Knowledge and Learning in the GEF Partnership

GEF Introduction Seminar 2020
Washington DC
The GEF is a Knowledge Institution

The GEF is not just about raising and transferring funds to safeguard our planet. It is also about building capacity, capturing/transfering critical knowledge and fostering collaboration to address global environmental challenges.

GEF Intro Video  https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GX0tk6XlqvM
Knowledge & Learning Objectives

- Improve impact of GEF funded projects and programs
- Inform global, regional and national policy dialogues and investment decisions to reverse global environmental degradation
GEF Knowledge and Learning Approach
GEF Knowledge and Learning – multifaceted and evolving process
GEF-7 Knowledge and Learning Requirements Throughout the GEF Project Cycle

Capturing and Sharing Knowledge for FSP and IPs/Child Projects

**Design Stage**
- **PIF**
  - KM Approach Outlined
  - Proposed K&L Outputs/Deliverables
  - Link to overall project impact

**Implementation Stage**
- **CEO Endorsement**
  - KM Approach Elaborated/Detail ed
  - Link to overall project impact
  - KM Budget and Time-line
  - Specific K&L Outputs/Deliverables
- **PIR**
  - Progress on K & L Deliverables Implementation
  - Knowledge Products/Events
  - Lessons Learned
  - As information becomes available

**Evaluation Stage**
- **MTR**
  - Progress on KM Approach Implementation
  - Knowledge Products/Events
  - Lessons Learned
  - Adaptive Management
- **TE and TER**
  - Evaluation of KM Results and Impacts
  - Lessons Learned
  - Best Practice
  - Portfolio and Policy Implications
  - Dissemination and Sharing to inform new Design
7 Criteria for KM Screening in PIF/CEO Endorsement Stages

Does the KM section of a PIF/CEO Endorsement submission contain the ingredients of a Knowledge Management Approach, including:

1. an overview of existing lessons and best practice that inform the project concept?
2. plans to learn from relevant projects, programs, initiatives & evaluations?
3. proposed processes to capture, assess and document info, lessons, best practice & expertise generated during implementation?
4. proposed tools and methods for knowledge exchange, learning & collaboration (at both program and project levels if a PFD), including knowledge platforms and websites?
5. proposed knowledge outputs to be produced and shared with stakeholders (at both program and project levels if a PFD)?
6. a discussion on how knowledge and learning will contribute to overall project/program impact and sustainability
7. plans for strategic communications?
GEF Portal

- Capturing key project data and information
- Monitoring of **real results** during project execution and comparison with expected results
- **Geographic references**: on GEF projects (maps and other)
- Control panel: status of all projects by country portfolio
- Public Access to information about GEF projects: enhancing transparency
Sharing and Disseminating Knowledge Globally:

GEF Knowledge Exchange Toolbox:

• Web-based Tools
  (Website, Kaleo, GEF Academy E-Learning, etc.)
• Targeted Training Workshops
  (Intro Seminar, Regional ECWs, Country Dialogue Workshops, etc.)
• GEF Knowledge Days – on site peer to peer learning
• Publications and Videos
• Technical Presentations at Key Events, COPs, etc.
• GEF Booths at Key Events, COPs, etc.
• Social Media Tools
  (Blogs, Twitter, etc.)
GEF Website & its Knowledge and Learning Page

http://www.thegef.org

What we do

Knowledge is a primary asset of the GEF Partnership, and knowledge generation and sharing are critical for GEF investments to achieve a lasting impact in safeguarding the global environment. The GEF finances project, programs and initiatives that underpin the generation and exchange of knowledge around global environmental issues, facilitating the capture, synthesis, transfer and uptake of this knowledge within and beyond the GEF Partnership.
Kaleo

• An innovative **software** developed by Kaleo, Inc. and adapted to GEF

• Platform of “questions and answers” and on-line tool for the dissemination of knowledge on GEF operations

• **Automatic learning:** provides answers which are “approved by experts”

• Accessible through GEF’s website

• Answers are stored in GEF Kaleo’s database and made available for the next user who asks a similar question
GEF Academy: on-line e-learning courses
The Art of Knowledge Exchange

A Results-focused Planning Guide and Toolkit for Practitioners

- **Practical blue-print** on how to design, implement, and monitor knowledge exchange and learning in projects.

- **Tools and instruments** to facilitate knowledge exchange and learning when designing and implementing GEF investments.

- **Case studies** of successful knowledge exchange in GEF projects with examples from WBG, UNDP, FAO, IDB, IFAD, UNIDO and SGP.

- **Mobile access** through Blippar, a free augmented reality mobile app that enables access to the guide from smart phones.

- Presented to GEF country counterparts at the **Art of Knowledge Exchange Training Sessions** held during regional Expanded Constituency Workshops (ECW) throughout 2017.
GEF-7 Knowledge Days

Peer-to peer Learning during GEF Expanded Constituency Workshops (ECW)

• Full-day regional knowledge and learning event, targeting country counterparts

• Complements the ECWs where participants receive training on GEF policies and processes as well as key principles for effective design and implementation of GEF projects and programs.

• Hands-on exposure to GEF financed projects

• Field visits to GEF projects to meet project managers and beneficiaries, and to observe key project lessons learned on-site.

• Where a field visit is not possible, the GEF Knowledge Day “brings the project to the participants” so that they can meet with project managers and beneficiaries off-site and discuss lessons and good practice face-to-face.

• Uses Learning Stations, an experiential learning method that was developed by the GEF Secretariat in 2016, where implementing agency staff also play an active role.

• Replicated in 13 regions to date, reaching more than 120 countries with more than 1200 participants.
Videos

GEF e-course introduction
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GXOtk6XlqvM

GEF Knowledge Day
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qDPQxxTCQ1c&spfreload=10

GEF Kaleo
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DdhVLCqyv9o
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