



Independent
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GLOBAL ENVIRONMENT FACILITY

Semi-Annual Evaluation Report of the IEO: June 2016

GEF 50th Council Meetings

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Introduction

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CSO Network Evaluation

Key Evaluation Questions:

- 1. To what extent is the CSO network meeting its intended goals and strategic objectives and adding value to the GEF Partnership and its membership?
- 2. How are Network features contributing to the effective and efficient functioning of the Network?



Tajikistan Country Portfolio Evaluation (1999-2015)

- The GEF committed US\$33.9 million in 23 national projects, with US\$119.65 million in co-financing
- GEF support broadly aligned with GEF mandate, helped the country address international commitments
- Well integrated into the government systems, assisted by the country's well-developed environmental legal framework



Effectiveness

- GEF support effective in protected areas management and biosafety legislation
- GEF support translated in 50.7 tons of Ozone Depletion Potential (ODP) equivalent, allowing the country to return to compliance with the Montreal Protocol in 2006
- Support to Persistent Organic Pollutants (POPs) was limited.
- Womens' involvement occurred through participation in environmental education, agricultural and/or small economic activities training



Efficiency

- Perceptions of long project cycle, especially at formulation
- Delays due to insufficient consultation between the GEF focal point and project proponents, low in-country project design capacity and lack of specialized technical expertise.
- M&E improved over time, and adaptive management is occurring as a result of MTRs. The GEF tracking tools have been used on a limited basis.



Annual Performance Report 2015

- APR 2015 reports on a total of 1,077 completed projects (US\$4.8 billion in GEF funding and US\$22.4 billion in realized co-financing) for which terminal evaluations have been submitted to the IEO from calendar year 2000 to 2015
- 159 of the 1,077 were recently completed projects (US\$728 million in GEF funding and US\$3.3 billion in realized co-financing)



Approach Paper for the Sixth Comprehensive Evaluation of the GEF

- *GEF in a Changing Environment Finance Landscape*
- Assess implementation of OPS5 recommendations
- Real time evaluations of programmatic developments (IAPs)
- An external review panel of 5 high-level experts
- All studies to be launched by July 2016

Evaluation Work in Progress

- Programmatic Approaches
- Multiple Benefits
- GEF and the Private Sector
- Focal Area Studies
 - International Waters
 - Land Degradation including Value for Money Analysis
 - Chemicals and Waste



Other Initiatives

Publications and Participation in Workshops on Environmental Evaluation

- UN Evaluation Group Annual Meetings
- Evaluation Cooperation Group of the IFIs
- DAC Evaluation Network
- Adaptation Futures Conference
- Convention on Biodiversity
- Global Platform for Sustainable Development Studies
- 8th GEF IW Conference

Application of modern evaluative methods

- Geospatial and remote sensing analysis
- System level theory of change on broader adoption mechanisms for progress to impact
- Rapid impact evaluation
- Real time (formative) evaluation

Other Initiatives continued...IEO Website

The screenshot displays the IEO website interface. At the top left is the IEO logo with the text "Independent Evaluation Office" and "GLOBAL ENVIRONMENT FACILITY". To the right of the logo are social media icons for Twitter, Facebook, LinkedIn, and YouTube, followed by a search bar labeled "Enter your keywords". Below the header is a navigation menu with links: "About Us", "Policies & Guidelines", "Evaluations", "Knowledge & Methods", "Council", and "Data & Maps".

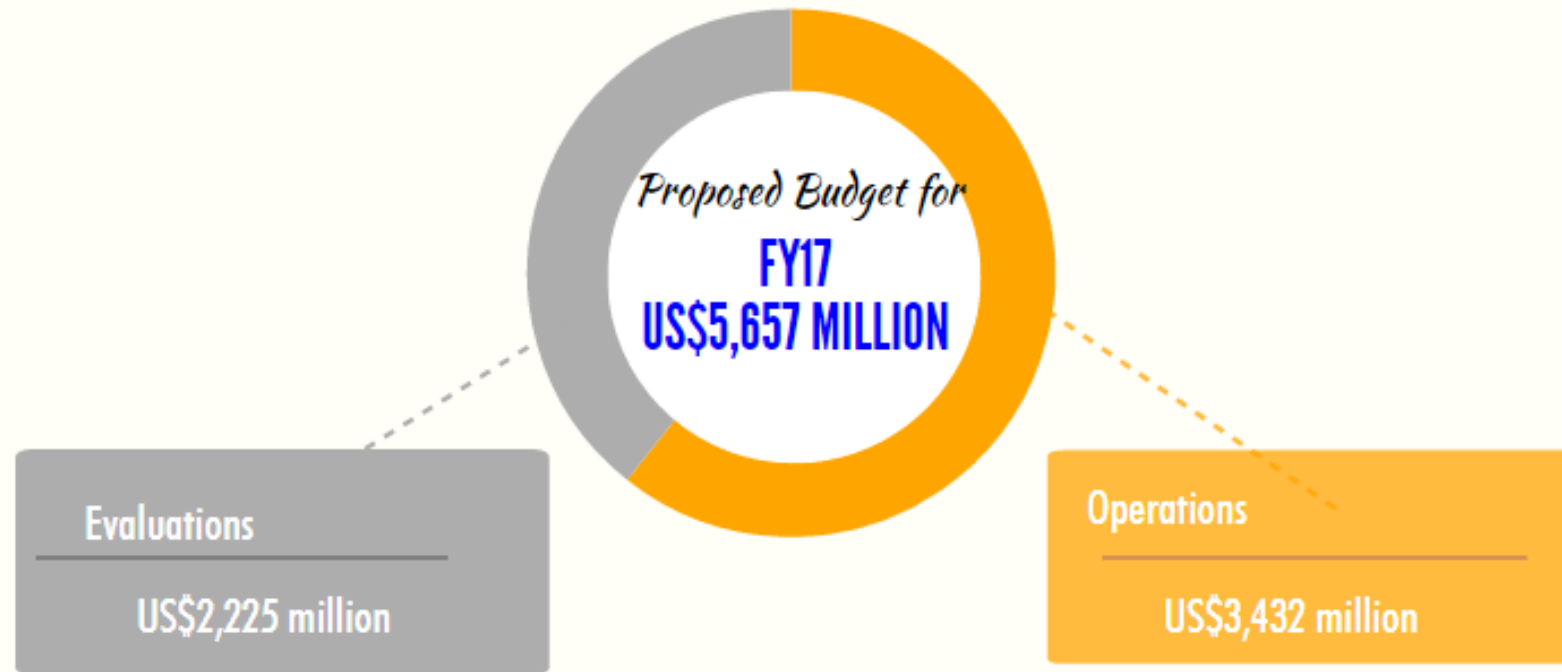
The main content area features several tiles:

- A large tile on the left titled "GEF IEO Introduces a New Data Visualization Tool for the website" with a map of the world and the text "Data & Maps".
- A row of three smaller tiles below it, each labeled "EVALUATION":
 - "Least Developed Countries Fund (LDCF) 2016" with an image of elephants.
 - "Country Portfolio Evaluation (CPE) Morocco" with an image of a factory.
 - "Support to Areas and Area Systems" with an image of a person.
- A blue bar at the bottom left labeled "Thematic & Impact".
- A section titled "Knowledge & Methods »" at the bottom, containing four tiles:
 - "PUBLICATION" with a document icon.
 - "MULTIMEDIA" with a map icon.
 - "LESSONS LEARNED" with a globe icon and the title "National Capacity Self-Assessments: Results and Lessons Learned for Global Environmental Sustainability".
 - "DATA & MAPS" with a map icon.



Budget for Fiscal Year 2016-2017

- IEO Budget for FY16 has been executed as planned
- The multi-annual budget has not seen major changes and all evaluation work covered under this account is completed or underway



Budget continued...

<i>Independent Evaluation Office FY16 Budget (thousand \$)</i>			
<i>USD in thousands</i>	<i>FY16 Budget</i>	<i>FY16 Expenditure (Estimated)</i>	<i>FY17 Proposed Budget</i>
Fixed Costs		<i>(As of May 10, 2016)</i>	
<i>Staff Cost</i>	\$2,604	\$2,522	\$2,777
<i>General Operations Costs</i>	\$450	\$450	\$470
Total Fixed Costs (A)	\$3,054	\$2,972	\$3,247
Variable Costs			
<i>Professional Development</i>	\$60	\$20	\$60
<i>Participations in Networks</i>	\$40	\$66	\$40
<i>IEO Management Operations</i>	\$50	\$101	\$55
<i>Knowledge Management</i>	\$30	\$63	\$30
Total Variable Costs (B)	\$180	\$250	\$185
Total Annual Budget (A+B)	\$3,234	\$3,222	\$3,432
Evaluations			
<i>Focal Area Studies</i>	\$100	\$140	\$200
<i>Civil Society Organizations Network</i>	\$200	\$207	\$0
<i>Multiple Benefits</i>	\$325	\$100	\$325
<i>Programmatic Approaches</i>	\$250	\$100	\$250
<i>Integrated Programs</i>	\$250	\$0	\$250
<i>Strategic Country Level and Cluster Evaluations</i>	\$200	\$75	\$500
<i>Sixth Comprehensive Evaluation of the GEF</i>		\$238	\$700
<i>Annual Performance Report</i>	\$150	\$222	\$0
Total Evaluations Costs (C)	\$1,475	\$1,082	\$2,225
Total (A+B+C)	\$4,709	\$4,304	\$5,657

Recommended Council Decision

Regarding the Semi Annual Evaluation Report of the Independent Evaluation Office.

The Council, having reviewed the “Semi-Annual Evaluation Report of the GEF Independent Evaluation Office: June 2016,” approves the IEO Budget for FY2017.

A scenic landscape featuring a coastline with steep, grassy mountains. The foreground shows a grassy slope leading down to a body of water. The mountains in the background are rugged and covered in green vegetation. The sky is filled with white and grey clouds, with some blue visible. The text "Thank you!" is overlaid in the center of the image.

Thank you!

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