



Evaluative Evidence on The Least Developed Country Fund and The Special Climate Change Fund

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Role of LDCF/SCCF

- ❖ *LDCF* supports climate adaptation efforts of LDCs
- ❖ *SCCF* supports climate adaptation and mitigation in non-Annex I countries, especially non-LDCs

Interventions

- ❖ Climate smart agriculture
- ❖ Natural Resource management
- ❖ Climate information systems
- ❖ Coastal zone management
- ❖ Disaster risk management
- ❖ Water resources management

GEF IEO Coverage of LDCCF/SCCF

LDCCF
Program
Evaluation

SCCF
Program
Evaluation

Annual
Evaluation
Report
(AER)

Thematic
Evaluations
and APR

Relevance of LDCF/SCCF

*COP guidance
and decisions*

*GEF adaptation
programming strategy*

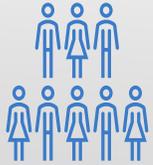
*Country Policies
(I)NDCs*

Least Developed Country Fund

Effectiveness and efficiency



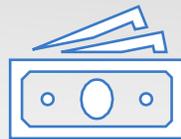
LDCF project design clearly contributes to GEF adaptation strategic objectives, but less so to new strategic pillars



Gender performance of the LDCF portfolio has improved, however there is a knowledge gap in the gender-related results



Substantive engagement with the private sector is limited, and LDCF projects face common challenges



Lack of resources available for new projects during GEF-6 clearly reduced the efficiency of the LDCF project approval process

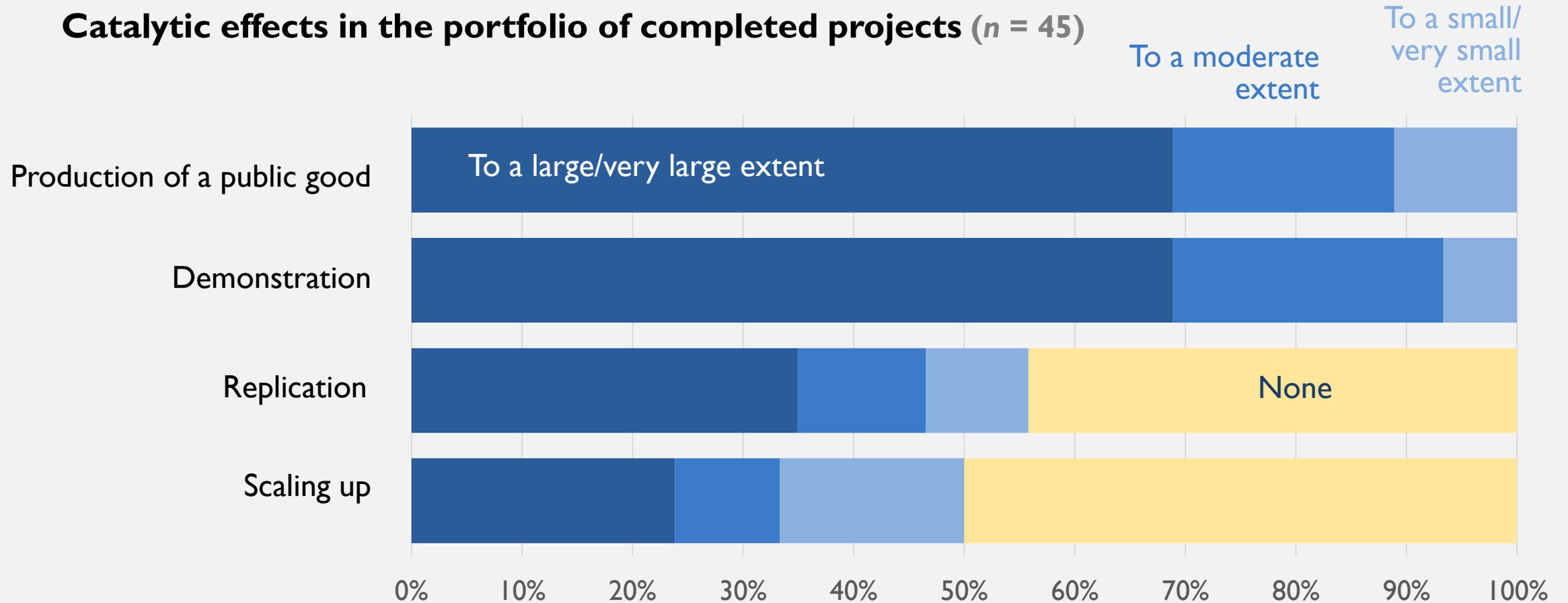


Once implementation has begun, efficiency of LDCF projects is comparable to other GEF-administered funds

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Catalytic effects

Catalytic effects in the portfolio of completed projects (n = 45)



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Post-completion evaluations

Land rehabilitation (terracing and agroforestry), Nyabihu District in Rwanda



Samoa Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment Nursery on Savai'i, Island



Overall conclusions

- ❖ *Highly relevant in meeting recipient countries' adaptation needs*
- ❖ *Effectiveness: performance is in line with GEF projects*
 - *LDCF/SCCF portfolios support innovation*
 - *Gender performance has improved over time, with gaps*
 - *Private sector engagement is limited in the LDCF and more evident in the SCCF*

Overall conclusions

- ❖ Efficiency adversely affected by limited and unpredictable funding and donor support*
- ❖ Catalytic effects: public goods and their demonstrations*
- ❖ Sustainability: need for continued action to improve the likelihood of the sustainability of outcomes*



2020 Program Evaluation of the Least Developed Country Fund (LDCF)

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