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LDCF/SCCF Annual Evaluation Report 2015

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Background

- Third LDCF/SCCF Annual Evaluation Report
 - Report on performance of the funds and ongoing evaluation issues

- 2015 AER Report has four sections
 - Assessment of 2015 cohort of Terminal Evaluations
 - Gender Considerations
 - Synthesis of Lessons Learned
 - Management Action Record (MAR)

Assessment of 2015 Cohort of Terminal Evaluations (1/2)

- **Assessment of 11 TEs of completed projects**
 - 5 LDCF projects (\$14.6m), and 6 SCCF projects (\$33.91m)
 - 9 projects focused on watershed and water resource management, and for 5 of them this focus was integrated with land, agricultural or food security management
 - All 5 LDCF projects address primary priority areas as outlined in their respective NAPA country reports
 - 10 projects had outcome ratings in the satisfactory range
 - 8 had sustainability ratings in the likely range

Assessment of 2015 Cohort of Terminal Evaluations (2/2)

➤ **Quality of M&E**

- Only 4 projects received an 'M&E design at entry' rating in the satisfactory range
- Projects rated in the unsatisfactory range for 'M&E design at entry' were equally rated in the unsatisfactory range for the 'M&E plan implementation' element

➤ **Innovative approaches**

- Clear innovative elements were identified in 10 of the 11 projects
- Recurrent topics in innovation are
 - Early warning systems and related communication
 - Climate resistant crops and seeds
 - Innovative water and irrigation technologies

Gender Considerations

- None of the projects included an overarching women inclusion, empowerment, or gender mainstreaming strategy or approach formulated into the project
- For the LDCF Program Evaluation 2016, a new gender rating was developed and applied. The 11 projects part of the FY 2015 AER cohort were assessed against this gender rating.
 - 7 projects were rated ‘gender aware’: Projects appear to acknowledge gender issues, inequalities and challenges, but do not robustly address these, or work around existing issues and inequalities
 - 4 were rated ‘gender sensitive’: Some activities focus on women inclusion or building gender equity
 - None of the projects were rated ‘gender mainstreamed’

Synthesis of Lessons Learned

Most lessons relate to standard good practices in project management, communication and stakeholder involvement, and M&E

- Engaging stakeholders and strategic partnerships are crucial to encourage project ownership
- Clear need for dedicated M&E staff and M&E capacity building at the national level
- Strong working relationships among project teams and government stakeholders drive success

Management Action Record

- Currently no decisions from the LDCF/SCCF Council is being tracked in the MAR
- The November 2011 decision on the Evaluation of the SCCF has been graduated due to substantial adoption
- Next year the level of adoption of the decision of the Program Evaluation of the LDCF will be tracked

Council Decision

- The IEO is not asking for a Council decision on the AER
- The IEO will continue developing the AER as the portfolio matures to become a robust source of information and a tool for decision making

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