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UNDP – GEF in ARAB STATES Progress Report and Plans for 2013

July 2013

1. UNDP-GEF Business Planning 2011 - 2014

The UNDP-GEF Business Plan for 2011-2014, approved by the UNDP Organizational Performance Group (OPG), outlines how UNDP will assist developing countries to transition to green, low emission and climate resilient development. On behalf of countries in the Arab States region, UNDP plans to mobilize **USD 81 million** from the GEF/LDCF/SCCF/NPIF¹ Trust Funds and the Adaptation Fund (AF) **by 2014** to develop capacities, remove policy and regulatory barriers, and transform markets in order to increase resilience, reduce poverty and make green low emission climate resilient development possible.

2. GEF-5 Resource Mobilization until June 30, 2013

Since the beginning of the GEF-5 replenishment period in July 2010 and until 30th June 2013, the UNDP – GEF team has mobilized USD 89 million of GEF/LDCF/SCCF/AF and other cost-sharing grants for countries in the Arab States region, representing 110 percent of the GEF-5 (four year) target.

UNDP – GEF Technical Team in RBAS	4 years Target in UNDP/GEF BP (USD)	Value (USD) as of 30 June 2013	Realization rate
Communities Resilience and Sustainability	28,000,000	17,725,526	63
Ecosystems and Biodiversity	15,000,000	12,769,281	85
Energy, Infrastructure, Transport and Technology	10,000,000	20,092,421	201
Green Low Emission and Climate Resilient Development Strategies	24,000,000	24,615,061	103
Ozone and Chemicals	2,000,000	4,240,000	212
Water and Ocean Governance	2,000,000	0	0
MDG C		10,000,000	
Total	81,000,000	USD 89,442,289	110%

3. GEF-5 Resource Mobilization in 2013

3.1 PIFs and PPGs approved in 2013

The figure below includes the USD 38 million approvals of 11 Project Identification Forms (PIFs) and Project Preparation grants (PPGs) from January - June 2013.

UNDP SUPPORTED GEF/SCCF/ADAPTATION FUND FINANCED PROJECTS APPROVED BETWEEN JANUARY – JUNE 2013						
NO	COUNTRY	PROJECT TITLE	GRANT VALUE (USD)	TECHNICAL TEAM	FUND ²	PROJECT/ DOCUMENT TYPE ³
1.	Djibouti	Supporting rural community adaptation to climate change in mountain regions of Djibouti	100,000	EITT	GEF LDCF	PPG
			5,379,452	EITT	GEF LDCF	FSP
2.	Egypt	Protect Human Health And The Environment From Unintentional Releases of POPs Originating From Incineration And Open Burning Of Health Care- And Electronic- Waste	140,000	Chemicals	GEF TRUST	PPG
			4,100,000	Chemicals	GEF TRUST	FSP
3.		Mainstreaming the conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity into tourism development and operations in threatened ecosystems in Egypt	60,000	EBD	GEF TRUST	PPG
			2,574,338	EBD	GEF TRUST	FSP
4.		Grid-Connected Small-Scale Photovoltaic Systems	80,000	EITT	GEF TRUST	PPG
			3,536,364	EITT	GEF TRUST	FSP
5.	Global (RBAP contribution)	GEF SGP Fifth Operational Phase--implementing the program using STAR resources II	3,125,001	CRS	GEF TRUST	FSP

¹ GEF = Global Environment Facility Trust Fund; LDCF = Least Developed Country Fund; SCCF = Special Climate Change Fund; NPIF = Nagoya Protocol Implementation Fund

³ FSP = Full-Size Project; MSP = Medium-Size Project; PPG = Project Preparation Grant; EA = Enabling Activities

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NO	COUNTRY	PROJECT TITLE	GRANT VALUE (USD)	TECHNICAL TEAM	FUND ²	PROJECT/ DOCUMENT TYPE ³
6.	Lebanon	Sustainable Land Management in the Qaroun Watershed	100,000	EBD	GEF TRUST	PPG
			3,187,671	EBD	GEF TRUST	FSP
7.		Lebanon's First Biennial Update Reporting	321,461	GLECRDS	GEF TRUST	EA
8.	Sudan	Implementing NAPA Priori	2,800,000	GLECRDS	CIDA	Cost-Sharing
9.		Promoting Utility-Scale Power Generation from Wind Energy	3,536,364	EITT	GEF TRUST	FSP
10.	Tunisia	NAMA Support for the Tunisian Solar Plan	100,000	EITT	GEF TRUST	PPG
			3,552,968	EITT	GEF TRUST	FSP
11.	Yemen	integrated Water Harvesting Technologies To Adapt To Climate Change Induced Water Shortage	100,000	GLECRDS	GEF LDCF	PPG
			4,920,000	GLECRDS	GEF LDCF	FSP
Total:			USD 37,713,619			

3.2 PIFs submitted and under review by GEF Secretariat

In addition, 1 project submitted in 2013 is under review by the GEF and AF Secretariats.

NO	COUNTRY	PROJECT TITLE	GRANT VALUE (USD)	TECHNICAL TEAM	FUND	Project/ Document type
1	Morocco	Mainstreaming climate change in the National Logistics Strategy and Roll-Out of Integrated Logistics Platforms	2,274,429	EITT	GEF TRUST	FSP
			100,000	EITT	GEF TRUST	PPG
Total:			USD 2,374,429			

3.3 Planned PIF and PPG submissions for July – December 2013

UNDP SUPPORTED GEF//SCCF/AF PLANNED FOR SUBMISSION July – December 2013						
NO	COUNTRY	PROJECT TITLE	GRANT VALUE (USD)	PROJECT/ DOCUMENT TYPE ⁴	TECHNICAL TEAM	FUND
1.	Egypt	Biennial Update Report	352,000	MSP	GLECRDS	GEFTF
2.	Morocco	National framework on ABS and TK as a strategy to contribute to the conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity in Morocco	975,000	MSP	EBD	GEFTF
3.		National framework on ABS and TK as a strategy to contribute to the conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity in Morocco	25,000	PPG	EBD	GEFTF
4.		Promoting development of solar pumping for irrigation	2,200,000	FSP	EITT	GEFTF
5.	Regional	Implementation of the Nubian Aquifer Strategic Action Programme	2,000,000	FSP	W&O	GEFTF
6.	Yemen	Third National Communication (TNC)	500,000	MSP	GLECRDS	GEFTF
Total:			USD 6,052,000			

3.4 Planned Project Document submission for 2013

UNDP SUPPORTED GEF/SCCF/AF PLANNED FOR SUBMISSION IN 2013							
NO	COUNTRY	PROJECT TITLE	GRANT VALUE (USD)	PROJECT/ DOCUMENT TYPE	TECHNICAL TEAM	FUND	Status/due date
1.	Jordan	Mainstreaming Biodiversity Conservation into tourism sector development	2,700,000	FSP	EBD	GEFTF	Approved
2.	Morocco	A Circular Economy Approach to Agro-Biodiversity Conservation in the Souss Massa Draa Region	2,647,272	FSP	EBD	GEFTF	December
3.	Sudan	Climate risk finance for sustainable and climate resilient rainfed farming and pastoral systems	5,800,000	FSP	GLECRDS	LDCF	May 2014
4.	Tunisia	Introducing innovative coastal adaptation practices in Tunisia to address threats of sea level rise	5,600,000	FSP	GLECRDS	SCCF	May 2014
5.	Lebanon	Small Decentralized Renewable Energy Power	1,450,000	FSP	EITT	GEFTF	August

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NO	COUNTRY	PROJECT TITLE	GRANT VALUE (USD)	PROJECT/ DOCUMENT TYPE	TECHNICAL TEAM	FUND	Status/due date
		Generation					
6.	Iraq	Catalysing the Use of Solar Photovoltaic Energy	2,227,273	FSP	EITT	GEFTF	May 2014
Total:			USD 20,424,545				

4. Spotlight on Arab States – stories from the field

A recently completed project in **Jordan** to develop **Capacity for Implementation of the Global Environmental Conventions** was highly successful in bridging policy and research to expand national environment mandates. The project mainstreamed gender considerations from the beginning by ensuring that gender roles in managing and protecting natural resources were reflected in national plans and by promoting women’s involvement in national environment committees. For example, in 2011, the Jordanian National Commission for Women (JNCW) was added to the Rio National Committees. The project developed research guidelines to promote and support implementation of the Rio Conventions which included gender sensitive research methodologies and guidelines for gender mainstreaming in research, including a section on Gender Perspectives on the Conventions on Biodiversity, Climate Change and Desertification.

In **Lebanon**, the land degradation project **Safeguarding Ecosystem Integrity in Lebanon's National Reforestation** Programme, which is at its mid-point, is playing a major role in the modernization of



the reforestation programme in Lebanon and is catalyzing local ownership of the national programme. To date, the project had made positive progress by: developing effective and efficient technologies both at a nursery and in-the-field level; securing ownership at a local level by involving the local municipalities; strengthening the coordination between Ministry of Environment and Forests and Ministry of Agriculture in reforestation efforts; and implementing public awareness campaigns on the importance of forests to the people of Lebanon. The project exceeded its target of implementing three comprehensive reforestation technologies, including those related to water conservation, with a total of five demonstrations. The project employs a participatory approach in piloting these innovative technologies by involving a range of partners: NGOs, universities, municipalities and private nurseries. The project has also surpassed its target of ten full-time forest engineers knowledgeable of and working for

the restoration of degraded forestland; over 21 local forest experts have thus far been trained in forest nursery technologies. These experts have collectively produced two million seedlings of native forest species based on the new technologies trialed and promoted by the project team.

Through the GEF TF financed project, **Developing policy-relevant capacity for implementation of the Global Environment Conventions**, implementation of the three Rio Conventions (on climate change, biodiversity, and land degradation) is being strengthened through the establishment of

three thematic research groups in **Jordan**. As a result, any initiatives related to the Conventions are discussed by a nationally mandated body of researchers, governmental, and non-governmental representatives, which demonstrate an effective collaboration between decision makers and research institutions. Project activities are supporting the Ministry of Environment to establish a high level Advisory Committee to the Minister, consisting of researchers and policy makers to strengthen the linkages and collaboration between research institutions and policy making. A virtual platform to collect, assemble, analyze and manage dissemination of Rio Conventions-related information has been designed as a one-stop information platform. The platform was designed as a core block in a proposed blueprint for the unprecedented national Jordan Environmental Information System (JEIS) which will gather all similar databases into one location. In addition, project activities have involved working with stakeholders to link policy with research during the development or update of their strategies. Intensive efforts have been made to develop a national policy on climate change for Jordan for the first time in the history of the country. Because of project efforts, the importance of developing a climate change policy for Jordan was brought to the attention of the National Committee on Climate Change for voting. In March 2012 the Committee voted with an overwhelming majority to develop such a policy. Project activities have re-energized the National Committee on Climate Change to diversify its membership and add the research institutions which had been a missing element. This achievement represented a shift from a central decision-making business model to a nationally-mandated committee-based decision making model. The national implementing agency has driven all project activities and has been key to the project's success.