

GEF Country Portfolio Evaluation

Tajikistan (1992-2014)

Scoping Mission

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Scope

- **All nationally** implemented GEF supported projects
 - All modalities: Full, medium size, enabling activities, SGP, and others
 - All stages of the project cycle: pipeline, under implementation and completed/closed
 - Implemented by all GEF Agencies in all Focal Areas
- **Regional and global** projects are selected for review on the basis of the following:
 - A Project Coordination Unit is based in the country
 - Demonstration sites exist in the country
 - A clear connection exists to national projects
 - The project is in a focal area that is of particular relevance for the country

Online stakeholder consultation?

An open door for ongoing stakeholder consultation and data collection:

- Make evaluation process more transparent and participatory, while maintaining independence
- Gather additional information and data that can be triangulated with more traditional data sources
- Use the online platform for dissemination purposes once the evaluation is complete

Activities:

- Discuss TOR/evaluation questions
- Periodic updates the evaluation process and fieldwork
- Discuss and verify evaluation products

Discussion:

- Would you be interested in participating in stakeholder consultations?
- What format would be the most convenient: teleconferences, mailing discussion group, webinars?

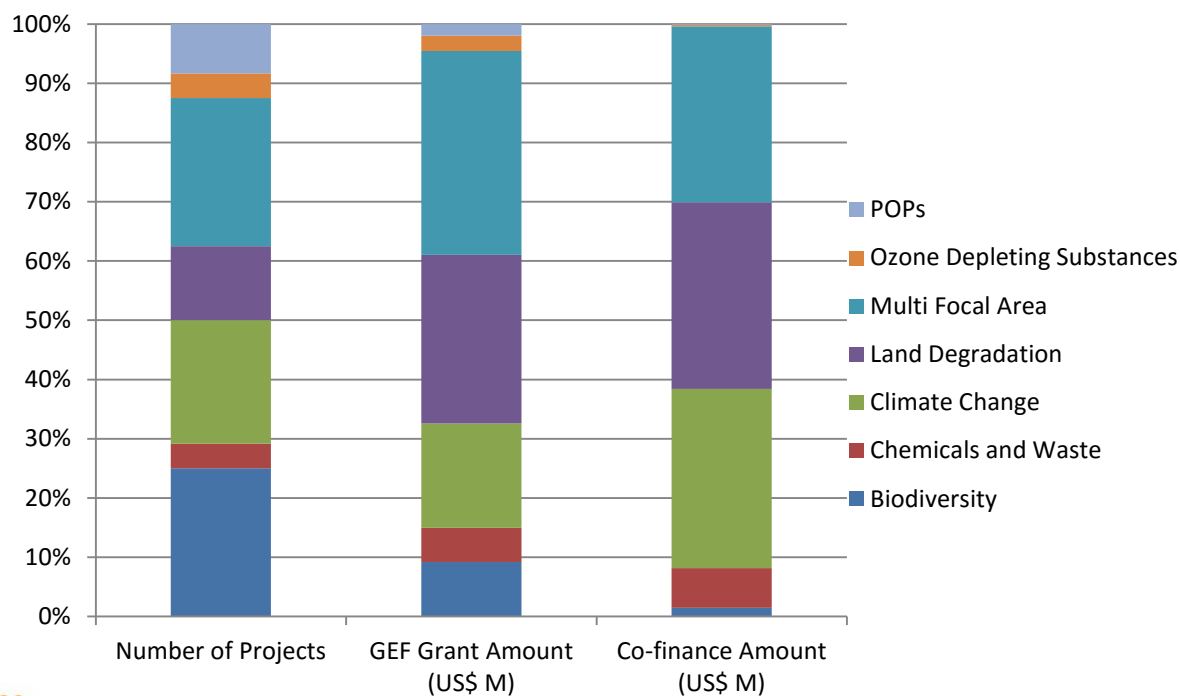
The GEF Portfolio in Tajikistan

Projects approved/endorsed, on-going, completed, closed, pending

			GEF Grant (US\$ M)	Co-finance (US\$ M)
National	24 Projects	6 in BD	34.71	119.77
		5 in CC		
		3 in LD		
		1 in Chemicals and Waste		
		1 in ODS		
		2 in POPs		
Regional	15 Projects	6 in MF	69.72	171.33
		2 in BD		
		2 in IW		
		5 in LD		
		3 in ODS		
		2 in POPs		
		1 in MF		

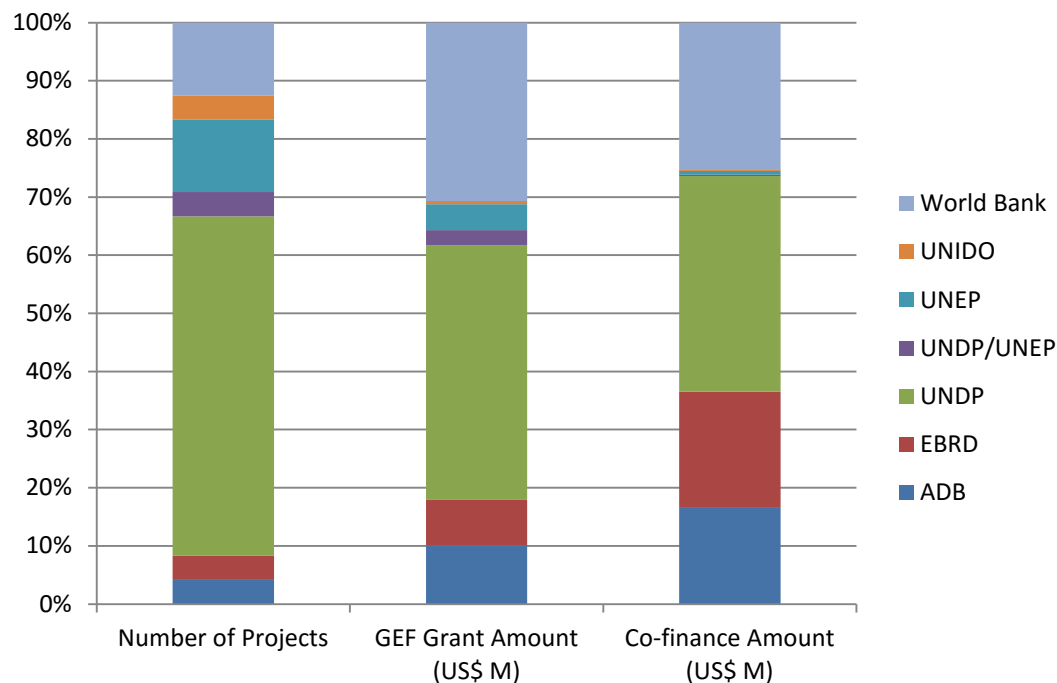
The GEF National Portfolio: Focal Area

Focal Area	Number of Projects	GEF Grant Amount (US\$ M)	Co-finance Amount (US\$ M)
Biodiversity	6	3.20	1.76
Chemicals and Waste	1	1.99	8.00
Climate Change	5	6.12	36.23
Land Degradation	3	9.88	37.72
Multi Focal Area	6	11.95	35.60
Ozone Depleting Substances	1	0.90	0.27
POPs	2	0.68	0.20
Total	24	34.71	119.77



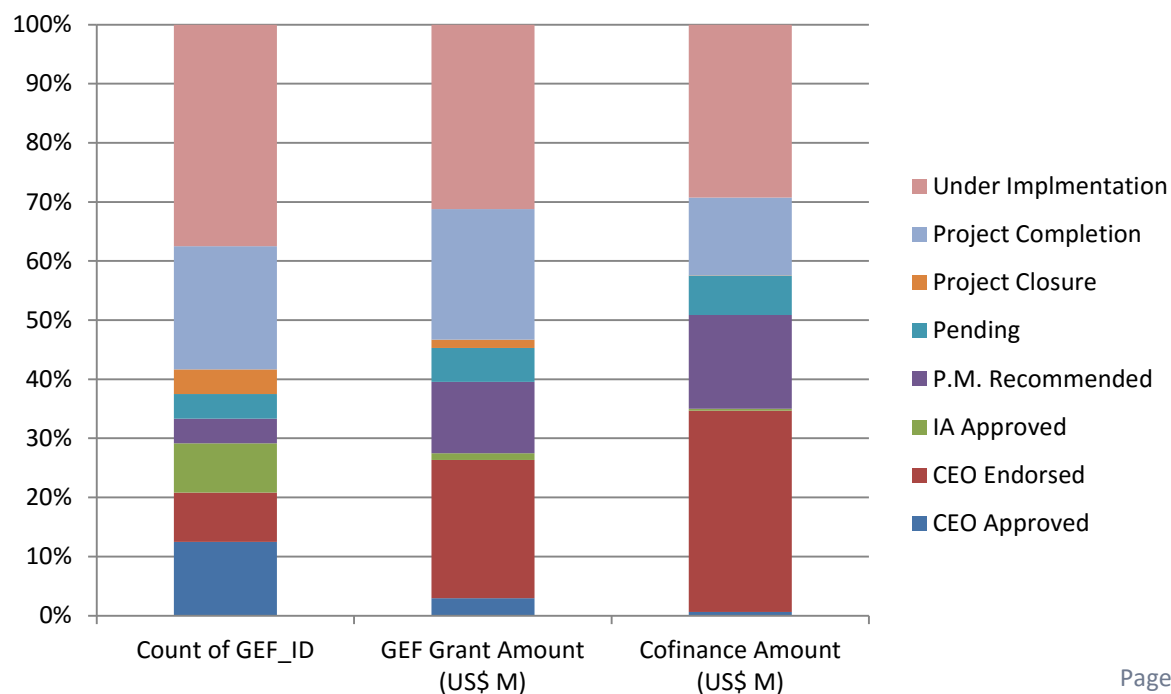
GEF National Portfolio: GEF Agencies

Implementing Agency	Number of Projects	GEF Grant Amount (US\$ M)	Co-finance Amount (US\$ M)
ADB	1	3.50	19.81
EBRD	1	2.73	23.90
UNDP	14	15.20	44.46
UNDP/UNEP	1	0.90	0.27
UNEP	3	1.55	0.79
UNIDO	1	0.18	0.18
World Bank	3	10.65	30.36
Total	24	34.71	119.77



GEF National Portfolio: Project Status

Status	Count of GEF_ID	GEF Grant Amount (US\$ M)	Co-finance Amount (US\$ M)
CEO Approved	3	1.02	0.76
CEO Endorsed	2	8.13	40.76
IA Approved	2	0.40	0.41
P.M. Recommended	1	4.18	19.00
Pending	1	1.99	8.00
Project Closure	1	0.49	0.02
Project Completion	5	7.67	15.77
Under Implementation	9	10.83	35.06
Total	24	34.71	119.77



CPE Focus 1:

Effectiveness & Results

Results: *in GEF terms, results include direct project outputs, short- to medium-term outcomes, and progress toward longer term impact including global environmental benefits, replication effects, and other local effects.*

- Is GEF support effective in producing results at the project level and are these results sustainable?
- Is GEF support effective in producing results at the aggregate level (portfolio and program) by focal area?
- Is GEF support effective in producing results at the country level?
- Is GEF support effective in producing results related to the dissemination of lessons learned in GEF projects and with partners?
- Has GEF support led to progress toward impact over an extended period of time after completion?

CPE Focus 2:

Relevance

Relevance: the extent to which the activity is suited to local and national environmental priorities and policies and to global environmental benefits to which the GEF is dedicated.

- Is GEF support relevant to the national sustainable development agenda and environmental priorities?
- Is GEF support relevant to the country's development needs and challenges?
- Is GEF support relevant to national GEF focal area action plans?
- Is GEF support relevant to the objectives linked to the different global environmental benefits in biodiversity, greenhouse gases, international waters, land degradation, and chemicals focal areas?
- Are the GEF and its agencies supporting environmental and sustainable development prioritization, country ownership and decision-making process of the country?

CPE Focus 3:

Efficiency

Efficiency: the extent to which results have been delivered with the least costly resources possible.

- How much time, effort and financial resources does it take to formulate and implement projects, by type of GEF support modality?
- What are the roles, types of engagement and coordination among different stakeholders in project implementation?
- Are there synergies among GEF agencies in GEF programming and implementation?
- Are there synergies between national institutions for GEF support in programming and implementation?
- Are there synergies between GEF support and other donors' support?
- What role does Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E) play in project adaptive management and overall efficiency?

The CPE Process

1. Communication

Director of the IEO sends a letter to the GEF Focal Point to propose the CPE



2. Scoping

Pre-evaluation mission to meet with stakeholders
Exploratory scoping mission to identify key issues the evaluation, promote stakeholder participation, and officially launch the evaluation



3. Terms of Reference

Development of an evaluation matrix and country-specific TORs



4. Research

Evaluation team of GEF-IEO staff and local consultants conduct desk reviews of existing data and literature; production of the portfolio database, CELF and GEBA



5. Evaluation

The team conducts the main evaluative data-gathering phase: Project field visits, interviews, surveys, ROTIs, and triangulation analysis leading to preliminary findings



6. Consultation Workshop

A final workshop is organized to discuss key preliminary findings



7. Draft Report

A draft report is circulated to stakeholders for comments and peer reviewers for quality assurance



8. Final Report

A final report is prepared incorporating workshop feedback
Management responses requested from the GEF Secretariat and the Government

Expected Timeframe

#	Task	Approx. dates
1	Communication	August 2014
2	Pre-evaluation mission	October 2014
4	1 st GEF-IEO mission: Scoping Mission	October 2014
3	Contracting of consultants	
5	Evaluation phase a. Develop an evaluation matrix and country-specific TORs. b. Conduct literature review. c. Complete project review protocols and portfolio database. d. Draft the Global Environmental Benefits Assessment. e. Draft the country's Environmental Legal Framework. f. Analyze the projects portfolio. g. Conduct fieldwork to selected project sites and Reviews from Outcomes to Impacts.	
6	2 nd GEF-IEO mission: Key preliminary findings	
7	3 rd GEF-IEO mission: Debriefing workshop	
8	Final draft report and quality assurance	
9	Circulation of Draft Report for comments	
10	Final Report and management response	
11	Presentation in the ACPER 2015 at Council meeting	June 2015

Discussion

- Questions for clarification?
- Are there any specific issues regarding the GEF in Russia that you would like the CPE to look into, in addition to those already included in the standard TORs?
- Any suggestions to assist us on the preparation of the evaluation work plan?
- Any other comments, requests or feedback?