COMMUNITY ACTION GLOBAL IMPACT
GEF Approaches

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Stakeholder Engagement

Gender Equality & Women’s Empowerment

Environmental & Social Safeguards
• The GEF has **minimum requirements** to provide **meaningful engagement** of Stakeholders in GEF financed activities

• The GEF has **minimum requirements** to actively pursue the **equal access** of women and men to and control over resources and decision making and empowering women and girls.

• The GEF has **minimum standards** that all GEF Agencies must comply with to **anticipate**, and then **avoid, prevent, minimize, mitigate, manage, offset or compensate any adverse impacts** that GEF financed projects and programs may have on **people or the environment**
Why do we need a specific approach to Stakeholder Engagement?
“full disclosure of all non-confidential information, and consultation with, and participation as appropriate of, major groups and local communities, throughout the project cycle.”

(Paragraph 5 of GEF Instrument)
GEF’s Evolving approach to Stakeholder Engagement

- 1994: Instrument - Disclosure and participation
- 1996: Policy on public involvement
- 2014: Guidelines to implement the principles of the 1996 Policy
- 2017: Policy on stakeholder engagement
Objective

Promote the inclusive and meaningful participation of Stakeholders in GEF’s governance and operations in support of the GEF’s mandate to protect the global environment.

PIF & PFD
✓ Description of any consultations undertaken
✓ Information on how will stakeholders be engaged and means of engagement throughout the project cycle

CEO Endorsement
✓ Provide Stakeholder Engagement Plan or equivalent documentation

Reporting
✓ PIRs, MTRs, TEs information on progress, challenges and outcomes of stakeholder engagement

Updated Policy on Stakeholder Engagement

Project and Program Cycle Requirements
GEF Secretariat Responsibilities

- Report to the Council
- Assess if measures are adequate
- Update and maintain templates

And...

- Engage with stakeholders: transparent, inclusive manner aimed at fair representation
- Appropriate stakeholder engagement in the development of GEF policies, guidelines and strategy
Guidelines provide guidance and information on how to implement the Policy, including best practices and useful tools that can be used to conduct meaningful stakeholder engagement throughout the GEF program and project cycles.

Stakeholder Engagement

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Gender Equality and Women’s Empowerment
**Gender and the Environment**

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Moving from a “do no harm” to a “do good” gender responsive approach
Responds to the increased attention to gender equality and women’s empowerment by the MEAs that the GEF serves.

Recognizes that efforts to combat environmental degradation and those to address gender inequality can be mutually supportive.

Aims to catalyze projects that have the potential to materialize greater environmental impact through gender-responsive approaches and results.

Seeks to ensure equal opportunities for women and men to participate in, contribute to and benefit from GEF-Financed Activities.

Outlines clear GEF project and program cycle requirements.
Gender-responsive project identification and development

**Project Identification and Development**

- **PIF/PFD Submission**
  - Collect information on gender issues relevant to the project context
  - Carry out gender-responsive stakeholder consultations
- **CEO Endorsement Submission**
  - Carry out a gender analysis
  - Identify gender-responsive actions
  - Define gender-sensitive indicators
  - Gender tagging: indicating expected gender result areas
- **Project Implementation Reports**
  - Report on progress on gender responsive measures
  - Learning and adaptation
  - Gender tagging: indicating expected gender result areas
- **Mid-term Reviews**
  - Report on progress on gender responsive measures, indicators, and intermediate results
  - Learning and adaptation
- **Terminal Evaluations**
  - Evaluate and report on completed activities and results
  - Capture and share lessons learned and best practices

**Project Implementation and Monitoring**
Do you want to find out why promoting gender equality and women’s empowerment can help deliver better environmental outcome, and to figure out how you can do it?

The course will give you facts and figures and the knowledge and tools to mainstream gender, and to be an effective change-maker for sustainable development.

It is a “one-stop-shop” for information on gender dimensions linked to biodiversity, climate change, land degradation, international waters, and chemicals and waste.


https://www.uncclearn.org/course-gender-and-environment
Gender Equality

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Environmental and Social Safeguards
ESS Policy aims to:

ensure that GEF projects and programs systematically identify and address any environmental and social risks and potential impacts
evolution of the policy

- 2010: Accreditation pilot
- 2011: ESS policy approved
- 2015: Accreditation pilot completed
- IEO review of ESS policy and IP engagement
- GEFSEC plan to review and update the E&S policy approved
- 2018: Updated policy approved by Council

- Agencies in compliance with GEF ESS standards
- ✓ Approach paper
- ✓ Stocktaking/gap assessment
- ✓ Consultations on draft policy

by June 2019: guidelines
by Nov 2019: assessment of Agencies
the GEF’s approach at a glance

projects and programs

portfolio monitoring and reporting

agency minimum standards

GEF Conflict Resolution Commissioner
minimum standards for GEF Agencies

1: Environmental and Social Assessment, Management and Monitoring
2: Accountability, Grievance and Conflict Resolution
3: Biodiversity Conservation and the Sustainable Management of Living Natural Resources
4: Restrictions on Land Use and Involuntary Resettlement
5: Indigenous Peoples
6: Cultural Heritage
7: Resource Efficiency and Pollution Prevention
8: Labor and Working Conditions
9: Community Health, Safety and Security
E&S safeguards in the project cycle

- **PIF/PFD**
  - ✓ indicative information on E&S risks and potential impacts; and any measures to address such risks and impacts

- **CEO Endorsement/Approval**
  - ✓ additional information on E&S risks and impacts, and measures to address these, including any environmental and social assessments carried out, and any Environmental and Social Management Plans or the equivalent

- **post-approval**
  - ✓ information on the implementation of relevant environmental and social management measures at project mid-term, if applicable, and at project completion

+ annual reporting by Agencies on cases reported to their accountability, grievance and conflict resolution mechanisms in connection with GEF projects or programs
next steps

capture of data and information through GEF Portal

assessment of Agency compliance

sharing knowledge
Policy on Environmental and Social Safeguards