



Seventh Comprehensive Evaluation of the GEF (OPS7)

Approach paper - June 2020



OPS7: Purpose

A

Provide **evidence** for GEF-8 replenishment

B

Assess to what extent the GEF is achieving its objectives of enhancing **global environmental benefits**

C

Identify potential areas for **improvement**

D

Assess the GEF's **progress** in implementation and achievement of the GEF 2020 Strategy

Two themes

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GEF Strategy,
institutional issues,
programming

2

GEF performance,
impact, and
sustainability

Evaluation criteria:



Relevance and global contribution of the GEF

Strategy and institutional issues

- **Relevance** of the GEF (to global environmental challenges, countries, conventions)
- **Results and lessons** from implementation of the GEF 2020 Strategy
- **Design and implementation** of the GEF-7 programming strategy
- **Implementation** of GEF policies (gender; safeguards; stakeholder engagement, civil society, the private sector, and indigenous peoples)
- **Institutional processes** including results-based management and knowledge management
- The GEF Country Support **Programme**
- The GEF's **flexibility** to adapt and respond to crises

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Results

GEF Performance, Impact and Sustainability



Performance
(outcomes, longer-term sustainability)



GEF engagement with the **private sector**



Innovation, transformational change and scaling up (catalytic role of the GEF)



Performance, impact, and sustainability in **focal areas** (special themes)



GEF performance and impact (in country clusters; in fragile and conflict situations; through SGP, MSP, EA, LDCF/SCCF)

OPS7 and component evaluations

Methodology



International good practice standards



Mixed-method approach

Scientific and evaluation literature review • Theory of change development • Document review • Portfolio analysis • Interviews • Surveys • GIS/remote sensing • Rapid impact evaluation • Country case studies/field verification • Statistical analyses • Qualitative analyses • Triangulation • Post-completion verification • Quality-at-entry



Limitations and mitigations strategies

- Limited field work
- Gathering inputs remotely
- Strategic selection of cases
- Using substantial evidence from completed evaluations

Stakeholder consultations

During the approach
paper preparation

During OPS7

In dissemination
and outreach

Quality assurance

5 external advisers



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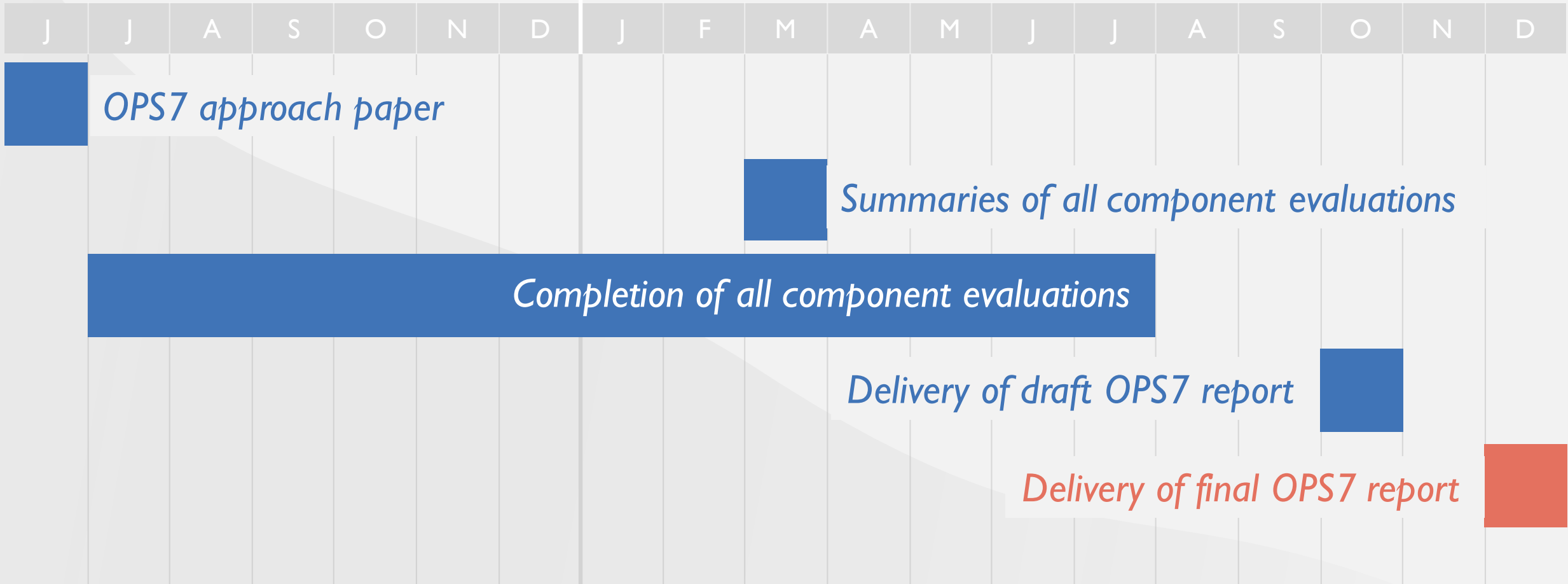
Component evaluations:

Peer reviewers and reference groups

Schedule

2020

2021





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