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# GEF Corporate SCORECARD June 2020





# ABOUT THE GEF-7 SCORECARD

The GEF-7 Corporate Scorecard is a comprehensive report on the performance of the Global Environment Facility during the GEF-7 period. The report reviews how the GEF is making progress in implementing its GEF-7 commitments to better protect the planet's environment. It also looks at how the GEF is utilizing

resources agreed upon during its seventh replenishment and in implementing key policies. The Scorecard is published twice a year and this issue includes all projects approved from June 2018 up to and including the approved June 2020 work program.

## HIGHLIGHTS

While governments worldwide try to deal with the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic and look for solutions to get their economies back on track, work on maintaining and restoring the health of our global environment has never been more important.

This edition of the GEF-7 Scorecard reflects the GEF's work before the start of the current crisis, and also makes clear that the GEF Partnership remains active and is delivering on our collective goal to deliver global environmental benefits. Together, countries, agencies and the GEF Secretariat have prepared a robust Work Program while operating on a virtual platform.

With this June 2020 work program, the GEF utilizes 61% of its seventh replenishment resources. It includes the third tranche of the Food Systems, Land Use and Restoration Impact Program targeting four new countries. Child projects of approved program framework documents are now under preparation and are moving toward CEO endorsement in the coming weeks and months.

The GEF is making steady progress in delivering on its Core Indicator targets to generate global environment benefits. Impact Programs contribute to a large extent to this achievement. Already, GEF-7 projects exceed the targets for three of its Core Indicators.

The GEF is bringing more resources to protect the global environment with its partners and reached a co-financing ratio of 8.3:1 with the current programming, continuing to surpass its level of ambition of seven dollars of cofinancing for every "GEF dollar" for the entire portfolio.

Private sector engagement is crucial to achieve systems change. Building on the last work program, this June 2020 Work Program includes four new non-grant instrument projects that deliver environmental benefits in innovative ways, by leveraging the role of private sector companies.

The Country Support Program (CSP) has delivered National Dialogues in response to country requests and had increased the delivery of Expanded Constituency Workshops in 12 constituencies until February 2020. Due to the COVID-19 crisis, the CSP was forced to postpone face-to-face events but it has quickly moved to leveraging IT tools to engage with countries on progress made in using GEF-7 resources with countries' specific demands: five Constituency Meetings were held virtually in May 2020.

Upstream country consultations also take place to increase country capacity and understanding in strategic programming of GEF-7 resources.

Implementation of the gender and stakeholder engagement policies are making good progress. Projects continue embedding a gender-responsive approach in their design to advance environment objectives. Likewise, GEF projects increasingly engage and work with stakeholders from project design to implementation.

A growing emphasis on digital communication and strategic partnerships has helped to raise the GEF's profile, build awareness, and support action on the global environment. Knowledge and learning activities support this work via e-courses available on the GEF website.

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# 1. CONTRIBUTION TO THE GENERATION OF GLOBAL ENVIRONMENTAL BENEFITS

Projects and programs continue to deliver expected results for GEF-7 against the Core Indicator targets. GEF programming will continue further addressing the targets in the second half of the GEF-7 replenishment cycle.

## CORE INDICATORS

## EXPECTED RESULTS

## TARGET

Terrestrial protected areas created or under improved management for conservation and sustainable use (million hectares)



Marine protected areas created or under improved management for conservation and sustainable use (million hectares)



Area of land restored (million hectares)



Area of landscapes under improved practices (million hectares; excluding protected areas)



Area of marine habitat under improved practices to benefit biodiversity (million hectares; excluding protected areas)



Greenhouse Gas Emissions Mitigated (million metric tons of CO<sub>2</sub>e)



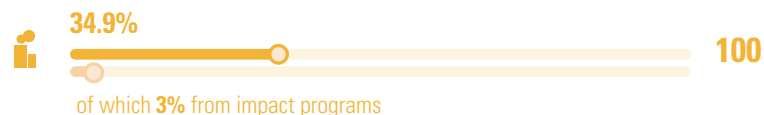
Number of shared water ecosystems (fresh or marine) under new or improved cooperative management



Globally over-exploited marine fisheries moved to more sustainable levels (thousand metric tons)



Reduction, disposal/destruction, phase out, elimination, and avoidance of chemicals of global concern and their waste in the environment and in processes, materials, and products (thousand metric tons of toxic chemicals reduced)



Reduction, avoidance of emissions of POPs to air from point and non-point sources (grams of toxic equivalent gTEq)

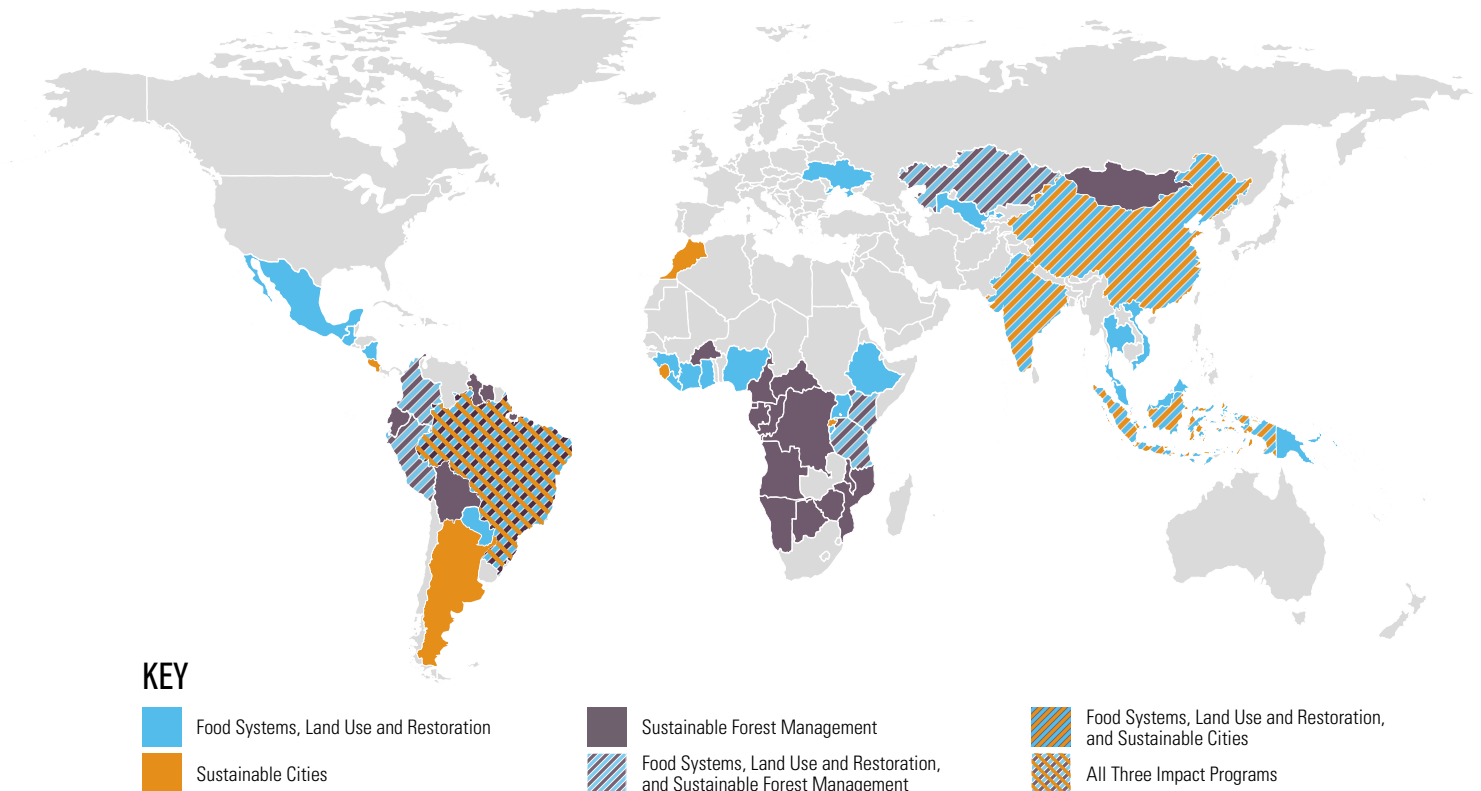


Number of direct beneficiaries disaggregated by gender as co-benefit of GEF investment



## 2. IMPACT PROGRAMS

The GEF-7 Impact Programs are poised to deliver environmental benefits on a large scale, with their resources now almost fully programmed. A total of 60 countries are now participating in the programs, some in more than one program. Altogether these projects advance an integrated approach to tackling the drivers of environmental degradation through Sustainable Forest Management; Sustainable Cities; and Food Systems, Land Use and Restoration.



## CUMULATIVE PROGRAMMING AGAINST NOTIONAL GEF-7 ALLOCATIONS

### IMPACT PROGRAMS

**Food Systems, Land Use and Restoration (FOLUR)**

**Sustainable Cities**

**Sustainable Forest Management for Major Biomes**

Sustainable Forest Management Impact Program on Dryland Sustainable Landscapes

The Congo Basin Sustainable Landscapes

Amazon Sustainable Landscapes Program

### PROGRAMMING TO DATE

79%

100%

100%

100%

100%

### 3. OTHER PROGRAMMATIC APPROACHES

Additional priority GEF-7 programs bring countries together to deliver high impact results and global benefits along key thematic areas. They tackle implementation challenges that are common to many countries.

Other Programmatic Approaches	Countries (number)	Financing (\$m)
<b>GEF Trust Fund</b>		
African Mini-Grids Program	11	27.1
Global Cleantech Innovation Program to Accelerate the Uptake and Investments in Innovative Cleantech Solutions	10	20.1
Global Wildlife Program	18	109.8
Implementing Sustainable Low and Non-chemical Development in SIDS (ISLANDS)	27	73.5
Global Program to Support Countries with the Shift to Electric Mobility	27	55.7
Global Opportunities for Long-term Development of Artisanal and Small-scale Gold Mining (ASGM) Sector Plus - GEF GOLD+	8	47.8
Common Oceans – Sustainable Utilization and Conservation of Biodiversity in Areas Beyond National Jurisdiction	Global	29.1
<b>Least Developed Countries Fund (LDCF)</b>		
Climate Resilient Urban Development in the Pacific	4	17.5

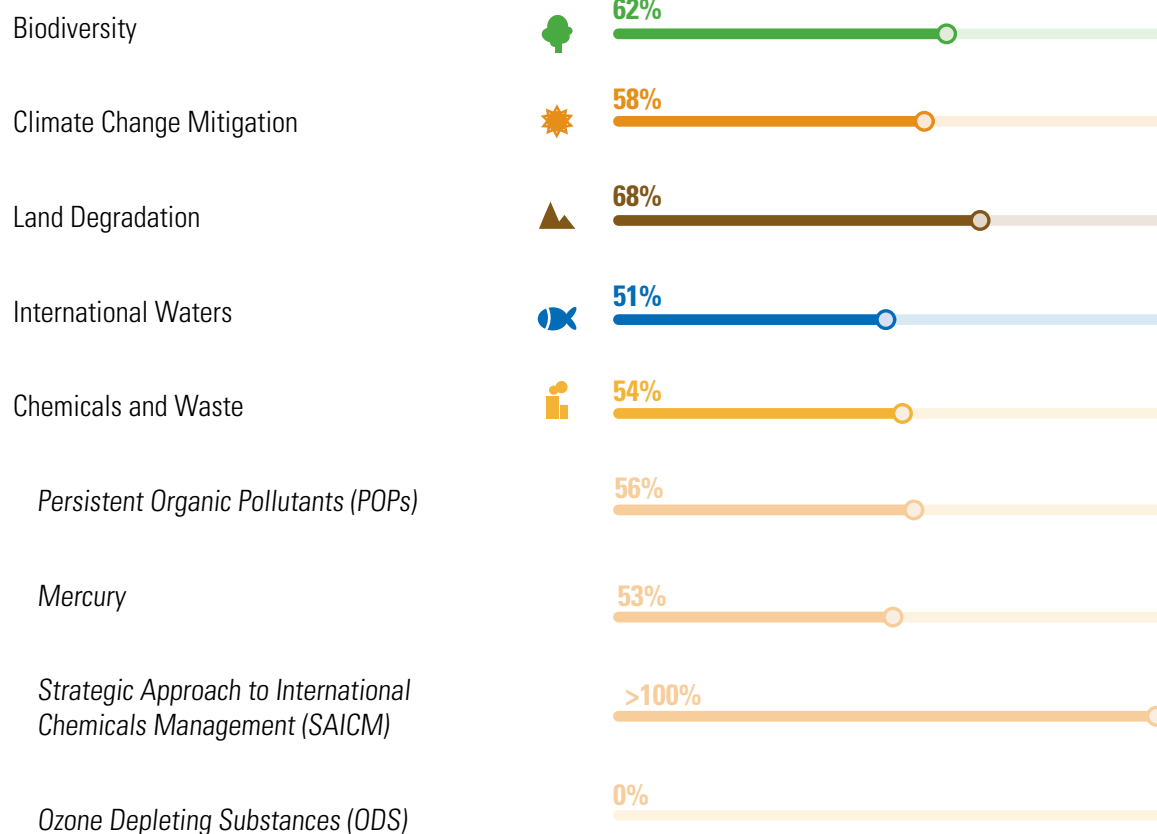
## 4. PROGRAMMING BY FOCAL AREA

This section summarizes the progress made in programming GEF-7 resources to date, including the approved June 2020 Work Program. It provides a cumulative summary of GEF-7 utilization of funds against the programming envelopes that were established by the Council during the GEF-7 Replenishment.

### GEF TRUST FUND

#### FOCAL AREAS

#### UTILIZATION RATE



#### NON-GRANT INSTRUMENT PROGRAM

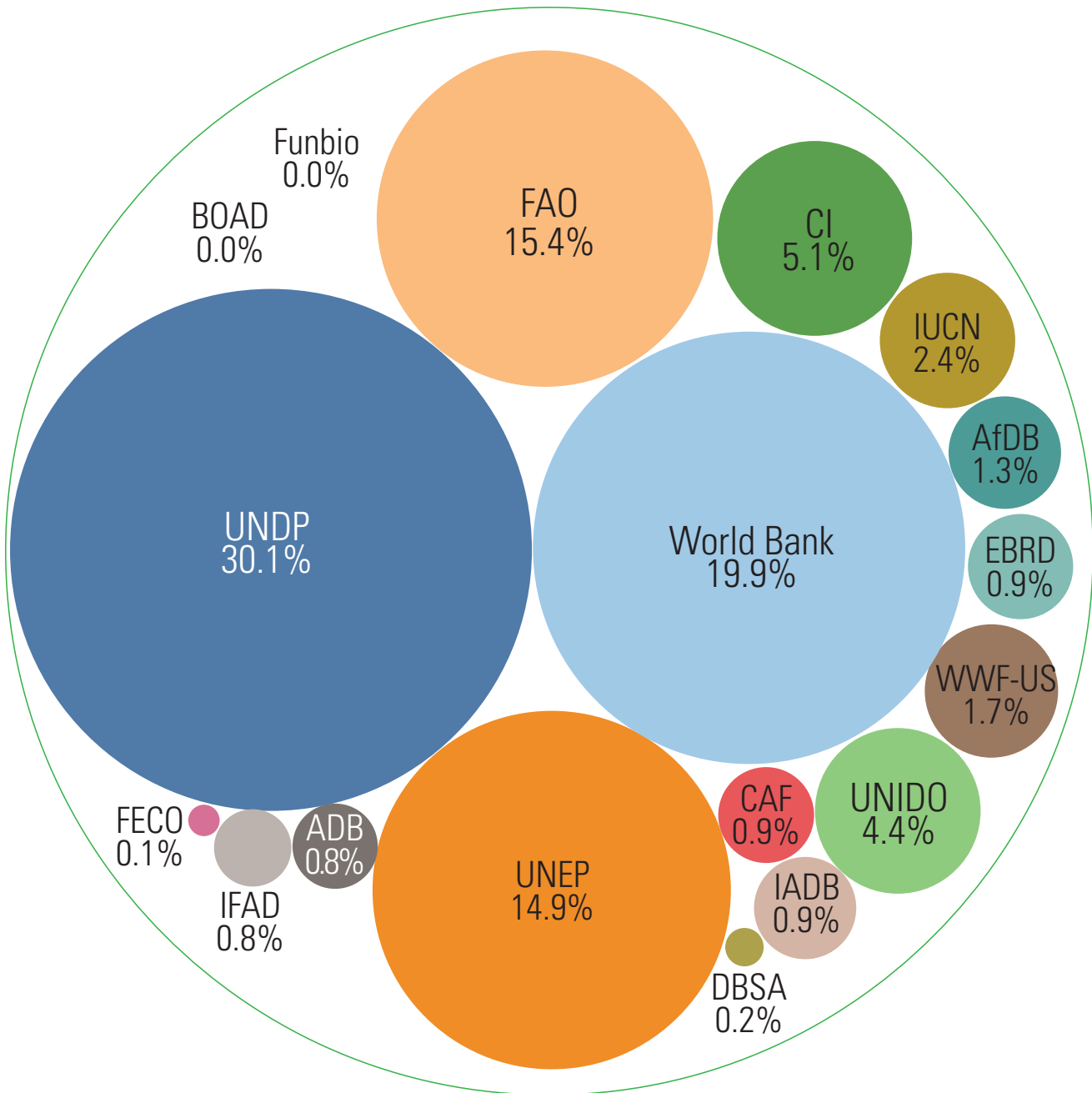


#### SMALL GRANTS PROGRAMME (SGP)



## 5. PROGRAMMING BY GEF AGENCY

GEF agencies are continuing to submit new projects and programs in GEF-7, in response to country demand. The data show the share of project and program financing committed to agencies in GEF-7.

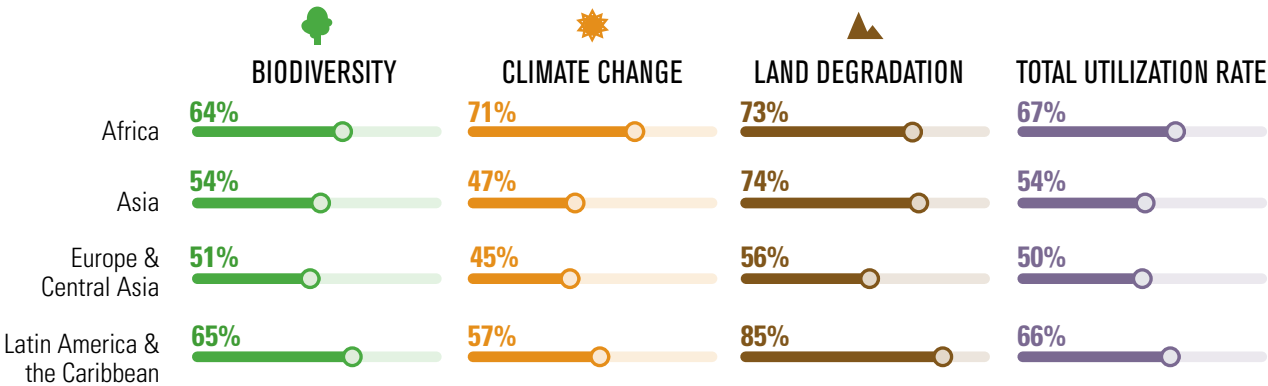




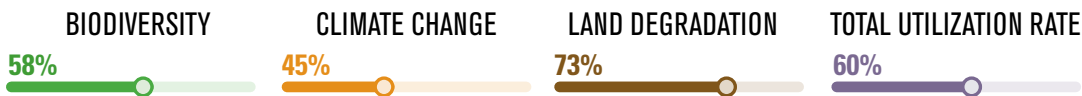
# 6. SYSTEM FOR TRANSPARENT ALLOCATION OF RESOURCES

Utilization of resources allocated to countries under the System for the Transparent Allocation of Resources (STAR) is increasing across the three focal areas it covers—biodiversity, climate change, and land degradation—and in every region. There is marked progress in the use of resources in Small Island Developing States and Least Developed Countries.

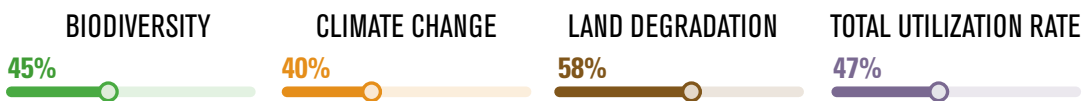
## UTILIZATION BY GEF GEOGRAPHIC REGIONS



## UTILIZATION BY LEAST DEVELOPED COUNTRIES (LDCs)

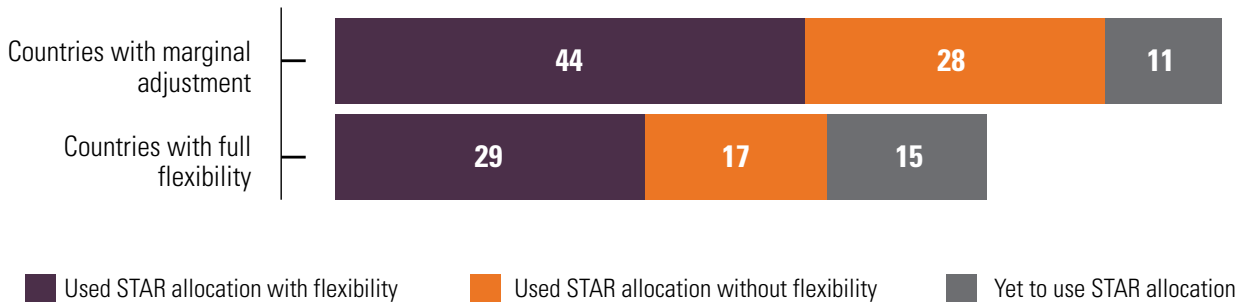


## UTILIZATION BY SMALL ISLAND DEVELOPING STATES (SIDS)



## USE OF STAR FLEXIBILITY

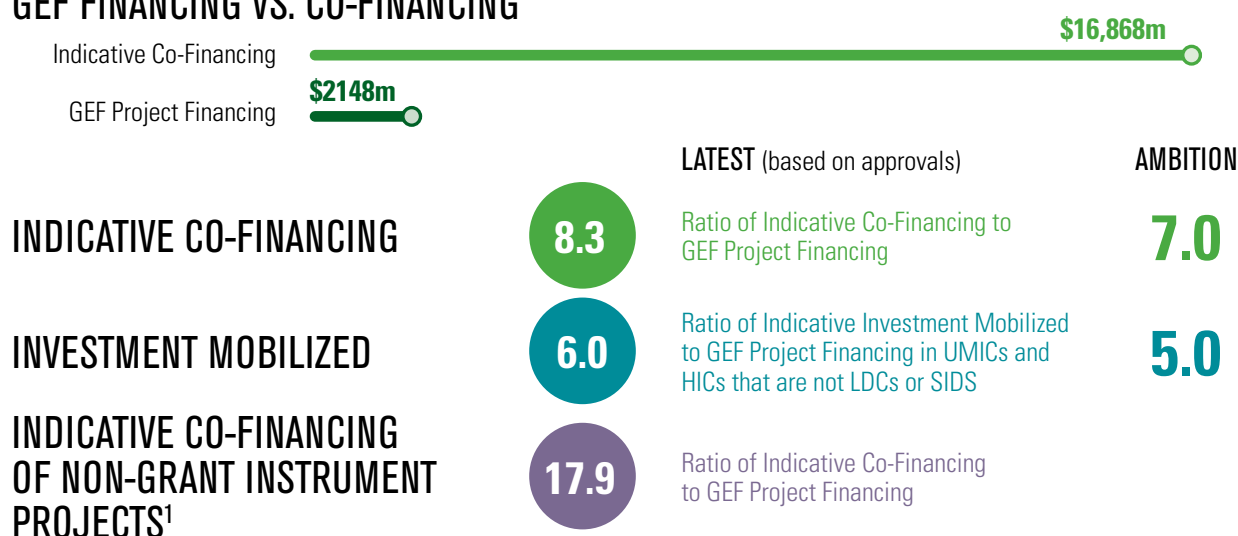
Countries are increasingly using the flexibility offered by the STAR framework in re-allocating resources across focal areas. When using STAR resources, countries can take advantage of the flexibility offered by the system to tailor it to their specific needs and context. Countries with a STAR allocation below \$7 million are fully flexible in conducting reallocation across the three STAR focal areas. Meanwhile, countries with an allocation greater than \$7 million can conduct a marginal adjustment of up to \$2 million, or 13% of their full allocation—whichever is higher—across focal areas.



## 7. CO-FINANCING

The Policy on Co-Financing (FI/PL/01) became effective on July 1, 2018. It sets out a goal for the overall GEF portfolio to reach a ratio of co-financing to GEF project financing of at least 7:1, and for the portfolio of projects and programs approved in Upper-Middle Income Countries and High-Income Countries that are not Small Island Developing States or Least Developed Countries to reach a ratio of investment mobilized to GEF project financing of at least 5:1. *Co-Financing* means financing that is additional to GEF Project Financing, and that supports the implementation of a GEF-financed project or program and the achievement of its objectives. *Investment Mobilized* means Co-Financing that excludes recurrent expenditures. Enabling Activities qualify for full agreed costs funding from the GEF; there is no co-finance requirement for Enabling Activities (GEF/C.52/Inf.06/Rev.01, Guidelines on the Project and Program Cycle Policy).

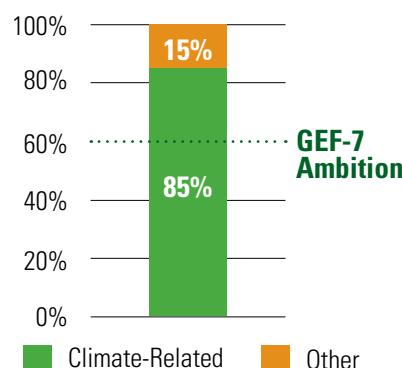
### GEF FINANCING VS. CO-FINANCING



## 8. CLIMATE-RELATED FINANCE

In accordance with the GEF-7 Programming Directions, the Secretariat monitors the share of climate-related financing in GEF-7. For this purpose, climate-related financing is defined as GEF financing that contributes towards climate change mitigation (CCM) or climate change adaptation (CCA) as a principal or a significant objective, consistent with the OECD DAC Rio Marker methodology.

### GEF Financing



### Climate-Related Financing in GEF-7 (\$m)

	No Contribution to Adaptation	Adaptation a Significant Objective	Adaptation the Principal Objective
No Contribution to Mitigation	312	248	40
Mitigation a Significant Objective	597	449	8
Mitigation the Principal Objective	202	282	--

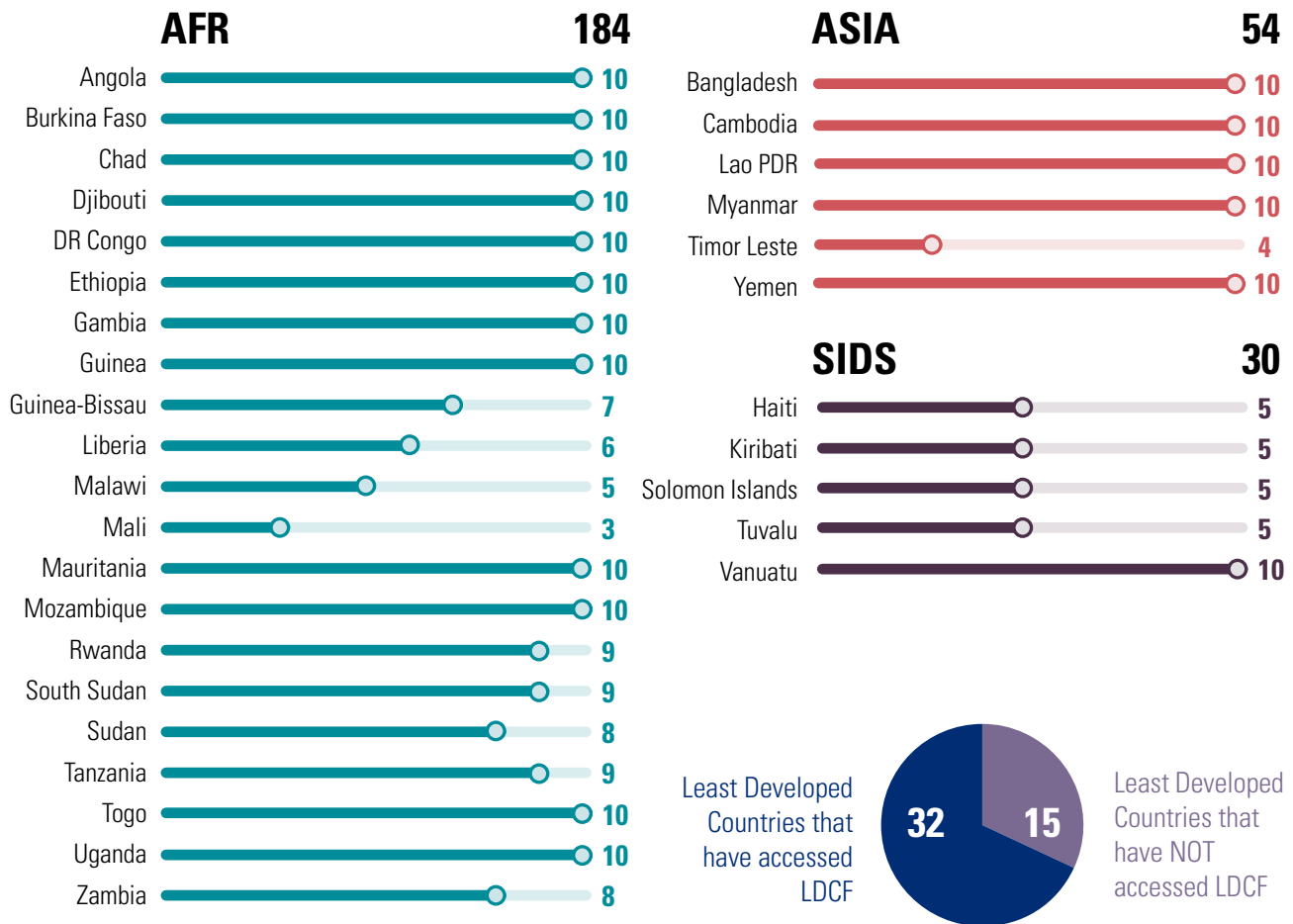
<sup>1</sup> This includes seven non-grant instrument projects, of which project ID 10322 has an indicative co-financing ratio of 57:1.

## 9. CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTATION

The GEF-7 Climate Change Adaptation (CCA) results framework is linked to the GEF Programming Strategy on Adaptation to Climate Change for the Least Developed Countries Fund (LDCF) and the Special Climate Change Fund (SCCF). Four Core Indicators are designed to track the progress in Adaptation Benefits, including beneficiaries disaggregated by gender. The expected results from the approved projects and programs in GEF-7 are depicted in this section.

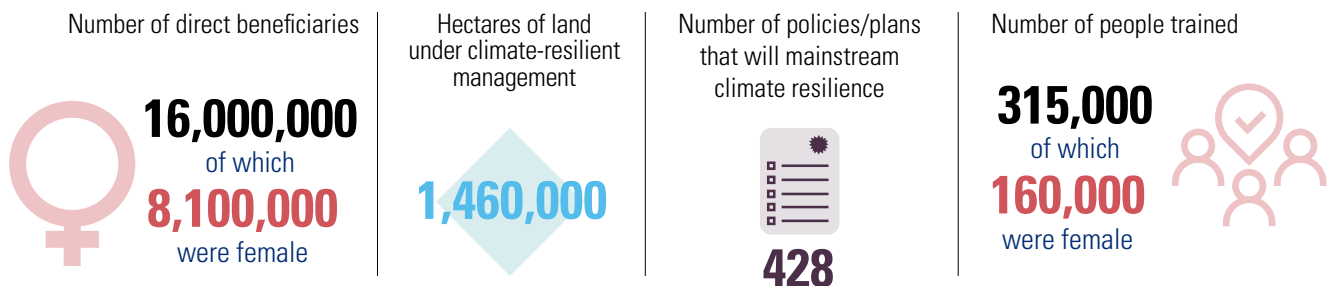
### PROGRAMMING OF THE LEAST DEVELOPED COUNTRIES FUND

UTILIZED GRANT AMOUNT (\$M)



### CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTATION CORE INDICATORS

Inclusive of both LDCF and SCCF projects

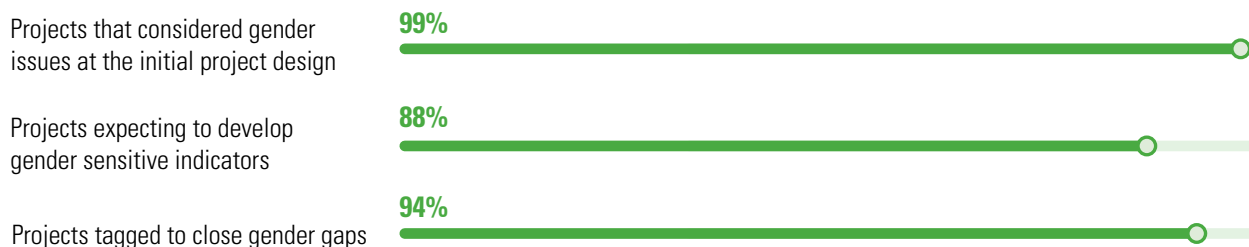




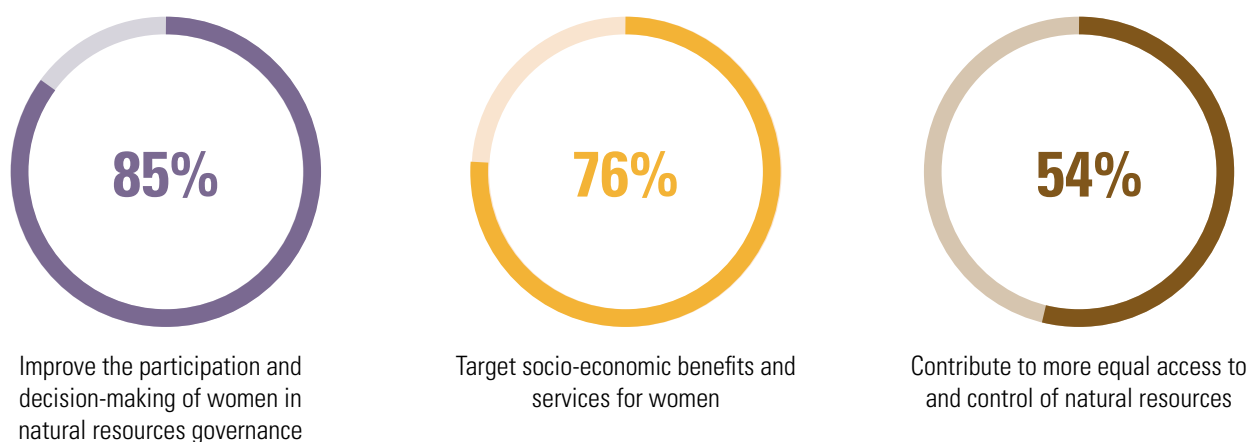
## 10. GENDER EQUALITY

Without greater equality between men and women, the world will not meet its environment objectives. That's why the GEF is making sure that projects are gender informed, giving women and men equal opportunities to contribute and benefit from them. GEF is ramping up its ability to track these elements during project preparation, as shown in the data below covering full-sized projects in GEF-7.

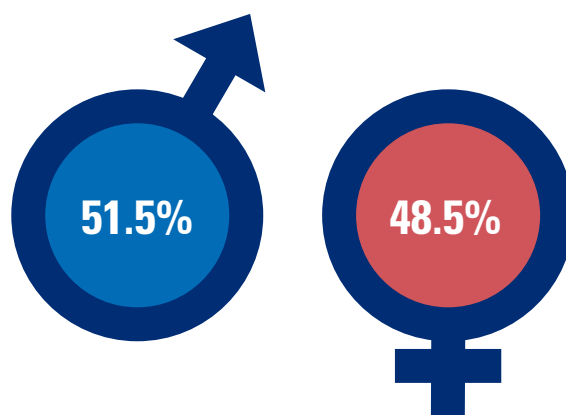
### QUALITY AT ENTRY OF GEF-7 PROJECT CONCEPTS



### EXPECTED CONTRIBUTION TO GENDER EQUALITY AND WOMEN'S EMPOWERMENT BY CATEGORY



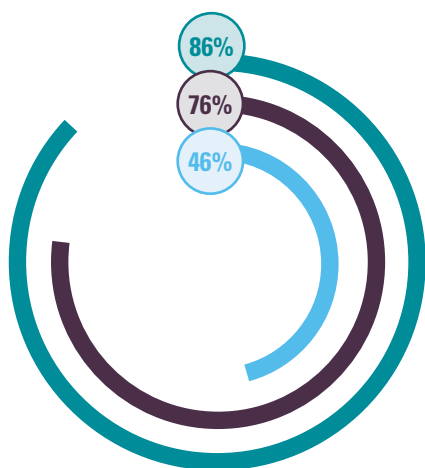
### PERCENTAGE OF ANTICIPATED GEF BENEFICIARIES THAT ARE MALE AND FEMALE



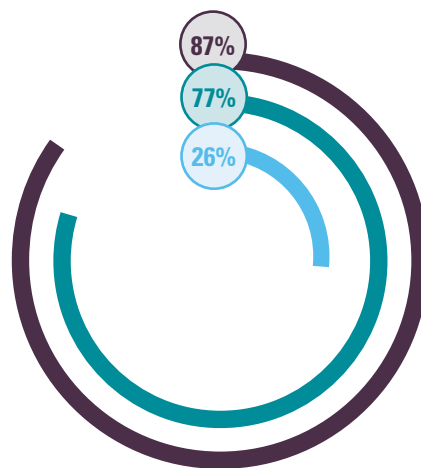
## 11. STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT

Including stakeholders – civil society organizations, indigenous peoples, local communities, and the private sector – in preparing projects and defining their expected roles during implementation is key in strengthening the overall impact of a project. Good progress is taking place in GEF-7 projects. The data shows that over 75% of projects consulted and took into account civil society and the private sector in their design. Not all projects have indigenous peoples or private sector as stakeholders. Therefore, the percentages are expected to be lower than those reported for civil society.

### CONSULTATION IN PROJECT IDENTIFICATION



### FUTURE ENGAGEMENT AND DESCRIBED ROLES OF STAKEHOLDER IN PROJECTS



■ Civil Society Organizations ■ Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities ■ Private Sector

## 12. COMMUNICATIONS

Since July 2018, the growing number of GEF stories, partner content, and mentions in online media has helped to raise the GEF's profile, build awareness, and support action on the global environment.

An emphasis on digital communication and strategic partnerships has resulted in the steady growth, and increased engagement, of visitors to the GEF website. The number of followers of the GEF Twitter and LinkedIn social media accounts has doubled.

**10,799**  
MEDIA MENTIONS

Number of times the GEF is mentioned in English, Spanish, and French language online media.

**510**  
CONTENT PRODUCED

Number of original news and feature stories, blogs, and agency stories about GEF projects posted on the GEF website. Also includes GEF videos and publications.

**1,034,726**  
WEB / CONTENT TRAFFIC

Number of visitors to the GEF website, including GEF Telegraph Hub and YouTube videos.

**3,935,629**  
WEB / CONTENT ENGAGEMENT

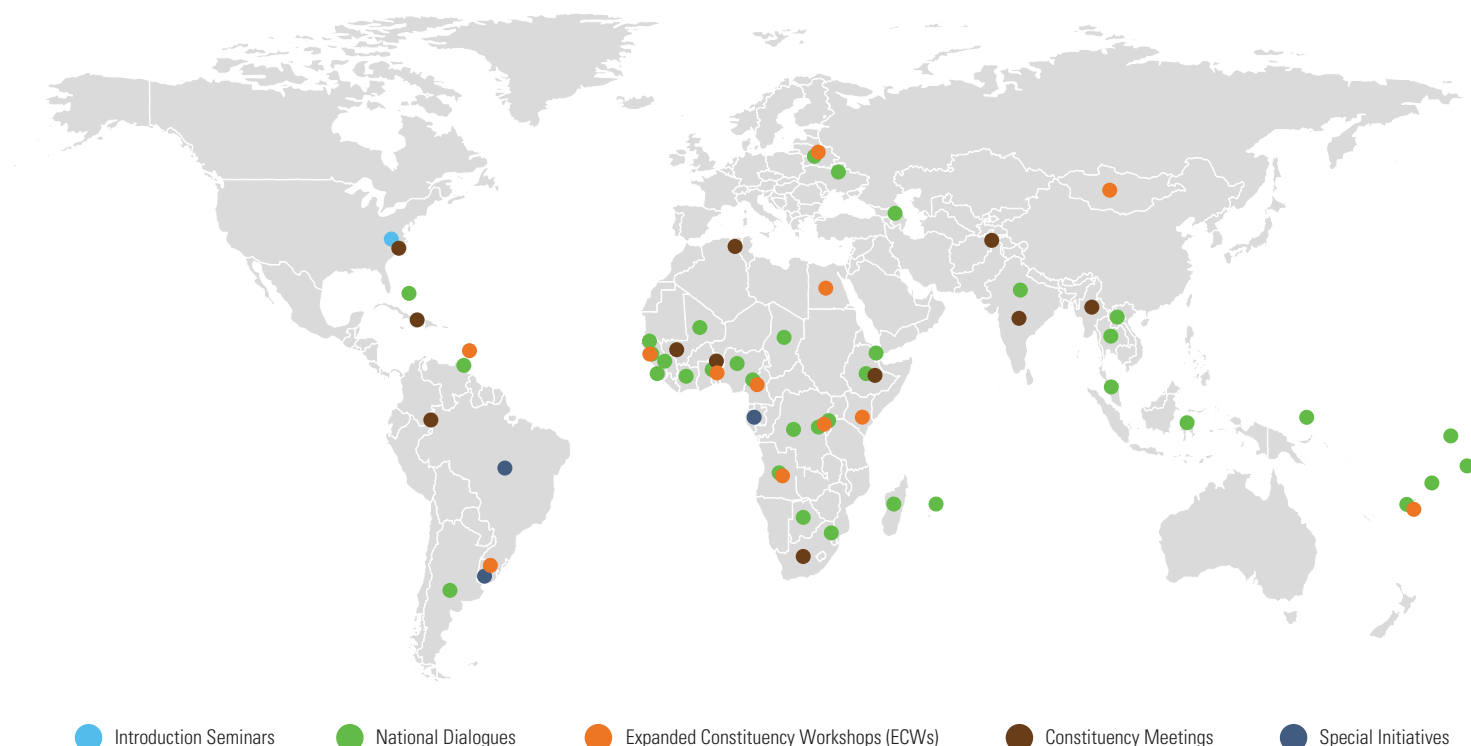
Number of times visitors viewed pages of the GEF website

**202,192** SOCIAL MEDIA

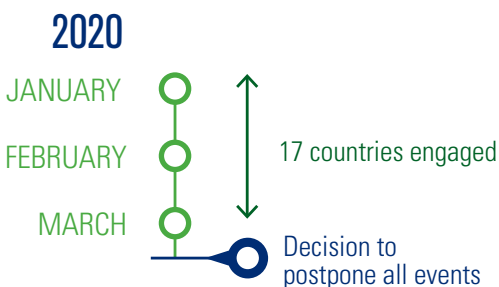
Total number of followers of GEF social media accounts and subscribers to the GEF newsletter.

## 13. COUNTRY SUPPORT PROGRAM

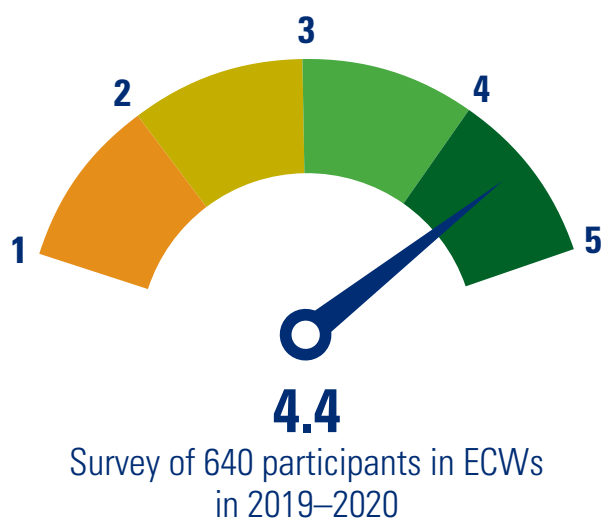
With 60 events held in GEF-7, the Country Support Program is continuously strengthening country capacity and leadership in utilizing GEF resources. Until the COVID-19 pandemic halted face-to-face events, it had ramped up the delivery of Expanded Constituency Workshops in 12 constituencies. The [online GEF calendar](#) provides information on every CSP event that has taken place.



### FACE-TO-FACE ACTIVITIES POSTPONED DUE TO COVID-19



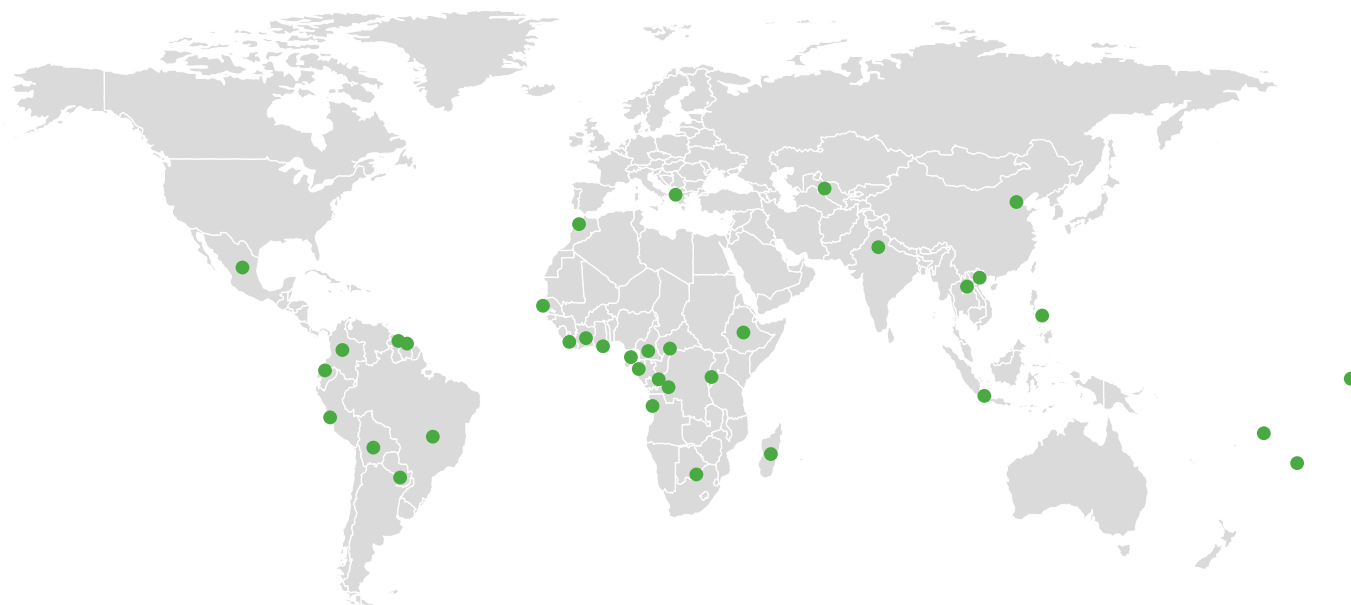
### OVERALL GEF-7 PARTICIPANTS' SATISFACTION





## 14. UPSTREAM COUNTRY CONSULTATIONS

At the request of countries, upstream consultation missions were prepared to provide opportunities for Government Agencies and GEF Operational Focal Point teams to engage with technical staff from the Secretariat prior to making important decisions on GEF-7 programming. The objective of these consultations was to provide strategic guidance on the GEF-7 programming elements for recipient countries and GEF agencies to gain a better and in-depth understanding of the Impact Programs and Focal Area strategies of GEF-7, and to understand the need to focus on impact as a major criteria for GEF-7 programming and use of resources.



Albania  
Angola  
Bolivia  
Botswana  
Brazil  
Cameroon  
Central African Republic  
China  
Colombia  
Congo  
Congo DR  
Cook Islands

Côte d'Ivoire  
Ecuador  
Equatorial Guinea  
Ethiopia  
Gabon  
Ghana  
Guyana  
India  
Indonesia  
Kiribati  
Lao PDR  
Liberia

Madagascar  
Mexico  
Morocco  
Paraguay  
Peru  
Philippines  
Rwanda  
Samoa  
Senegal  
Suriname  
Uzbekistan  
Viet Nam

## 15. KNOWLEDGE AND LEARNING

As a knowledge-based partnership, the GEF promotes learning and knowledge sharing to strengthen the quality and impact of its investments. It has launched online an Introduction to the GEF as well as a course on Gender and the Environment. An increasing number of participants have been taking these e-classes. Over 11,000 participants were granted a certificate upon completion of any of the six modules of the gender and the environment online course curriculum alone. This course, like the Introduction to the GEF, will be offered in Spanish and French in the coming months to reach more GEF stakeholders around the world.

**E-Course:**  
Introduction to the  
Global Environment Facility

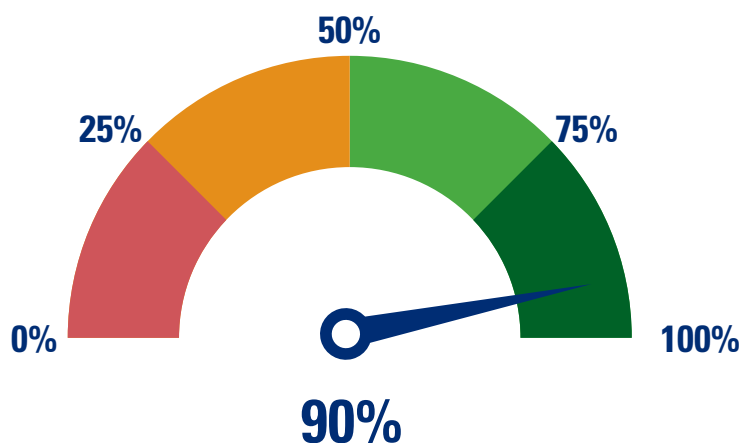


**E-Course:**  
Gender and Environment



Developed with the Small Grants Programme

### OVERALL PARTICIPANTS' SATISFACTION



Survey of 651 learners in the Introduction  
to the GEF e-course













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The Global Environment Facility (GEF) was established on the eve of the 1992 Rio Earth Summit to help tackle our planet's most pressing environmental problems. Since then, the GEF has provided more than **\$20.5 billion** in grants and mobilized an additional **\$112 billion** in co-financing for more than **4,800 projects** in **170 countries**. Through its Small Grants Programme, the GEF has provided support to more than 24,000 civil society and community initiatives in 133 countries.

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