



Independent Evaluation of the GCF's Result Area 'Health and Wellbeing, Food and Water Security'

1. Context

As part of its Board-approved 2024 workplan, the Independent Evaluation Unit is undertaking an Independent Evaluation of the GCF's Result Area 'Health and Wellbeing, Food and Water Security (HWWF)'. The HWWF result area is one of the four GCF Adaptation results areas. Under this result area, a total of 128 projects (out of 253) were approved as of the thirty-eighth meeting of the GCF Board (B.38), which was held in March 2024.

2. Purpose and objectives of evaluation

The evaluation will assess the GCF's approach to and portfolio of the result area 'Health and Wellbeing, Food and Water Security' (HWWF) as well as the GCF's result management system, against the GCF's evaluation criteria.

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

- **Relevance:** Have the GCF's approach to and

investments in the HWWF result area been responsive to its mandate? And have they been aligned with the UNFCCC COP guidance, and the countries' needs and the global trend?

- **Effectiveness:** To what extent has the GCF's current result management system been effective in monitoring and capturing the emerging results or results achieved on the ground by the GCF's funded activities?
- **Coherence:** How are the GCF's approach to and investments in the HWWF result area different from that of broader development activities in the corresponding sectors? What is the GCF's comparative advantage of projects under the HWWF result area in adaptation?
- **Sustainability/ Replication and Scalability:** To what extent do the GCF's investments in the HWWF result area spur further replication and or scaling up and pursue long-term sustainability of the results?
- **Impact:** What results and impact have been



achieved through the GCF's investments in the HWWF result area to date? What paradigm shift has been emerging at the portfolio level? What are the lessons learned from completed or ongoing HWWF projects?

- **Country ownership:** To what extent and how has the GCF ensured that the countries own GCF's investments and funded activities linked with the HWWF result area?

3. 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 GCF documents and policy frameworks
- Analysis of quantitative and qualitative data
- Contribution analysis
- Landscape study
- Benchmarking with other organizations
- Stakeholder interviews
- Focus group discussions
- Synthesis of previous IEU evaluations and LORTA impact evaluation reports
- Country case studies

4. Output and Timeline

The evaluation was launched in March 2024. The IEU will undertake data collection and analysis in April – August 2024. The factual draft will be ready in October 2024. The evaluation report will be finalized by January 2025 in time for B.4.1, the first Board meeting to take place in 2025.

5. Country case studies

There will be a total of six country case studies for this evaluation. The countries will be identified based on a set of criteria, including the following:

- Project maturity: Countries with HWWF result area marked project(s) that are relatively mature and advanced
- Representation of the three corresponding sectors – health and wellbeing, food/agriculture and water sectors
- Inclusion of countries with low resilience and vulnerability, such as the small island developing states and the least developed countries

Country case studies are not intended as an evaluation of the country's portfolio, but instead are intended to provide the evaluation an opportunity to learn from in-country experience with the HWWF result area-marked projects. The country case studies will be published either as an annex to the final evaluation report, or as a separate volume, which will be determined at a later stage.

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