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Program Evaluation of the Least Developed Countries Fund (LDCF)

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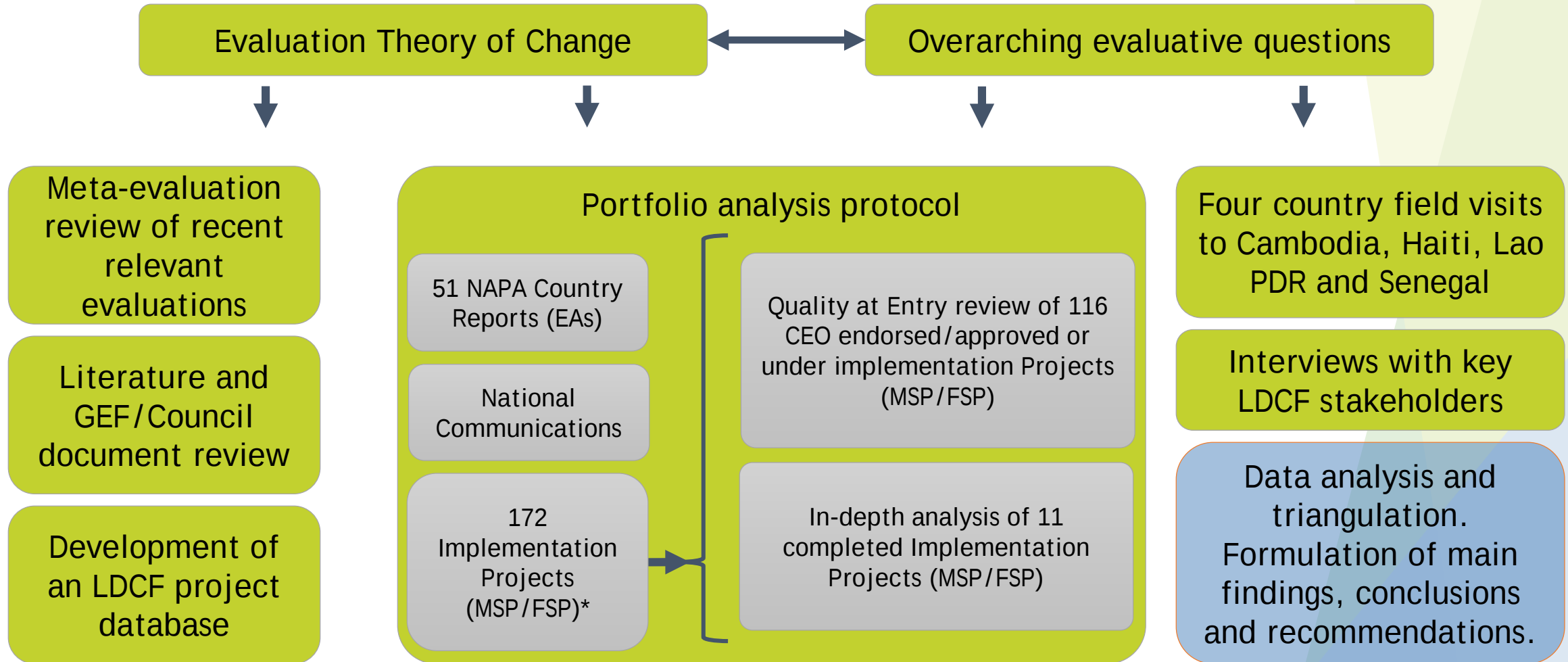
Introduction

- Part of the Four-Year Work Program of the Independent Evaluation Office (IEO) of the GEF as approved at the 18th LDCF/SCCF Council meeting
- Focusing on performance and progress towards LDCF objectives and emerging results
- Aim is to provide the LDCF/SCCF Council with evaluative evidence of the Fund's relevance and emerging results

Overarching Evaluative Questions

- **Relevance** – How relevant is LDCF support in light of UNFCCC COP guidance and decisions, the GEF adaptation programming strategy, and countries' broader developmental policies, plans and programs?
- **Effectiveness and Efficiency** – How effective and efficient is the LDCF in reaching its objectives, based on emerging results?
- **Results and Sustainability** – What are the emerging results and factors that affect the sustainability and resilience of these results?

Methodology



Conclusions (1-4/8)

- **Conclusion 1:** LDCF supported activities, for the most part, have been highly relevant to COP guidance, and countries' development priorities.
- **Conclusion 2:** LDCF supported interventions show clear potential in reaching the GEF's three adaptation strategic objectives.
- **Conclusion 3:** Contributions of LDCF supported interventions to focal areas other than climate change are potentially significant.
- **Conclusion 4:** The efficiency of the LDCF has been adversely impacted by the unpredictability of available resources.

Conclusions (5-8/8)

- **Conclusion 5:** LDCF support to NAPA implementation projects has resulted in catalytic effects in completed projects, though extensive replication and upscaling generally demands further financing beyond the projects' timeframe.
- **Conclusion 6:** There is a clear intent to mainstream adaptation into countries' environmental and sustainable development policies, plans and associated processes.
- **Conclusion 7:** The gender performance of the LDCF portfolio has improved considerably in response to enhanced requirements from the GEF, though there is a need for greater clarity on what constitutes 'gender mainstreaming'.
- **Conclusion 8:** There are significant discrepancies in project data from the GEF Secretariat's Project Management Information System (PMIS).

Recommendations

- **Recommendation 1:** The GEF Secretariat should explore and develop mechanisms that ensure the predictable, adequate and sustainable financing of the Fund.
- **Recommendation 2:** The GEF Secretariat should make efforts to improve consistency regarding their understanding and application of the GEF gender mainstreaming policy and the Gender Equality Action Plan (GEAP) to the LDCF.
- **Recommendation 3:** The GEF Secretariat should ensure that the data in the Project Management Information System is up to date and accurate.

Recommended Council Decision

The Council, having reviewed document GEF/LDCF.SCCF.20/ME/02, *Program Evaluation of the Least Developed Countries Fund* and GEF/LDCF.SCCF.20/ME/03, *Management Response to the Program Evaluation of the Least Developed Countries Fund*, takes note of the conclusions of the evaluation and endorses the recommendations.

A scenic landscape featuring a coastal mountain range. The foreground shows a grassy slope with some dry, yellowish grass. The middle ground consists of steep, green mountainsides that descend towards a calm blue sea. The sky is filled with soft, white clouds, with some blue visible. The overall mood is peaceful and natural.

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