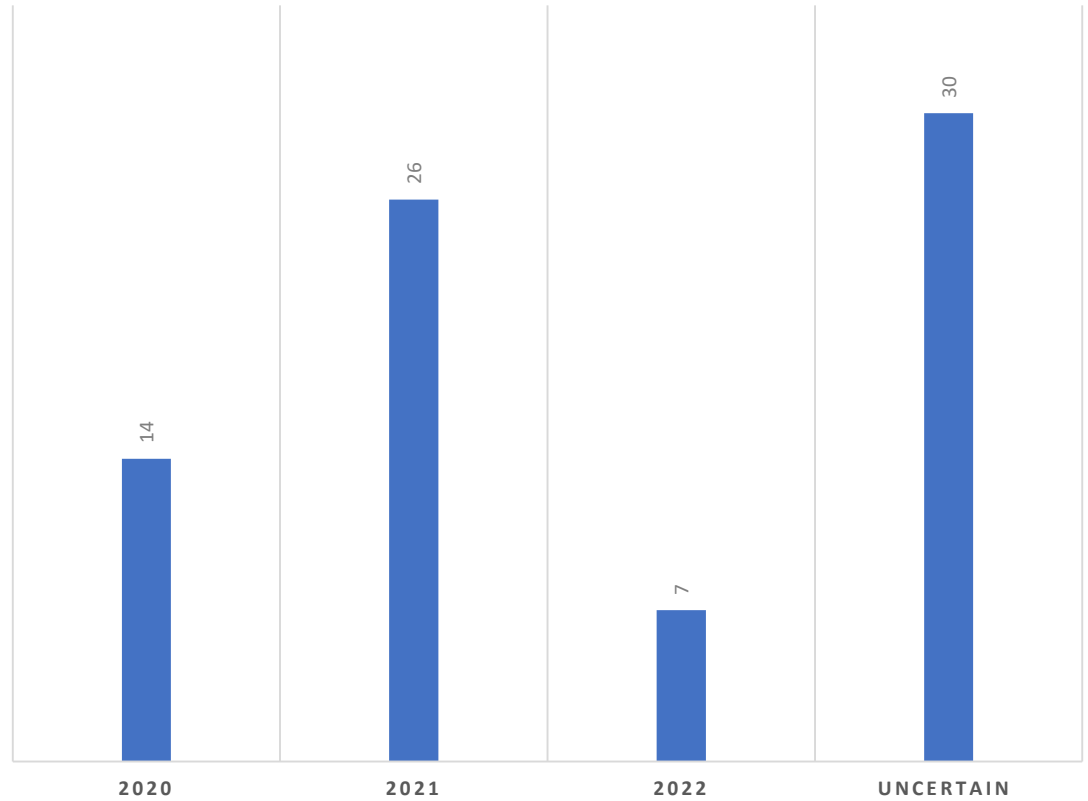
Yr. 2019 Responses on BTR readiness/awareness amongst NC/BUR Project staff

general knowledge on BTRs – 77 respondents

- Yes: 78%
- NO: 17%
- No response: 5%

■ Yes ■ NO ■ No response

COUNTRY READINESS TO INITIATE BTRS – 77 RESPO
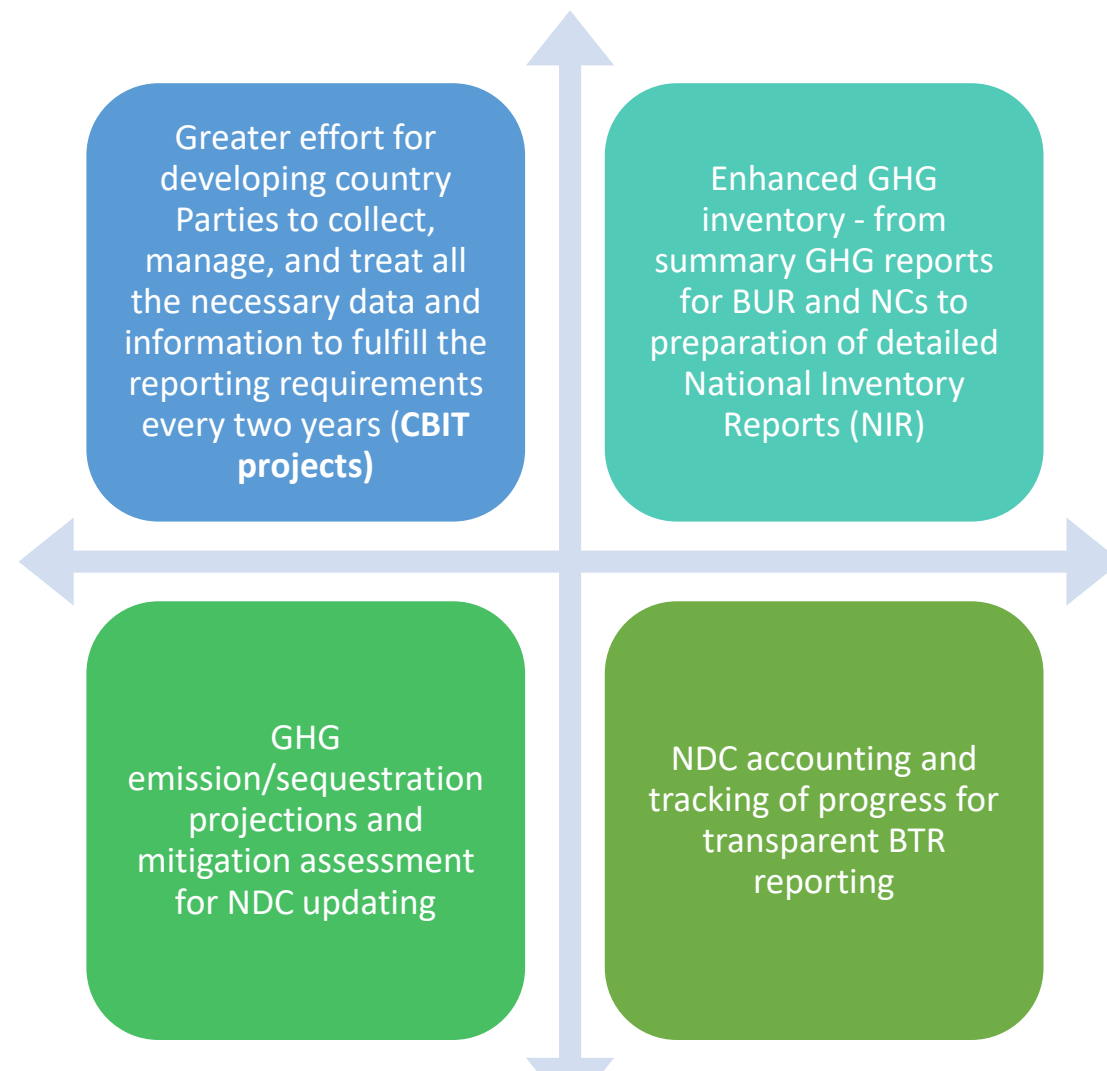
- 2020: 14
- 2021: 26
- 2022: 7
- UNCERTAIN: 30

Issues to consider: -
Continue raising awareness of project staff on BTR processes (if not negotiators)
Annual Survey 2020 questionnaire to cover BTRs assessment

Elements of training and technical support for BTRs

Greater effort for developing country Parties to collect, manage, and treat all the necessary data and information to fulfill the reporting requirements every two years (CBIT projects)

Enhanced GHG inventory - from summary GHG reports for BUR and NCs to preparation of detailed National Inventory Reports (NIR)

GHG emission/sequestration projections and mitigation assessment for NDC updating

NDC accounting and tracking of progress for transparent BTR reporting

Issues to consider: -**Capacity Building Implications**;
- a '*CBIT Global Support Programme (UNEP/UNDP)' – a* global 'one-stop' shop platform for provision of technical support services for EAs and CBITs; and transitioning to BTRs

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Thank You