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# Informal Consultation Meeting on Financial Support for Biennial Transparency Reports (BTRs)

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## Session 2: Potential options for Providing Support for the First BTR

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# Key questions to explore

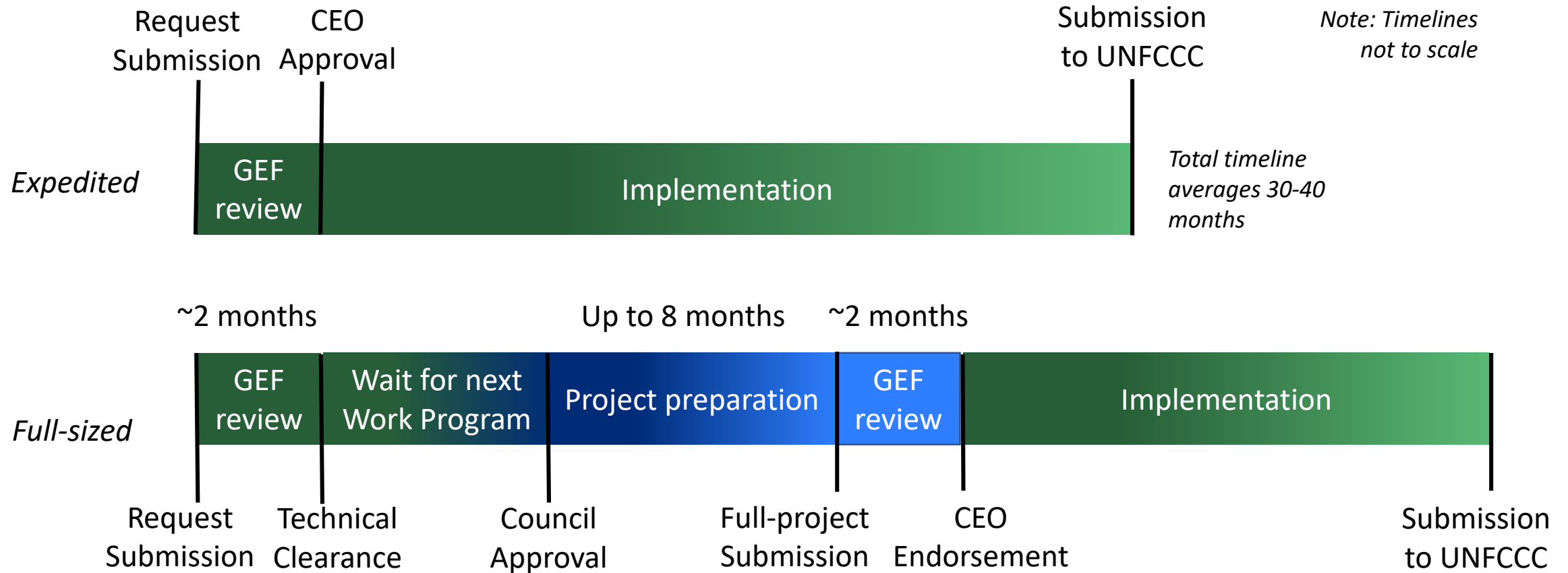
- How can the GEF sequence its support for countries' final BURs and first BTRs?
  - What are the resource implications for GEF-7 and beyond?
  - What is the experience of existing support modalities and how can these be enhanced?
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# Existing support modalities for NCs and BURs

**Up to \$500,000 for NCs and \$352,000 for BURs from set-aside resources**

- **Expedited Enabling Activity**
  - Up to \$2M processed under CEO expedited approval process
  - Request through a GEF Agency or through Direct Access modality
  - Stand-alone report or combined NC/BUR project
- **Non-expedited Enabling Activity**
  - Beyond \$2M follows project cycle of full-sized projects
  - Countries can complement full-agreed costs with STAR allocation
- **Umbrella Programme**
  - Consolidates multiple country requests into a full-sized project using a standardized framework
  - Participating countries confirmed at CEO endorsement

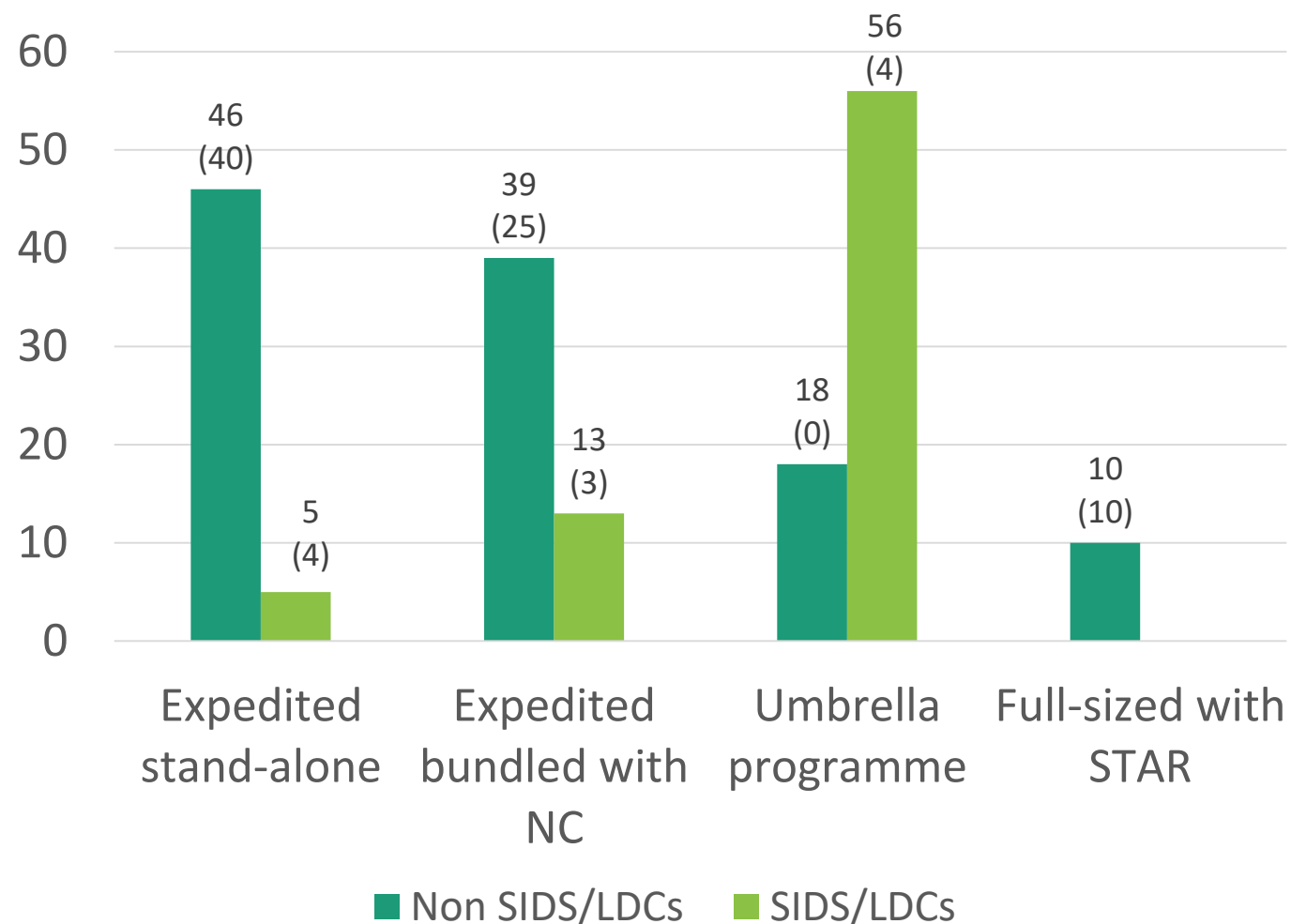
# Expedited vs. Full-sized (Non-expedited and Umbrella Programmes) Project Cycles



## Choice of modalities for BURs

- **Non SIDS/LDCs** have utilized both expedited modalities: stand-alone or combined with NC
- **SIDS/LDCs** have been mostly supported by the umbrella programmes
- **Brazil, China, India, Indonesia, Mexico and South Africa** have chosen to complement full-agreed cost with STAR allocation
- **These different modalities provide flexibility to countries and implementing agencies**

Number of BURs supported  
(number of BURs submitted to UNFCCC)



# GEF-7 Support for Enabling Activities and CBIT (as of 15 June 2020)

## Objective 3: Foster enabling conditions for mainstreaming mitigation concerns into sustainable development strategies

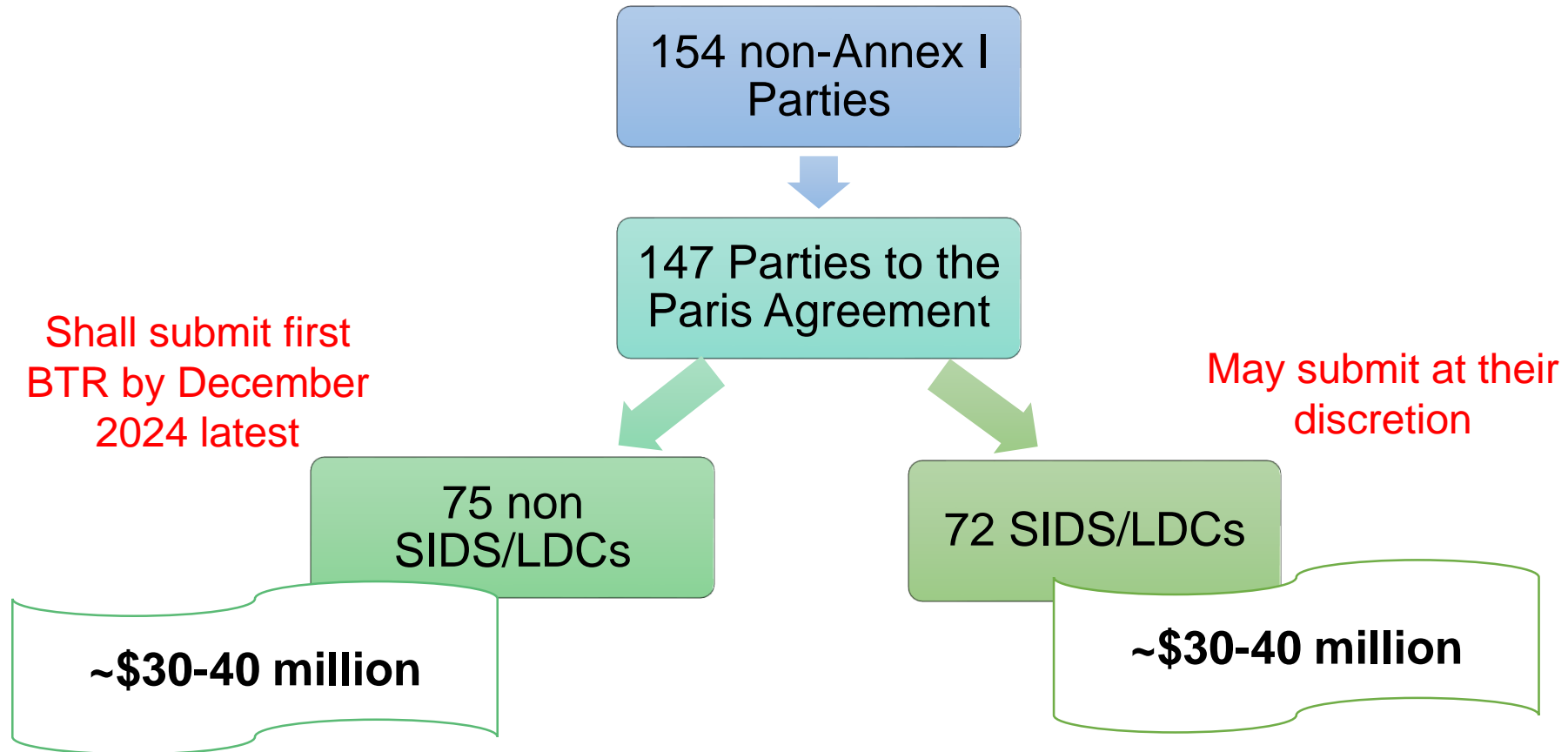
	Indicative Allocation (million USD)	Programmed to Date (million USD)	Remaining Allocation (million USD)	Under Review (million USD)	Remaining after Pending (million USD)
<b>EA Set-aside</b>	\$ 110.0	\$ 40.1	\$ 69.9	\$ 2.4	\$ 67.5
<b>CBIT Set-aside</b>	\$ 55.0	\$ 38.8	\$ 16.2	\$ 19.5	\$ (3.2)
<b>Total Set-aside</b>	\$ 165.0	\$ 78.8	\$ 86.1	\$ 21.9	<b>\$ 64.3</b>


# Potential resource implications of supporting BTRs in GEF-7

- GEF expected to continue supporting BURs and NCs, as well as respond to CBIT requests, with remaining set-aside resources.
    - According to latest information reported to the COP:
      - Up to 100 countries could request resources for a BUR ~\$38 million
      - Up to 60 countries could request resources for a NC ~\$33 million
  - CBIT resources are available to developing countries upon request.
    - To date, 62 countries have been supported and 12 countries have projects under review
    - Over 70 other countries eligible for CBIT support
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# Countries eligible for support for first BTR





## Other factors to consider

- Sequencing of reports
  - 107 countries are preparing BURs (83 expected to be submitted through 2021)
  - 114 countries are preparing NCs (70 expected to be submitted through 2021)
- Administrative capacity of agencies
  - Supporting over 70 countries to prepare and submit their BTRs on time, and supporting SIDS and LDCs to prepare and submit at their discretion
- Responding to COP guidance related to improving efficiency of the process for providing support
  - Streamlining application processes, implementation plans and signing of grant agreements
  - Support multiple reports through single application within a replenishment period
- Resource availability

# Potential options for support

We are aiming to offer support to all countries that must meet the December 2024 by the end of GEF-7 (June 2022)

- Modality A – Stand-alone or bundled with NC

Support ~50 countries through stand-alone or bundled requests on a first-come, first-served basis using existing modalities in GEF-7.

- Modality B – Umbrella Programme

Plan for an umbrella program for BTRs that supports a set number of countries for inclusion in the June/December 2021 Work Program. If additional countries want to join, the umbrella program could be expanded prior to July 2022 if there are enough resources.

- Modality C – Amendment of existing EA

Provide top-up resources to GEF-7 BURs/NCs already under implementation and with expected submission dates after 2022, so they meet BTR requirements.

## Caveats to consider

- What to do about ongoing BUR and NC support in GEF-7?
  - May need to set a deadline for requests for support of last BURs (i.e. January 1, 2021) to focus resources and avoid duplication
- What to do about SIDS/LDCs?
- How to respond to guidance regarding multiple reports in GEF-7?