

GCF readiness assistance for funding proposal development

Session 17



GCF Project Preparation Facility (PPF)

- PPF applications can be submitted to the GCF to support project development.
- All accredited entities can submit applications, especially direct access entities and micro-to-small size category projects.
- Maximum amount per proposal is USD 1.5 million.
- GCF support is provided as a grant or repayable grant. Equity may be considered for private sector projects.
- Proposals developed with PPF resources should be submitted to the Board within two years after the PPF request was approved.



How to request PPF support

- Accredited entities (AEs) can elaborate and submit an application, using the GCF application template (available at the GCF website).
- Applications need to be justified and a no-objection letter from the NDA is required.
- Applications will be assessed against GCF policies (especially investment framework) and can be approved by the GCF Executive Director.



Eligible activities for PPF support

- Pre-feasibility and feasibility studies, as well as project design;
- Environmental, social and gender studies;
- Risk assessments;
- Identification of programme/project-level indicators;
- Pre-contract services, including the revision of tender documents;
- Advisory services and/or other services to financially structure a proposed activity; and
- Other project preparation activities, where necessary, provided that sufficient justification is available.



PPF Application Template

- For a PPF application, information is required that is very similar to the information required in a GCF Concept Note.
- Let's have a look at the form...



Next steps, Road map



Next steps in project preparation

- Once the Concept Note is completed, typical next steps include (process typically led by the AE):
 - Get GCF Secretariat and NDA comments on Concept Note and revise accordingly.
 - Request PPF or other support, if necessary.
 - Complete Funding Proposal (FP) template and elaborate required supporting documents (see following slides).
 - Get GCF Secretariat and NDA comments on draft FP and revise accordingly.
 - Get no-objection letter from NDA.
 - Submit FP to GCF. Respond to any queries until approval.
 - Get AE approval, if needed.



Additional info to be included in a FP

- All CN sections need to be further detailed.
- In addition:
 - Detailed indicator and M&V framework, including ex ante and ex post data.
 - Detailed timetable at activity level.
 - Technical evaluation.
 - ESS compliance.
 - Detailed Logic Framework.
 - M&E arrangements
 - Supporting documents (see next slides)



Background documents needed in a FP

- NDA No-objection Letter
- Feasibility Study
- Integrated Financial Model that provides sensitivity analysis of critical elements (xls format, if applicable)
- Confirmation letter or letter of commitment for co-financing commitment (If applicable)
- Project/Programme Confirmation/Term Sheet (including cost/budget breakdown, disbursement schedule, etc.) – see the Accreditation Master Agreement, Annex I



Background documents needed in a FP, ctd.

- Environmental and Social Impact Assessment (ESIA) or Environmental and Social Management Plan (if applicable)
- Appraisal Report or Due Diligence Report with recommendations (If applicable)
- Evaluation Report of the baseline project (If applicable)
- Map indicating the location of the project/programme
- Timetable of project/programme implementation



