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FOURTH OVERALL PERFORMANCE STUDY OF THE GEF

ASSESSMENT OF QUALITY AT ENTRY OF M&E

METHODOLOGICAL PAPER #3

Methodological approach for assessing quality at entry of M&E

This assessment makes an attempt to assess the extent the M&E plans of the full size GEF projects are meeting the minimum requirements at the point of entry. On one hand this assessment provides a feedback on the quality of M&E in project proposals prepared by the respective implementing agencies, on the other it provides a feedback on the efficacy of the quality assurance systems that the GEF Secretariat has put in place to address M&E concerns. A detailed account of the methodology for this assessment is included in APR 2005.

The M&E plan included in the project documents at the point of endorsement of the GEF CEO has been assessed for compliance on 13 minimum performance criteria. These criteria cover parameters on indicators, baseline, target setting, M&E activity timeframe and responsibilities, and terminal and mid-term evaluations. The cohorts of full size projects that were approved in FY 2005 (74 projects) and FY 2008 (84 projects) were assessed. Comparisons between FY 2005 and FY 2008 cohorts allowed an assessment of changes in quality of M&E at entry for the projects endorsed during GEF4 vis-à-vis GEF3.

