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ABOUT THE GEF-8 SCORECARD

The GEF-8 Corporate Scorecard is a comprehensive report on the performance of the Global Environment Facility during the GEF-8 period. In particular, the Scorecard reports on the progress made towards the achievement of the GEF-8 targets. It also looks at how the GEF is utilizing

resources made available for its eighth replenishment cycle and making progress in the implementation of key policies. The Scorecard is published twice a year and this issue includes all projects approved from June 2022 up to and including the November 2022 Work Program.

HIGHLIGHTS

This first edition of the GEF-8 Corporate Scorecard provides an account of the utilization of GEF-8 resources, including in terms of generating Global Environmental Benefits and addressing the cross-cutting areas of gender equality, stakeholder engagement, knowledge management, and communications. Addressing commitments made during replenishment negotiations, this Scorecard expands reporting on Rio Markers and deepens analysis by covering private sector financing. It also provides an update on the Country Engagement Strategy implementation.

As the GEF-8 cycle only recently began on 1 July 2022, the November 2022 work program is a positive reflection of the ability of the GEF to facilitate access to finance across its thematic areas. It also indicates that planned investments cover nine out of the ten Core Indicator targets. The indicator on areas of marine habitat under improved practices to benefit biodiversity has already reached 15.1% of its target through two contributing projects.

Countries utilized resources from the three STAR focal areas. This Scorecard tracks GEF investments for the first time along an expanded set of Rio Markers now covering the three focal areas of Biodiversity, Climate Change and Land Degradation. It also provides a progress update specific to Climate Change Adaptation and Mitigation. The Corporate Scorecard will continue to monitor Rio Markers in forthcoming editions across GEF-8 investments.

Catalyzing co-financing from the private sector is instrumental to achieving the expected Global Environmental Benefits set in GEF investments. The Corporate Scorecard presents for the first time the volume of private sector co-financing, standing at \$35 million to date.

Early engagement with countries matters more than ever at the onset of this GEF-8 cycle to develop a robust pipeline of investments. Three Regional Workshops organized through the Country Engagement Strategy presented countries with Programming Priorities and Integrated Programs for the next four years. Through the regional workshops, a total of 76 countries have been consulted and briefed on programming directions and operational modalities to help shape country priorities in utilizing GEF-8 resources. A separate workshop targeted specifically Small Island Developing States (SIDS).

Achieving gender equality and engaging with stakeholders is key to enhancing the delivery of Global Environmental Benefits. Investments to date indicate the consideration of gender dimensions at concept design. Agencies also engaged with private sector and civil society organizations, with plans to further engage the private sector during project preparation.

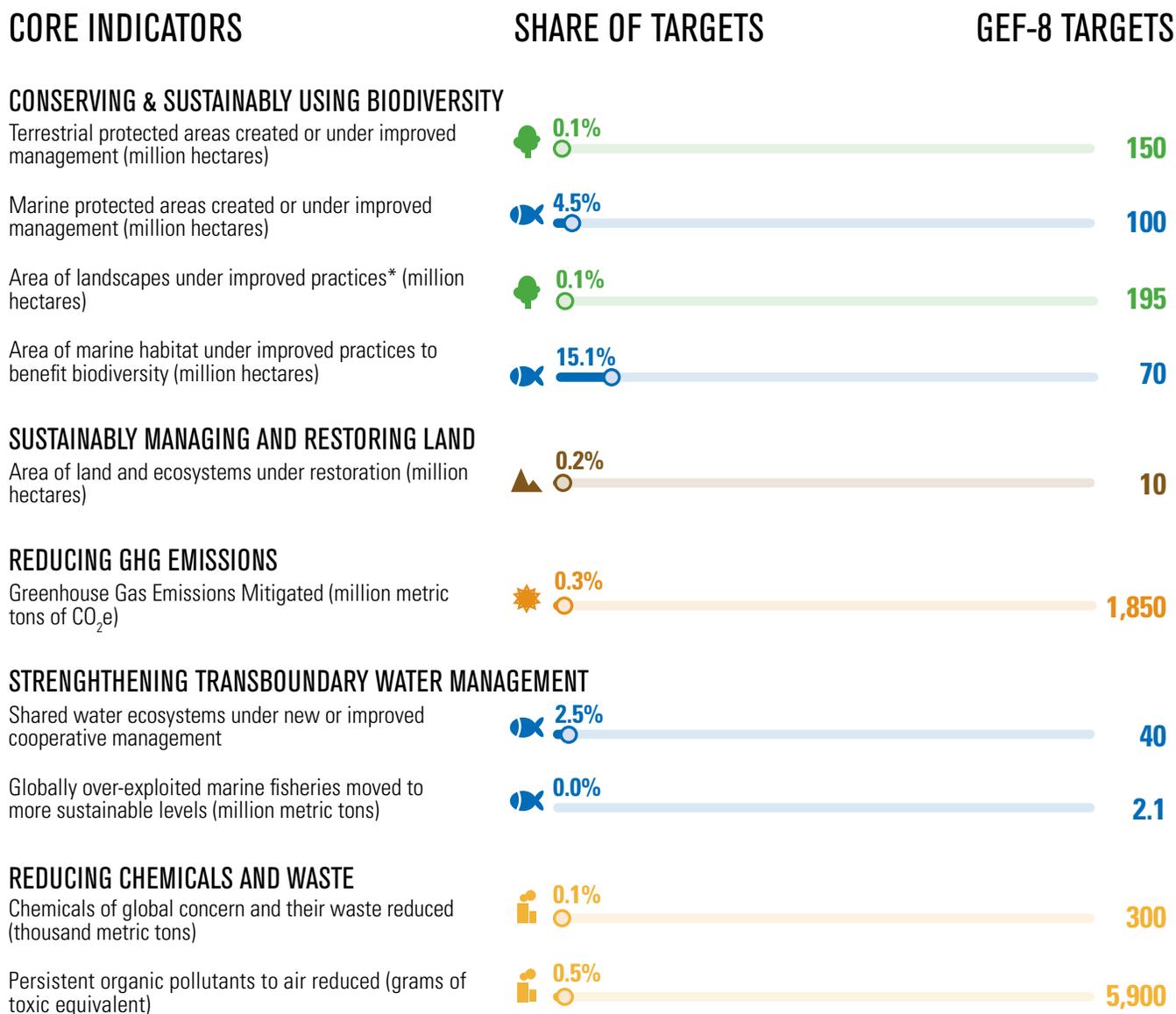
Building on the record GEF-8 replenishment, the GEF continues to increase its media outreach and strategic communications with an emphasis on raising the GEF's profile and elevating a wider network of partners through story-telling, targeted publications, and strengthening its digital presence and participation in global events.

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1. CONTRIBUTION TO THE GENERATION OF GLOBAL ENVIRONMENTAL BENEFITS

Projects in the Work Program delivered expected results against the GEF-8 Core Indicator targets, presented here along the results areas of the GEF-8 Results Measurement Framework.



*This Core Indicator also includes a target of 85 million hectares for its sub-indicator 'Area of landscapes under sustainable land management in production systems' shared with the grouping of indicators 'Sustainably Managing and Restoring Land' under the GEF-8 Results Measurement Framework. To date, 0.1 million hectares of this sub-indicator is from the November 2022 work program contribution.

The GEF-8 Results Measurement Framework is organized around five results areas, which group together Core Indicators on Global Environmental Benefits, associated sub-indicators and sex-disaggregated metrics on direct beneficiaries.

CONSERVING AND SUSTAINABLY USING BIODIVERSITY

VALUE

	Terrestrial protected areas created or under improved management (million hectares)	0.1
	– of which newly created (million hectares)	0.0
	– of which under improved management effectiveness (million hectares)	0.1
	Marine protected areas created or under improved management for conservation and sustainable use (million hectares)	4.5
	– of which newly created (million hectares)	0.0
	– of which under improved management effectiveness (million hectares)	4.5
	Area of landscapes under improved practices* (million hectares)	0.1
	– of which under improved management to benefit biodiversity (million hectares)	0.0
	– of which that meets third-party certification (million hectares)	0.0
	– of which of High Conservation Value or other forest loss avoided (million hectares)	0.0
	Terrestrial OECMs supported (million hectares)	0.0
	Area of marine habitat under improved practices to benefit biodiversity (million hectares)	10.1
	Fisheries under third-party certification incorporating biodiversity considerations (count)	0.0
	Marine OECMs supported (million hectares)	0.0
	People benefiting from the conservation, sustainable use or restoration of biodiversity (million)	2.2
	– of whom women	1.1

SUSTAINABLY MANAGING AND RESTORING LAND

	Area of land and ecosystems under restoration (million hectares)	0.02
	– of which degraded agricultural lands under restoration (million hectares)	0.0
	– of which forest and forest land under restoration (million hectares)	0.01
	– of which natural grass and woodlands under restoration (million hectares)	0.01
	– of which wetlands (including estuaries and mangroves) under restoration (million hectares)	0.0
	Area of landscapes under sustainable land management in production systems (million hectares)	0.1
	People benefiting from sustainable land management and restoration investments (thousand)	44.0
	– of whom women	22.2

*The indicator 'Area of landscapes under sustainable land management in production systems' contributes to the Core Indicator "Area of landscapes under improved practices" located under the 'Conserving and sustainably using biodiversity' results area.

REDUCING GHG EMISSIONS

VALUE

	Greenhouse gas emissions mitigated (million metric tons of CO₂e)	5.3
	– of which carbon sequestered or emissions avoided in the AFOLU sector (million metric tons of CO ₂ e)	5.2
	– of which emissions avoided outside of the AFOLU sector (million metric tons of CO ₂ e)	0.04
	– Energy saved (gigawatt hours)	0.0
	– Installed renewable energy capacity (mega watts)	0.0
	People benefiting from climate change mitigation support (thousand)	42.5
	– of whom women	21.4

STRENGTHENING TRANSBOUNDARY WATER MANAGEMENT

	Shared water ecosystems under new or improved cooperative management (count)	1.0
	– Level of Transboundary Diagnostic Analysis and Strategic Action Program formulation and implementation (1 Low – 4 High)	4.0
	– Level of regional legal agreements and regional management institution(s) to support its implementation (1 Low – 4 High)	4.0
	– Level of national/local reforms and active participation of Inter-Ministerial Committees (1 Low – 4 High)	4.0
	– Level of engagement in IW:LEARN through participation and delivery of key products (1 Low – 4 High)	0.0
	Globally over-exploited fisheries moved to more sustainable levels (thousand metric tons)	0.0
	– Large Marine Ecosystems with reduced pollution and hypoxia (number)	0.0
	People benefiting from transboundary water management (thousand)	11.0
	– of whom women	5.0

REDUCING CHEMICALS AND WASTE

	Chemicals of global concern and their waste reduced (thousand metric tons)	0.2
	– of which persistent organic pollutants (POPs) removed or disposed (POPs type) (thousand metric tons)	0.03
	– of which mercury reduced (thousand metric tons)	0.2
	– of which hydrochlorofluorocarbons reduced/phased out (metric tons)	0.0
	– of which highly hazardous pesticides eliminated (metric tons)	0.0
	Countries with legislation and policy implemented to control chemicals and waste (number)	6.0
	Low-chemical/non-chemical systems implemented, particularly in food production, manufacturing, and cities (number)	0.0
	POPs/Mercury containing materials and products directly avoided (million metric tons)	0.0
	Persistent organic pollutants to air reduced (grams of toxic equivalent)	29.5
	Countries with legislation and policy implemented to control emissions of POPs to air (metric tons)	0.0
	Emission control technologies/practices implemented (number)	0.0
	Avoided residual plastic waste (thousand metric tons)	15.0
	People benefiting from reduced exposure to hazardous chemicals (thousand)	15.0
	– of whom women	5.2

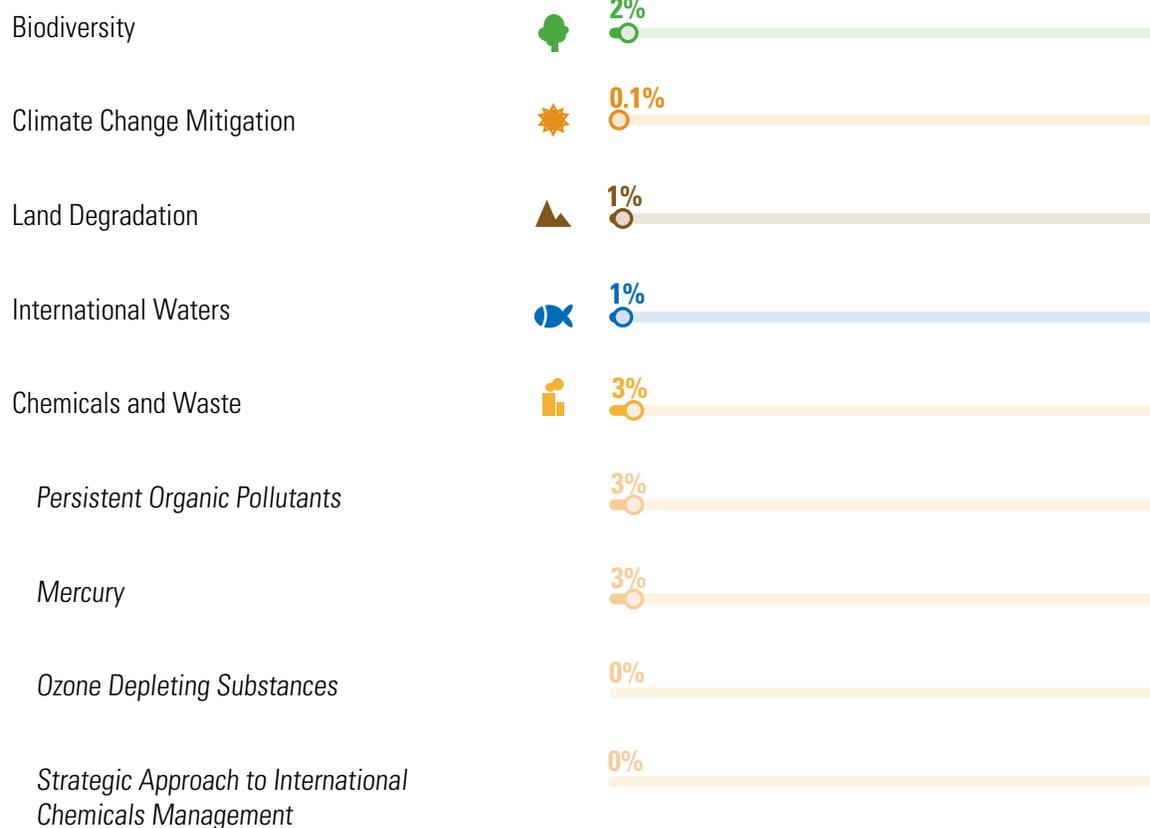
2. PROGRAMMING BY FOCAL AREA

This section summarizes the progress made in programming GEF-8 resources to date. It provides a cumulative summary of GEF-8 utilization of funds against the programming envelopes established during the GEF-8 replenishment.

GEF TRUST FUND

FOCAL AREAS

UTILIZATION RATE



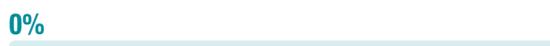
NON-GRANT INSTRUMENT PROGRAM



INNOVATIONS WINDOW

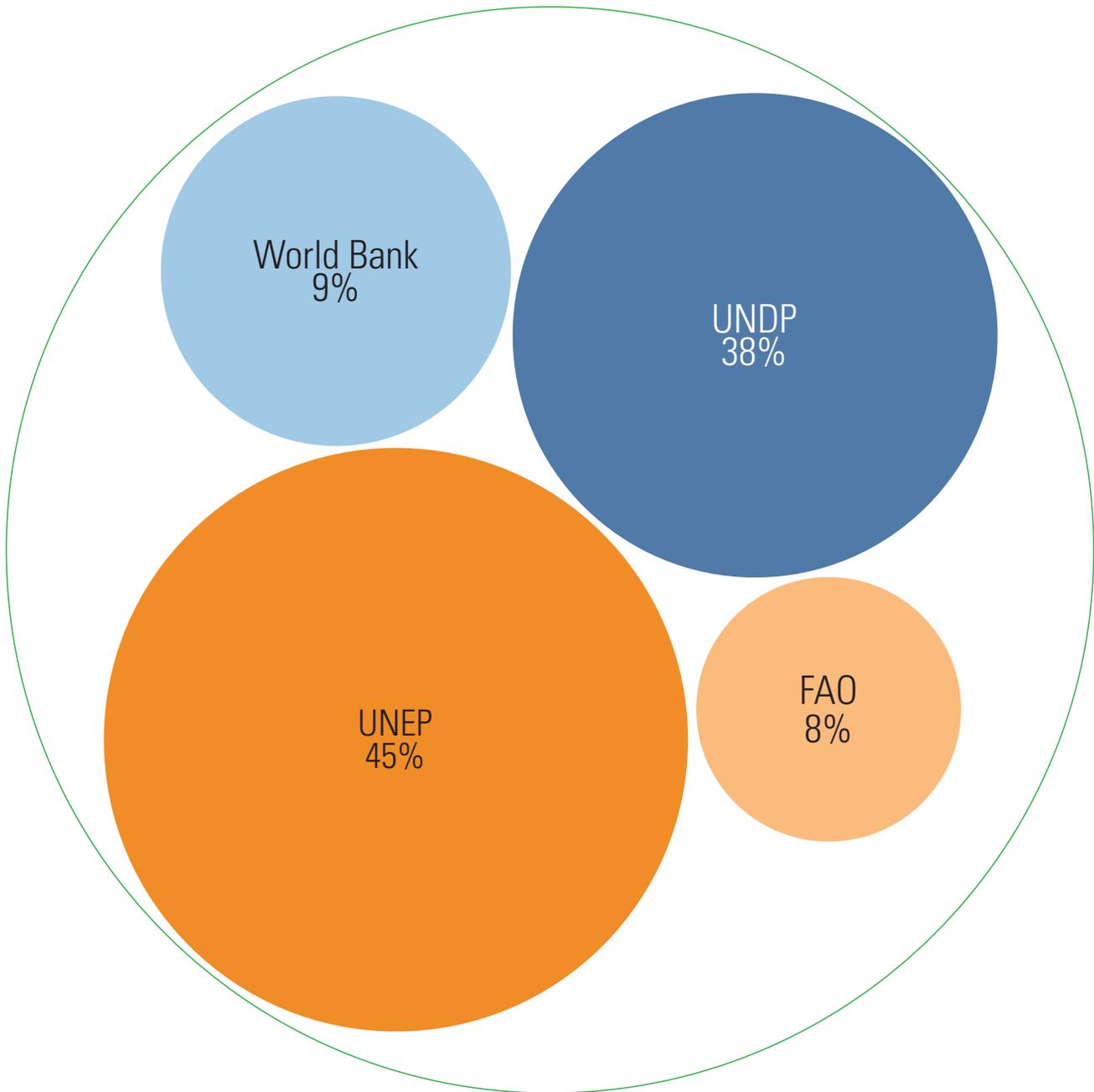


SMALL GRANTS PROGRAMME



3. PROGRAMMING BY GEF AGENCY

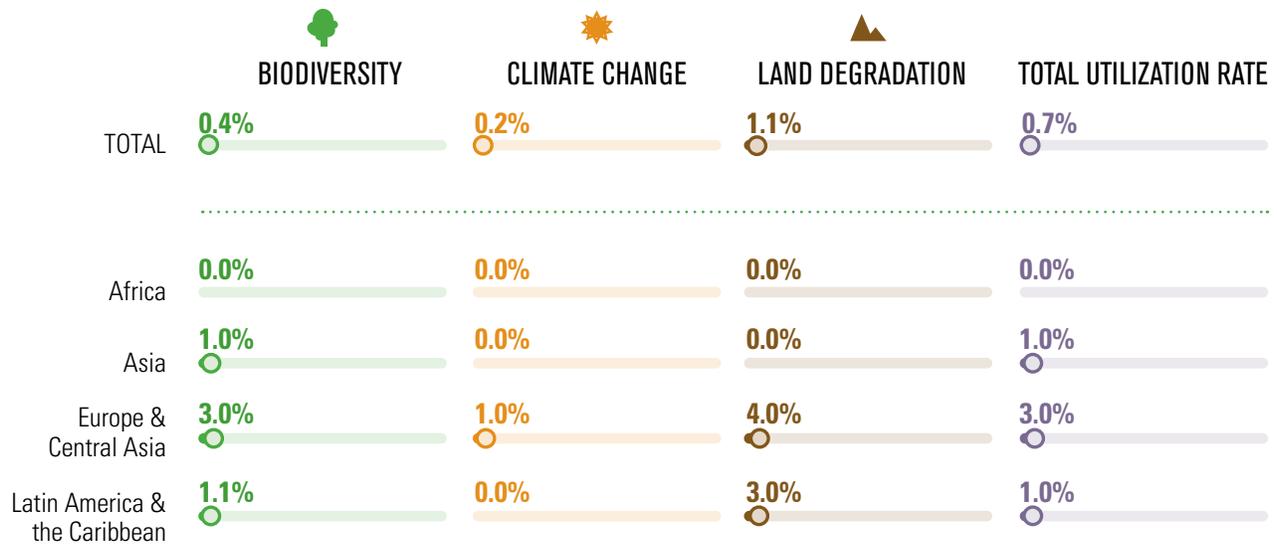
GEF agencies submit new projects and programs in GEF-8 in response to country demand. The data shown here reflects the respective Agency share of cumulative programming in GEF-8.



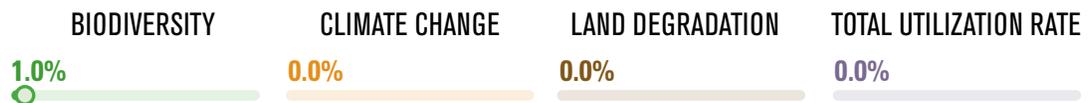
4. SYSTEM FOR TRANSPARENT ALLOCATION OF RESOURCES

Utilization of resources allocated to countries under the System for the Transparent Allocation of Resources (STAR) has taken place across the three focal areas it covers—biodiversity, climate change, and land degradation. One percent of STAR resources has been utilized to date.

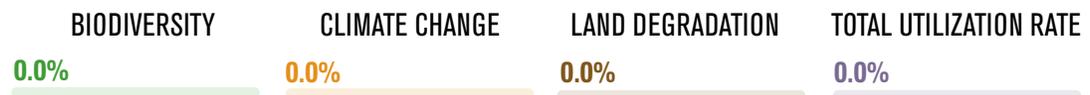
GEF GEOGRAPHIC REGIONS



LEAST DEVELOPED COUNTRIES (LDCs)



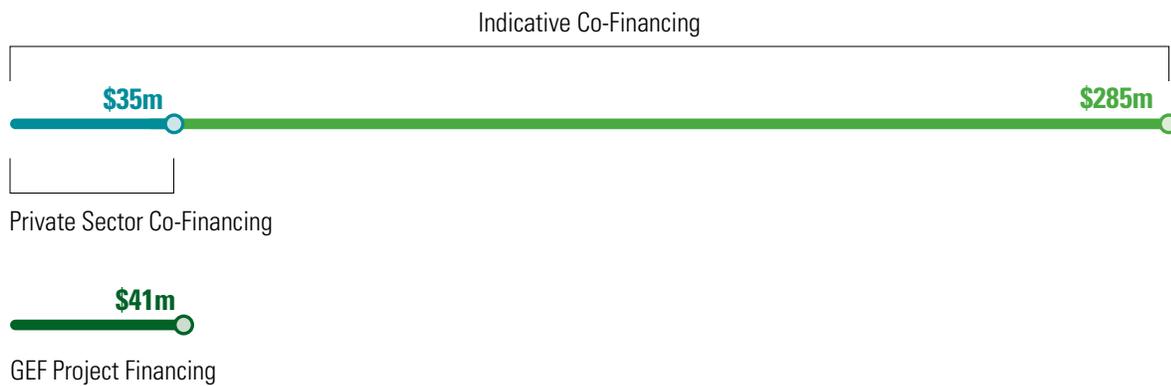
SMALL ISLAND DEVELOPING STATES (SIDS)



5. CO-FINANCING

The Policy on Co-Financing sets out a goal for the overall GEF portfolio to reach a ratio of co-financing to GEF project financing of at least 7:1, and for the portfolio of projects and programs approved in Upper-Middle Income Countries and High-Income Countries that are not Small Island Developing States or Least Developed Countries to reach a ratio of investment mobilized to GEF project financing of at least 5:1. Co-Financing means financing that is additional to GEF Project Financing, and that supports the implementation of a GEF-financed project or program and the achievement of its objectives. Investment Mobilized means Co-Financing that excludes recurrent expenditures. Enabling Activities qualify for full agreed costs funding from the GEF; there is no co-finance requirement for Enabling Activities.

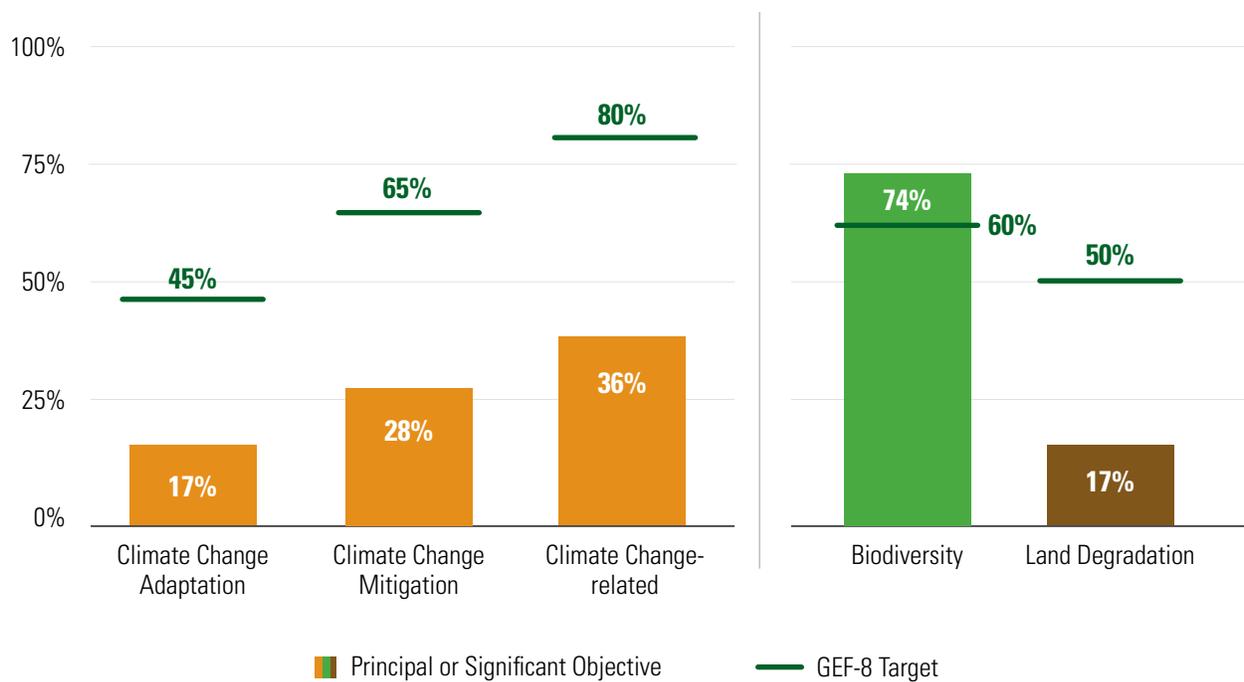
GEF FINANCING VS. CO-FINANCING



	LATEST (based on approvals)	AMBITION
INDICATIVE CO-FINANCING IN GEF-8	7.0 Ratio of Indicative Co-Financing to GEF Project Financing	7.0
INDICATIVE INVESTMENT MOBILIZED IN GEF-8	5.4 Ratio of Indicative Investment Mobilized to GEF Project Financing in UMICs and HICs that are not LDCs or SIDS	5.0

6. BIODIVERSITY, CLIMATE, AND LAND DEGRADATION FINANCING

GEF-8 financing contributing toward Biodiversity, Climate Change Adaptation, Climate Change Mitigation, and Land Degradation as a principal or significant objective is tracked against indicative targets covering GEF-8 investments to date, consistent with the OECD DAC Rio Marker methodology. Climate-related financing refers to any GEF-8 investment marked as having a principal or significant objective for Climate Change Adaptation and/or Mitigation.



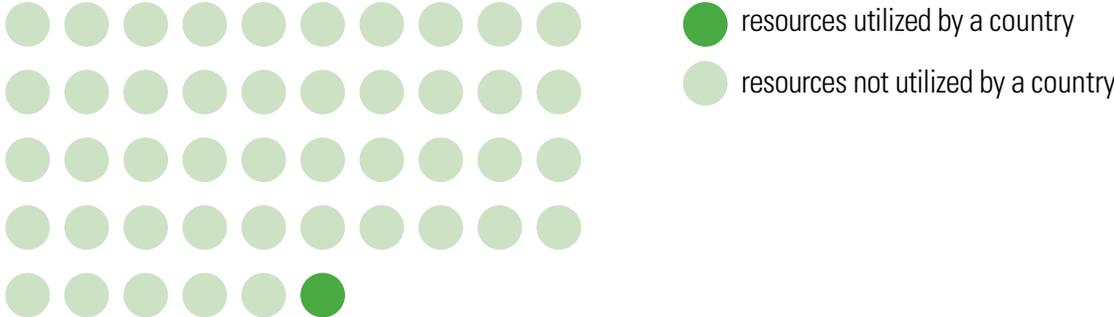
7. CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTATION

The GEF-8 Climate Change Adaptation (CCA) results framework is linked to the GEF Programming Strategy on Adaptation to Climate Change for the Least Developed Countries Fund (LDCF) and the Special Climate Change Fund (SCCF). Core Indicators track the progress in Adaptation Benefits, including beneficiaries disaggregated by gender. This section depicts the expected results from approved projects and programs.

USE OF LEAST DEVELOPED COUNTRIES FUND

Resources approved to date in GEF-8 amount to \$10.13 million.

Out of 46 Least Developed Countries, one has used LDCF resources (Cambodia).



USE OF LEAST DEVELOPED COUNTRIES FUND

Resources approved to date in GEF-8 amount to \$0.50 million.

CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTATION CORE INDICATORS

Core Indicator	Total
Direct beneficiaries (number)	94,000
- of whom women	47,000
Area of land managed for climate resilience (hectare)	20,000
Coastal or marine area managed for climate resilience (hectare)	-
Policies, plans, and frameworks that will mainstream climate resilience (number)	3
People trained or with awareness raised (number)	203,000
- of whom women	101,500
Private sector enterprises engaged in climate change adaptation and resilience action (number)	30

8. GENDER EQUALITY

Without greater equality between men and women, the world will not meet its environment objectives. That's why the GEF is making sure that projects are gender informed, giving women and men equal opportunities to contribute and benefit from them.

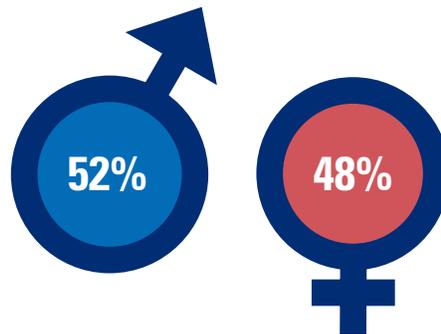
QUALITY AT ENTRY OF GEF-8 PROJECT CONCEPTS

Percentage of projects that considered gender issues at the initial project design

86%



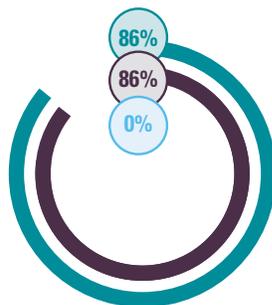
PERCENTAGE OF ANTICIPATED GEF BENEFICIARIES THAT ARE FEMALE AND MALE



9. STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT

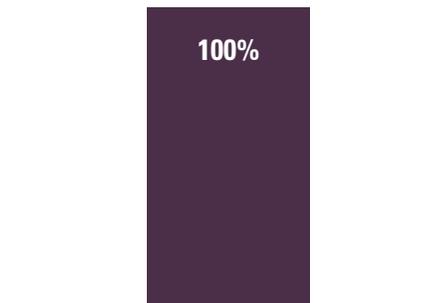
Including stakeholders—civil society organizations, Indigenous Peoples, local communities, and the private sector—when preparing projects is key in strengthening the overall impact of a project. The data shows that projects consulted and took into account the civil society and private sector in their design. As not all projects have Indigenous Peoples or private sector as stakeholders, the share is expected to be lower for this type of stakeholder as compared to those reported for civil society.

CONSULTATION IN PROJECT IDENTIFICATION



- Civil Society Organizations
- Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities
- Private Sector

PLANNED PRIVATE SECTOR ENGAGEMENT DURING IMPLEMENTATION



10. COMMUNICATIONS

In November 2022, the GEF Secretariat produced several new and updated climate change publications for UNFCCC COP27. An additional publication on the 11 new GEF-8 integrated programs highlights the issue, integrated solutions, and expected outcomes for each initiative.

2,401
MEDIA MENTIONS

Number of times GEF is mentioned in English, Spanish, and French language online media.

52
CONTENT PRODUCED

Number of original news and feature stories, blogs, and partner stories about GEF projects posted on the GEF website. Also includes multimedia and publications.

720,599
WEB/CONTENT ENGAGEMENT

Number of times visitors viewed pages on the GEF website and videos on the GEF YouTube channel.

16,500+
NEWSLETTER SUBSCRIBERS

Number of subscribers to the GEF newsletter and announcements campaign list.



SOCIAL MEDIA = 304,052

Total number of followers of GEF social media accounts: Twitter, LinkedIn, Facebook, and Instagram.

PUBLICATIONS

GEF-8: Moving Toward an Equitable, Nature-Positive, Carbon-Neutral, and Pollution-Free World



SCCF: Serving the Adaptation Needs of SIDS and Enhancing Technology Transfer, Private Sector Engagement, and Innovation



Funding Adaptation Action in Least Developed Countries with Support from the LDCF



Support for Innovation, Technology Transfer, and Private Sector Engagement by the LDCF and the SCCF



The Capacity-building Initiative for Transparency (CBIT)



UNFCCC Guidance from the COPs and Responses by the GEF: COP1 - COP26



The GEF and Climate Change: Catalyzing Transformation

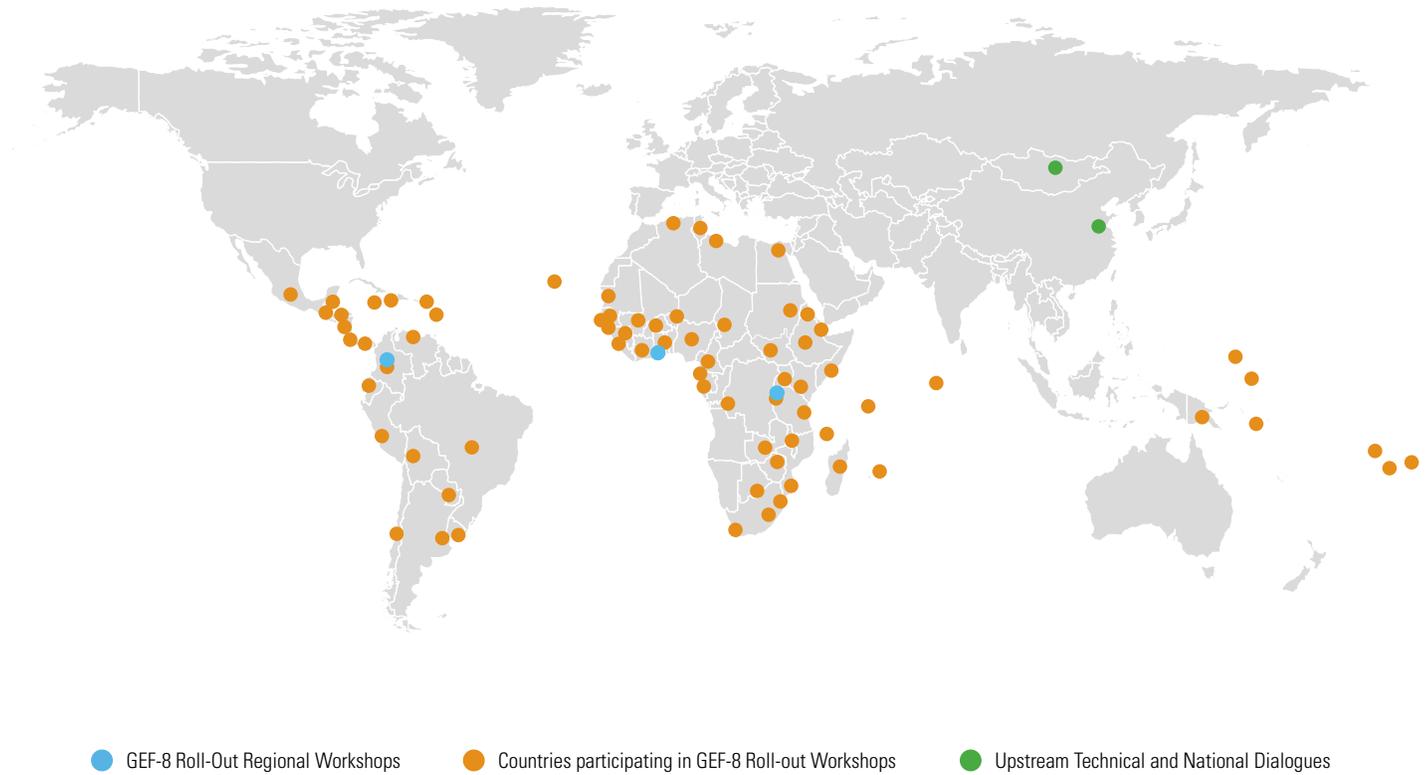


Advancing Urban Sustainability for a Green Recovery



11. COUNTRY ENGAGEMENT STRATEGY

The Country Engagement Strategy (CES) empowers countries to improve portfolio progress and maximize the impact of GEF resources. It combines capacity strengthening activities from the Country Support Program with upstream country engagement and country-specific knowledge activities. Three Regional GEF-8 roll-out workshops already introduced a range of countries to the GEF-8 Programming Directions with an emphasis on Integrated Programs. The online GEF calendar provides information on CES events.





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The Global Environment Facility is the world's largest funder of biodiversity protection, nature restoration, pollution reduction, and climate change response in developing countries. It finances international environmental conventions and country-driven initiatives that generate global benefits. The GEF partnership connects 184 member governments with civil society, Indigenous Peoples, and the private sector, and works closely with other environmental financiers for efficiency and impact. Over the past three decades, the GEF has provided more than \$22 billion in grants and blended finance and mobilized another \$120 billion in co-financing for more than 5,000 national and regional projects, plus 27,000 community-led initiatives through its Small Grants Programme.

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