



# Work Program and Budget of the Independent Evaluation Office

*June 2020*



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# Annual Performance Report (APR) 2020

Satisfactory  
outcomes

83%

Likely  
sustainable

71%

**\$7.98**

per each

**\$1.00**

– materialized  
cofinancing



## Quality of terminal evaluations



**High compliance** in reporting of general project information, outcomes, and monitoring



**Lower compliance** in reporting on implementation of social and environmental safeguards

*Some evidence to show that compliance is linked with the internal guidelines of the Agency*

## Completed evaluations

# The GEF Management Action Record

### Level of adoption of Council decisions on eight IEO evaluations

(Full agreement between the IEO and the Management on ratings for level of adoption)

**SUBSTANTIAL  
ADOPTION**



Evaluation of the GEF CSO network



Program evaluations of LDCF and SCCF



Review of GEF support for transformational change



Review of GEF's engagement with indigenous peoples



Biodiversity focal area study



Review of the GEF policy on minimum standards on environmental and social safeguards

**MEDIUM  
ADOPTION**



Joint GEF-UNDP small grants programme evaluation

Completed evaluations

# Strategic Country Cluster Evaluations

## African Biomes and LDCs SCCEs – Highlights

### OBJECTIVES

- Explore the factors of outcome sustainability;
- Assess GEF relevance to the key environmental challenges in the countries covered;
- Gender, resilience, fragility



### SCOPE

*Biomes SCCE:*

**453** projects in  
**23** countries,  
**\$1.63** billion GEF funding

*LDCs SCCE:*

**833** projects in  
**47** LDCs,  
**\$3.18** billion GEF funding

### METHODS

- Aggregate documents, portfolio and geospatial analyses;
- In-depth country studies purposively selected based on the aggregate analyses



*Completed evaluations*

# Strategic Country Cluster Evaluations

## African Biomes and LDCs SCCEs – Highlights

### SELECTED FINDINGS

**1 Demonstrating sustainability takes time**, it tends to improve with time; it depends on **quality of design**, which should consider post project **financial sustainability** as well as synergies and tradeoffs between **environment and development** goals, and take advantage of existing **local development plans**

**2 Multifocal projects** scored the **highest on outcomes** but the **lowest on sustainability** (Biomes SCCE)

**3 Climate resilience is rarely addressed in other focal areas** (LDC SCCE)

# *Third professional peer review*

Review of IEO mandate,  
role, and performance

IEO has prepared  
the action plan



**The review and the plan will be  
discussed with the Council **in fall 2020****

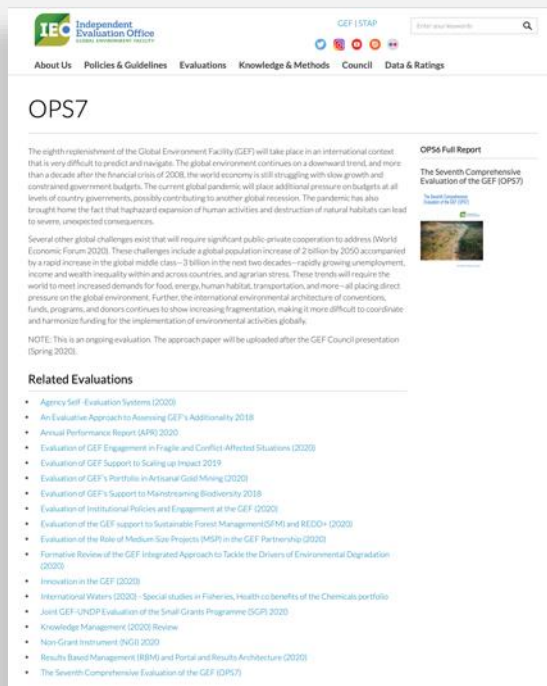
# Evaluation work in progress

2020		2021				
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Third joint GEF-UNDP SGP evaluation</li> <li>• Fragile and conflict-affected situations</li> <li>• Evaluation of medium-sized projects</li> <li>• Institutional policies and stakeholder engagement</li> <li>• GEF interventions in artisanal and gold mining</li> <li>• International waters (fisheries and freshwater)</li> <li>• Knowledge management</li> <li>• LDCF evaluation</li> </ul>			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Results-based management system</li> <li>• Innovation in the GEF: findings and lessons</li> <li>• GEF support to SFM and REDD+ projects</li> </ul>			
				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Economic and social impacts of GEF support to micro-, small-, medium-size enterprises, and the informal sector</li> <li>• Agency self-evaluation systems</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Formative review of the GEF integrated approach</li> </ul>



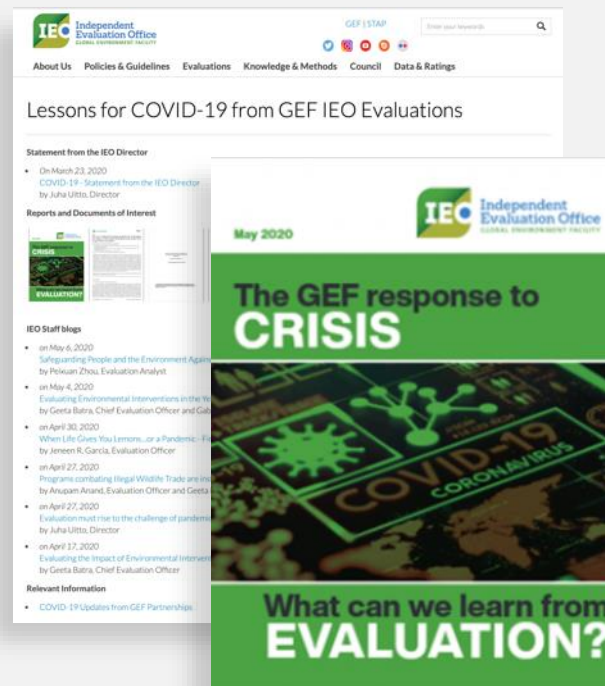
# Knowledge management and communication update

## OPS7 consultations and webpage



The screenshot shows the OPS7 webpage on the IEO website. The page title is "OPS7". The main content area contains a paragraph about the eighth replenishment of the Global Environment Facility (GEF) and a section titled "OPS7 Full Report" with a thumbnail image. Below this is a "Related Evaluations" section with a list of links to various reports and evaluations.

## Evaluation Lessons for COVID-19



The screenshot shows the webpage titled "Lessons for COVID-19 from GEF IEO Evaluations". It features a "Statement from the IEO Director" dated March 23, 2020, by Juhanna Uitto. Below this is a "Reports and Documents of Interest" section with a thumbnail for "The GEF response to CRISIS" dated May 2020. A large graphic for "The GEF response to CRISIS" is overlaid on the page, with the subtitle "What can we learn from EVALUATION?".

## Knowledge sharing and networks



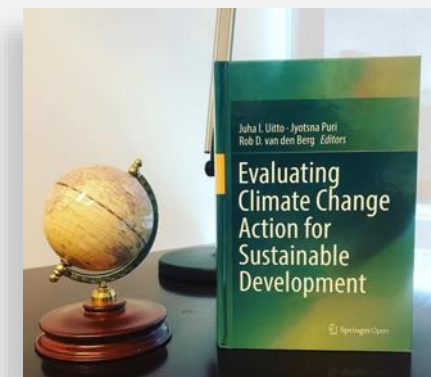
Convention on Biological Diversity



ASL Amazon Sustainable Landscapes Program

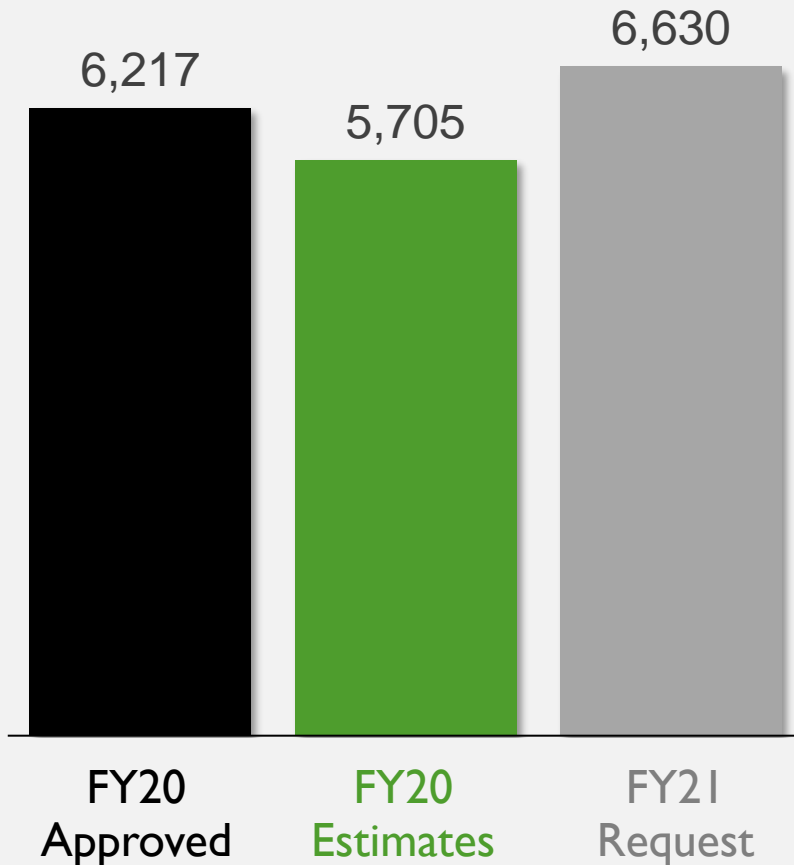


Earth-Eval



# Budget and Human Resources

Thousand USD



## No staffing changes

### IEO Staff Composition FY20

■	1	Director
■	1	Chief Evaluation Officer
■ ■ ■ ■	4	Senior Evaluation Officer
■	1	Senior Operations Officer
■ ■ ■ ■	4	Evaluation Officer
■	1	Knowledge Management Officer
■ ■ ■	3	Evaluation Analyst
■	1	Information Analyst
■	1	Research Assistant
■	1	Senior Executive Assistant
■	1	Program Assistant



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