



LDCF/SCCF Annual Evaluation Report 2014

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Background

- Second LDCF/SCCF Annual Evaluation Report
 - Reports on performance of the funds and ongoing evaluation issues
- 2014 report has four sections
 - Assessment of 2014 cohort of Terminal Evaluations
 - Gender Considerations
 - Synthesis of Lessons Learned
 - Management Action Record (MAR)

Assessment of Terminal Evaluations

- Assessment of 8 TEs of completed projects:
 - 5 LDCF (\$13.3m), 3 SCCF (\$6.8m)
 - Not representative of the full range of objectives of the two funds
 - All 8 had outcome ratings in the satisfactory range
 - 7 had sustainability ratings in the likely range
 - 4 focused on freshwater management, 3 on adaptive capacity of vulnerable communities, and 1 on coastal communities
 - All LDCF projects have clear linkages with and are inspired by their respective country's NAPA

Assessment of Terminal Evaluations

- Quality of M&E
 - 5 had M&E design ratings in the satisfactory range
 - 6 had M&E plan implementation ratings in the satisfactory range
- Innovative approaches
 - Innovative approaches identified were very much context-dependent
 - More innovative elements were identified in the SCCF projects compared to the LDCF projects

Gender Considerations

- Assessment AER 2013 and 2014 cohorts (13 projects): 6 LDCE, 7 SCCF
 - Only 1 had an explicit women inclusion strategy in the project document
 - 7 provided gender disaggregated indicator data for some of their project activities
 - 10 included gender considerations in some of their project activities, though only 6 made these considerations explicit in their project documents

Gender Considerations

- Having gender disaggregated indicators in the project design does not guarantee actual women empowerment or women engagement during implementation
- Development of a gender mainstreaming strategy at a project's onset seems to provide better results compared to only focusing on gender disaggregated indicator data

Synthesis of Lessons Learned

- Synthesis of AER 2013 and 2014 cohorts (13 TEs):
6 LDCF, 7 SCCF
- Lessons learned in order of occurrence relate to
 - Communications and stakeholder involvement
 - Monitoring and evaluation
 - Project management
 - Content-technical

Synthesis of Lessons Learned

- There is a need for greater focus on the management aspects of adaptation measures to guarantee further development and dissemination of pilot projects' results
- There are limits to adaptation, and water demanding economic activities cannot succeed in semi-arid areas that are getting dryer
- Strong local participation leads to the use of locally appropriate technologies, and to a higher adoption rate of new innovations

Management Action Record

- MAR tracks level of adoption of LDCF/SCCF Council's November 2011 decision of the Evaluation of the SCCF
 - Ensuring transparency of project pre-selection process rated high
 - Dissemination of good practices through existing channels rated high
 - Communication and visibility policy through improved outreach and publications rated substantial
- Decision will be graduated from the MAR

Recommended Council Decision

- The Council, having considered document GEF/LDCF.SCCF/18/ME/02, “*LDCF/SCCF Annual Evaluation Report 2014*” welcomes the report and notes the information on the progress of the LDCF and SCCF.
- The Council requests the GEF Independent Evaluation Office to develop the AER as the portfolios mature to become a robust source of information and a tool for decision making.



Thank you

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