Seventh annual performance report (APR) from the GEF Evaluation Office

It includes a detailed account of some aspects of project results, of processes that may affect these results, and of monitoring and evaluation (M&E) arrangements in completed GEF projects.

The APR considered terminal evaluations for 48 projects submitted to the Office in FY10 that account for US$177 million in GEF funding.
Main Findings (1)

- Outcome achievements of 92 percent of completed projects reviewed for FY10 were rated in the satisfactory range
  - This is similar to the FY09 figure of 91 percent and the highest percentage to date.
  - Of the total GEF investment in all rated projects, 83% is in projects that were rated moderately satisfactory or above

For the first time in this APR, GEFEO has further disaggregated this information of projects by ratings in the satisfactory range for each agency.
Main Findings (2)

- Sustainability of outcomes: 63% were rated moderately likely or above
  - This is less than FY09 percentage of 71%
  - Out of the total GEF investment in FY2010, 73% went to the projects rated moderately likely or above in terms of the sustainability of their outcomes
  - This is an increase from the FY09 level of 64% and the 5-year average (2005-2009) of 60%

Overall Sustainability Outcomes rated ML or above

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Main Findings (3)

- Materialization of cofinancing reported by the GEF Agencies, on average is higher than that expected at project approval
  - For the FY10 cohort, the overall ratio of promised cofinancing to the GEF grant amount at approval was 2.0
  - The overall ratio of actual, or materialized, cofinancing to the GEF grant amount at approval was higher at 2.7
  - The overall percentage of actual cofinancing to promised cofinancing is 134%, indicating that actual cofinancing was 34% higher than expected

- Of the projects in the FY10 cohort, 32% were completed after a delay of 1-2 years, 11% after a delay of 2-3 years, and 3% after a delay of more than 3 years
  - In comparison to the long-term distribution, the majority of projects of the FY10 cohort tended to experience shorter delays in completion
Main Findings (4)

- Confirming status of project completion remains difficult
  - This influences the ability to compare time lags in terminal evaluation completion and submission
  - Despite significant improvements in quality of PMIS, the quality of information on project completion status remains weak.

- The quality of 86 percent of the terminal evaluations submitted during FY10 was rated moderately satisfactory or above
Emerging Issues

- The GEF Evaluation Office will assess the reporting systems of new Agencies that enter the GEF partnership and closely support their terminal evaluation review process.

- The Office will seek ways to improve the use of data on completed projects to find innovative, new and potentially interesting correlations and perspectives.
**Recommendation**

**APR Recommendation:**
The GEF Evaluation Office and the independent evaluation offices of GEF Agencies should strengthen their collaboration on the review of terminal evaluations to ensure a more streamlined process which will lead to reduction of delays in submission of terminal evaluations and improve the information concerning project status.

**Proposed Council Decision:**
The Council, having reviewed document GEF/ME/C.40/04, “Annual Performance Report 2010 (Conclusions and Recommendations)” as well as GEF/ME/C.40/05, "Management Response to the Annual Performance Report 2010," requests the GEF Evaluation Office to strengthen its collaboration with the independent evaluation offices of the GEF Agencies on the review of terminal evaluations to ensure a more streamlined process which will lead to reduction of delays in submission of terminal evaluations and improve the information concerning project status.
Thank you