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The GEF Land Degradation focal area study

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Evolution of the strategy

GEF-1-2

Operational Program on Integrated Ecosystem Management
LD seen as a “linkage activity”

GEF-3

Operational Program on SLM.
LDFA established as a focal area.
GEF the financial mechanism for the UNCCD.

GEF-4

Focal area strategy on LDFA
Shift towards multifocal and programmatic approaches

GEF-5

Focal area strategies linked with the UNCCD’s 10 year strategy

GEF-6

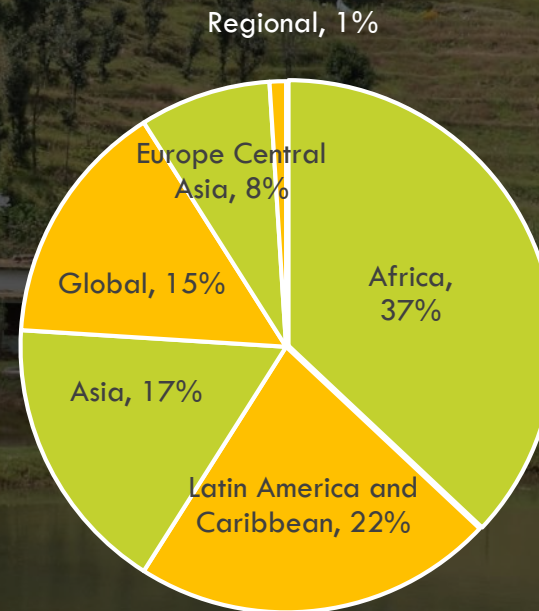
Focal area strategies alignment towards LDN

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Portfolio

\$3.4 billion
618 projects
with an LD
component (58%
multifocal)

Cofinancing
20.4
billion



Shift towards
integrated
landscapes

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Highly relevant



United Nations
Convention to Combat
Desertification

Africa

Addresses the
local
socioeconomic
drivers

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Value for money

\$1:1.08

43.52
tC/ha

+

Vegetation productivity

-

forest loss and
land fragmentation

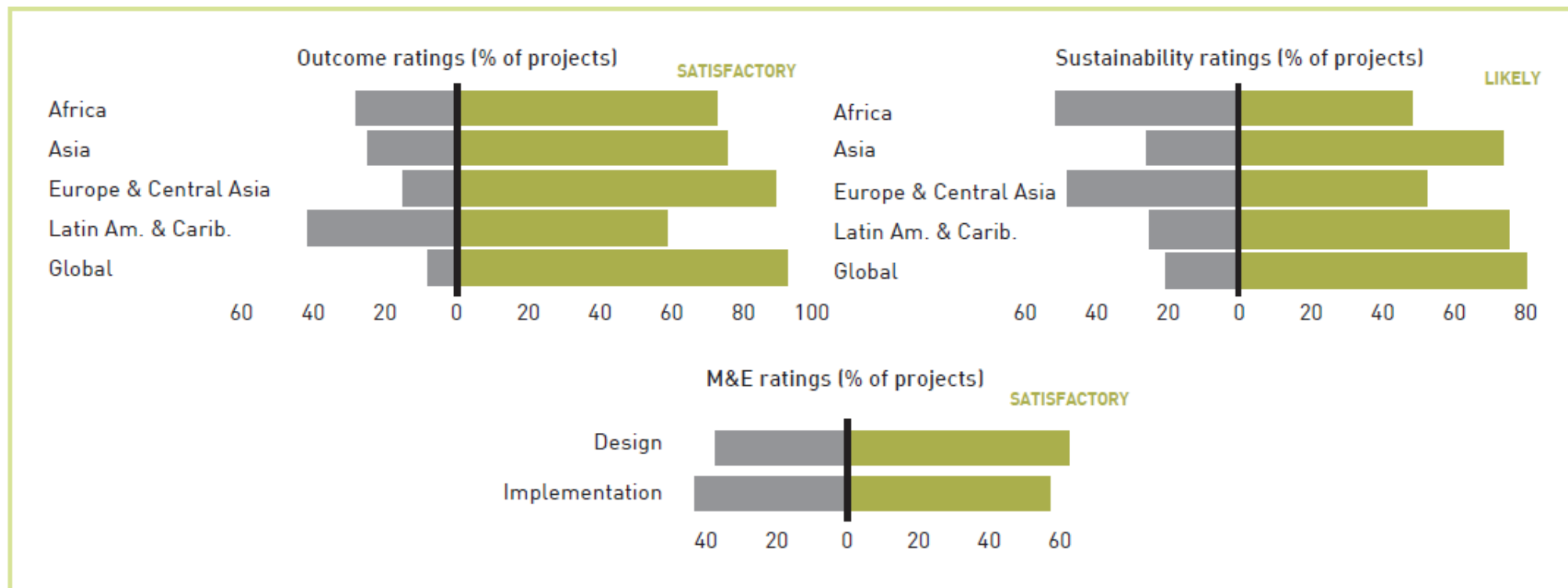


Lag time of
4.5 to 5.5 years for
impacts to be
observed

Access to electricity
associated with higher
impact

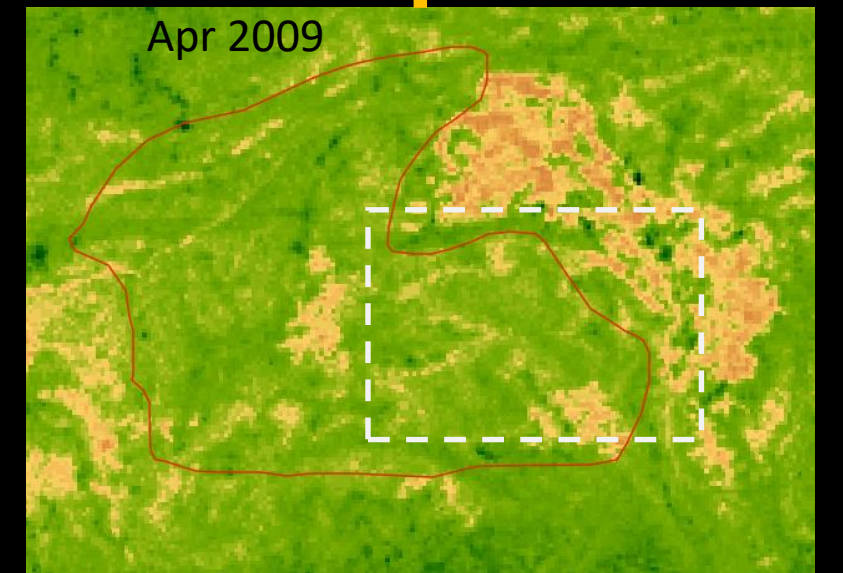
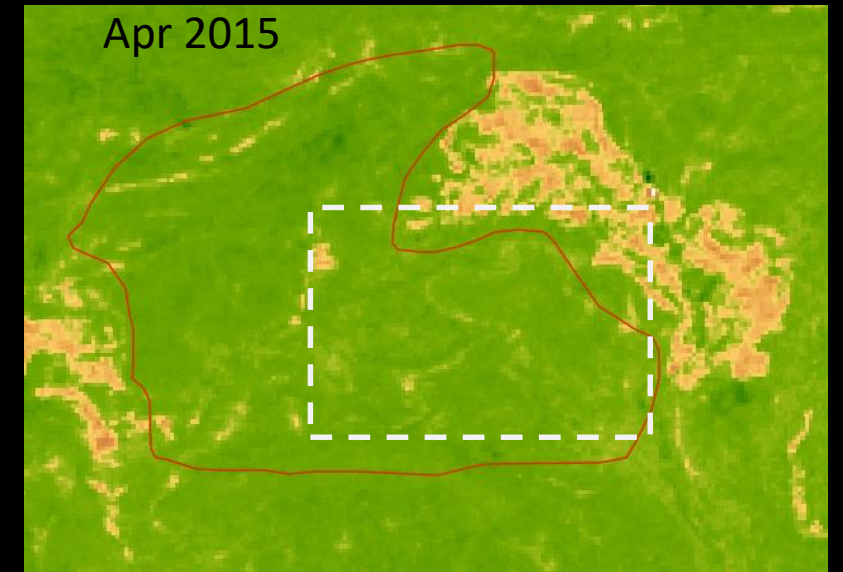
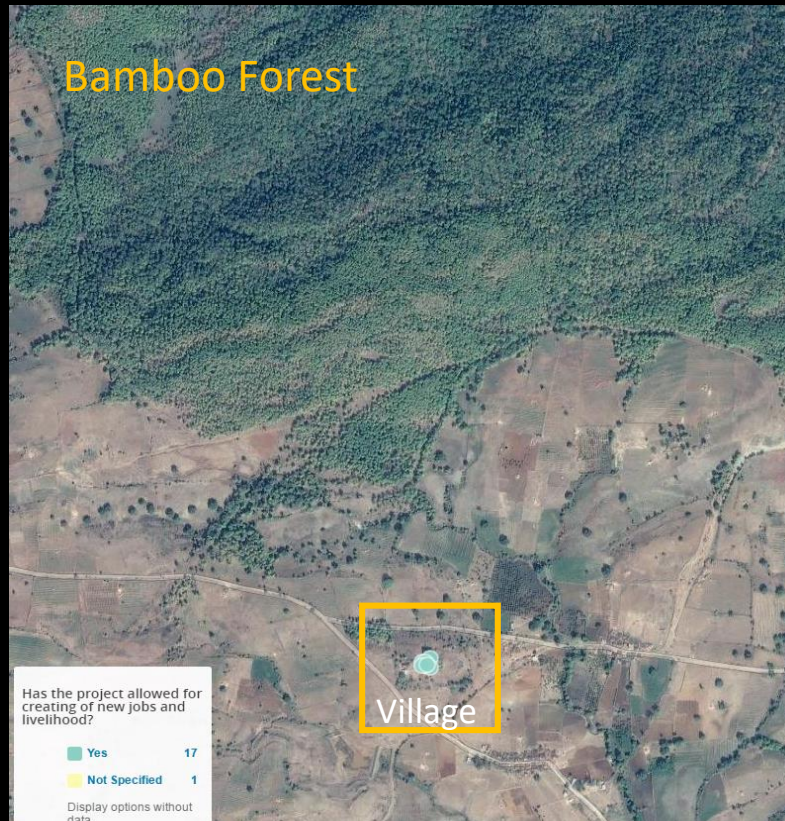
Higher impact observed
in areas with poor initial
conditions

Results: Performance



INDIA CASE STUDY

Combat land degradation in Madhya Pradesh



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Conclusion

Limited focus on
broader issues
e.g., land tenure

Shift towards
land degradation
neutrality

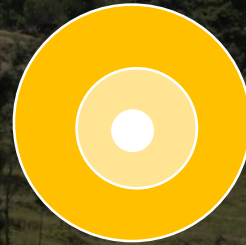
**Monitoring &
evaluation** system
not tracking long-
term outcomes

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Recommendations



Assess climate and other risks



Consider complex contextual factors within an integrated approach framework



Implement land degradation neutrality with an appropriate mix of interventions



Strengthen M&E tools, knowledge dissemination



Thank you

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