Seventh Comprehensive Evaluation of the GEF (OPS7)

Approach paper - June 2020
OPS7: Purpose

A. Provide evidence for GEF-8 replenishment

B. Assess to what extent the GEF is achieving its objectives of enhancing global environmental benefits

C. Identify potential areas for improvement

D. Assess the GEF’s progress in implementation and achievement of the GEF 2020 Strategy
**Two themes**

1. GEF Strategy, institutional issues, programming
2. GEF performance, impact, and sustainability

**Evaluation criteria:**

- Efficiency
- Effectiveness
- Relevance
- Coherence
- Sustainability
Relevance and global contribution of the GEF

Strategy and institutional issues

- **Relevance** of the GEF (to global environmental challenges, countries, conventions)
- **Results and lessons** from implementation of the GEF 2020 Strategy
- **Design and implementation** of the GEF-7 programming strategy
- **Implementation** of GEF policies (gender; safeguards; stakeholder engagement, civil society, the private sector, and indigenous peoples)

- **Institutional processes** including results-based management and knowledge management
- The GEF Country Support Programme
- The GEF’s *flexibility* to adapt and respond to crises
Results

GEF Performance, Impact and Sustainability

Performance (outcomes, longer-term sustainability)

GEF engagement with the private sector

Innovation, transformational change and scaling up (catalytic role of the GEF)

Performance, impact, and sustainability in focal areas (special themes)

GEF performance and impact (in country clusters; in fragile and conflict situations; through SGP, MSP, EA, LDCF/SCCF)
**OPS7 and component evaluations**

**Methodology**

### International good practice standards
- Scientific and evaluation literature review
- Theory of change development
- Document review
- Portfolio analysis
- Interviews
- Surveys
- GIS/remote sensing
- Rapid impact evaluation
- Country case studies/field verification
- Statistical analyses
- Qualitative analyses
- Triangulation
- Post-completion verification
- Quality-at-entry

### Mixed-method approach

### Limitations and mitigations strategies
- Limited field work
- Gathering inputs remotely
- Strategic selection of cases
- Using substantial evidence from completed evaluations
**Stakeholder consultations**

- During the approach paper preparation
- During OPS7
- In dissemination and outreach

**Quality assurance**

- 5 external advisers
  - Hans Bruyninckx
  - Paula Caballero
  - Osvaldo Feinstein
  - Vinod Thomas
  - Monika Weber-Fahr

**Component evaluations:**
Peer reviewers and reference groups
Schedule

2020
- OPS7 approach paper
- Completion of all component evaluations

2021
- Summaries of all component evaluations
- Delivery of draft OPS7 report
- Delivery of final OPS7 report
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