



Work Program and Budget of the Independent Evaluation Office

June 2020



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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

Completed evaluations

Strategic Country Cluster Evaluations

African Biomes and LDCs SCCEs – Highlights

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



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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

2020			2021			
D	J	F	M	A	M	J
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Third joint GEF-UNDP SGP evaluation</i> • <i>Fragile and conflict-affected situations</i> • <i>Evaluation of medium-sized projects</i> • <i>Institutional policies and stakeholder engagement</i> • <i>GEF interventions in artisanal and gold mining</i> • <i>International waters (fisheries and freshwater)</i> • <i>Knowledge management</i> • <i>LDCF evaluation</i> 			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Results-based management system</i> • <i>Innovation in the GEF: findings and lessons</i> • <i>GEF support to SFM and REDD+ projects</i> 			
				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Economic and social impacts of GEF support to micro-, small-, medium-size enterprises, and the informal sector</i> • <i>Agency self-evaluation systems</i> 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Formative review of the GEF integrated approach</i>

Knowledge management and communication update

OPS7 consultations and webpage

The screenshot shows the OPS7 webpage on the IEO website. The page title is "OPS7". The main content area contains a paragraph about the eighth replenishment of the Global Environment Facility (GEF) and a "OPS7 Full Report" link. A "Related Evaluations" section lists various reports and evaluations, including "Agency Self-Evaluation Systems (2020)", "An Evaluative Approach to Assessing GEF's Additionality 2018", and "Annual Performance Report (APR) 2020".

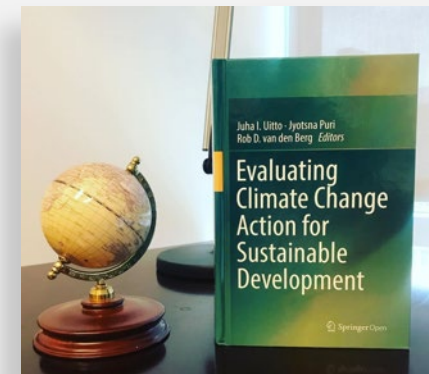
Evaluation Lessons for COVID-19

The screenshot shows the "Lessons for COVID-19 from GEF IEO Evaluations" webpage. The page title is "Lessons for COVID-19 from GEF IEO Evaluations". The main content area features a "Statement from the IEO Director" dated March 23, 2020, and a "Reports and Documents of Interest" section. A prominent graphic reads "The GEF response to CRISIS" with a date of "May 2020". Below this, there is a section titled "What can we learn from EVALUATION?".

Knowledge sharing and networks

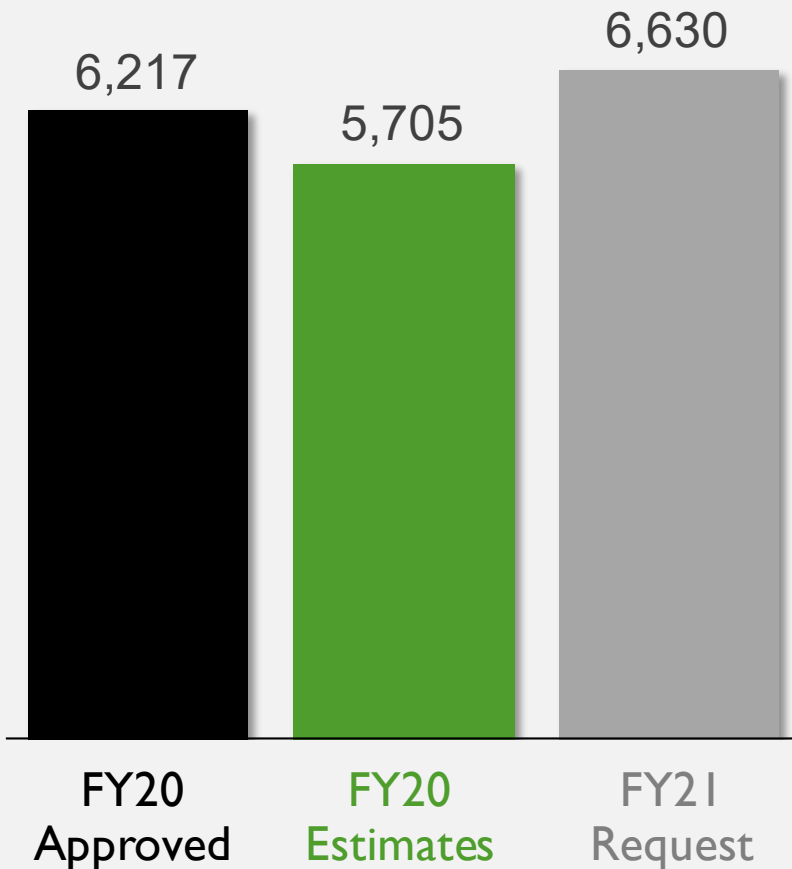


Convention on Biological Diversity



Budget and Human Resources

Thousand USD



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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