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

1. GEF Strategy, institutional issues, programming
2. GEF performance, impact, and sustainability

Evaluation criteria:

- Efficiency
- Effectiveness
- Relevance
- Coherence
- Sustainability
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
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

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

Mixed-method approach

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

Component evaluations: Peer reviewers and reference groups

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