GEF Approaches

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Stakeholder Engagement

Gender Equality & Women’s Empowerment

Environmental & Social Safeguards
This session
Messages

• The GEF has **minimum requirements** to provide **meaningful engagement** of Stakeholders

• The GEF has **minimum requirements** to actively pursue **equal access** of women and men to and control over resources and decision making and empower women and girls.

• The GEF has **minimum standards** that all GEF Agencies must comply with to **anticipate**, and then **avoid**, **prevent**, **minimize**, **mitigate**, **manage**, **offset or compensate any adverse impacts** that GEF financed projects and programs may have on **people or the environment**

Applies to all GEF-financed activities
Why do we need a specific approach to Stakeholder Engagement?
“full disclosure of all non-confidential information, and consultation with, and participation as appropriate of, major groups and local communities, throughout the project cycle.”

(Paragraph 5 of GEF Instrument)
GEF’s Evolving approach to Stakeholder Engagement

- **1994**: Instrument - Disclosure and participation
- **1996**: Policy on public involvement
- **2014**: Guidelines to implement the principles of the 1996 Policy
- **2017**: Policy on stakeholder engagement
Objective

Promote the **inclusive and meaningful participation** of Stakeholders in GEF’s governance and operations in support of the GEF’s mandate to protect the global environment.

Updated Policy on Stakeholder Engagement

Project and Program Cycle Requirements

- PIF & PFD
  ✓ Description of any consultations undertaken
  ✓ Information on how will stakeholders be engaged and means of engagement throughout the project cycle

- CEO Endorsement
  ✓ Provide Stakeholder Engagement Plan or equivalent documentation

- Reporting
  ✓ PIRs, MTRs, TEs information on progress, challenges and outcomes of stakeholder engagement
GEF Secretariat Responsibilities

- Report to the Council
- Assess if measures are adequate
- Update and maintain templates

And...

- Engage with stakeholders: transparent, inclusive manner aimed at fair representation
- Appropriate stakeholder engagement in the development of GEF policies, guidelines and strategy
Guidelines provide guidance and information on how to implement the Policy, including best practices and useful tools that can be used to conduct meaningful stakeholder engagement throughout the GEF program and project cycles.

Stakeholder Engagement

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Gender Equality and Women’s Empowerment
Globally, 43% of agricultural laborers are women, but only 20% of land has female ownership.

Unequal access to land:

- **Equal Land Rights**: The law guarantees the same rights to own, use and control land to both women and men.
- **Unequal Land Rights**: The law does not guarantee the same rights to own, use and control land to women and men, or women have no legal rights to own, use and control land.
- **Legal Land Rights Are Not Followed In Practice**: The law guarantees the same rights to own, use and control land to women and men, but there are some customary, traditional or religious practices that discriminate against women.

Compared to men, women:

- are more absent in decision making
- have less access to and control over land and natural resources
- have less access to markets, financing and credit

Gender and the Environment

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Female farmers receive only 5% of all agricultural extension services from 97 countries.

Only 15% of the world’s extension agents are women.

Only 10% of total aid for agriculture, forestry and fishing goes to women. (Source: FAO, 2015)

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GF’s Evolving Approach on Gender

Moving from a “do no harm” to a “do good” gender responsive approach

- GEF Policy on Gender Mainstreaming (2012)
- GEF Gender Action Plan (2014)
  - The GEF Gender Partnership
  - Improvements in project design
  - Focus on analyses and learning
- GEF Policy on Gender Equality (2017)
  - Gender Implementation Strategy
  - Guidance on addressing gender in GEF Projects and programs
GEF’s Policy on Gender Equality

Responds to the increased attention to gender equality and women’s empowerment by the MEAs that the GEF serves.

Recognizes that efforts to combat environmental degradation and those to address gender inequality can be mutually supportive.

Aims to catalyze projects that have the potential to materialize greater environmental impact through gender-responsive approaches and results.

Seeks to ensure equal opportunities for women and men to participate in, contribute to and benefit from GEF-Financed Activities.

Outlines clear GEF project and program cycle requirements.
Gender-responsive project identification and development

Project Identification and Development

- Collect information on gender issues relevant to the project context
- Carry out gender-responsive stakeholder consultations
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- Gender tagging: indicating expected gender result areas

Project Implementation and Monitoring

- Report on progress on gender responsive measures
- Learning and adaptation
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- Evaluate and report on completed activities and results
- Capture and share lessons learned and best practices
Do you want to find out why promoting gender equality and women’s empowerment can help deliver better environmental outcome, and to figure out how you can do it?

The course will give you facts and figures and the knowledge and tools to mainstream gender, and to be an effective change-maker for sustainable development.

It is a “one-stop-shop” for information on gender dimensions linked to biodiversity, climate change, land degradation, international waters, and chemicals and waste.
Gender Equality

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Environmental and Social Safeguards
GEF Environmental & Social Safeguard Policy aims to:

ensure that GEF projects and programs systematically identify and address any environmental and social risks and potential impacts
Evolution of the GEF Safeguard policy

- 2010
  - Accreditation pilot
- 2011
  - ESS policy approved
  - Assessment of 10 existing Agencies
- 2015
  - Accreditation pilot completed for 8 new agencies
- 2017
  - IEO review of ESS policy and IP engagement
  - GEFSEC plan to review and update ESS policy
- 2018
  - New ESS policy approved
- 2019 - 2020
  - Agencies compliant with GEF ESS

10 Agencies in compliance with new GEF ESS policy

Current Activities
- ESS Guidelines
- Agencies’ Compliance Assessment

Approach paper
Stocktaking/gap assessment
Extensive consultations on draft policy
GEF’s approach at a glance

**New Policy applies to all:**

- *New projects and programs submitted on or after July 1, 2019*

- *Projects and programs under implementation after July 1, 2020*
GEF Safeguard Policy: Minimum Standards for Agencies

**MS1:** Environmental and Social Assessment, Management and Monitoring

**MS2:** Accountability, Grievance and Conflict Resolution

**MS3:** Biodiversity Conservation & the Sustainable Management of Living Natural Resources

**MS4:** Restrictions on Land Use and Involuntary Resettlement

**MS5:** Indigenous Peoples

**MS6:** Cultural Heritage

**MS7:** Resource Efficiency and Pollution Prevention

**MS8:** Labor and Working Conditions

**MS9:** Community Health, Safety and Security
E&S safeguards in the project cycle

✓ indicative information on E&S risks and potential impacts; and any measures to address such risks and impacts

PIF/PFD

✓ additional information on E&S risks and impacts, and measures to address these, including any environmental and social assessments carried out, and any Environmental and Social Management Plans or the equivalent

CEO Endorsement/Approval

✓ information on the implementation of relevant environmental and social management measures at project mid-term, if applicable, and at project completion

post-approval

+ annual reporting by Agencies on cases reported to their accountability, grievance and conflict resolution mechanisms in connection with GEF projects or programs
In process…

capture of data and information through GEF Portal

assessment of Agency compliance

guidelines
Policy on Environmental and Social Safeguards