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APPROACH BRIEF

Independent Evaluation of the GCF's Approach to and Portfolio of Climate Information and Early Warning System Interventions

CONTEXT

As part of its Board-approved 2025 workplan, the Independent Evaluation Unit is undertaking an Independent Evaluation of the GCF's Approach to and Portfolio of Climate Information and Early Warning System Interventions (CIEWS). As of June 2025, the evaluation team identified a total of 131 CIEWS projects and programmes that may be considered under the portfolio evaluation.

PURPOSE AND OBJECTIVES

The evaluation will assess the GCF's approach to CIEWS, particularly how the GCF has collaborated with other CIEWS actors and or leveraged its programmatic approaches and funding windows in supporting and promoting CIEWS. Secondly, the evaluation will assess the GCF's portfolio of CIEWS projects/programmes, including how the portfolio has been effective in making CIEWS available, accessible, and responsive.

KEY EVALUATION QUESTIONS

The evaluation will seek to answer the following key questions, mapped with the relevant evaluation criterion:



1. Relevance

To what extent do CIEWS interventions align to needs and gaps recognized by governments within target countries?



2. Impact

What are the key changes in knowledge and behaviours of individuals within target communities following CIEWS interventions?



3. Cohence & complementarity

To what extent has the GCF been able to enhance international cooperation to promote and strengthen CIEWS both within countries and at international forums?



4. Effectiveness

To what extent has the GCF portfolio been effective in making CIEWS available, accessible, and responsive?



5. Replication & scalability

Are there indications that the results achieved from GCF-funded CIEWS projects will be scalable or replicated beyond interventions?



6. Innovativeness

Have CIEWS interventions supported by the GCF leveraged on innovative approaches, practices and technologies?

METHODS

The evaluation will use a mixed-methods approach, incorporating qualitative and quantitative methods and data to inform evidence-based findings, conclusions, and recommendations. Based on the evaluation criteria, the team mapped methods to inform the collection of data and information. Team members will triangulate, verify and validate all data to ensure reliability and usability. The key methods for the evaluation include:

- Review of the literature
- Review of previous IEU evaluations including LORTA impact evaluation reports
- Review of GCF documents and policy frameworks
- Benchmarking with other CIEWS actors
- Key informant interviews / focus group discussions with GCF stakeholders
- Qualitative and quantitative portfolio data analysis
- Cluster case study



COUNTRY VISIT AND CLUSTER CASE STUDY

Five countries—Bangladesh, Timor-Leste, Uzbekistan, Guatemala, and Nigeria—will be visited to gather data and information from GCF stakeholders on the ground, triangulate with desk review and inform evaluation findings. These countries have been identified based on a set of criteria, including the following:

- **Geographic balance:** At least one case from each region, including priority regions (SIDS, LDCs, Africa)
- **Project maturity rate:** Projects with medium to high implementation maturity
- **Thematic and modality:** A mix of single-country and multi-country projects/programmes; public-sector and private-sector; and various financial instruments
- **Readiness/PPF linkage:** Countries with current or previous RPSP or PPF with clear connections to CIEWS activities and projects
- **Climate hazard context:** Countries facing diverse types of climate hazards

The cluster case study will organize CIEWS projects by intervention type or cluster, highlighting lessons and best practices for each. This study will be included as an annex in the final evaluation report.

TIMELINE

The inception phase of the evaluation is set to occur between January and March 2025. The IEU will undertake a desk review, as well as data collection and analysis between March and July. Thereafter, the factual draft will be shared with the GCF Secretariat by October 2025. The evaluation report will be submitted to the GCF Board in time for B.44.

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