



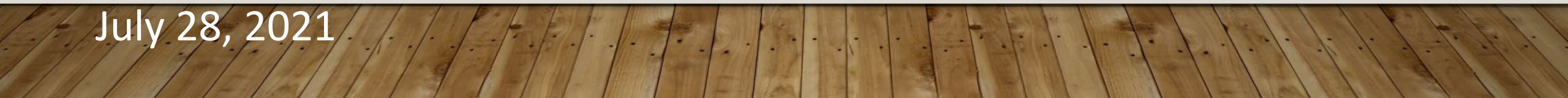
Guidelines on the GEF Project and Program Cycle (Update)



VIRTUAL CYCLE

STAKEHOLDER EMPOWERMENT SERIES (SES)

July 28, 2021



Letter of Endorsement (LoE)

- Signed by the GEF Operational Focal Point (OFP) at the PIF submission stage
- Funding allocation is complied with the figures in the text should agree with those in the table
- **Exceptions:**
 - ❖ No GEF-funded activities in the country
 - ❖ NGI (private sector exclusively or for more than one country)
 - ❖ Coordination project for programs

Ms. Kelly West,
GEF Executive Environment Program,
P.O. Box 30552, Nairobi 00100, Kenya

No. **18** /2020/MEDD/Mi/GEF OFP.

Subject: Endorsement for “Evaluation of Natural Capital to Support Land Use Planning, Improved management effectiveness of Terrestrial Protected Areas, deployment of SLM practices and Creation of Eco-Villages in Central Madagascar.”

Dear Ms. Kelly West,

In my capacity as the GEF Operational Focal Point for the Republic of Madagascar, I confirm that the above project proposal is in accordance with my Government’s national priorities; and was discussed with relevant stakeholders, including the global environment convention focal points.

I am pleased to endorse the preparation of the above project proposal with the support of UN Environment. I approve the proposal will be prepared and implemented by the Ministry of Environment and Sustainable Development. I request UN Environment to provide a copy of the project document before it is submitted to the GEF Secretariat for CEO endorsement.

The total financing from GEFTF being requested for this project is USD 6,300,000 inclusive of any Agency fees for project cycle management services associated with the total GEF grant. The financing requested for the Republic of Madagascar is detailed in the table below:

Source of funds	GEF Agencies	Focal area	Amount in USD			
			Project preparation	Project	Fee	Total
GEFTF	UN Environment	Biodiversity	70,000	4,039,589	390,411	4,500,000
GEFTF	UN Environment	Land degradation	30,000	1,613,836	156,164	1,800,000
Total GEF resources			100,000	5,653,425	546,575	6,300,000

Implementation

vs.

Execution



✓ Separation of functions based on the GEF governance model:

- Avoid conflicts of interest
- Develop the country's executing capacity

✓ If the Implementing Agency is executing the project or a portion of it:

- An OFP Letter of Support outlining the functions will be required





PROJECT COSTS

PPG



Project Activities

Agency Fee

PMC

M&E

ACTIVITIES COVERED BY THE AGENCY FEE

Project Cycle Management

- Identification- PIF preparation and preparation of detailed project document
- Approval, start-up, implementation, supervision
- Project monitoring and evaluation
- Financial closure

Corporate Activities

- Support for document preparation (policies and guidelines)
- Portfolio management
- Support to the GEF Independent Evaluation Office
- Participation in interinstitutional activities

Activities covered by the PPG

- ✓ Travel costs for local experts for consultations (non-agency travel)
- ✓ Consultancies and contracts to develop the project
- ✓ Gender analysis, and analyses of participation of civil society and environmental and social safeguards
- ✓ Capacity assessment of the executing partners

Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E)

- ✓ Execution of the M & E plan
- ✓ Supervision of basic indicators
- ✓ Supervision missions(non-agency staff)
- ✓ Preparation of reports to the agency on risks and impacts identified, and management
- ✓ Mid-term review and terminal evaluation

Project Management Costs (PMC)

- ✓ Confirm that there is “proportionality” between the PMC covered by co-financing amounts and the PMC covered by GEF funding.



- ✗ Costs associated with the work of government staff or of GEF implementing agencies



FEEDBACK AND QUESTIONS

