Work Program and Budget of the Independent Evaluation Office

June 2020
Presentation outline

1. Completed evaluations
2. The third peer review
3. Evaluation work in progress
4. Updates on knowledge management and communications
5. Budget and human resources
Completed evaluations

Annual Performance Report (APR) 2020

Satisfactory outcomes: 83%
Likely sustainable: 71%

$7.98 per each $1.00 – materialized cofinancing

Quality of terminal evaluations

High compliance in reporting of general project information, outcomes, and monitoring

Lower compliance in reporting on implementation of social and environmental safeguards

Some evidence to show that compliance is linked with the internal guidelines of the Agency
Completed evaluations

The GEF Management Action Record

Level of adoption of Council decisions on eight IEO evaluations
(Full agreement between the IEO and the Management on ratings for level of adoption)

**SUBSTANTIAL ADOPTION**

- Evaluation of the GEF CSO network
- Program evaluations of LDCF and SCCF
- Review of GEF support for transformational change
- Review of GEF’s engagement with indigenous peoples
- Biodiversity focal area study
- Review of the GEF policy on minimum standards on environmental and social safeguards

**MEDIUM ADOPTION**

- Joint GEF-UNDP small grants programme evaluation
OBJECTIVES

• Explore the factors of outcome sustainability;
• Assess GEF relevance to the key environmental challenges in the countries covered;
• Gender, resilience, fragility

SCOPE

Biomes SCCE:
453 projects in 23 countries, $1.63 billion GEF funding

LDCs SCCE:
833 projects in 47 LDCs, $3.18 billion GEF funding

METHODS

• Aggregate documents, portfolio and geospatial analyses;
• In-depth country studies purposively selected based on the aggregate analyses
Completed evaluations

Strategic Country Cluster Evaluations

African Biomes and LDCs SCCEs – Highlights

SELECTED FINDINGS

1. Demonstrating sustainability takes time, it tends to improve with time; it depends on quality of design, which should consider post project financial sustainability as well as synergies and tradeoffs between environment and development goals, and take advantage of existing local development plans.

2. Multifocal projects scored the highest on outcomes but the lowest on sustainability (Biomes SCCE).

3. Climate resilience is rarely addressed in other focal areas (LDC SCCE).
Third professional peer review

Review of IEO mandate, role, and performance

IEO has prepared the action plan

The review and the plan will be discussed with the Council in fall 2020
### Evaluation work in progress

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Knowledge management and communication update

OPS7 consultations and webpage

Evaluation Lessons for COVID-19

Knowledge sharing and networks
No staffing changes

**IEO Staff Composition FY20**

- **1** Director
- **1** Chief Evaluation Officer
- **4** Senior Evaluation Officer
- **1** Senior Operations Officer
- **4** Evaluation Officer
- **1** Knowledge Management Officer
- **3** Evaluation Analyst
- **1** Information Analyst
- **1** Research Assistant
- **1** Senior Executive Assistant
- **1** Program Assistant
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