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**POLICY AMENDMENTS TO STREAMLINE
THE GEF PROJECT CYCLE**

Recommended Council Decision

The Council, having considered document GEF/C.69/12, *Policy Amendments to Streamline the GEF Project Cycle*, approves the proposed amendments to the *Project and Program Cycle Policy* (OP/PL/01), the *Project Cancellation Policy* (OP/PL/02), the *Policy on Minimum Fiduciary Standards* (GA/PL/02), the *Fee Policy for GEF Partner Agencies* (FI/PL/03) and the *Policy on Monitoring* (GEF/C.56/03/Rev.01), as set out in Annexes I, II, III, IV and V.

The updated policies will be effective July 1, 2025, and will remain in effect until amended or superseded by the Council.

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INTRODUCTION

1. The set of streamlining measures presented at the 68th Council Meeting in December 2024 included proposals to enhance and simplify policy requirements linked to ensuring quality project review, clarity in criteria for dual implementation and execution roles, as well as streamlined and consistent reporting¹. These measures aim to strengthen the quality of project development, review, and implementation, enhance reporting mechanisms for key modalities, and align reporting requirements across operations.

2. Implementing these changes requires modifying provisions of the following five policies to ensure fit-for-purpose requirements aligned with streamlining measures: the *Project and Program Cycle Policy* (OP/PL/01), the *Project Cancellation Policy* (OP/PL/02), the *Minimum Fiduciary Standards Policy* (GA/PL/02), the *Fee Policy for GEF Partner Agencies* (FI/PL/03), and the *Policy on Monitoring* (GEF/C.56/03/Rev.01). The annexes present the proposed updates to the policies for ease of reference. Consultations with Agencies and Operational Focal Points informed the proposed amendments, as did exchanges with the Working Group on the Streamlining Process during the preparation of the paper on *Streamlining the Project Cycle* presented at the 68th Council Meeting. Upon approval and prior to the effective date, the respective updated policies would be posted on the GEF website.

3. For the Project and Program Cycle and Cancellation Policies, the amendments refer to requiring Agencies to submit the CEO Endorsement / Approval request with sufficient time to allow the revision and circulation (when appropriate) of projects with enough time before the cancellation deadline. For example, for FSPs, the submission must be made at least 8 weeks prior to the CEO Endorsement deadline for projects not requiring circulation to Council, and 12 weeks for projects requiring circulation to Council.

4. For the Minimum Fiduciary Standards and Agency Fee Policies, the amendments refer to setting clear criteria for exceptions for GEF Agencies to carry out the dual implementation and execution roles. The exception criteria are the following:

- i. Due to legislative or regulatory restrictions in the country, executing entities are prohibited from receiving GEF funds;
- ii. Per the capacity assessment carried out by the GEF Agency, there is a limited or inadequate fiduciary and/or procurement capacities in potential executing partners, as assessed by the GEF Agency;
- iii. Fragile and Conflict-affected Situations (FCS) and/or post-natural disaster situations.

¹ GEF/C.68/05/Rev.01, *Streamlining the GEF Project Cycle: Report from the Working Group on the Streamlining Process*. Available [here](#).

- iv. Global or Regional coordination child projects for Programs, global or regional platforms for knowledge sharing and Umbrella Enabling Activities for a group of countries.
- v. NGI projects.

In cases i, ii above, execution services are limited to administrative, financial and procurement support. Associated additional costs are to be covered by co-financed amounts, in recognition of the fact that some Agencies' policies and procedures may not permit these services to be provided at no cost.

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS

Project and Program Cycle Policy

5. The Council approved the Project and Program Cycle Policy at its 50th meeting in June 2016 through Decision 6/2016. In December 2018, the Policy was amended through Decision 27/2018 approving document GEF/C.55/04/Rev.01, *Policy Measures to Enhance Operational Efficiency, Accountability and Transparency*, which led to the current valid Policy.² The policy includes a consolidated set of Council approved criteria, and mandatory rules on the GEF project and program cycles. Amendments are required as follows:

Facilitating project reviews throughout prompt availability of complete documentation aiming to achieve timely endorsements/approvals

- Issue: the submission of CEO Endorsement/Approval requests to the Secretariat is often done close to the deadline for cancellation, which increases the risk of cancellation. A policy provision to reduce this risk is necessary.
- Proposed Amendment: Require Agency submissions with sufficient time for GEFSEC Review and, when required, Council circulation (e.g. for FSPs, submission to GEFSEC at least 8 weeks prior to the automatic cancellation trigger date for projects not requiring circulation to Council, and 12 weeks for projects requiring circulation to Council).

² See *Project and Program Cycle Policy* (OP/PL/01), accessible here https://www.thegef.org/sites/default/files/documents/Project_Program_Cycle_Policy.pdf

Project Cancellation Policy

6. The Council approved Decision 24/2014 on the Project Cancellation Policy at its 47th meeting in October 2014.³ In December 2018, the Policy was amended through Decision 27/2018 when the Council approved document GEF/C.55/04/Rev.01, *Policy Measures to Enhance Operational Efficiency, Accountability and Transparency*, which are reflected in the current Policy.⁴ The policy aims to improve the GEF's operational efficiency, particularly with respect to the time required to prepare and implement projects. Amendments are required as follows:

Facilitating project reviews throughout prompt availability of complete documentation aiming to achieve timely endorsements / approvals.

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Minimum Fiduciary Standards Policy

7. The GEF Minimum Fiduciary Standards (GMFS) were approved by Council at its 31st meeting in June 2007, through Decision 9/2007.⁵ The policy was updated through Decision 26/2019 when the Council approved the document GEF/C.57/04/Rev.02, *Updated Policy on Minimum Fiduciary Standards* at its 57th meeting in December 2019, which are reflected in the current Policy⁶. The policy aims to strengthen financial and programmatic accountability of the GEF by requiring that all GEF Partner Agencies meet the agreed minimum fiduciary standards. Amendments are required as follows:

³ See GEF/C.47/07, Improving the GEF Project Cycle accessible here https://www.thegef.org/sites/default/files/council-meeting-documents/19_EN_GEF.C.47.07.Rev_.01_Improving_the_GEF_Project_Cycle.pdf

⁴ See *Project Cancellation Policy* (OP/PL/02), accessible here https://www.thegef.org/sites/default/files/documents/Project_Cancellation_Policy_20181220.pdf

⁵ GEF/C.31/6, Recommended Minimum Fiduciary Standards for GEF Implementing and Executing Agencies accessible here https://www.thegef.org/sites/default/files/council-meeting-documents/C.31.6_Fiduciary_Standards.pdf

⁶ See GEF/C.57/04/Rev.02, Updated Policy on Minimum Fiduciary Standards accessible here https://www.thegef.org/sites/default/files/documents/2022-03/gef_policies_guidelines_fiduciary_standards_2022_02.pdf

Set clear criteria for exceptions for GEF Agencies to carry out the dual implementation and execution role.

- Issue: currently there is an explicit prohibition in two policies for GEF Agencies to carry out execution roles. The criteria for exceptions to this should be established in these policies.
- Proposed Amendment: clarify definitions and exception criteria for GEF Agencies to carry out the dual implementation and execution role.

Fee Policy for GEF Partner Agencies

8. The Council approved Decisions 11/2012 and 12/2012 on the Fee Structure for Agencies at its 42nd meeting in June 2012.⁷ The Policy was amended through the document *Fee Policy for GEF Partner Agencies – FI/PL/03*, which is reflected in the current policy.⁸ The policy defines the fee structure that will be used to cover the services provided by all GEF Partner Agencies. Amendments are required as follows:

Set clear criteria for exceptions for GEF Agencies to carry out the dual implementation and execution role.

- Issue: currently there is an explicit prohibition in two policies to merge implementation and execution roles by GEF Agencies. Exceptions to this prohibition must be set in these policies.
- Proposed Amendment: clarify definitions and exception criteria for GEF agencies to carry out dual implementation and execution roles at project approval.

Policy on Monitoring

9. The Council approved a *Policy on Monitoring* at its 56th meeting in June 2019⁹, through Decision 6/2019. The policy brings together and clarifies the guiding principles and mandatory requirements for monitoring performance and results across the GEF Partnership and GEF-financed projects and programs. The policy aims broadly to enhance the effectiveness, efficiency, accountability, and transparency of the GEF through the systematic collection, analysis, and

⁷ See GEF/C.42/08, Fee Structure for Agencies: Part I, https://www.thegef.org/sites/default/files/council-meeting-documents/GEF.C42.08_Fee_Structure_For_Agencies_Part_I.pdf; and Fee Structure for Agencies: Part II, https://www.thegef.org/sites/default/files/council-meeting-documents/GEF.C42.08_Fee_Structure_For_Agencies_Part_II.pdf

⁸ Accessible here https://www.thegef.org/sites/default/files/documents/Agency_Fee_Policy.pdf

⁹ GEF/C.56/03/Rev.01, *Policy on Monitoring*: https://www.thegef.org/sites/default/files/council-meeting-documents/EN_GEF.C.56.03.Rev_.01_Policy_on_Monitoring.pdf

application of data, information, and lessons learned on the GEF's results and performance. Five issues have been identified, requiring an update to the *Policy on Monitoring* to ensure fit-for-purpose reporting mechanisms, processes and standards, and improve analysis, knowledge and learning at portfolio level. Amendments are required as follows:

a. *Strengthening Program-Level Progress Reporting*

- Issue: Program-level progress reporting occurs annually without a specific reporting period, unlike the project-level Project Implementation Reports (PIRs) which have set deadlines and reporting periods. This inconsistency undermines uniform reporting across child projects under programs.
- Proposed Amendment: Lead Agencies for programs will report by fiscal year (July 1–June 30) to ensure consistent capture of child project progress. Agencies must submit a Program Progress Monitoring Report (PPMR) by November 30 of each year, building on data from PIRs, MTRs, TEs, and additional analytical work.

b. *Eliminating redundant PIR Submission in Final Year*

- Issue: PIRs are required every year during project implementation, even if the project was active for only a small portion of the fiscal year coinciding with the Terminal Evaluation (TE). This results in redundant reporting as the Final PIR often overlaps with the TE.
- Proposed Amendment: Agencies will no longer need to prepare a PIR during the fiscal year of TE submission. In such cases, the project completion date will be recorded through the TE submission. If no TE is submitted within the fiscal year of project completion, a Final PIR must still be prepared.

c. *Duplication in Reporting for Non-Grant Instruments (NGIs)*

- Issue: Agencies must submit PIRs for NGIs through the GEF Portal, but the GEF Secretariat also requires additional information through manual exchanges, creating inefficiencies.
- Proposed Amendment: The PIR will be the dedicated reporting tool for all progress-related information and documents for NGIs, including scheduled reflows. The Trustee will continue to collect information on actual reflows.

d. *Outdated Provisions for Small Grants Program (SGP)*

- Issue: Current provisions exempt global projects under the SGP from preparing PIRs and Mid-Term Reviews (MTRs), relying instead on portfolio-wide reporting by the Lead

- Agency. These provisions need updating to reflect the alignment in reporting processes operated in GEF-8¹⁰.
- Proposed Amendment: Any SGP projects will submit regular PIRs, including disbursement information by country and details on grants to CSOs/CBOs, capacity development, technical assistance, Monitoring and Evaluation, Knowledge Management, Project Management Cost, and Agency fee. MTRs will also be required, and SGP projects' results frameworks must include key indicators under the SGP 2.0 results framework.
- e. *Mandatory Submission of MTRs for Medium-Sized Projects above US\$ 2 million*
- Issue: Current provisions do not reflect the latest requirements for mandatory submission of MTRs for Medium-Sized Projects above US\$ 2 million.
 - Proposed Amendment: MTRs will be required for Medium-Sized Projects above US\$ 2 million, while encouraged for those below this threshold, in line with recent Council-approved streamlining measures¹¹.

¹⁰ GEF/C.63/06/Rev.01, *SGP 2.0 Implementation Arrangements for GEF-8*, available [here](#).

¹¹ GEF/C.67/05/Rev.01, *Streamlining the GEF Project Cycle: Report from the Working Group on the Streamlining Process*. Available [here](#).

ANNEX I: PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE PROJECT AND PROGRAM CYCLE POLICY (OP/PL/01)

Paragraph 11

After PIF approval and before the deadline for submission of a complete endorsement request, the Agency submits with sufficient time to the Secretariat a CEO Endorsement Request and associated Project Document that is in a form as submitted to the Agency's internal approving authorities. Specifically, the submission must be made at least 8 weeks prior to the CEO Endorsement deadline for projects not requiring circulation to Council, and 12 weeks for projects requiring circulation to Council. The Agency, in consultation with the country concerned, and with the CEO's concurrence, may also cancel a project before CEO Endorsement submission. The Secretariat reviews the CEO Endorsement Request and the Project Document for consistency with the approved PIF, taking into consideration the relevant GEF strategies, policies, and guidelines, including provisions set forth in a review sheet; and to ensure that any comments provided by the Council, STAP, Convention secretariats and other Agencies have been adequately addressed.

Paragraph 17 (b) v.

After PIF approval, and before the deadline for submission of a complete approval request, the Agency prepares and submits with sufficient time- to the Secretariat an MSP Approval Request and a Project Document that is in a form as submitted to the Agency's internal approving authorities. Specifically, the submission must be made at least 12 weeks prior to CEO Approval deadline for all MSPs, considering that they require circulation to Council. The Agency, in consultation with the country concerned, and with the CEO's concurrence, may also cancel a project before CEO Approval submission.

Paragraph 28.

After PFD approval, the participant Agencies submit with sufficient time to the Secretariat CEO Endorsement Requests for Full-sized Child Projects or MSP Approval Requests for Medium-sized Child Projects with Project Documents that are in a form as submitted to the Agency's internal approving authorities. Specifically, the submission must be made at least 12 weeks prior to CEO Endorsement/Approval deadline for all child projects, considering that they require circulation to Council. ~~The submission must be made six months before the respective Program Commitment Deadline.~~ The Agency, in consultation with the countries concerned, and with the CEO's concurrence, may also cancel a Child Project before CEO Endorsement/Approval submission.

ANNEX II: PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE PROJECT CANCELLATION POLICY (OP/PL/02)

Paragraph 5 (b)

If the project (with the required documentation) cannot be submitted for CEO Endorsement within 12 months of the date of Council approval, the country Operational Focal Point (or the Agency for global and regional projects) notifies the CEO. If such notification is not received within 12 months of the date of Council approval, the CEO notifies the Agency, the recipient country Operational Focal Point, and the Trustee informing them of the cancellation of the project stating an effective date for the cancellation. If the notification is submitted, Agencies must submit the CEO Endorsement Request with the required documentation at least 8 weeks prior to the CEO Endorsement deadline for projects not requiring circulation to Council, and 12 weeks for projects requiring circulation to Council.-

Paragraph 5 (d)

Country Operational Focal Points (or the Agencies for global and regional projects) may request an exception from the CEO to the cancellation of a project before this 18-month deadline for CEO Endorsement only in cases of an extraordinary event or circumstances clearly beyond the control of the parties, such as a war, flood, earthquake or epidemic, or similar circumstances which prevents them from meeting the business standards in paragraph 3 (a). After consideration of the exception request and provided that the request is received prior to the last day of the 18th month, the CEO determines whether to grant a one-time exception for up to twelve months, and communicates such decision in writing. The CEO communicates any exception decision to the Council for information and posts the information on the GEF website. If the Request for Extension is submitted, Agencies must submit the CEO Endorsement Request with the required documentation at least 8 weeks prior to the extended CEO Endorsement deadline for projects not requiring circulation to Council, and 12 weeks for projects requiring circulation to Council.

Paragraph 6 (b)

If the project (with the required documentation) cannot be submitted for CEO Approval within 8 months of the date of CEO Approval of the PIF, the country Operational Focal Point (or the Agency for global and regional projects) notifies the CEO. If such notification is not received within 8 months of the date of CEO Approval of the PIF, the CEO notifies the Agency, the recipient country Operational Focal Point, and the Trustee informing them of the cancellation of the project stating an effective date for the cancellation. If the notification is submitted, Agencies

must submit the CEO Approval Request with the required documentation at least 12 weeks prior to CEO Approval deadline for all MSPs, considering that they require circulation to Council.

Paragraph 6 (d)

Country Operational Focal Points (or the Agencies for global and regional projects) may request an exception from the CEO to the cancellation of a project before this 12-month deadline for CEO Approval only in cases of an extraordinary event or circumstances clearly beyond the control of the parties, such as a war, flood, earthquake or epidemic, or similar circumstances which prevents them from meeting the business standards in paragraph 3 (b). After consideration of the exception request and provided that the request is received prior to the last day of the 12th month, the CEO determines whether to grant a one-time exception for up to six months, and communicates such decision in writing. The CEO communicates any exception decision to the Council for information and posts the information on the GEF website. If the Request for Extension is submitted, Agencies must submit the CEO Endorsement Request with the required documentation at least 12 weeks prior to the extended CEO Approval deadline for all MSPs considering that they require circulation to Council.

Paragraph 7 (b)

If there are still program funds that are awaiting submission of Child Projects (with the required documentation) for CEO Endorsement/Approval six months before the Program Commitment Deadline, the country Operational Focal Point (or the Agency for global and regional Child Projects) notifies the CEO. If such notification is not received no later than six months before the Program Commitment Deadline, the CEO notifies the Agency, the recipient country Operational Focal Point, and the Trustee informing them of the cancellation of the Child Project stating an effective date for the cancellation. If the notification is submitted, Agencies must submit the CEO Endorsement/Approval Request with the required documentation at least 12 weeks prior to the extended CEO Endorsement/Approval for the Child Project, considering that all child projects require circulation to Council.

New Paragraph 7 (c)

Country Operational Focal Points (or the Agencies for global and regional projects) may request an exception from the CEO to the cancellation of a project before the Program Commitment Deadline only in cases of an extraordinary event or circumstances clearly beyond the control of the parties, such as a war, flood, earthquake or epidemic, or similar circumstances which prevents them from meeting the business standards in paragraph 3 (c). After consideration of the

exception request and provided that the request is received prior to the last day of the Program Commitment Deadline, the CEO determines whether to grant a one-time exception for up to twelve months and communicates such decision in writing. The CEO communicates any exception decision to the Council for information and posts the information on the GEF website. If the Request for Extension is submitted, Agencies must submit the CEO Endorsement/Approval Request with the required documentation at least 12 weeks prior to the extended CEO Endorsement/Approval deadline for the Child Project considering that all child projects require circulation to Council.

ANNEX III: PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE MINIMUM FIDUCIARY STANDARDS POLICY (GA/PL/02)

Paragraph 2 (h) (i)

There is a separation of functions such that the entity that undertakes project execution reports and is responsible to the agency that carries out project implementation, with the latter overseeing the executing entity and having accountability to the GEF Council. This explicitly precludes a merging or crossing over of the functions of the GEF Partner Agencies and executing entities as they are distinct and separate. In exceptional cases, per the request of the beneficiary country/countries, the same GEF Agency may carry out both functions. Exceptions are limited to the following:¹²

- i. Due to legislative or regulatory restrictions in the country, executing entities are prohibited from receiving GEF funds;
- ii. Per the capacity assessment carried out by the GEF Agency, there is a limited or inadequate fiduciary and / or procurement capacities in potential executing partners, as assessed by the GEF Agency;
- iii. Fragile and Conflict-affected Situations (FCS) and / or post-natural disaster situations.
- iv. Global or regional coordination child projects for Programs, global or regional platforms for knowledge sharing and Umbrella Enabling Activities for a group of countries.
- v. NGI projects.

In cases i-ii above, execution services are limited to administrative, financial and procurement support.

¹² Requests that do not comply with these criteria will not be eligible for the dual role of implementation and execution by a GEF Agency

ANNEX IV: PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE FEE POLICY FOR GEF PARTNER AGENCIES (FI/PL/03)

Paragraph 8

This Fee Policy explicitly precludes the merging or crossing over of the functions of the GEF Partner Agencies and project executing agencies as they are distinct and separate. In cases where a GEF Agency performs some functions as a national executing agency, at the request of the government, the payment of such services should be covered by either the country's own national budget for the project, or covered by the co-financing resources allocated to the project management cost estimated as part of the total project cost-. In any case, the selection process for the GEF Partner Agency that shall perform executing functions should be transparent, and this exception from normal GEF practice should be clearly described at the project concept stage, i.e. including such information in the PIF. The associated cost for such service should be included as a component of in the project management cost budget, but exclusively covered by the allocated co-financing resources.

New Paragraph (9)

In exceptional cases, per the request of the beneficiary country/countries, the same GEF Agency may carry out both functions. Exceptions are limited to the following:¹³

- i. Due to legislative or regulatory restrictions in the country, executing entities are prohibited from receiving GEF funds;
- ii. Per the capacity assessment carried out by the GEF Agency, there is a limited or inadequate fiduciary and / or procurement capacities in potential executing partners, as assessed by the GEF Agency;
- iii. Fragile and Conflict-affected Situations (FCS) and / or post-natural disaster situations.
- iv. Global or regional coordination child projects for Programs, global or regional platforms for knowledge sharing and Umbrella Enabling Activities for a group of countries.
- v. NGI projects.

¹³ Requests that do not comply with these criteria will not be eligible for the dual role of implementation and execution by a GEF Agency

In cases i-ii above, execution services are limited to administrative, financial and procurement support.

ANNEX V: PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE POLICY ON MONITORING (GEF/C.56/03/Rev.01)

Paragraphs 15

During project implementation, Agencies oversee the implementation of the Monitoring and Evaluation Plan presented at CEO Endorsement/ Approval and submit to the Secretariat annual Project Implementation Reports, including information on project status; the amount of GEF Project Financing disbursed; the latest Development Objective Rating, Implementation Progress Rating, and Risk Rating; any changes to the expected dates of submission of Terminal Evaluations and any Mid-Term Reviews, as well as reasons therefore; and any other information as required by relevant GEF policies. Agencies submit the first Project Implementation Report no later than 75 calendar days after the end of the first full fiscal year (July 1–June 30) of implementation. Subsequent reports are submitted no later than 75 calendar days after the end of each fiscal year during which the project is under implementation. **A Project Implementation Report is not required in the fiscal year when a Terminal Evaluation is submitted. For projects using a Non-Grant Instrument, Agencies submit Project Implementation Reports in line with the requirements outlined here and include additional relevant policy requirements related to reflow reporting¹⁴.**

Paragraph 16

At project mid-term, for all Full-Sized Projects and ~~for~~ Medium-Sized Projects **above US\$ 2 million, where available,** Agencies submit to the Secretariat a Mid-Term Review, any tracking tools or achieved Results across applicable Core Indicators and Sub-Indicators consistent with the expected Results presented at CEO Endorsement/ Approval, and any other information required by relevant GEF policies; consistent with the expected submission date provided at CEO Endorsement/ Approval or subsequently amended. **For Medium-Sized Projects under US\$ 2 million, submission of an MTR is encouraged where available.**

Paragraph 29

The Lead Agency submits **Program Progress Monitoring Reports** ~~reports~~ annually to the Secretariat **no later than by November 30 of each year.** The first report is submitted after the first full fiscal year following the CEO Endorsement of the Coordination Child Project ~~on the status of the program starting within one year after Council approval of the Program Framework Document.~~ In such reports, the Lead Agency highlights program-level activities and

¹⁴ See Sections IV Reflows and V Monitoring, Reporting and Management of Reflows of GEF/C.63/12, *GEF Blended Finance Global Program and Non-Grant Instruments Policy Update*.

achievements, beyond those of the Child Projects as presented in their respective implementation reports, including progress towards program-level outcomes, major milestones achieved through overall program implementation, and engagement in regional or global fora as means to advance the overall program goal. In addition, the Secretariat, as part of its portfolio monitoring and reporting, aggregates and synthesizes, by program, the information provided by Agencies on the Results and performance of Child Projects.

Paragraph 35

For ~~the global program of~~ the Small Grants Programme (SGP), the Agency submits to the Secretariat a Project Implementation Report for each SGP project, following the requirements set out in paragraphs 15-17 above. This report also includes disbursement information provided by country along key categories—grants to CSOs/CBOs, capacity development and technical assistance, Monitoring and Evaluation, Knowledge Management, PMC, and Agency fee—, with details by CSOs/CBOs for each country and on the use of resources by key expenditure categories as outlined in the project budget table¹⁵. Annual Project Implementation Reports include the list of organizations to which grants were awarded, as well as the geographic locations of grant activities. MTRs are also expected for SGP projects, in line with requirements for MSPs and FSPs. For SGP projects' results frameworks, Agencies use the indicators required under the SGP 2.0 results framework¹⁶. ~~consolidated annual report, including the status of the Programme; any achieved Results across applicable Core Indicators and Sub Indicators; GEF Project Financing approved, committed, and disbursed by operational phase, with a breakdown between grants to civil society and community-based organizations and other costs, as well as core funds and additional GEF funds from country allocations; and any other information as required by relevant GEF policies. The Agency submits such reports no later than 75 calendar days after the end of each fiscal year.~~

¹⁵ See paragraphs 21-22 and 38 of GEF/C.63/06/Rev.01, *SGP 2.0 Implementation Arrangements for GEF-8*.

¹⁶ See paragraphs 35-37 of GEF/C.63/06/Rev.01, and Annex 1 of *SGP 2.0 Operational Guidelines for GEF-8*, available [here](#).