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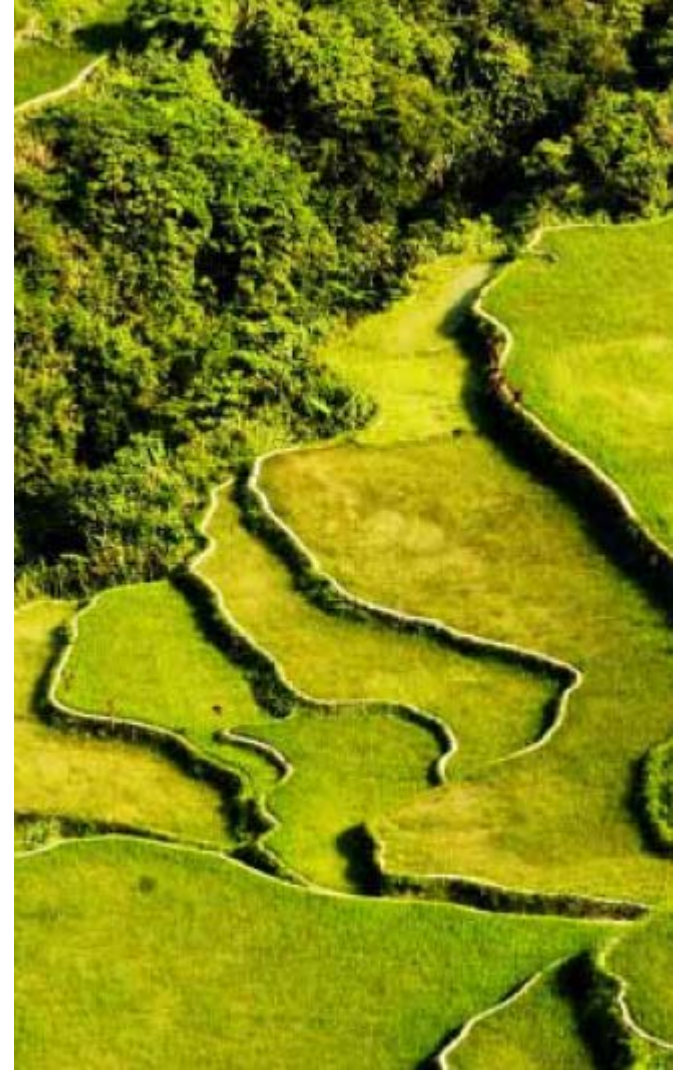
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GEF and Public Involvement: Indigenous Peoples & Gender Mainstreaming

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Why Indigenous Peoples and Gender Matters for GEF

- Addressing indigenous peoples', women's and men's rights, interests, and roles in GEF's environmental project is critical **for overall project success**, both for achieving environmental goals and contributing for the goals for sustainable development, and **achieving equality**.



GEF Policies and Guidelines



- **GEF Public Involvement Policy (1996)**
 - Stakeholder participation in every step of project cycle, notably indigenous and local communities, and women and men.
- **GEF Policy on Gender Mainstreaming (Nov 2011)**
- **GEF Principles and Guidelines for Engagement with Indigenous Peoples (Sept 2012)**
- **GEF Focal Area Strategies and Results Based Mgmt**
 - Mainstreaming gender in approaches and indicators.
- **GEF Project Review Criteria**
 - Clarify stakeholders participation, including indigenous peoples and gender groups, in project preparation and implementation.



Portfolio & Principles and Guidelines on Indigenous Peoples

GEF Portfolio



Indigenous Peoples

- 160 full and medium-sized biodiversity projects involving Indigenous Peoples
- ~15% of the GEF Small Grants Program (SGP) targets and involved Indigenous Peoples
- Projects design and results can be enhanced with partnership and involvement of Indigenous Peoples



GEF Principles and Guidelines on Indigenous Peoples

Principles

- **Respect** for Indigenous Peoples' and their members' **dignity, human rights, and cultural uniqueness**
- **Full and effective participation** of indigenous peoples in the identification, development, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of project activities.
- Activities are to be carried out in **transparent** and open manner, including full documentation
- Adoption of a standard of **free, prior and informed consent (FPIC)** for GEF-financed projects for which FPIC is required by virtue of the relevant state's ratification of ILO Convention 169, and where it is required by domestic legislation or other applicable international obligations
- Availability of **GEF Indigenous Peoples Focal point** and



GEF Principles and Guidelines on Indigenous Peoples (continued)

Guidelines

- Recognition of indigenous peoples as stakeholders, partners and rights-holders
- Acknowledgement of UNDRIP and support for realization of its provisions
- Planning
 - Preparation of culturally appropriate plan at the earliest stages of project development



GEF Principles and Guidelines on Indigenous Peoples (continued)

- **Participation, Rights and Governance**
 - Full and effective participation in GEF policies, processes, projects and programs, with self selection
 - Criterion for indigenous status, including self-identification
 - Support for land-tenure and management based on domestic laws
 - Recognize request by Indigenous Peoples to apply FPIC for GEF projects impacting them, consistent with UNDRIP
- **Resettlement**
 - GEF does not finance involuntary resettlement



GEF Principles and Guidelines on Indigenous Peoples (continued)

- **Traditional Knowledge and Benefit Sharing**
 - Recognition of existing traditional knowledge, access and benefit sharing mechanism, Akwe: Kon, Nagoya, etc.
- **Gender equality**
 - Implementation of the GEF Gender Policy
- **Accountability, Grievance, Conflict Resolution**
 - GEF facilitates access to local or country level grievance and accountability systems
 - GEF Partner Agencies are also required to have systems in place
 - GEF Conflict Resolution Commissioner
 - GEF Focal Point documentation of decisions and complaints



Mechanisms for Implementation

**GEF Indigenous
Peoples Focal
Point**

**Indigenous
Peoples
Advisory Group**

**Enhanced
Monitoring
Systems**

**Capacity building
and Information
exchange**

**Strengthened
Financial
Arrangements**





Portfolio and Policy on Gender Mainstreaming

GEF Portfolio



Gender Mainstreaming

Reviewed total of 172 projects approved and implemented during 2003-2006.

- 40 % of projects included some kind of gender mainstreaming actions.
- 18 % conducted gender analysis to design project.
- 21 % involved project activities, outcomes, and/or components specifically targeted women, and some cases men.
- 13 % included gender sensitive M&E processes, including gender disaggregated indicators.

GEF Policy on Gender Mainstreaming

Objectives

- To attain the goal of gender equality.
- To mainstream gender into GEF operations.

Policy Requirements for GEF Partner Agencies

- A policy, strategy, or plan to design and implement projects so that both women and men:
 - a) receive culturally compatible social and economic benefits
 - b) do not suffer adverse effects during the development process
 - c) fosters full respect for their dignity and human rights
- Institutional capability to implement their policies, strategy, or action plan in GEF projects.



GEF Policy on Gender Mainstreaming (continued)

Minimum Requirements for the GEF Agencies:

- Measures to strengthen its **institutional framework** for gender mainstreaming (e.g. gender focal point).
- **Criteria for project review and project design** to pay attention to socio-economic aspects in its projects, including gender elements.
- **Undertake social assessment**, including gender analysis, to assess the potential roles, benefits, impacts and risks for women and men of different ages, ethnicities, and social structure and status.
- Identify measures to **avoid, minimize and/or mitigate adverse gender impacts**.
- Address **gender sensitive activities** while recognizing and respecting the different roles of women and men.
- **System for monitoring and evaluating progress** in gender mainstreaming (e.g. use of gender disaggregated indicators).
- **Monitors and provides necessary support for implementation** of its policies, strategy, or action plan by experienced social/gender experts on gender mainstreaming in projects.

GEF Policy on Gender Mainstreaming (continued)

Requirements for the GEF Secretariat

- **Strengthen gender-mainstreaming capacities** among the GEF Secretariat staff.
- Designate a **focal point for gender** issues.
- Work with GEF Agencies and partners to **strengthen gender mainstreaming** (e.g. a more systematic approach to programming).
- **Establish and strengthen networks** with partners to develop and implement GEF projects.





Thank you

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