



**GEFTF March 2011 Intersessional Work Program**

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Denmark has the following comments to the Fifth Operational Phase of the GEF Small Grants Program in Kenya (UNDP) (GEF Project Grant : \$5,000,000):

- Problem analysis seems to be satisfactory, but do not reflect previous four phases of the small grant programme e.g. lack of information and capacity is apparently still a barrier, but what has the previous four phases achieved in this respect? For second (or in this case fifth) phases of small grants programmes it would be highly beneficial if the PIF format included a section on past experiences and results.
- With regard to arid lands the problem analysis is rather short and weak, despite the rather complex relationship between forces of nature and culture (desertification, pastoralists livelihoods etc.)
- With regard to renewable energy (biomass), the general idea is great, however there are issues and uncertainties to note: 1) energy is not an end in itself, and it is unclear what is the overall objective of this intervention (e.g. private sector growth, increase access to energy etc.)?, 2) the intervention will now involve banks and apparently include micro-finance credits/loans, and not just involve a grant subsidy/co-financing of initial investment costs. How will pay back on credits and loans be dealt with e.g. is the small grant programme in reality subsidising a bank?
- Limited/absent link to certain key national developments and framework e.g. the recently adopted constitution with strong provisions for decentralisation (not mentioned), the Ministry of Northern Kenya and their draft policy for Arid lands (not mentioned) etc. Building upon these elements when working on sustainable rural livelihoods (especially targeting arid lands) is key.
- Kenya is one of the few countries in Africa which express a strong commitment to green growth and are actively pursuing a transition to a greener economy. That is not highlighted in the PIF or utilised in the design.
- The degree of harmonisation and consultation with other interventions is not clear.

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- Monitoring is only vaguely described.
  - It is not clear if the GEF small grant monitoring scheme is linked to the national monitoring schemes in Costa Rica.

Denmark has the following comments to the Fifth Operational Phase of the GEF Small Grants Program in Ecuador(UNDP) (GEF Project Grant : \$4,398,145)

- Monitoring is only vaguely described; the project applies internal GEF/SGP monitoring, which is probably acceptable to donors; but it is not clear in which way is the GEF small grant monitoring scheme linked to the national monitoring schemes in Ecuador?

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