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SAP005

Enhanced climate resilience of rural communities in central and north Benin through the implementation of ecosystem-based adaptation (EbA) in forest and agricultural landscapes

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2.3 Update on Project Output Implementation Status

2.4 Update to GCF Investment Criteria

2.5 Multi-country Project/Programme or Sub-Project Status

Project/Programme Information

2.6 Compliance with FAA covenants (not related to environmental and social safeguards)

2.7 Updated implementation timetable for the Funded Activity

2.8 [Private Sector Co-investment Platform only] List of the ultimate beneficiaries (asset owners) or the investors (asset managers)

2.9 Implementation Challenges

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[APR CY2024] Section 4: Environmental and Social Safeguards & Gender Action Plan

4.1 Progress on Key Challenges and Updates regarding Environmental and Social Safeguards

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[APR CY2024] Section 5: Annexes and Attachments

Annex 1: GHG emission reduction calculation methodology (for projects reporting GHG emission reductions) and details on the calculations of the annual and cumulative value.

Annex 2: Communication and visibility material

Annex 3: List of grievances received

Annex 4: Procurement information (voluntary)

Annex 5: Any other documents (e.g. updated gender action plan)

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[APR CY2024] Section 1: General Information

Please note that this is section 1 of the five Annual Performance Report (APR) sections. APR will be considered valid only after all the five sections are filled with relevant details.

Reporting Year *

Please indicate reporting year

1.1 Please indicate if information provided in this APR is disclosable outside the Green Climate Fund. *

- Yes - The Accredited Entity agrees that the information reported is disclosable.
- No - The information reported is partly confidential. The disclosable version of the APR will be attached.

If you select the second option [No - The information reported is partly confidential. The disclosable version of the APR will be attached], please follow the below steps.

- Step 1: Fill in all the sections of the APR with disclosable information.
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Please select the disclosable section(s) to be published onto the GCF website.

- Section 1: General Information
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- Section 3: Financial Information
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- Section 5: Annexes

Please attach the disclosable Section 1 of the Annual Performance Report

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Please attach the disclosable Section 5 of the Annual Performance Report

1.2 Please indicate if this report has been shared with the relevant NDA(s) for this Funded Activity

Once the APR is created in the PPMS, please use the 'Open as PDF' function to download the report in PDF format and to share with relevant authorities (i.e. NDAs) before submission. Select 'Yes' only if shared to ALL the relevant NDA(s).

Please Indicate the date of submission to NDA(s)

If the APR is submitted to multiple NDAs, please indicate the latest date of submission to NDA, and provide the other dates per NDA in the further explanation box below.

Please provide further explanation, if any:

The Project Coordinator shared draft APR report in February 2025. The AE emailed the APR 2024 report which was submitted to the GCF.

1.3 Funded Activity Title (Project/Programme Title)

Enhanced climate resilience of rural communities in central and north Benin through the implementation of ecosystem-based adaptation (EbA) in forest and agricultural landscapes

1.4 Funding Proposal Reference Number

SAP005

1.5 Board Meeting Number

22

1.6 Accredited Entity contacts for this APR

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1.7 Executing Entity(ies)

Full Name of Executing Entity
Ministry of Livelihood and Transport, in charge of Sustainable Development (in French: Ministère du Cadre de Vie et des Transports, en charge du Développement Durable - MCVT)
Please confirm if the pre-filled name of Executing Entity(es) indicated in the funding proposal document is correct. Please update the information accordingly if there have been any changes since the project implementation. In addition, please clarify the Executing Entity(es) name precisely if needed. For example, if 'local financial institutions' was indicated as an EE in the funding proposal, please put their exact names here. You may want to add/remove rows if needed.
Please write the name of the country where the Executing Entity is headquartered.
Benin
Actual Outputs delivered by Executing Entities
1.1 1.2 2.1 2.2 3.1
Please list the Outputs the executing entity is actually implementing whether it is based on the approved Funding Proposal or any other actual outputs that have been delivered.

1.8 Project Duration

From	To
2019-11-25	2026-06-25

Check if the extension request for the project duration was approved by the Secretariat during the reporting period.

Please reach out to the GCF portfolio managers if you need an extension

- Yes (it was extended)
 No

Please enter the extended end date of project implementation.

From	To
2019-11-25	2026-06-24

1.9 Current Year of Implementation

Indicate the year number, e.g., '2'

1.10 Annual reporting period covered in this report

From	To
2024-01-01	2024-12-31

Confirmation and Acknowledgement of Information *

* This is a required question to submit section 1 of the Annual Performance Report (APR).

The accredited entity hereby confirms that the information provided in section 1 is complete and ready for submission.

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2.1 Executive Summary

1. Summary of Project/Programme Progress

This section provides a narrative report summarising the overall progress of the implementation status of the funded activity progress during the reporting period.

The Funded Activity Agreement (FAA) was signed between UNEP and the GCF on 27 August 2019, and having met conditions, the FAA became effective 25 November 2019. Following the recommendation of the Mid-Term Evaluation (MTE 2023) for a no-cost extension to enable the project to achieve its intended outcomes and outputs, Slide Letter No. 1 was issued on 12 June 2024 thereby extending the Closing date and Completion date by 19 months; to 25 December 2025 and 25 June 2026 respectively.

The project, executed by the Ministry of Livelihood and Transport, in charge of Sustainable Development (MCVT), has made substantial progress and achievements during the reporting period as summarised as follows:

Outcome 1: 3,600 hectares of land restored for multi-use energy and livelihood benefits.

By the end of the reporting period, a cumulative total of 1,251.34ha of land has been restored in seven project sites in seven municipalities in northern and central Benin, through reforestation activities (Gmelina arborea, Khaya senegalensis, Tectona grandis and Ceiba pentandra) in 5 community forests of Didani (Cobly municipality), Katenga m(Boukombé Municipality), Salangawa (Ouaké), Dèrou Bou (Banikoara) and Bètécoucou (Dassa-Zoumè) and in two classified forest areas of Bakou (Djougou) and Bétèrou (Tchaourou) located in the Ouémé classified forest. This includes 70ha of communal Woodfuel woodlots plots comprising of Acacia auriculiformis and Gmelina plantations and 210ha agroforestry orchards established and enriched with Vitellaria paradoxa, Anacardium occidentale, Tamarindus indica and Mangifera indica across seven project sites.

During the 2024 planting season, the project supervised and coordinated with the Forest Department and service providers to replace dead seedlings in areas restored during previous years. This contributed to increase the total average seedling survival rate to 83.62%. Furthermore, local seedling suppliers have established seedling stock for 2025 planting season, the project trained 79 nursery growers, including one woman, across seven sites and supplied nursery equipment, and the project established improved protocols with local communities and stakeholders on preparing planting sites and control of the restored areas which should enable increased land restoration actions over a larger area and close to the cumulative target of 3,600ha by the end of the project.

Five community forest management plans for the community forests of Didani (Cobly), Katenga (Boukombé), Salangawa (Ouaké), Dèrou bou (Banikoara) and Bètécoucou (Dassa-Zoumè) and two management plans for the Bakou (Djougou) and Bétèrou (Tchaourou) state forest units were subject to a technical validation workshop from 28 to 31 March 2024 (14 people including 3 women) held by the forestry department to official endorsement the plans in accordance with decree 093/MCVDD/DC/SGM/DGEFC/SA053SGG17.

Piloting of the digitalisation for the collection of forest "royalties" from forest users and harvesters was piloted in the classified forests of Bakou and Bétèrou in Q3 2024. With the support of the working group comprising of 9 representatives from the Project, the DGEFC, the consultants in charge of the assignment, the Ministry for Finance and the Ministry of Livelihoods and Transport, in charge of Sustainable Development (MCVT), the project executing entity. It is chaired by the Director of the Information Systems Department of MCVT. The results of the piloting will be shared in Q1 2025 and discussions held towards determining distribution of a part of the "royalties" to adjacent communities.

Outcome 2: Higher productivity from agricultural livelihoods secured in the face of climate change

The four automatic weather stations, installed in Q4 2023 in Banikoara, Coby, Boukombé, and Dassa-Zoumé municipalities, were handed over to Météo-Benin and the Municipalities in early Q1 2024 and 15 Météo-Benin staff trained in the operation and maintenance of the stations. The stations are contributing climate data to Météo-Benin's central system. The project is collaborating with Météo-Benin and its partners on developing communication protocols for agricultural advisories, emphasizing timely information on weather conditions, seasonal forecasts, and farming practices.

During the reporting period, 1,675 soybean and sorghum farmers across the seven project sites were supported in climate-resilient rain-fed agriculture methods including agroforestry on a total cumulative land area of 3,259.70 hectares, exceeding the project target of 3,000ha.

The project supported awareness raising on climate-smart agriculture methods (land preparation, soil conservation and nutrients, and crop selection) in fifty-nine (59) village-based farmer demonstration plots in seven (7) municipalities, attended by 612 men and 951 women in total. The project established 59 farmer-based field-based demonstration units for the training of 1,675 soybean and sorghum producers. The project distributed 73,750 kg of certified soybean seeds, 4,000 kg of certified sorghum seeds, 5,900 packets of biological inoculum for soybean seeds and 6,000 packets of biofertilizers. During the reporting period 59.42% of the target population of 22,000 households saw an increase of 24.09% in yields. In addition, the project supplied 43,627 tree seedlings during 2023 for promotion of agroforestry (with a survival rate of 56% at the end of the reporting period).

Since September 2024, the project is working with Benin's National Agency for Standardization, Metrology and Quality Control (NASMQC), in close coordination with EBAFOSA-Benin, ICRAF, Directorate of Climate Change Management, and INRAB, in integrating ecosystem-based adaptation for food security principles into Benin's Standards for shea, néré, cashew nuts, sorghum and soya beans products and associated value chains.

Outcome 3. Strengthened technical and institutional capacity of the government and communities for implementing EbA and climate-resilient agriculture and enhanced awareness of the adaptation benefits.

The project has undertaken further consultation with the MCVT to confirm the proposed knowledge hub comprising of an online platform linked to the MCVT website, an information space in the MCVT offices and will be supported by a community radio campaign across the country to disseminate results.

During the reporting period the project established the scope of the planned study and finalization of the analysis of the experiences gained and the cost-benefit analysis of EbA and climate-resilient agriculture in Benin and dissemination of the results through the knowledge hub.

The project increased its profile and that of ecosystem-based adaptation within national institutions, including the MCVT and sectoral ministries (e.g. agriculture), at Municipal levels through public awareness meetings that received audio-visual and print media coverage.

Provide a concise summary of progress towards achieving the logical Framework Indicators. Please focus on key milestones and measurable achievements during the reporting period. Additionally, please note that the data reported here does not contribute to the overall impact assessment and should instead be included in the "Progress Update on the Logic Framework Indicators" section.

2.2 Logical Framework Indicators

Provide an updated table of Fund-Level logical framework indicators and activities. To ensure alignment with GCF's impact reporting, prioritize and maximize reporting on pre-defined core and Fund-level Impact Indicators (PMF) within the framework. Only after these parameters are fully exhausted should non-aggregable project or program-specific indicators be reported in the "Project/Programme-level Outcome & Output Indicators" section.

EDD+ RBP projects are only required to report on the progress of activities. If applicable, include information on sub-projects. For projects and programmes approved until B.31, the logical framework should focus on the mitigation and adaptation performance measurement frameworks (PMF). For projects and programmes approved from B.32 onwards, the logical framework should reflect the integrated results management framework (IRMF).

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Core Indicators (PMF)

- Mitigation Core Indicator 1 - Tonnes of carbon dioxide equivalent (tCO₂eq) reduced as a result of GCF funded project/programme
- Mitigation Core Indicator 2 - Cost per tCO₂eq decreased for GCF funded project/programme
- Mitigation Core Indicator 3 - Volume of finance leveraged by GCF funding (Disaggregated by public/private source)
- Adaptation Core Indicator 1 - Direct Beneficiaries of GCF funded project/programme
- Adaptation Core Indicator 2 - Indirect Beneficiaries of GCF funded project/programme
- Adaptation Core Indicator 3 - Number of total beneficiaries relative to total population

Adaptation Core Indicator 1 - Direct Beneficiaries of GCF funded project/programme (Units: number of individuals and percentage %)

Please provide the "annual value" of the number of direct beneficiaries who benefitted from GCF funding only during the reported calendar year. The 'Cumulative Value' refers to the total ex-post number of direct beneficiaries on a cumulative basis. Please note that all values should be based on total funding (GCF funding and co-financing).

<p>Baseline</p> <input type="text" value="0"/> <p>Value prior to the implementation of the project</p> <p>Current Value (Reporting Year)</p> <input type="text" value="15272"/> <p>Verified value during the reporting period (gender-disaggregated if possible)</p> <p>Cumulative Value</p> <input type="text" value="21 662"/> <p>Verified value up to the end of reporting period (gender-disaggregated if possible)</p> <p>Mid-term Target</p> <input type="text" value="8 000"/> <p>As per the logframe in the FP</p> <p>Final Target</p> <input type="text" value="22 000"/> <p>As per the logframe in the FP</p>	<p>Baseline (% of female)</p> <input type="text" value="0"/> % <p>Value prior to the implementation of the project</p> <p>Current Value (% of female)</p> <input type="text" value="44.35"/> % <p>Verified value during the reporting period (gender-disaggregated if possible)</p> <p>Cumulative Value (% of female)</p> <input type="text" value="43.12"/> % <p>Verified value up to the end of reporting period (gender-disaggregated if possible)</p> <p>Mid-term Target (% of female)</p> <input type="text" value="50"/> % <p>As per the logframe in the FP</p> <p>Final Target (% of female)</p> <input type="text" value="50"/> % <p>As per the logframe in the FP</p>
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If the GCF Board has approved this project/programme as a single-country project/programme, please do not fill this section (country-level disaggregated values) below.

If this project/programme is approved as a multi-country project/programme and has started implementation in any of the countries as of this reporting year, please fill in this section.

Country

Please choose the country to report against, as submitted in the approved funding proposal.

Benin

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Remarks (including changes, if any)

There have been no changes to the logframe during 2024.

Direct beneficiaries include those who have attended project awareness raising activities, participated and benefited from all training activities across all outputs, benefited from on-farm demonstration units established in all seven project sites, recipient of climate smart agriculture inputs and increased engagement with 15 women-led Cooperatives. The number of direct beneficiaries in 2024 is 15,272 (8,499 men and 6,773 women). The cumulative total number of director beneficiaries of the project as of 31 December 2025 was 21,662 people, comprising of 11,739 men and 9,923 women.

Since the start of the project, activities have taken place in seven project sites in communities located within the municipalities of Dassa-Zoumé, Tchaourou, Djougou, Ouaké, Coby, Boukombé et Banikoara in Central and Northern Benin. Detailed localities per Municipalities are detailed below:

Municipality: DASSA-ZOUME

Ward: Akofodjoulé

Villages: Bétécoucou, N'gbéga ,Agondokpo, Agonkpinzin Banigbé, Atinkpayé, Holli-Gamba Dassa-Zoumè, Tchaourou, Djougou, Ouaké; Coby, Boukombé et Banikoara.

Ward: Trè

Village: Trè

Ward: Dassa Centre

Village Dassa

Municipality: OUAKE

Ward: Komgé

Villages: Komdé,Mankpassi, Aloayomdé, Yamsalé , AkoussitèDjoué,Assodé

Municipality: TCHAOUROU

Ward: Bétérou

Villages: Yébéssi, Kpessou, Oubérou, Wari-Samba, Sinahou, Bétérou, Banigri, Kpessou

Ward: Tchaourou Centre

Villages: Tchaourou

Ward: Kabo

Village: Kpassa

Municipality: BANIKOARA

Ward: Sompéroukou

Villages: Dérou Bou, Tiganson, Gomparou, Banikoara, Gnindarou, Tikanson Gobérou

Ward: Banikoara

Village: Tokey

Ward: Kokey

Village: Kokey

Municipality: DJOUGOU

Ward: Onklou

Villages: Djapingou, Bortoko, Bombone, Foubbéa, Daringa, Dewa Soso, Moné, Bakou, Tewaou, Gnangri Bougou, Bariérou, Kamourou,

Ward: Patargo

Village: Sokpaou

Ward: Barei

Villages: Totti

Municipality: BOUKOMBE

Ward: Natta

Villages: Kouporgou, Kounagnigou, Katenga, Koutangou, Kounagogou, Koukoua, Koupogou, Koussagou, Koumangou, Kouwotchirgou, Koucointiegou

Municipality: COBLY

Ward: Cobly

Villages: Oukomou, Dissari, Didani,

Ward: Datori

Villages: Datori, Coré

MOV: Project level attendance sheets during all project activities and events, and surveys and reports produced by each of the seven Municipality-level commune monitoring units.

Include additional relevant granular information, such as disaggregation by intervention/technology and the geographical location of the activities. Note that this section cannot be used to redefine cumulative values or targets in a way that deviates from the logframe methodology.

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Fund-level Impact Indicators

[Important Note] Please note that at least mitigation core indicator 1 (for mitigation projects) and adaptation core indicator 1 and/or 2 (for adaptation projects) must be selected in 2.2.1. Progress Update on the Core Indicators (PMF) above before you select 2.2.2 Progress Update on the Fund-level Impact Indicators (PMF), even in the case where the FAA does not specifically mention about reporting on core indicators. Since 2.2.2 is a breakdown of 2.2.1, the sum of 2.2.2 should be aligned with 2.2.1. For example, if you select M1.1 and M3.1 in 2.2.2, 2.2.1 Mitigation Core Indicator 1 must be selected and the sum of the values reported in M1.1 and M3.1 must be entered as Mitigation Core indicator 1 value. To ensure alignment with GCF's impact reporting, prioritize and maximize reporting Fund-level indicators in this section. Only after these parameters are fully exhausted should non-aggregable project or program-specific indicators be reported in the "Project/Programme-level Outcome & Output Indicators" section.

- M1.1 Tonnes of carbon dioxide equivalent (tCO₂eq) reduced or avoided as a result of increased low-emission energy access and power generation
- M2.1 Tonnes of carbon dioxide equivalent (tCO₂eq) reduced or avoided as a result of increased access to low-emission transport
- M3.1 Tonnes of carbon dioxide equivalent (tCO₂eq) reduced or avoided as a result of buildings, cities, industries and appliances
- M4.1 Tonnes of carbon dioxide equivalent (tCO₂eq) reduced or avoided as a result of sustainable management of forests and conservation and enhancement of forest carbon stocks
- A1.1 Change in expected losses of lives and economic assets due to the impact of extreme climate-related disasters in the geographic area of the GCF intervention
- A1.2 Number of males and females benefiting from the adoption of diversified, climate resilient livelihood options (including fisheries, agriculture, tourism, etc.)
- A1.3 Number of Fund funded projects/programmes that supports effective adaptation to fish stock migration and depletion due to climate change
- A2.1 Number of males and females benefiting from introduced health measures to respond to climate-sensitive diseases
- A2.2 Number of food secure households (in areas/periods at risk of climate change impacts)
- A2.3 Number of males and females with year round access to reliable and safe water supply despite climate shocks and stresses
- A3.1 Number and value of physical assets made more resilient to climate variability and change, considering human benefits (reported where applicable)
- A4.1 Coverage/scale of ecosystems protected and strengthened in response to climate variability and change
- A4.2 Value of ecosystem services generated or protected in response to climate change

A1.2 Number of males and females benefiting from the adoption of diversified, climateresilient livelihood options (including fisheries, agriculture, tourism, etc.) (Units: number of individuals and percentage %)

Add up the direct/indirect beneficiaries numbers reported here and enter the sum in 2.2.1 Adaptation Core indicator 1 and/or 2. Please provide the "annual value" achieved only during the reported calendar year and the ex-post 'Cumulative Value' on a cumulative basis.

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Country

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<p>Baseline</p> <input type="text"/> <p>Value prior to the implementation of the project</p> <p>Current Value (Reporting Year)</p> <input type="text"/> <p>Verified value during the reporting period (gender-disaggregated if possible)</p> <p>Cumulative Value</p> <input type="text"/> <p>Verified value up to the end of reporting period (gender-disaggregated if possible)</p> <p>Mid-term Target</p> <input type="text"/> <p>As per the logframe in the FP</p> <p>Final Target</p> <input type="text"/> <p>As per the logframe in the FP</p>	<p>Baseline (% of female)</p> <input type="text" value=""/> % <p>Current Value (% of female)</p> <input type="text" value=""/> % <p>Cumulative Value (% of female)</p> <input type="text" value=""/> % <p>Mid-term Target (% of female)</p> <input type="text" value=""/> % <p>Final Target (% of female)</p> <input type="text" value=""/> % <p>As per the logframe in the FP</p>
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Remarks (including changes, if any)

There have been no changes to the logframe during 2024.

Direct beneficiaries include those who have attended project awareness raising activities, participated and benefited from all training activities across all outputs, benefited from on-farm demonstration units established in all seven project sites, recipient of climate smart agriculture inputs and increased engagement with 15 women-led Cooperatives. The number of direct beneficiaries in 2024 is 15,272 (8,499 men and 6,773 women). The cumulative total number of director beneficiaries of the project as of 31 December 2025 was 21,662 people, comprising of 11,739 men and 9,923 women.

Since the start of the project, activities have taken place in seven project sites in communities located within the municipalities of Dassa-Zoumé, Tchaourou, Djougou, Ouaké, Coby, Boukombé et Banikoara in Central and Northern Benin.

Include additional relevant granular information, such as disaggregation by intervention/technology and the geographical location of the activities. Note that this section cannot be used to redefine cumulative values or targets in a way that deviates from the logframe methodology.

A4.1 Coverage/scale of ecosystems protected and strengthened in response to climate variability and change (Units: multiple, as applicable)

Please provide ex-post 'Current Value' on a cumulative basis.

Use 'Add row' button to add multiple units/sub-indicators

Unit <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hectares <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify)		
<input type="text" value="Hectare (ha)"/>		
Please do not use commas nor periods for thousand separators. Periods are only allowed as decimal separators.		
Baseline <input type="text" value="0"/> Value prior to the implementation of the project	Current Value (Reporting Year) <input type="text" value="525.34"/> Verified value during the reporting period (gender-disaggregated if possible)	Cumulative Value <input type="text" value="1 251.34"/> Verified value up to the end of reporting period (gender-disaggregated if possible)
Mid-term Target <input type="text" value="1 200"/> As per the logframe in the FP	Final Target <input type="text" value="3600"/> As per the logframe in the FP	

Remarks (including changes, if any)

No changes to the logframe.

Note: 2023 cumulative value of 1,021ha was an error. Correct cumulative value on 31 Dec 2023 was 726ha. **The difference of 295ha was due to a computation error of double reporting elements of the 2021 annual planting total.**

The monitoring of this indicator and other Output indicators (e.g. Output 1.2 and Output 2.1) has been made more rigorous by the strengthened monitoring systems applied by the project team in collaboration with the DGEFC (Forest Department), implementation monitors and the communal monitoring unit (CCS) in light of actions applied in response to MTR Recommendation R5a and b.

The summary of annual and cumulative reforestation, woodfuel plots and agroforestry/orchard is provided below:

Planted during 2021 and 2023

Woodfuel plots: **60ha**

Orchards: **155ha**

Reforestation in Forest areas: 511ha

Total value as of 12/31/2023: 726 ha

Planted during 2024:

Woodfuel plots: 10ha

Orchards: 55ha

Reforestation in Forest areas: 460.34ha

Total value of 31/12/2024: 525.34ha

Cumulative value of reforested areas as of December 31, 2024

Woodfuel plots: 70ha

Orchards: 210ha

Reforestation in forest areas: 971.34ha

Total cumulative as of 31/12/2024 : 1,251.34ha

The areas subject to reforestation and established of community wood energy plots and agroforestry are located in the municipalities of Cobly, Boukombé, Ouaké, Banikoara and Dassa-Zoumé, Djougou and Tchaourou.

MOV: Based on field data collection conducted by field-based service providers undertaking plantings, the Forest Department staff based at the project sites, the members of the Community Forest Management Committees, and the project support Commune Monitoring Units, and the field missions conducted by the Project team and its partner, ICRAF.

Include additional relevant granular information, such as disaggregation by intervention/technology and the geographical location of the activities. Note that this section cannot be used to redefine cumulative values or targets in a way that deviates from the logframe methodology.

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Unit

Hectares

Other (please specify)

Please do not use commas nor periods for thousand separators. Periods are only allowed as decimal separators.

Baseline	Current Value (Reporting Year)	Cumulative Value
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
<small>Value prior to the implementation of the project</small>	<small>Verified value during the reporting period (gender-disaggregated if possible)</small>	<small>Verified value up to the end of reporting period (gender-disaggregated if possible)</small>
Mid-term Target	Final Target	
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	
<small>As per the logframe in the FP</small>	<small>As per the logframe in the FP</small>	

Remarks (including changes, if any)

Please include potential changes to the logframe. Also, please indicate the geographical location where the activities are taking place.

Include additional relevant granular information, such as disaggregation by intervention/technology and the geographical location of the activities. Note that this section cannot be used to redefine cumulative values or targets in a way that deviates from the logframe methodology.

3. Progress Update on the Fund-level Project/programme Outcome Indicators (PMF)

In this section, report the 'annual value' for the reporting year, which includes results achieved during the current year from both current and ongoing activities carried over from previous years. Additionally, provide the 'cumulative value,' which represents the total results realized from all previous years up to the end of the reporting year. Reporting on both annual and cumulative values is mandatory. Ensure that targets are clearly defined and reported using the following categories: Midterm Target: The results to be achieved by the midpoint of implementation. Final Target: The results to be achieved by the conclusion of project or program implementation. Lifetime Target: The total results expected over the entire operational period of the project or program. Lastly, avoid using commas or periods as thousand separators. Periods should only be used as decimal separators.

Fund-level Project/programme Outcome Indicators

Please choose Project Outcome Indicators from the list below. In case you changed your project outcome indicator names from the official ones below to project-specific ones, please choose the most relevant indicators from the below list and write the changed indicator name in the Remark text field at the bottom. To ensure alignment with GCF’s impact reporting, prioritize and maximize reporting Fund-level indicators in this section. Only after these parameters are fully exhausted should non-aggregable project or program-specific indicators be reported in the “Project/Programme-level Outcome & Output Indicators” section.

- M5.1 Institutional and regulatory systems that improve incentives for low-emission planning and development and their effective implementation
- M5.2 Number and level of effective coordination mechanisms
- M6.1 Proportion of low-emission power supply in a jurisdiction or market
- M6.2 Number of households, and individuals (males and females) with improved access to low-emission energy sources
- M6.3 MWs of low-emission energy capacity installed, generated and/or rehabilitated as a result of GCF support
- M7.1 Energy intensity/improved efficiency of buildings, cities, industries and appliances as a result of Fund support
- M8.1 Number of additional female and male passengers using low-carbon transport as a result of Fund support
- M8.2 Vehicle fuel economy and energy source as a result of Fund support
- M9.1 Hectares of land or forests under improved and effective management that contributes to CO2 emission reductions
- M10.1 Number of technologies and innovative solutions transferred or licensed to support low-emission development as a result of Fund support
- A5.1 Institutional and regulatory systems that improve incentives for climate resilience and their effective implementation.
- A5.2 Number and level of effective coordination mechanisms
- A6.1 Use of climate information products/services in decision-making in climate-sensitive sectors
- A7.1 Use by vulnerable households, communities, businesses and public-sector services of Fund-supported tools, instruments, strategies and activities to respond to climate change and variability
- A7.2 Number of males and females reached by [or total geographic coverage of] climate-related early warning systems and other risk reduction measures established/ strengthened
- A8.1 Number of males and females made aware of climate threats and related appropriate responses
- A9.1 Number of technologies and innovative solutions transferred or licensed to promote climate resilience as a result of Fund support

A7.1 Use by vulnerable households, communities, businesses and public-sector services of Fund-supported tools, instruments, strategies and activities to respond to climate change and variability

Please provide the "annual value" achieved only during the reported calendar year and the ex-post 'Current Value' on a cumulative basis.

Select A7.1 Units (as many as possible)

- Number of households
- Number of individuals
- Number of businesses (including farmers)/cooperatives
- Percentage of increase in main crop field
- Percentage of households
- Other

Level of incorporation of EbA in investments

Unit - Percentage of households

Baseline

0 %

Value prior to the implementation of the project

Current Value (Reporting Year)

10 %

Verified value during the reporting period (gender-disaggregated if possible)

Cumulative Value

10 %

Verified value up to the end of reporting period (gender-disaggregated if possible)

Mid-term Target

10 %

As per the logframe in the FP

Final Target

30 %

As per the logframe in the FP

Unit - Other

Baseline	Current Value (Reporting Year)	Cumulative Value
1 Value prior to the implementation of the project	2 Verified value during the reporting period (gender-disaggregated if possible)	2 Verified value up to the end of reporting period (gender-disaggregated if possible)
Mid-term Target	Final Target	
3 As per the logframe in the FP	5 As per the logframe in the FP	

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Select A7.1 Units (as many as possible)

- Number of households
- Number of individuals
- Number of businesses (including farmers)/cooperatives
- Percentage of increase in main crop field
- Percentage of households
- Other

Remarks (including changes, if any)

1) "Percentage of households" for indicator "Uptake/application of targeted agricultural practices based on climate information advisories received":

METEO BENIN has developed and disseminated, via mobile phone apps, climate information (weather alerts, seasonal forecasts, etc.) for all municipalities in the country, including the 7 municipalities benefiting from the project.

In May 2024, the project engaged with METEO BENIN and its partners (Information Services Unit of the MCVT, Project on Diversification of the Agricultural value chain and Diversification of Exports (PACOFIDE) and the Project to support Community Forest Management (PAGEFORM II) to develop an action plan for the coordinated production and dissemination of agro-meteorological advisories in the project's 7 sites during the project period. The project supported awareness-raising with municipal officers including representatives from the Territorial Agency for Agricultural Development (ATDA) and National Agency for Civil Protection (ANPC) on additional information to be included in agro-meteorological advisories (e.g. season forecasts, sowing dates, choice of varieties).

2) "Other" defined as the "Level of incorporation of EbA in investments"

The Level achieved at the end of the reporting period is the same as of December 2023, namely that the project has reached the level 2 : "Initial EbA approaches are integrated through regular issuance of climate advisories; EbA mainstreaming guidelines and policy and information briefs are available".

The project has been challenged to advance in the integration of EbA in national agriculture policy and forest law as neither the Ministry of Agriculture, Water and Fisheries (MAEP) and the Directorate General for Water, Forest and Hunting (DGEFC) have provided guidance and timelines on opportunities for formulating and submitting proposed revisions to the agricultural policy and forestry law. The project is pursuing options for making recommendations for revisions in 2025 and with an aim of achieving Level 3 by the end of 2025. Building on previous work on identifying gaps in national laws and policies and opportunities for integrating EbA, the project can propose revisions in existing agriculture policy and forest law and support the integration of EbA as part of annual and multi-annual sector planning and budgets in agriculture and forest sectors within the context of current regulations (i.e. Level 5). Achieving Level 4 – EbA adapted Agricultural Policy and Forest Law is adopted is likely beyond the control of the project.

The indicator Level definitions are:

Level 1 = EbA approaches are not mainstreamed in policy, legislation or guidelines;

Level 2= Initial EbA approaches are integrated through regular issuance of climate advisories; EbA mainstreaming guidelines and policy and information briefs are available;

Level 3 = Revisions to national agriculture policy and forest law are developed and proposed for adoption.

Level 4 = EbA adapted Agricultural Policy and Forest Law Adopted;

Level 5 = Ministry of Livelihoods and Transport, in charge of Sustainable Development (MCVDD) and Ministry of Agriculture, water and Fisheries (MAEP) develop annual and multi-annual sector planning and budgets that incorporate EBA methods for at least two relevant sectors.

The means of verification is a scorecard approach targeting beneficiary communities and technical officers in districts, municipalities and central government

No changes to the logframe have been applied by the end of the reporting period. The MTR recommendations included a recommendation to strengthen some of the output indicator formulation to ensure that they are SMART and effectively measure the intended Output to be achieved by the end of the project. The current monitoring system, including indicators and associated data collection, storage and analysis, were reviewed during Q4 2024 with an aim of identifying those indicators of the logical framework requiring reformulation and/or identifying possible sub-indicators. The Project, and its partner (ICRAF) will conclude the analysis and propose changes in some of the logical framework indicators by end Q2 2025.

Include additional relevant granular information, such as disaggregation by intervention/technology and the geographical location of the activities. Note that this section cannot be used to redefine cumulative values or targets in a way that deviates from the logframe methodology.

4. Progress Update on the Project/Programme-level Outcome & Output Indicators (PMF)

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Project/Programme-level Outcome & Output Indicators

Results Areas	Outcome Name	
[Adaptation] Ecosystems and ecosystem services	Outcome 1. 3,600 hectares of land restored for multi-use energy and livelihood benefits.	
Output Name (under the afore-mentioned outcome)		
Output 1.1. Seven forest management plans revised or developed and put into practice by Community Forest Management Committees, to include EbA and climate-resilient sustainable forest management practices.		
<small>Please write 'Not Applicable' if the below-mentioned indicator is to be reported directly at the outcome level.</small>		
Indicator Name		
1.1: Number and Level of effectiveness of CFMCs		
Unit		
Level		
Baseline	Current Value (Reporting Year)	Cumulative Value
0	3	3
<small>Value prior to the implementation of the project</small>	<small>Verified value during the reporting period (gender-disaggregated if possible)</small>	<small>Verified value up to the end of reporting period (gender-disaggregated if possible)</small>
Mid-term Target	Final Target	
2	4	
<small>As per the logframe in the FP</small>	<small>As per the logframe in the FP</small>	

Remarks (including changes, if any)

No potential change to the logframe.

Level Definitions: Level 1= CFMC established; Level 2 = CFMC in place, meeting regularly with appropriate representation (gender and decision-making authorities); Level 3 = CFMC in place, meeting regularly, with appropriate representation, with appropriate information flows and monitoring of action items/issues raised. Level 4 = CFMC NR permit system working effectively to enforce sustainable natural resource extraction.

The project supported the Forest Department (DGEFC) to establish 7 Community Forest Management Committees (CFMC) in year 1. There is one Community Forest Management Committee (CFMC) for each of the following: Community forests of Didani (Cobly), Katenga (Boukombé), Salangawa (Ouaké), Dèroubou (Banikoara) and Bètécoucou (Dassa-Zoumè) and for the two state forest management units of Bakou (Djougou) and Bétérou (Tchaourou).

The project has supported the capacity building of the 7 CFMC and their respective members, in terms of organisational development and in managing the forest areas in collaboration with the DGEFC (Forest Department) in accordance with the respective forest management plans. One training of 21 members (14 men and 7 women) of 7 community forest management committees (CFMCs) in May 2024 on organisational management and development, climate change, impacts and adaptation options including EbA, fire risk management and on the practice of Taungya (mixed forestry and agriculture practices) for the sustainable management of the 3600 ha of forest area being sustainably managed for increased climate resilience, including in the management of 70 ha of wood energy plantations and the 210 ha of NTFP orchards established in the 7 municipalities where the PABE is active. The second planned training for 2024 was rescheduled to 2025 as the CFMCs were actively engaged in 2024 planting and forest management activities.

As of 31 December 2024, the project staff led by the monitoring and evaluation officer have assessed that:

- All seven CFMCs have reached level 3, namely that each CFMC is in place, meets regularly, has an appropriate representation in its membership (although gender balance needs to be strengthened across all CFMCs), and with appropriate information flows within CFMCs and between CFMCs and local communities, Forest Department, local municipality administrations and the project, and there are ongoing monitoring by each CFMC of action items/issues raised.
- The two CFMCs of Bakou (Djougou) and Bétérou (Tchaourou) of the "Oueme Supérieur N'dali" (OSN) State Forest have reached Level 4 where, in addition to Level 3 criteria, the CFMCs have annual workplans in the context of implementing forest management plans, they are collecting forest "royalties" from approved users (although under the existing 'old' royalty collection system) and are engaged in forest monitoring.

Note that the "level" definition is based on assessment of change and progression towards the effectiveness (capacity, empowerment, and functioning) of the Community Forest Management Committees. It is not a cumulative value per say, but rather a reflection of progression against a scale of 1 to 4. Note the final score should be 4 and not 7 as reported in 2023.

MOV: Monitoring reports from Communal Monitoring Unit, Field reports from the DGEFC/Forest Department, Project staff assessments.

If applicable, please submit a supporting document describing the calculation methodology for the current values provided.

Results Areas	Outcome Name
[Adaptation] Ecosystems and ecosystem services	Outcome 1. 3,600 hectares of land restored for multi-use energy and livelihood benefits.
Output Name (under the afore-mentioned outcome)	
Output 1.2: Land reforested to buffer against the impacts of climate change such as floods and soil erosion, and to enhance the provision of non-timber forest products (NTFPs) such as fruits, medicines, nuts, fuelwood and fibre.	
Please write 'Not Applicable' if the below-mentioned indicator is to be reported directly at the outcome level.	
Indicator Name	
1.2: Percentage survivorship of planted trees	

Unit		
%		
Baseline	Current Value (Reporting Year)	Cumulative Value
100	87.75	83.63
Value prior to the implementation of the project	Verified value during the reporting period (gender-disaggregated if possible)	Verified value up to the end of reporting period (gender-disaggregated if possible)
Mid-term Target	Final Target	
75	60	
As per the logframe in the FP	As per the logframe in the FP	
Remarks (including changes, if any)		
<p>No potential change to the logframe. The yields increased were recorded in the villages located in the 7 municipalities listed in indicator 2.1.1. The end of the project target has been reached.</p> <p style="color: red;">The cumulative survival rate value is computed as an annual average using past annual survival rates and the current value which corresponds to the survival rate for the reporting year.</p> <p style="color: red;">The annual (reporting year) survival rate is determined from field data collected over sample plots consisting of transects of 50m by 2m at each of the seven forest sites and cover forest planted sites, woodfuel plots and agroforestry plots. The data is collected by the CFMC members with technical support from the General Directorate for Water, Forests and Hunting and the project. At each sample plot, the number of living plants and the number of seedlings planted is collected. The survival rate is determined by the ratio of the number of living plants to the total number of plants planted, multiplied by 100.</p> <p style="color: red;">The current and cumulative survival rates at 31 December 2024 exceed the end of project target date. This is attributed to improved seedling stock, improved planting protocols including soil preparation, and awareness raising with adjacent communities. In addition, service providers are required to replace dead seedlings on an annual basis.</p> <p>MOV: Data sheets collected by field staff of PNOPPA (project partner) and validated by 7 Municipality-level Commune Monitoring Units, and field missions by project staff.</p>		
If applicable, please submit a supporting document describing the calculation methodology for the current values provided.		

Results Areas	Outcome Name	
[Adaptation] Ecosystems and ecosystem services	Outcome 2: Higher productivity from agricultural livelihoods secured in the face of climate change	
Output Name (under the afore-mentioned outcome)		
Output 2.1: Climate-resilient agriculture interventions, which increase agricultural yields under climate change conditions, implemented on 3,000 hectares.		
Please write 'Not Applicable' if the below-mentioned indicator is to be reported directly at the outcome level.		
Indicator Name		
2.1.1: Area (ha) of agricultural lands where sustainable, climate-resilient agriculture is implemented		
Unit		
hectares		
Baseline	Current Value (Reporting Year)	Cumulative Value
0	2 854.40	3 712
Value prior to the implementation of the project	Verified value during the reporting period (gender-disaggregated if possible)	Verified value up to the end of reporting period (gender-disaggregated if possible)
Mid-term Target	Final Target	
1 000	3 000	
As per the logframe in the FP	As per the logframe in the FP	

Remarks (including changes, if any)

No change to logframe.

The cumulative value at 31 December 2023 was 857.60ha. By 31 December 2024 the annual Current Value was 2,854.40ha. As at 31 December 2024, total cumulative value is 3,712 ha. of agricultural land where sustainable, climate-resilient agriculture is implemented. The end of project target has been exceeded. The climate-resilient agriculture activities has supported farmers located in the villages located in the 7 municipalities as follows:

Municipality: DASSA-ZOUME

Ward: Akofodjoulé

Villages: Bétécoucou, N'gbéga ,Agondokpo, Agonkpinzin Banigbé, Atinkpayé, Holli-Gamba Dassa-Zoumè, Tchaourou, Djougou, Ouaké; Cobly, Boukombé et Banikoara.

Ward: Trè

Village: Trè

Ward: Dassa Centre

Village Dassa

Municipality: OUAKE

Ward: Komgé

Villages: Komdé,Mankpassi, Aloayomdé, Yamsalé , AkoussitèDjoué,Assodé

Municipality: TCHAOUROU

Ward: Bétérou

Villages: Yébéssi, Kpessou, Oubérou, Wari-Samba, Sinahou, Bétérou, Banigri,Kpessou

Ward: Tchaourou Centre

Villages: Tchaourou

Ward: Kabo

Village: Kpassa

Municipality: BANIKOARA

Ward: Sompéroukou

Villages: Dérou Bou, Tiganson, Gomparou, Banikoara, Gnindarou, Tikanson Gobérou

Ward: Banikoara

Village: Tokey

Ward: Kokey

Village: Kokey

Municipality: DJOUGOU

Ward: Onklou

Villages: Djapingou, Bortoko, Bombone, Foubéa, Daringa, Dewa Soso, Moné, Bakou, Tewaou, Gnangri Bougou, Bariérou, Kamourou,

Ward: Patargo

Village: Sokpaou

Ward: Barei

Villages: Totti

Municipality: BOUKOMBE

Ward: Natta

Villages: Kouporgou, Kounagnigou, Katenga, Koutangou, Kounagogou, Koukoua, Koupogou, Koussagou, Koumangou, Kouwotchirgou, Koucointiegou

Municipality: COBLY

Ward: Cobly

Villages: Oukomou, Dissari,Didani,

Ward: Datori

Villages: Datori,Coré

MOV: Data sheets collected by field staff of PNOPPA (project partner) and validated by 7 Municipality-level Commune Monitoring Units, and field missions by project staff.

If applicable, please submit a supporting document describing the calculation methodology for the current values provided.

Results Areas		Outcome Name	
[Adaptation] Ecosystems and ecosystem services		Outcome 2: Higher productivity from agricultural livelihoods secured in the face of climate change	
Output Name (under the afore-mentioned outcome)			
Output 2.1: Climate-resilient agriculture interventions, which increase agricultural yields under climate change conditions, implemented on 3000 hectares.			
Please write 'Not Applicable' if the below-mentioned indicator is to be reported directly at the outcome level.			
Indicator Name			
2.1.2: Change in agricultural yields			
Unit			
%			
Baseline	Current Value (Reporting Year)	Cumulative Value	
0	24.09	19.10	
Value prior to the implementation of the project	Verified value during the reporting period (gender-disaggregated if possible)	Verified value up to the end of reporting period (gender-disaggregated if possible)	
Mid-term Target	Final Target		
20	20		
As per the logframe in the FP	As per the logframe in the FP		

Remarks (including changes, if any)

No potential change to the logframe. The yields increased were recorded in the villages located in the 7 municipalities listed in indicator 2.1.1. The end of the project target has been reached.

The mid-term target is "yields increase for 20% of the target population of 22,000 households by 20% through the project interventions" and the end of project target is "yields increase for 50% of the target population of 22,000 households by 20% through project interventions".

Since the portal accepts only one figure, we opted to capture the % of yield increase through the project interventions in the seven project sites. The Current Value is the % change of the yield per hectare recorded during the reporting year (season) compared to the baseline value of yield per hectare of (before project inventions). For 2024 the Current Value is a yield increase of 24.10% compared to the baseline yield. The Cumulative value is the average change in annual yield over past and current year and is 19.10%. The cumulative value does not represent a cumulative total over time. Only one rainfed agricultural season is possible per calendar year.

Agricultural yield % is determined by yield data from the current crop year expressed in kilograms for the area cultivated in hectares. Yield varies according to the quantity harvested at the end of the season

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If applicable, please submit a supporting document describing the calculation methodology for the current values provided.

Results Areas		Outcome Name	
[Adaptation] Ecosystems and ecosystem services		Outcome 2: Higher productivity from agricultural livelihoods secured in the face of climate change	
Output Name (under the afore-mentioned outcome)			
Output 2.2: Market access created for climate resilient crop to support EbA.			
Please write 'Not Applicable' if the below-mentioned indicator is to be reported directly at the outcome level.			
Indicator Name			
2.2.1: The economic value of trade agreements (number and value of trade agreements) facilitating sales from the value chain, which post-harvest facilities are expected to increase/improve.			
Unit			
Number of agreements			
Baseline	Current Value (Reporting Year)	Cumulative Value	
0	8	15	
Value prior to the implementation of the project	Verified value during the reporting period (gender-disaggregated if possible)	Verified value up to the end of reporting period (gender-disaggregated if possible)	
Mid-term Target	Final Target		
14	14		
As per the logframe in the FP	As per the logframe in the FP		

Remarks (including changes, if any)

During the reporting period, 8 additional cooperatives were supported by the project. The Cumulative value is 15 cooperatives supported by the project in terms strengthening their capacity in terms of organization operations, and processing, packing and marketing of products.

The project commitment was to support 2 Cooperatives in each of the project's seven municipalities. A third cooperative was added to Dassa-Zoumé municipality at the request of stakeholders in light of the high and growing number of cashew trees found in the municipality.

The mid-term target of 15 cooperatives formed and business strategies developed was reached. The cooperatives are not establishing formal trade agreements with buyers/wholesalers per say but rather conduct one-off sale transactions when they have stock to buyers and wholesalers, and all 15 Cooperatives have at least 1 one-off sale transaction during the reporting period with improved value of trade compared to the beginning of the project. During the reporting period the project supplied additional nut processing equipment and training on product packaging. To supplement the indicator, the project is considering a variable to capture improved value of trade (volumes, revenues and profit) and economic returns to members as a result of value addition and improved packaging and marketing.

The 15 Cooperatives are located in the 7 Municipalities of Cobly, Boukombé, Ouaké, Banikoara, Dassa-Zoumé, Djougou and Tchaourou.

During the last year of the project, the focus is consolidating support to the cooperatives in terms of processing and marketing of quality NTFP and farming products, and building on past trade fairs supported by the project in 2023.

The farmers, through the cooperatives, will be sustained after the project has ended through the following:

- Maintaining current and increasing yields and improved storage and processing of NTFPs should increase the supply of products to the market (in light of results obtained to date resulting from the improved agricultural techniques applied, the intensification of the various awareness-raising activities carried out by the project and from the increased supply of non-timber forest products from reforestation and restoration plantings of NTFP trees).
- The five cooperative warehouses and respective management committees supported by the project and its partners will enable sustained improved product storage (reducing post-harvest losses) and processing.
- Supporting the organizing of another trade show in 2025 and 2026 where cooperatives showcase their products and expand their networks with buyers and other Cooperatives.

MOV: Cooperative records; data sheets completed by Communal Monitoring Units, data compiled by Project staff.

If applicable, please submit a supporting document describing the calculation methodology for the current values provided.

Results Areas	Outcome Name
[Adaptation] Ecosystems and ecosystem services	Outcome 3: Strengthened technical and institutional capacity of the government and communities for implementing EbA and climate-resilient agriculture and enhanced awareness of the adaptation benefits
Output Name (under the afore-mentioned outcome)	
Output 3.1: Tools, instruments and strategies developed to enable communities, businesses and the public sector to respond to climate change and variability.	
Please write 'Not Applicable' if the below-mentioned indicator is to be reported directly at the outcome level.	
Indicator Name	
3.1.1 Degree of integration of climate change and/or EbA into the Forest Law and Agriculture Policy	

Unit		
Level		
Baseline	Current Value (Reporting Year)	Cumulative Value
0	1	1
Value prior to the implementation of the project	Verified value during the reporting period (gender-disaggregated if possible)	Verified value up to the end of reporting period (gender-disaggregated if possible)
Mid-term Target	Final Target	
2	4	
As per the logframe in the FP	As per the logframe in the FP	
Remarks (including changes, if any)		
<p style="color: red;">The Level achieved at the end of the reporting period is the same as of December 2023, namely that the project has reached Level 1: "Climate change not mainstreaming into the forest law and agricultural policy". The cumulative value remains Level 1.</p> <p>Indicator Unit Definition:</p> <p>Level 1: Climate change not mainstreamed meaningfully into the forest law and agricultural policy;</p> <p>Level 2: Climate change narrative woven through the draft forest law and agricultural policy;</p> <p>Level 3: Action plan and toolkit for implementation of the forest law and agricultural policy with climate change adaptation fully mainstreamed have been developed;</p> <p>Level 4: Budgets allocated to implement the forest law and revised agricultural policy</p> <p>No Potential changes to the logframe. The geographical locations are in the 7 municipalities and in Cotonou, the capital.</p> <p>At the end of the reporting period, the Level achieved Level 1 – "climate change not mainstreamed meaningfully into the forest law and agricultural policy".</p> <p>The project, with technical support from ICRAF, undertook an assessment of the integration of climate change adaptation, including EbA, in national and sectoral policies, strategies and plans and identified entry points for integrating climate change adaptation and EbA in key sectoral policies and plans (e.g. agriculture and forestry). The report also provided an action plan for advancing on the integration of climate change adaptation and EbA into sectoral policies and plans and national and subnational development planning and budgeting. The report was validated in July 2023 in Parakou and a briefing note targeting decision-makers was prepared and over 1,000 copies were distributed during awareness raising events in June and November 2024 held in Cotonou and in 7 municipalities. There project will be prioritizing on action plan activities to achieve the intended outcome of integrating climate change adaptation and Eba into key sectoral policies and plans (agriculture and forestry) and subnational and national development planning and budget processes.</p>		
If applicable, please submit a supporting document describing the calculation methodology for the current values provided.		

Results Areas	Outcome Name
[Adaptation] Ecosystems and ecosystem services	Outcome 3: Strengthened technical and institutional capacity of the government and communities for implementing EbA and climate-resilient agriculture and enhanced awareness of the adaptation benefits
Output Name (under the afore-mentioned outcome)	
Output 3.1: Tools, instruments and strategies developed to enable communities, businesses and the public sector to respond to climate change and variability.	
Please write 'Not Applicable' if the below-mentioned indicator is to be reported directly at the outcome level.	
Indicator Name	
3.1.2 Extent of quality of climate advisories and applicability by farmers	

Unit		
Level		
Baseline	Current Value (Reporting Year)	Cumulative Value
0	2	2
Value prior to the implementation of the project	Verified value during the reporting period (gender-disaggregated if possible)	Verified value up to the end of reporting period (gender-disaggregated if possible)
Mid-term Target	Final Target	
2	4	
As per the logframe in the FP	As per the logframe in the FP	
Remarks (including changes, if any)		
<p>The Level achieved at the end of the reporting period is the same as of December 2023, namely that the project has reached Level 2: "climate advisory dissemination pilot tested among a lead farmer group". The cumulative value remains Level 2.</p> <p>No Potential changes to the logframe.</p> <p>Level Definition:</p> <p>Level 0: Climate advisories not used among smallholder farmers to adapt farming practices</p> <p>Level 1: Responses to the range of climate hazards codified by focus groups of smallholder farmers</p> <p>Level 2: Climate advisory dissemination pilot tested among a lead farmer group</p> <p>Level 3: Farmer to farmer dissemination of climate advisories tested over an agricultural season</p> <p>Level 4: Targeted smallholder farmers reporting more stable yield or reduced loss of crops.</p> <p>Weather forecasts are provided by METEO BENIN, a project partner. METEO BENIN works on the basis of meteorological data collected daily from METEO stations; in consultation with the Ministry of Agriculture, it produces agricultural calendars to rural farming communities. In 2024, METEO BENIN disseminated agricultural calendar advisories to farmers in the 7 project sites using SMS and local radio stations, and drawing on the local climate data collected from 4 automatic weather stations installed by the project and inputs from the project on agroforestry and rain-fed climate resilient agriculture through its partners ICRAF and PNOPPA. The dissemination of the advisories will continue in 2025 and 2026 with a strengthened messaging on climate resilient agriculture in terms of soil and land preparations, use of organic inputs. There is need for the project's monitoring system to be able to capture information on household and farmer decisions are informed by the agro-meteorological advisories as distinct from the climate-resilient agriculture support and advice provided by PNOPPA.</p>		
If applicable, please submit a supporting document describing the calculation methodology for the current values provided.		

2.3 Update on Project Output Implementation Status

Please note the fields below are mandatory but only a one-time activity. Please fill out the project output details regardless of any progress made so far, which will be auto-populated in the next APR and onwards.

Provide status (on track, delayed, not yet due – to use dropdown function) and brief update on the implementation progress, including challenges encountered and potential changes.

Use 'Add Row' button to add multiple outputs and/or activities reported against one output

Project Output Name	
Output 1.1: Seven forest management plans revised or developed to include EbA and climate-resilient sustainable forest management practices	
The output name should match with the output reported above. If you have multiple activities to be reported against one output, you need to write down the same output name for every activity.	
Project Activity Name	
Project Activity 1.1.1: Develop or strengthen forest management plans	
Status	Implementation Progress
Activity started - progress on track	95 %
Original timeline planned for this activity	
Q3 2019 - Q3 2020	
Please refer to the Implementation Plan in the FAA. If the Implementation Plan has been amended in the countersigned Amendment and Restatement Agreement (ARA), please refer to the updated plan in the ARA.	

Progress for the relevant reporting period

Five community forest management plans for the community forests of Didani (Cobly), Katenga (Boukombé), Salangawa (Ouaké), Dèrou bou (Banikoara) and Bètécoucou (Dassa-Zoumè) have been drawn up and two management plans for the Bakou (Djougou) and Bétérou (Tchaourou) state forest areas have been revised. Following the intervention of the project in late 2023 to resolve a disagreement between two adjacent communities of Bètécoucou community forest, both communities signed the management plan for the Bètécoucou forest (Dassa-Zoumè), and supported the continuation of administrative procedures with the DGEFC (Forest Dept) on validation of the forest plan.

As per planned 2024 milestones and deliverables and as per the MTR recommendation R3b, a technical validation workshop was held at Lokossa from 28 to 31 March 2024 (14 people including 3 women) for the five community forest plans of Didani (Cobly), Katenga (Boukombé), Salangawa (Ouaké) and Dèrou bou (Banikoara) by the forestry department in accordance with decree 093/MCVDD/DC/SGM/DGEFC/SA053SGG17 on the procedures and methods for the development and appropriation of forest management plans and tools in the Republic of Benin. However the planned 2024 deliverable of Ministerial endorsement of the five community forest management plans and two state forest management unit plans was not achieved by end 2024 owing to an administrative procedure for the formal approval of these plans, which technically validated by the Forest Department by the Directorate General for Water, Forests and Hunting (DGEFC).

As planned for 2024, in the Bakou and Bétérou forest management units of the National Forest OSN, the digitalization of the collection and management of forest permits issuance and receipts is currently being piloted by the Directorate for IT and the Directorate General for Water, Forests and Hunting (DGEFC) of the Ministry of Livelihoods and Transport, in charge of Sustainable Development and the National Treasury of the Ministry of Economy and Finance. Sensitivity tests are being carried out and a pilot phase of dematerialized data collection will be completed by December 31 2025 in the Bakou and Bétérou management units. These activities are funded by cofinancing support by the Government and with support from the World Bank supported Gazetted Forests Management Project (GFM).

For the five community forests of Bètécoucou, Didani, Dèrou-Bou, Salangawa and Katenga, the CFMC training process on sustainable forest management has been ongoing and is underway through the implementation of management plans. These training courses held in 2024 and to continue in the second quarter of 2025, provide training on association organization and governance, the introduction of forest and land management tools and the implementation of forest management plans, and the collection and management of forest permit issuance and receipts. The latter will draw on the same system being piloted in the Bakou and Bétérou forest management units, with the support of the DGEFC and the project.

The planned 2024 training on the use of Unmanned Aerial Systems (UAS) drones in forest monitoring (piloting of drones, collection of geospatial data and thematic mapping) was undertaken in October 2024 for DGEFC 45 managers and officers, including 3 women, from the General Directorate of Water, Forests and Hunting and a training report produced.

However, the planned deliverable of production of updated maps of two state forest management units and 5 community forests and adjacent agricultural ecosystems with data/images acquired through drones has been completed by the end of the reporting period but will be completed by Q3 2025.

Provide an updated progress on this project activity for the relevant reporting period, including delays and issues encountered, the reason for differences between the planned implementation progress and actual implementation progress, key milestones reached, and lessons learned, including issues related to non-compliance with GCF standards or conditions, vis-à-vis expectations, if any. In parallel, include positive achievements and better-than-expected results.

Remarks

The key milestones and deliverables for 2025 include:

Milestones:

Approval by the DGEFC/Ministry of the five Simple Management Plans (PSG) for Dérou Bou, Salangawa, Katenga and Didani and Bétécoucou community forests

Digitalisation of the collection of forest "royalties" from forest users and harvesters, and distribution of revenue for the Bakou and Bétéou state forest areas and mechanisms and capacity in place for the 5 community forests.

Production of updated maps of two state forest management units and 5 community forests and adjacent agricultural ecosystems with data/images acquired through drones

Deliverables:

Transmittal letter to the General Directorate of Water, Forests and Hunting (DGEFC) of the two documents of the EbA options in the Forest Management Plan of the Ouème Supérieure and N'Dali Classified Forest.

Minutes of approval of the five Simple Management Plans (PSG) of Dérou Bou, Salangawa, Katenga and Didani and Bétécoucou community forests

Digital system in place for collection of forest "royalties" from forest users and harvesters, and distribution of revenue from two state forest areas and mechanisms and capacity in place for the 5 community forests.

Updated maps of two state forest management units and 5 community forests and adjacent agricultural ecosystems

Please include a list of key milestones and deliverables expected to be executed in the next reporting period, if possible.

Allocated budget

441,388

Currency

USD

Utilized budget

393,098

Currency

USD

Project Output Name

Output 1.1: Seven forest management plans revised or developed to include EbA and climate-resilient sustainable forest management practices

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Project Activity Name

Activity 1.1.2: Establish and/or strengthen seven (07) Community Forest Management Committees

Status

Activity started - progress on track

Implementation Progress

90 %

Original timeline planned for this activity

Q3 2019 - Q3 2020

Please refer to the Implementation Plan in the FAA. If the Implementation Plan has been amended in the countersigned Amendment and Restatement Agreement (ARA), please refer to the updated plan in the ARA.

Progress for the relevant reporting period

In accordance with the 2024 planned milestones and deliverables and MTE recommendation R2d, R3b and R6d, one training of 21 members (14 men and 7 women) of 7 community forest management committees (CFMCs) was held in May 2024. The training was on organisational management and development, climate change impacts and adaptation options including EbA, fire risk management and the practice of Taungya (mixed forestry and agriculture practices) for the sustainable management of the 3600 ha of forest area being sustainably managed for increased climate resilience, including in the management of 70 ha of wood energy plantations and the 210 ha of NTFP orchards established in the 7 municipalities.

The second 2024 planned training of the CFMCs was rescheduled to 2025 as the CFMCs were actively engaged in 2024 planting and forest management activities. The CFMC will submit reports on implementation of their forest management plans by Q3 2025.

7 motorcycles were acquired and delivered in Q4 2024 to the seven community animators to support CFMCs in sustainable forest management and raise community awareness of climate change and EbA.

As planned for 2024, an agreement was signed by the two communities and the CFMC to develop the Bétécoucou community forest (Dassa-Zoumé) and enabled the Bétécoucou CFMC to prepare an action plan for the implementation of their Community Forest Management plan.

Provide an updated progress on this project activity for the relevant reporting period, including delays and issues encountered, the reason for differences between the planned implementation progress and actual implementation progress, key milestones reached, and lessons learned, including issues related to non-compliance with GCF standards or conditions, vis-à-vis expectations, if any. In parallel, include positive achievements and better-than-expected results.

Remarks

During 2025, the key milestones and deliverables are:

Milestones:

Continuing training for CFMCs on ecosystem-based adaptation, community forest management, and the implementation and monitoring of forest management plans.

Deliverables

Training report on the implementation of management plans

Please include a list of key milestones and deliverables expected to be executed in the next reporting period, if possible.

Allocated budget

14,528

Currency

USD

Utilized budget

14,528

Currency

USD

Project Output Name

Output 1.2: Land reforested to buffer against the impacts of climate change such as floods and soil erosion, and to enhance the provision of non-timber forest products (NTFPs) such as fruits, medicines, nuts, fuelwood and fibre

The output name should match with the output reported above. If you have multiple activities to be reported against one output, you need to write down the same output name for every activity.

Project Activity Name

Activity 1.2.1: Restore 3,600 hectares of degraded forests using selected tree species to buffer against the impacts of climate change such as floods and soil erosion, and to enhance the provision of non-timber forest products

Status

Activity started - progress on track

Implementation Progress

70 %

Original timeline planned for this activity

Q1 2020 - Q3 2021

Please refer to the Implementation Plan in the FAA. If the Implementation Plan has been amended in the countersigned Amendment and Restatement Agreement (ARA), please refer to the updated plan in the ARA.

Progress for the relevant reporting period

The building of the 5 climate-resilient storage facilities for five cooperatives located in the municipalities of Dassa-Zoumé, Banikoara, Coby, Boukombé and Ouaké were completed in late 2023 and handed over to each of the cooperative leadership and members by the Ministry of Livelihoods and Transport, in change of sustainable development, with the final two storage warehouses handed over in January 2024 in Banikoara and Coby.

As per the planned 2024 activity milestone and deliverable, the project also supported awareness raising on methods for minimising post-harvest losses and best practices on using the storage facilities. This training was held in Banikoara and Coby in January 2024 as part of the hand over events.

Whilst it was planned during the 2024 activity milestone and deliverable to provide further training on post-harvest storage as part of Activity 2.2.1, the second procurement exercise to be launched in December 2023 to contract a consultant for the training of farmers and cooperatives on climate-resilient post-harvest storage and marketing (Activity 2.2.1) was inclusive as the minimum number of bids was not received. The procurement process was relaunched in Q3 2024, with the training expected to commence in Q2 2025.

Provide an updated progress on this project activity for the relevant reporting period, including delays and issues encountered, the reason for differences between the planned implementation progress and actual implementation progress, key milestones reached, and lessons learned, including issues related to non-compliance with GCF standards or conditions, vis-à-vis expectations, if any. In parallel, include positive achievements and better-than-expected results.

Remarks

During 2025, the planned key milestones and deliverables are:

Milestones:

Enrichment planting of 740.34 hectares planted in 2023-2024 and planting of 2,566 hectares for land restoration in the Bétérou and Bakou development units and the Bétécoucou, Dérou Bou, Salangawa, Katenga and Didani community forests

Installation of seven livestock fodder reserve sites along pastoral grazing corridors in the project sites

Construction of 14 rainfed water reservoirs for pastoral use in the seven project sites

Deliverables:

2,566 ha of land restored with reforestation and enrichment planting, agroforestry and woodlots

seven livestock fodder reserve sites along pastoral grazing corridors established

14 rainfed water reservoirs

Monitoring reports

Please include a list of key milestones and deliverables expected to be executed in the next reporting period, if possible.

Allocated budget

4,661,773

Currency

USD

Utilized budget

2,751,475

Currency

USD

Project Output Name

Output 1.2: Land reforested to buffer against the impacts of climate change such as floods and soil erosion, and to enhance the provision of non-timber forest products (NTFPs) such as fruits, medicines, nuts, fuelwood and fibre

The output name should match with the output reported above. If you have multiple activities to be reported against one output, you need to write down the same output name for every activity.

Project Activity Name

Activity 1.2.2: Establish at least seven climate-resilient communal woodlots for the production of fuel wood

Status

Activity started - progress delayed

Implementation Progress

75 %

Original timeline planned for this activity

Q2 2020- Q1 2022

Please refer to the Implementation Plan in the FAA. If the Implementation Plan has been amended in the countersigned Amendment and Restatement Agreement (ARA), please refer to the updated plan in the ARA.

Progress for the relevant reporting period

Seven climate-resilient communal woodlots of 60ha for the production of fuel wood have previously been established.

During the reporting period **and in accordance with the 2024 planned milestones and deliverables**, the project undertook enrichment planting in 60 hectares of woodlots to replace dead seedlings which were previously established in 2021 and 2023 in the municipalities of Dassa-Zoumé, Banikoara, Tchaourou, Ouaké, Boukombé and Coby. The project also established a new **10** hectares woodlot in Dassa-Zoumé municipality in 2024. The plantings comprised a total of 119,840 Acacia auriculiformis seedlings, 22,250 Gmelina seedlings, 5,000 Azadirachta indica seedlings.

The plantings were undertaken by service providers contracted by the project (see activity 1.2.1) and working in close collaboration with the CFMCs of Dassa-Zoumé, Banikoara, Tchaourou, Djougou, Ouake, Boukombe and Coby and with the participation of 1,474 community members, including 428 women. **Modalities were put in place for the establishment and operation of tree nurseries to serve activities 1.2.1, 1.2.2 and 1.2.3 in each of the project municipalities.**

Due to a challenge for the municipalities and communities to identify available single land parcels of a sufficient size, the 70 ha of communal woodlots were created in 12 sites spread across the 7 project sites as follows:

Dassa-Zoumé1 site (Bétécoucou)

Banikoara2 sites (Kokè silo and Tokè)

Tchaourou1 site (Kpassa)

Ouaké2 sites (Yamsala and Sésé)

Boukombé2 sites (Kouporgou and Koupngou)

Coby2 sites (Coby center and Datori)

Djougou1 site (Patargo)

Provide an updated progress on this project activity for the relevant reporting period, including delays and issues encountered, the reason for differences between the planned implementation progress and actual implementation progress, key milestones reached, and lessons learned, including issues related to non-compliance with GCF standards or conditions, vis-à-vis expectations, if any. In parallel, include positive achievements and better-than-expected results.

Remarks

During 2025, the key planned milestones and deliverables are:

Milestone

Enrichment planting to replace dead seedlings in the 12 sites comprising 70 hectares of woodfuel plantations in the Municipalities of Dassa-Zoumé, Cobly, Djougou, Ouake, Boukombe, Tchaourou and Banikoara.

Capacity building of CFMCs and community representatives on managing each of the 12 sites.

Deliverables

Field reports on enrichment plantings.

Training reports on CFMCs and community representatives.

Please include a list of key milestones and deliverables expected to be executed in the next reporting period, if possible.

Allocated budget	Currency
128,600	USD
Utilized budget	Currency
67,000	USD

Project Output Name

Output 1.2: Land reforested to buffer against the impacts of climate change such as floods and soil erosion and to enhance the provision of non-timber forest products (NTFPs) such as fruits, medicines, nuts, fuel wood and fibre

The output name should match with the output reported above. If you have multiple activities to be reported against one output, you need to write down the same output name for every activity.

Project Activity Name

Activity 1.2.3: Establish seven orchards using climate-resilient tree species to supply nuts and seeds

Status	Implementation Progress
Completed	75 %

Original timeline planned for this activity

Q1 2020 - Q4 2022

Please refer to the Implementation Plan in the FAA. If the Implementation Plan has been amended in the countersigned Amendment and Restatement Agreement (ARA), please refer to the updated plan in the ARA.

Progress for the relevant reporting period

Seven orchards have previously been established. Survival rates are a challenge and enrichment planting is needed to maintain the assets. During the reporting period **and as per the planned 2024 activity milestones and deliverables**, the project supported the restoration of **55** hectares of land with newly planted 15,500 cashew, mango and tamarind seedlings to establish orchards and enrichment planting in **155** hectares of orchards previously planted between 2021 to 2023, at 12 sites across the seven project sites in the municipalities of Dassa-Zoumé, Banikoara, Tchaourou, Ouaké and Boukombé covering a total of 210 hectares.

In the context of MTE recommendation R2a, the plantings were undertaken by service providers contracted by the project (see activity 1.2.1) and working in close collaboration with the CFMCs of Dassa-Zoumé, Banikoara, Tchaourou, Djougou, Ouake, Boukombe and Coby and with the participation of 1,474 community members, including 428 women.

Due to a challenge for the municipalities and communities to identify available single land parcels of a sufficient size, the 210 ha of orchards have been established at 12 sites distributed between the seven project sites as follows:

Dassa-Zoumé.....2 sites (N'gbèga and Bétécoucou)

Banikoara2 sites (Kokè Silo and Tokè)

Tchaourou1 site (Kpassa)

Ouaké2 sites (Ayalomdè and Salangawa)

Boukombé2 sites (Kouporgou and Katenga)

Coby1 site (Datori)

Djougou2 sites (Kamouhou and Patargo)

Provide an updated progress on this project activity for the relevant reporting period, including delays and issues encountered, the reason for differences between the planned implementation progress and actual implementation progress, key milestones reached, and lessons learned, including issues related to non-compliance with GCF standards or conditions, vis-à-vis expectations, if any. In parallel, include positive achievements and better-than-expected results.

Remarks

During 2025, the key planned milestones and deliverables are:

Milestones:

Enrichment planting, maintenance and securing of 12 sites covering 210 hectares of orchards using climate-resilient tree species to promote non-timber forest products in the seven (07) municipalities

Organization of a capacity-building session for the seven CFMC on the sustainable management and use of the 70 hectares of plantations for wood energy and the 210 hectares of orchards.

Deliverables:

Activity report on the reforestation work.

Training report on the CFMCs.

Please include a list of key milestones and deliverables expected to be executed in the next reporting period, if possible.

Allocated budget	Currency
617,109	USD
Utilized budget	Currency
264,095	USD

Project Output Name

Output 2.1.: Climate-resilient agriculture interventions, which increase agricultural yields under climate change conditions implemented on 3,000 hectares

The output name should match with the output reported above. If you have multiple activities to be reported against one output, you need to write down the same output name for every activity.

Project Activity Name

Activity 2.1.1: Develop agricultural response strategies to short and medium-range forecasts

Status	Implementation Progress
Activity started - progress on track	75 %

Original timeline planned for this activity

Q3 2019 - Q4 2021

Please refer to the Implementation Plan in the FAA. If the Implementation Plan has been amended in the countersigned Amendment and Restatement Agreement (ARA), please refer to the updated plan in the ARA.

Progress for the relevant reporting period

As per the planned 2024 activity milestones and deliverables, the installation of four (4) automatic agro-meteorological stations in the communes of Dassa-Zoumé, Banikoara, Boukombé and Coby was completed in Q1 2024, and handed over to the METEO BENIN and the municipalities. Each of the automatic agro-meteorological stations are connected to the national METEO BENIN and supply weather data for northern and central Benin, thus enriching the short and medium terms weather forecasting for these regions.

As per the planned 2024 activity milestones and deliverables, 15 technicians from METEO-BENIN were trained in March 2024 on the maintenance and operation of the 4 automatic agro-meteorological stations. Training was provided by a technician supplied by the supplier of the agro-meteorological stations.

As per the planned 2024 activity milestones and deliverables, in May 2024, the project engaged with METEO BENIN and its partners (Information Services Unit of the MCVT, Project on diversification of the agricultural value chain and diversification of exports (PACOFIDE) and the Project to support Community Forest Management (PAGEFORM II)) to develop an Action Plan for the coordinated production and dissemination of agro-meteorological advisories in the project's 7 sites including communication/dissemination protocols. METEO BENIN has developed and disseminated, via radio and mobile phone apps, agro-meteorological advisories (weather alerts, seasonal forecasts, etc.) for all municipalities in the country, including the 7 municipalities benefiting from the project. However, there remains the need to strengthen the integration of ecosystem-based adaptation approaches in future advisories.

The project supported awareness-raising with municipal officers and platforms, representatives from the Territorial Agency for Agricultural Development (ATDA) and National Agency for Civil Protection (ANPC) on the measures to be taken in view of the results of the seasonal forecasts, namely sowing dates, choice of varieties. METEO Benin and its partners, are engaged in the development of early warning system (EWS) adapted to the central and northern regions of Benin to disseminate real-time meteorological and climatic information produced via radio broadcasts, SMS and WhatsApp services.

Provide an updated progress on this project activity for the relevant reporting period, including delays and issues encountered, the reason for differences between the planned implementation progress and actual implementation progress, key milestones reached, and lessons learned, including issues related to non-compliance with GCF standards or conditions, vis-à-vis expectations, if any. In parallel, include positive achievements and better-than-expected results.

Remarks

During 2025, the key planned milestones and deliverables are:

Milestone:

Work with METEO Benin on strengthening the integration of climate-resilient agriculture approaches in agro-meteorological and climate advisory/information and their dissemination via radio, SMS and WhatsApp services for the 2025 season.

Deliverable

2025 agro-meteorological advisory and report on dissemination.

Please include a list of key milestones and deliverables expected to be executed in the next reporting period, if possible.

Allocated budget

256,164

Currency

USD

Utilized budget

178,763

Currency

USD

Project Output Name

Output 2.1: Climate-resilient agricultural interventions which increase agricultural yields under climate change conditions implemented on 3000 hectares

The output name should match with the output reported above. If you have multiple activities to be reported against one output, you need to write down the same output name for every activity.

Project Activity Name

Activity 2.1.2: Implement climate-resilient agriculture interventions which increase agricultural yields under climate change conditions

Status

Activity started - progress on track

Implementation Progress

95 %

Original timeline planned for this activity

Q3 2019 - Q3 2023

Please refer to the Implementation Plan in the FAA. If the Implementation Plan has been amended in the countersigned Amendment and Restatement Agreement (ARA), please refer to the updated plan in the ARA.

Progress for the relevant reporting period

As per the planned 2024 milestones and deliverables, the project **provided timely support to** 1,675 soybean and sorghum farmers to establish field-based demonstration units for training, and distributed soybean, sorghum and organic inputs to 13,575 farmers (7,437 men and 6,138 women) across the seven project sites in the implementation of climate-resilient agriculture methods including agroforestry on a cumulative total of 3,259.70ha of land and which contributed to increased yields.

As per the planned 2024 milestones and deliverables and MTE recommendation R2a, in June 2024, before the onset of the growing season, the project and its partner (PNOPPA) supported awareness and consultations on climate-smart agriculture methods (land preparation, soil conservation and nutrients, and crop selection) in fifty-nine (59) villages in the seven (7) municipalities of the project, attended by 612 men and 951 women in total. During the reporting period the project and its partner (PNOPPA) established 59 field-based demonstration units for the training of 1,675 soybean and sorghum producers, as a means of training and demonstrating to other farmers. The project supported the acquisition and distribution of 73,750 kg of certified soybean seeds, 4,000 kg of certified sorghum seeds, 5,900 sachets of biological inoculum for soybean seeds and 6,000 sachets of biofertilizers which were distributed to 13,575 farmers (7,437 men and 6,138 women) across 7 project sites.

As per the planned 2024 milestones and deliverables and MTE recommendation R3b, the project also supplied 43,627 tree seedlings to 13,575 farmers during 2024 for promotion of agroforestry (with a survival rate of 56% at the end of the reporting period).

The project, with its partners, organized from 17 to 30 November 2024 exchange visits between the seven project municipalities for the benefit of 975 participants, including 268 women, from 129 communities, 75 of which are non-project beneficiaries from adjacent communities, to visit field-based demonstration units and farmer plots with the aim of sharing experience and knowledge on local practices and technologies for the implementation of climate-resilient agriculture and awareness-raising on climate change and ecosystem-based adaptation.

As per the planned 2024 milestones and deliverables and MTE recommendation R1b, the project recruited 7 community animators (5 men and 2 women) for each of the project sites and they were posted by Q4 2024. Hired directly by the project, their role is to support the planning, execution and monitoring of activities, and contribute to strengthening the linkages between the three project components in support of ecosystem-based adaptation in their respective project Municipality and communities.

During the reporting period the project did not update the MOU with INRAB, a planned deliverable, as planned in the 2024 workplan, but rather it renewed its agreement with PNOPPA since PNOPPA is the main platform for providing inputs and technical support to agricultural producers in Benin. As reported in APR 2023, INRAB informed the project and DGEC that it had received a Government directive that it should focus on research rather than on supply of seeds for programmes and projects. However, INRAB remains a partner of the project, is a member of the project steering committee and where it provides strategic advice and guidance to the project and its partners.

Provide an updated progress on this project activity for the relevant reporting period, including delays and issues encountered, the reason for differences between the planned implementation progress and actual implementation progress, key milestones reached, and lessons learned, including issues related to non-compliance with GCF standards or conditions, vis-à-vis expectations, if any. In parallel, include positive achievements and better-than-expected results.

Remarks

During 2025, the key planned milestones and deliverables are:

Milestones:

Support to farmers for the 2025 growing season to the previously supported farmers, including further training on climate-smart agriculture and agroforestry.

Document achievement and lessons learned, and disseminate results of the promotion of climate-resilient agriculture and agroforestry in 7 municipalities supported by the project from 2021 to 2025.

Deliverables

Report on support provided to farmers for the 2025 growing season.

Report on achievements and lessons learned on climate-resilient agriculture and agroforestry in 7 municipalities.

Please include a list of key milestones and deliverables expected to be executed in the next reporting period, if possible.

Allocated budget	Currency
1,291,199	USD
Utilized budget	Currency
1,026,301	USD

Project Output Name

Output 2.1: Climate-resilient agricultural interventions which increase agricultural yields under climate change conditions implemented on 3000 hectares

The output name should match with the output reported above. If you have multiple activities to be reported against one output, you need to write down the same output name for every activity.

Project Activity Name

Activity 2.1.3: Build the technical capacity of vulnerable farmers for post-harvest storage interventions in the seven communities

Status	Implementation Progress
Activity started - progress on track	75 %

Original timeline planned for this activity

Q2 2021 - Q1 2023

Please refer to the Implementation Plan in the FAA. If the Implementation Plan has been amended in the countersigned Amendment and Restatement Agreement (ARA), please refer to the updated plan in the ARA.

Progress for the relevant reporting period

The building of the 5 climate-resilient storage facilities for five cooperatives located in the municipalities of Dassa-Zoumé, Banikoara, Coby, Boukombé and Ouaké were completed in late 2023 and handed over to each of the cooperative leadership and members by the Ministry of Livelihoods and Transport, in charge of sustainable development, with the final two storage warehouses handed over in January 2024 in Banikoara and Coby.

As per the planned 2024 activity milestone and deliverable, the project also supported awareness raising on methods for minimising post-harvest losses and best practices on using the storage facilities. This training was held in Banikoara and Coby in January 2024 as part of the hand over events.

Whilst it was planned during the 2024 activity milestone and deliverable to provide further training on post-harvest storage as part of Activity 2.2.1, the second procurement exercise to be launched in December 2023 to contract a consultant for the training of farmers and cooperatives on climate-resilient post-harvest storage and marketing (Activity 2.2.1) was inclusive as the minimum number of bids was not received. The procurement process was relaunched in Q3 2024, with the training expected to commence in Q2 2025.

Provide an updated progress on this project activity for the relevant reporting period, including delays and issues encountered, the reason for differences between the planned implementation progress and actual implementation progress, key milestones reached, and lessons learned, including issues related to non-compliance with GCF standards or conditions, vis-à-vis expectations, if any. In parallel, include positive achievements and better-than-expected results.

Remarks

During 2025, the key planned milestones and deliverables are:

Milestones:

- Training on post-harvest storage interventions in the seven communities by Q2 2025.
- Training report on climate-resilient post-harvest storage interventions by Q3 2025

Deliverables:

Training reports

Please include a list of key milestones and deliverables expected to be executed in the next reporting period, if possible.

Allocated budget	Currency
223,300	USD
Utilized budget	Currency
211,367	USD

Project Output Name

Output 2.2: Market access created for climate-resilient crops to support EbA.

The output name should match with the output reported above. If you have multiple activities to be reported against one output, you need to write down the same output name for every activity.

Project Activity Name

Activity 2.2.1: Train several cooperatives located in project sites on basic business and financial management and connected to local and national wholesale traders

Status

Activity started - progress on track

Implementation Progress

92 %

Original timeline planned for this activity

Q3 2020 - Q3 2022

Please refer to the Implementation Plan in the FAA. If the Implementation Plan has been amended in the countersigned Amendment and Restatement Agreement (ARA), please refer to the updated plan in the ARA.

Progress for the relevant reporting period

It was planned for 2024 that further training of cooperative members, building on training provided in 2023, on basic business and financial management and on NTFP product processing and packaging is to be combined with the training to be provided under Activity 2.1.3 - post-harvest storage through a single service provider. The training is also due to factor in the standards and norms established for néré, soy, sorghum, shea, and cashew nuts under Activity 2.2.1. Unfortunately, the March 2024 procurement process was inclusive since none of the service providers who applied were found to be suitably experienced and qualified. The call for proposals was relaunched in Q3 2024 and the training will now be provided in Q2 2025.

Building on from the support provided to seven Cooperatives in 2022, the project procured additional equipment for seven of the fifteen cooperatives in order to replace faulty equipment items in line with the MTR recommendations, including the provision of seven three-wheel cargo carrying motorised tricycles to transport member harvests to the cooperative and for the cooperative products to be transported to markets.

Provide an updated progress on this project activity for the relevant reporting period, including delays and issues encountered, the reason for differences between the planned implementation progress and actual implementation progress, key milestones reached, and lessons learned, including issues related to non-compliance with GCF standards or conditions, vis-à-vis expectations, if any. In parallel, include positive achievements and better-than-expected results.

Remarks

During 2025, the key planned milestones and deliverables are:

Key Milestones

- Finalise the recruitment of the training consultant by Q1 2025
- Conduct training for the 15 cooperatives by Q2 2025
- Formalise peer exchange between cooperatives by Q2 2025

Key Deliverables

- Consultant is hired and onboarding is completed by Q1 2025
- Cooperatives are training on good business practices by Q2 2025

Please include a list of key milestones and deliverables expected to be executed in the next reporting period, if possible.

Allocated budget	156,131	Currency	USD
Utilized budget	107,780	Currency	USD

Project Output Name

Output 2.2: Market access created for climate-resilient crops to support EbA. At least 7 climate-resilient communal woodlots established for the production of fuel wood

The output name should match with the output reported above. If you have multiple activities to be reported against one output, you need to write down the same output name for every activity.

Project Activity Name

Activity 2.2.2: Finalise and implement the EBAFOSA (Ecosystem Based Adaptation for Food Security Assembly) standards and innovations for the agricultural production value chain that can promote adaptation

Status

Activity started - progress on track

Implementation Progress

50 %

Original timeline planned for this activity

Q2 2022 - Q3 2023

Please refer to the Implementation Plan in the FAA. If the Implementation Plan has been amended in the countersigned Amendment and Restatement Agreement (ARA), please refer to the updated plan in the ARA.

Progress for the relevant reporting period

The planned 2024 activity milestone and deliverable aimed to establish EbA processing standards and innovations for the agricultural production value chain, in particular NTFPs, by Q3 2024 and train members of the project's supported 15 cooperatives regarding the news standards and innovations (as per activity 2.2.1) by Q3 2024.

However, following the inconclusive call for proposals from prospective national consultants to lead on the integration of ecosystem-based adaptation principles for food security into national agricultural standards and norms for cashews, néré and shea, sorghum and soya, the project convened a meeting in September 2024 in Cotonou with ICRAF, EBAFOSA, Directorate of Climate Change Management (DGCC), Environmental Protection Unit (UPE) and INRAB where ToR were agreed on to finalize standards and innovations for the value chains of agricultural products and non-timber forest products (néré, shea, soya, sorghum and cashew). Due consideration was given on the need to advance in line with MTE recommendation (R2b), and the DGCC and project team decided that the project would work with Benin's National Agency for Standardization, Metrology and Quality Control (NASMQC), who would mobilise experts, including from the Faculty of Agricultural Sciences, to update standards for the sorghum and néré value chains and the revision of standards for soy, shea and cashew nuts by integrating ecosystem-based adaptation for food security (EBAFOSA) principles.

The NASMQC team surveyed 138 people engaged in the value chains, including 56 women during town hall meetings, the Territorial Agricultural Development Agencies (ATDA) and the Peasant Agricultural Organization (OPA) to collect data on néré, soy, sorghum, shea, and cashew nuts standards and value chains in the municipalities of Dassa-Zoumé, Tchaourou, Djougou, Oukaé, Cobly, Boukombé, and Banikoara. Draft updated standards were produced by the NASMQC team in November 2024 on néré, sorghum, cashew nuts and soybeans and will be subject to review and validation with key stakeholders by end Q1 2025.

Provide an updated progress on this project activity for the relevant reporting period, including delays and issues encountered, the reason for differences between the planned implementation progress and actual implementation progress, key milestones reached, and lessons learned, including issues related to non-compliance with GCF standards or conditions, vis-à-vis expectations, if any. In parallel, include positive achievements and better-than-expected results.

Remarks

During 2025, the key planned milestones and deliverables are:

Key Milestones

- Final updated standards and norms established for néré, soy, sorghum, shea, and cashew nuts by Q1 2025
- Train members of the project's 15 cooperative regarding the norms and innovations (as per activity 2.2.1) by Q2 2025

Key Deliverables

- Updated Standards and norms for néré, soy, sorghum, shea, and cashew nuts issued by the National Agency for Standardization, Metrology and Quality Control (NASMQC) Q3 2025
- Training report for the cooperatives (as per activity 2.2.1) by Q3 2025

Please include a list of key milestones and deliverables expected to be executed in the next reporting period, if possible.

Allocated budget

82,500

Currency

USD

Utilized budget

39,021

Currency

USD

Project Output Name

Output 3.1: Tools, instruments and strategies developed to enable communities, businesses and the public sector to respond to climate change and variability

The output name should match with the output reported above. If you have multiple activities to be reported against one output, you need to write down the same output name for every activity.

Project Activity Name

Activity 3.1.1: Establish a national knowledge hub to disseminate lessons learned, cost effectiveness and benefits information on gender-sensitive EbA and climate-resilient agriculture interventions

Status

Activity started - progress delayed

Implementation Progress

25 %

Original timeline planned for this activity

Q3 2020 - Q1 2023

Please refer to the Implementation Plan in the FAA. If the Implementation Plan has been amended in the countersigned Amendment and Restatement Agreement (ARA), please refer to the updated plan in the ARA.

Progress for the relevant reporting period

The planned 2024 activity milestone and deliverable of establishing a national knowledge hub was not achieved. The project has undertaken further consultation with the MCVT to confirm the proposed knowledge hub comprising of an online platform linked to the MCVT website, an information space in the MCVT offices and will be supported by a community radio campaign across the country to further disseminate its results. The planned recruitment of an international consultant has delayed but will be completed by Q3 2025.

During the reporting period the project established the scope of the planned study and finalization of the preliminary systematic analysis of the experiences gained and the cost-benefit analysis of EbA and climate-resilient agriculture in Benin and dissemination of the results through the knowledge hub.

A list of existing local radio stations in the 7 municipalities was established that are partners of town halls for the production and broadcasting of programs on climate change, EbA and climate-resilient agriculture (**agro-meteorological advisories - Activity 2.1.1**) in the main local languages found in the 7 project sites.

Implementation of communication materials on the project (production of 10 rolling stand-up posters on EbA for the MCVT, the PMU and the seven beneficiary municipalities, printing of 1,000 leaflets summarizing EbA made available to project stakeholders)

Provide an updated progress on this project activity for the relevant reporting period, including delays and issues encountered, the reason for differences between the planned implementation progress and actual implementation progress, key milestones reached, and lessons learned, including issues related to non-compliance with GCF standards or conditions, vis-à-vis expectations, if any. In parallel, include positive achievements and better-than-expected results.

Remarks

During 2025, the key planned milestones and deliverables are:

Key Milestones

- Finalise the recruitment of the Knowledge hub consultant by late Q1 2025.

Key Deliverables

– Functional knowledge hub established by Q4 2025

Please include a list of key milestones and deliverables expected to be executed in the next reporting period, if possible.

Allocated budget

127,010

Currency

USD

Utilized budget

60,587

Currency

USD

Project Output Name

Output 3.1: Tools, instruments and strategies developed to enable communities, businesses and the public sector to respond to climate change and variability

The output name should match with the output reported above. If you have multiple activities to be reported against one output, you need to write down the same output name for every activity.

Project Activity Name

Activity 3.1.2: Organise awareness raising campaigns for local communities on climate change and the services provided by forest ecosystems

Status

Completed

Implementation Progress

25 %

Original timeline planned for this activity

Q3 2020 - Q1 2023

Please refer to the Implementation Plan in the FAA. If the Implementation Plan has been amended in the countersigned Amendment and Restatement Agreement (ARA), please refer to the updated plan in the ARA.

Progress for the relevant reporting period

In accordance with the planned 2024 activity milestones and deliverables and MTE recommendations R2d and R5d, the project organized 11 awareness workshops. On 27 June 2024 in Cotonou an awareness workshop with project stakeholders (local Municipality representatives from Dassa-Zoumé, the MCVT and sectoral ministries, and the projects service providers) on climate change, impacts and risks, and gender-sensitive ecosystem-based adaptation and national strategies for adaptation, and the role of the project to support application of EbA approaches in northern and central Benin. Thirty-four people attended including 9 women.

The project also organised similar awareness raising workshops in 5 municipalities from 24 to 26 June 2024 on climate change, impacts and risks, forest and land degradation and EbA in the municipalities of Dassa-Zoumé, Banikoara, Tchaourou, Ouaké and Boukombé. These events received local and national media attention which contributed to raising the profile of the project within the Municipalities and within the MCVT.

In June 2024 the project, with the technical support of ICRAF and DGEFC, conducted awareness raising sessions at one public primary school in five municipalities. This included planting a total of 225 mango trees at the Public Primary Schools of Dèrou bou in Banikoara, SONATE in Ouaké, Tchaourou Centre in Tchaourou and Koutchagou in Boukombé and the CEG Akofodjoulé in Dassa-Zoumé.

Provide an updated progress on this project activity for the relevant reporting period, including delays and issues encountered, the reason for differences between the planned implementation progress and actual implementation progress, key milestones reached, and lessons learned, including issues related to non-compliance with GCF standards or conditions, vis-à-vis expectations, if any. In parallel, include positive achievements and better-than-expected results.

Remarks

During 2025, the key planned milestones and deliverables are:

Key Milestones:

7 municipal level awareness workshops during Q2 2025 that highlight EbA results from project activities and serve to strengthen linkages between the project components.

Key Deliverables:

7 municipal level awareness workshops and coverage by audio-visual media.

Please include a list of key milestones and deliverables expected to be executed in the next reporting period, if possible.

Allocated budget

29,700

Currency

USD

Utilized budget

15,000

Currency

USD

Project Output Name

Output 3.1: Tools, instruments and strategies developed to enable communities, businesses and the public sector to respond to climate change and variability

The output name should match with the output reported above. If you have multiple activities to be reported against one output, you need to write down the same output name for every activity.

Project Activity Name

Activity 3.1.3: Strengthen national policies and strategies to support an integrated EbA and climate-resilient agriculture approach for sustainable management in forests and adjacent lands

Status

Activity started - progress delayed

Implementation Progress

60 %

Original timeline planned for this activity

Q4 2021 - Q2 2023

Please refer to the Implementation Plan in the FAA. If the Implementation Plan has been amended in the countersigned Amendment and Restatement Agreement (ARA), please refer to the updated plan in the ARA.

Progress for the relevant reporting period

Building on from the project's 2023 Report on opportunities for integrating climate change adaptation and EbA into national and sectoral policies, strategies and plans and its briefing note targeting decision-makers, the project circulated over 1,000 copies of the briefing note were distributed during awareness raising events in June and November 2024 held in Cotonou and in 7 municipalities.

Progress on advancing on the seven key actions detailed in the Report, as per the planned 2024 activity milestone and deliverable of organising a capacity building workshop with policy makers to mainstream EbA and climate-resilient agriculture principles into national policies and strategies did not take place. There was limited progress on this activity during 2024 owing the project's efforts to make progress on Components 1 and 2. Progress on the action points for 2025 are a priority for the project, including the following.

- Action 1: Creation of a consultative committee for the integration of EbA at national levels to facilitate the effective integration of EbA into planning and budgeting processes by promoting coordination between key government stakeholders.

- Action 2: Capacity building to key government stakeholders on EbA policies. A knowledge assessment will be conducted in order to create capacity building modules that specifically address policy makers knowledge gaps (Q2 2024)

- Action 3: Identify champions that will actively promote and raise awareness among decision-makers, government institutions, development partners and civil society of the importance of EbA in planning and budgeting.

- Action 4: Integrating EbA into national development future plans and strategies.

- Actions 5: Guidelines for EbA budgeting and funding mobilisation to ensure that adequate financial resources are allocated to the implementation of EbA actions within the framework of development plans and sectoral policies.

Provide an updated progress on this project activity for the relevant reporting period, including delays and issues encountered, the reason for differences between the planned implementation progress and actual implementation progress, key milestones reached, and lessons learned, including issues related to non-compliance with GCF standards or conditions, vis-à-vis expectations, if any. In parallel, include positive achievements and better-than-expected results.

Remarks

During 2025, the key planned milestones and deliverables are:

Key Milestone

- A national workshop on integrating climate-resilient strategies and priorities into sector plans and budgets, in particular in the forestry and agriculture sectors, by Q22025, and establishment of a consultative committee for the integration of EbA into forestry and agriculture policies, and other relevant sectoral and development planning policies and plans to facilitate the effective integration of EbA into planning and budgeting processes by promoting coordination between key government stakeholders.

- Capacity building to key government stakeholders on EbA policies. A knowledge assessment will be conducted in order to create capacity building modules that specifically address policy makers knowledge gaps

- Identify champions that will actively promote and raise awareness among decision-makers, government institutions, development partners and civil society of the importance of EbA in planning and budgeting.

- Guidelines for EbA budgeting and funding mobilisation to ensure that adequate financial resources are allocated to the implementation of EbA actions within the framework of development plans and sectoral policies.

Please include a list of key milestones and deliverables expected to be executed in the next reporting period, if possible.

Allocated budget

543,100

Currency

USD

Utilized budget

256,046

Currency

USD

2.4 Update to GCF Investment Criteria

Provide an update to the GCF investment criteria framework with an assessment of status and observed changes against the investment criteria in Funding Proposal or Restructuring Proposal, if applicable. REDD+ RBP projects are not required to fill out this section.

Please check the box as applicable.

- The performance of the project/programme against the GCF investment framework criteria remains aligned with the Funding Proposal.
- The performance of the project/programme against the GCF investment framework criteria deviates from the assumptions made in the Funding Proposal.

Relevant Links

[The GCF investment criteria framework \(https://www.greenclimate.fund/document/initial-investment-framework-activity-specific-sub-criteria-and-indicative-assessment\)](https://www.greenclimate.fund/document/initial-investment-framework-activity-specific-sub-criteria-and-indicative-assessment)

2.5 Multi-country Project/Programme or Sub-Project Status

For a project/programme with sub-projects, please provide relevant information below. (For a multi-country project, please provide disaggregated disbursement information per country – please ensure all projects started since the start of the project or programme are listed here).

Project/Programme Information

Total Approved GCF Funding	Total Approved Co-Financing	Currency
9000000	1000000	usd
Total GCF Disbursements (USD)	Total GCF Disbursements (EUR)	
6195820	0	

Sub-project Title	
<input type="text"/>	
Country	
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Status	Date Sub-project commenced
Please select	<input type="text"/>
Financial instrument based on FAA	
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Amount disbursed (reporting period)	Amount disbursed (cumulative)
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Expenditure (reporting period)	Expenditure (cumulative)
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<small>Including commitments</small>	<small>Including commitments</small>
Commitment	
<input type="text"/>	
ESS Category	ESS Disclosure Date
Please select	<input type="text"/>
Brief description of sub-project (scope, location, timeline, etc)	
<input type="text"/>	

The accredited entity confirms whether the above is aligned with the initially approved funding proposal.

Yes

No

2.6 Compliance with FAA covenants (not related to environmental and social safeguards)

<p>FAA Clause</p> <p>The interventions proposed in the project are in line with Benin's policies and priorities in terms of environmental management and climate change. These include: 1. National Environmental Framework (Law No 98-030) laying out the principles, rules and measures needed to manage, monitor, restore and protect the environment in order to protect the public, natural resources and biodiversity 2. Forestry law No 93-009 of 2nd July 1993 on forestry regime in the Republic of Benin 3. Labor law No 2017-05 of 29th August 2017 laying down the conditions and procedure for hiring, placement and termination of employment contract in the Republic of Benin. 4. Land tenure law No 2013-001 on the land and state code in the Republic of Benin.</p>
<p>Status of compliance</p> <p>Compliant</p>
<p>Remarks/Notes</p> <p>No changes since the last reporting period. The project has operated in compliance with the applicable laws and regulations.</p>

<p>FAA Clause</p> <p>Condition 3 to the 2nd disbursement: Delivery to the Fund by the Accredited Entity of a detailed dissemination and capacity building plan to deliver information services to the targeted communities in coordination with Météo Benin, ensuring its capacity to incorporate the three (3) meteorological stations in a robust system which is able to deliver accurate and relevant climate change information to communities.</p>
<p>Status of compliance</p> <p>Compliant</p>
<p>Remarks/Notes</p> <p>Four automatic meteorological stations were installed in December 2023 and January 2024, and connected to METEO Benin network of automatic agro-meteorological stations. Increased from 3 stations to 4 at request from METEO BENIN based on assessment that four stations will provide better coverage in the central and northern regions of Benin. Météo Benin staff trained on their maintenance and use during Q1 2024. The preparation and dissemination of agro-meteorological advisories was piloted in 2024 and will be repeated prior to the 2025 planting season.</p>

<p>FAA Clause</p> <p>10.02 : (a) Ensure that no GCF Proceeds are transferred to the Executing Entity if a default has occurred under the Subsidiary Agreement;</p>
<p>Status of compliance</p> <p>Compliant</p>
<p>Remarks/Notes</p> <p>The Executing Entity has adhered to all clauses of the Project Cooperation Agreement (PCA) with UNEP, the Accredited Entity, as confirmed through monthly coordination meetings, quarterly financial reports, annual external audit reports, biannual project steering committee meetings and six-monthly and annual progress reporting.</p>

<p>FAA Clause</p> <p>10.02 (b): Inform the Fund on the status of the Co-financing funds that have been disbursed and applied to the implementation of the Project Activities in the APRs.</p>
<p>Status of compliance</p> <p>Compliant</p>

Remarks/Notes

The Executing Entity has submitted information on the status of co-financing funds as part of 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023 and 2024 APRs. The EE has submitted a cumulative report up to 31 December 2024 as part of meeting FAA covenant for disbursement of the 4th tranche.

FAA Clause

10.02 (c) Contractually cause the Co-financier to provide the Co-financing for the implementation of the Funded Activity in a timely manner;

Status of compliance

Compliant

Remarks/Notes

In accordance with the signed Project Cooperation Agreement between the Accredited Entity and the Executing Entity, which requires the DGEF, the Executing Entity and Co-financier, to provide co-financing for the implementation of the Funded activity, the Executing Entity has committed USD 1 million of co-financing for the implementation of the Funded Activity, and has reported annually co-financing expenditure.

FAA Clause

10.02 (d) Undertake and/or put in place any reasonable measures in order to ensure that the management of the environmental and social risks and impacts arising from the Funded Activity complies at all times with the recommendations, requirements and procedures set forth in the environmental and social safeguards document, Social and Environmental Action Plan, which was provided by the Accredited Entity to, and accepted by, the Fund, and which shall not be amended, abrogated or waived without prior written approval of the Fund.

Status of compliance

Compliant

Remarks/Notes

The Accredited Entity provided training on environmental and social safeguards to the project team and Executing Entity in September 2024, and continuously monitored and assessed risks and impacts arising from the Funded Activity, and addressed recommendations, requirements and procedures in order to mitigate against risks and impacts. A GRM is in place and no grievances were received during the reporting period.

FAA Clause

10.02 (e) Continuously screen and monitor potential environmental and social risks and impacts arising from the Funded Activity using the screening procedures and processes described in the Accredited Entity's environmental and social management system, for the relevant Funded Activity.

Status of compliance

Compliant

Remarks/Notes

There has been continuous screening and monitoring of potential environmental and social risks and impacts arising from the Funded Activity in accordance with the project's social and environmental action plan (SEAP). As part of the Accredited Entity's approach of strengthening monitoring and capacity building of the project team and Executing Entity and as recommended in the Accredited Entity's Environmental, Social and Economic Review Note (ESERN) (See annex 9 of the Financing Proposal), an internal update of the ESIA was undertaken in 2023. The updated ESIA re-assessed risk levels using a precautionary approach with a view of strengthening the project's mitigating actions to ensure that the risks are effectively managed with the aim of no negative environmental and social impacts are realized from project's activities.

FAA Clause

10.02 (f) (i) Not amend or alter any of the Co-financing Agreements in such way that the Co-financing is reduced or delayed, unless it is previously consulted with, and consented by, the Fund; and (ii) promptly inform the Fund of any cancellation, reduction or prepayment (whether in whole or in part) of the Co-financing;

Status of compliance

Compliant

Remarks/Notes

i) The Co-financing agreement with the Executing Agency has not been amended or altered in any way that the Co-financing is reduced or delayed; and, ii) there has not been any cancellation, reduction or prepayment of the Co-financing by the Executing Agency. As of 31 December 2024, the co-financing reported disbursed for Funded Activity was USD 487,333. The budget for 2025 is USD 317,660 and for 2026 is USD 195,007. Total planned co-financing remains on track to reach USD 1 million.

FAA Clause

10.02 (g) Ensure that the GCF Proceeds will not support or finance, directly or indirectly, any activities with potential environmental and social risks that are equivalent to category A and category B pursuant to the Environmental and Social Risks Categories to be conducted as part of the Project.

Status of compliance

Compliant

Remarks/Notes

The project undertook project activities as described in the financing proposal and continuously screened and monitored in accordance with the Financing Proposal's social and environmental action plan (SEAP), where all risks identified associated with the supported project activities were determined as equivalent to category C.

FAA Clause

10.02 (h) Obtain, or ensure that the Executing Entity shall acquire, all land and rights in respect of land that are required to carry out the Funded Activity are available and shall provide to the GCF, upon its request, satisfactory evidence that such land and rights in respect of the land are available for the purposes of the Funded Activity.

Status of compliance

Compliant

Remarks/Notes

The Executing Entity has provided assurances that they have acquired authorizations from landowners (e.g. communes to carry out the Funded Activity). The Executing Entity has provided copies of all authorizations issued by the seven municipalities. These are attached in Section 5

FAA Clause

10.02 (i) Prior to commencing any activities that have potential application of the Accredited Entity's safeguards standard on indigenous peoples and cultural heritage, the Accredited Entity shall submit to the Fund the relevant indigenous peoples plan relevant for such activities and shall also furnish to the Fund evidence, in form and substance satisfactory to the GCF, that free, prior and informed consent from the indigenous communities has been obtained for the purposes of the relevant Funded Activity.

Status of compliance

Compliant

Remarks/Notes

In accordance with the Accredited Entity's safeguards standard on indigenous peoples and cultural heritage, and as stated in the Financing Proposal's social and environmental action plan (SEAP) there are no known groups which meet the criteria of Indigenous Peoples/Historically Underserved Traditional Local Communities.

FAA Clause

10.02 (j) In the event that activities with potential significant adverse environmental and social risks that are equivalent to the GCF environmental and social risk category A and category B are conducted as part of this Project, ensure that these will not be finance from the GCF Proceeds in accordance with the information provided by the Accredited Entity in the Funding Proposal.

Status of compliance

Compliant

Remarks/Notes

All project activities described in the Financing Proposal and financed from GCF Proceeds have been continuously screened and monitored in accordance with the Financing Proposal's social and environmental action plan (SEAP), where all risks identified associated with the supported project activities were determined as equivalent to category C.

FAA Clause

10.02 (k): In case any amendment or modification is entered to or otherwise agreed by the Accredited Entity with respect to the Subsidiary Agreement, inform of such event and furnish to the Fund the executed copies of the such amendment or modification within five (5) days from its execution. For the avoidance of doubt, the Accredited Entity shall ensure that such amendment or modification does not contravene the terms and conditions provided in this Agreement and the AMA.

Status of compliance

Compliant

Remarks/Notes

Following the FAA Slide Letter No. 1 countersigned 26 June 2024, extending the project by 19 months, by amending the project’s closing date to six years and 1 month after the effective date (25 November 2019), the Accredited Entity amended its Project Cooperation Agreement (PCA) with the Executing Entity to extend the agreement to 25 December 2026, with technical completion by 25 June 2026 and a further six months to allow for finalization of all reporting.

FAA Clause

10.02 (l): Report in the APRs, to be submitted in accordance with the AMA, against the Logic Framework.

Status of compliance

Compliant

Remarks/Notes

The Executing entity has submitted APRs in accordance with the AMA, against the Logical Framework.

FAA Clause

10.02 (m): Apply its own fiduciary principles and standards relating to any ‘know your customer’ checks, AML/CFT, financial sanctions and embargoes which should enable it to comply with the AML/CFT Policy.

Status of compliance

Compliant

Remarks/Notes

The Accredited Entity has applied its fiduciary principles and standards in the financial oversight of the project’s operations in compliance Anti-Money Laundering and Counter-Financing of Terrorism (AML/CFT) policy.

2.7 Updated implementation timetable for the Funded Activity

Please submit the implementation time table for the Funded Activity

[SAP005_Benin Schedule 5 Revised Implementation plan 8 March 2024.xlsx \(/GCF/programme_form/download_attachment/5766/50921/project_report?attachment_attr=field_W7pCiXer:hOjeggUf\)](#)

2.8 [Private Sector Co-investment Platform only] List of the ultimate beneficiaries (asset owners) or the investors (asset managers)

Please provide where GCF’s investments are possibly benefitting leading green institutional investors (such as California State Retirement Savings, Norges Bank, Kuwait Investment Authority, Temasek).

2.9 Implementation Challenges

This section provides an overview of the challenges and measures taken by the AE in implementing the funded activity during the reporting period.

Challenge encountered/resolved

Wards in the Municipalities of Banikoara, Ouake, Boukombe and Cobly were challenged to identify a single communal land of a planned area for the establishment of Woodfuel plots in the project sites, that cumulatively met the project's target for number of hectares established for Woodfuel plots. The project preference was for a single Woodfuel plot at each of the seven project sites.

Describe the challenge faced during the last twelve (12) months of implementation and critical risks that may result in a change to the scope and/or timing of the project; please provide a description and how they have impacted the implementation period and could impact other activities and final targets. N.B. Choose the most relevant type if the challenge is related to multiple types.

Challenge type **Impact level on the project implementation**

Operational Moderate

Adaptive measures adopted

Through dialogue with local communities, Ward and Municipal authorities, consensus was achieved to establish more than one woodfuel plot per project site on available communal land. This resulted in 70ha of communal woodlots created in 12 sites spread across the 7 project sites as follows:
 Dassa-Zoumé1 site (Bétécoucou)
 Banikoara2 sites (Kokè silo and Tokè)
 Tchaourou1 site (Kpassa)
 Ouaké2 sites (Yamsala and Sésé)
 Boukombé2 sites (Kouporgou and Koupngou)
 Cobly2 sites (Cobly center and Datori)
 Djougou1 site (Patargo)

Please check if the above-mentioned challenge(s) has been resolved during the reporting period

The challenge(s) has been resolved during the reporting period.

Please check if this challenge is caused by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Yes
 No

Challenge encountered/resolved

Securing suitably experienced and qualified experts in areas of strengthening cooperative capacity in NTFP processing, packaging and marketing and adding value to their products and negotiating improved prices for their products. Similar challenged faced with seeking experts to support the integration of ecosystem-based adaptation and food security principles into standards and norms for NTFPs. The project had to relaunch calls for proposal procurement process because either the minimum of three proposals was not received or those where more than three applied none of the technical submission met the minimum threshold.

Describe the challenge faced during the last twelve (12) months of implementation and critical risks that may result in a change to the scope and/or timing of the project; please provide a description and how they have impacted the implementation period and could impact other activities and final targets. N.B. Choose the most relevant type if the challenge is related to multiple types.

Challenge type **Impact level on the project implementation**

Operational Moderate

Adaptive measures adopted

The project increased efforts to circulate procurement notices within professional networks in Benin which increased responses to solicitations.

In the case of the standard and norms for NTFPs where none of the technical submissions met the minimum technical requirements, the project entered into an agreement with Benin's National Agency for Standardization, Metrology and Quality Control (NASMQC) to mobilise experts, including from the Faculty of Agricultural Sciences of the University of Cotonou, to update standards for shea, néré and cashew nuts by integrating ecosystem-based adaptation for food security (EBAFOSA) principles.

Please check if the above-mentioned challenge(s) has been resolved during the reporting period

The challenge(s) has been resolved during the reporting period.

Please check if this challenge is caused by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Yes

No

Potential changes

There was no change in the project management unit, executing entity or Accredited Entity during the reporting period.

In line with the Mid-Term Evaluation (2023) findings and recommendations (R1b), seven “animators” (5 men and 2 women) were recruited **and in place** by Q4 2024 and assigned to each of the 7 project Municipalities with the role of supporting planning, execution and monitoring of activities, and contribute to strengthening the linkages between the three project components in support of ecosystem-based adaptation in their respective project Municipalities.

In addition, further to the MTE 92023 recommendations (R2e, R3a, R3b, R3c), partnerships with Météo-Benin, ICRAF-Benin and PNOPPA were strengthened and secured to the end of the project with a focus on technical capacity building of project beneficiaries and stakeholders, including the DGEFC/Forest Department, Agriculture extension agents and Municipal administration in community forest management, application of the “Taungya” (agroforestry) approach in designated forest management units within forests areas and agricultural areas, and climate-resilient agriculture. Benefits were realised during 2024 with increase in hectares restored and under climate-resilient agriculture and increased yields and will be sustained for 2025 and Q1 2026.

Describe changes to the project during the reporting period. In particular, the report should cover elements such as change of beneficial ownership structure, management changes of the Accredited Entity, policies and other elements relevant for the project, and any other material change that could influence the overall outcome of the project.

Lessons learnt from addressing challenges

Importance of the project listening to beneficiary needs and interests and collaboratively identifying and agreeing on solutions for a way forward.

Need to more actively circulate procurement notices within networks in Benin.

Advanced planning by the project management unit and UNEP, including adopting multi-year planning of project activities with project partners (e.g. ICRAF-Benin, PNOPPA, Météo-Benin) and service providers engaged in providing seedlings.

Need for the project to have full-time staff based at the project sites who report to the Project Coordinator rather than relying on Municipal and DGEFC/Forest Department staff who report to, and are paid by, their respective hierarchy.

Please provide a summary of lessons from addressing challenges during the reporting period.

Confirmation and Acknowledgement of Information *

* This is a required question to submit section 2 of the Annual Performance Report (APR).

The accredited entity hereby confirms that the information provided in section 2 is complete and ready for submission.

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[APR CY2024] Section 4: Environmental and Social Safeguards & Gender Action Plan

Please note that this is section 4 of the five Annual Performance Report (APR) sections. APR will be considered valid only after all the five sections are filled with relevant details.

4.1 Progress on Key Challenges and Updates regarding Environmental and Social Safeguards

This section provides an update against the ESS standards agreed as part of the Environmental and Social Action Plan (ESAP) and Environmental and Social Management Framework (ESMF), as well as Environmental and Social Management System (ESMS), Environmental and Social Impact Assessment (ESIA), Environmental and Social Management Plan (ESMP), Indigenous Peoples Plan (IPP), Indigenous Peoples Plan Framework (IPPF), Resettlement Action Plan (RAP), Resettlement Policy Framework (RPF) when applicable.

1) Provide any changes in the key environmental and social risks and impacts as identified and arising from the implementation including any unanticipated risks and impacts (ex. from changes in laws and regulations) and, based on these if any change in the project's environmental and social risk category. In case of a change in the E&S risk category for the project, please provide an explanation.

During the reporting period, the project has continued to ensure that its activities do not have negative environmental and social impacts or change risks levels associated with environmental and social safeguards. The project has also been monitoring adherence to the SEAP/ESAP action plan. In the process, and as reported in 2023, the project's original Social and Environment Action Plan (SEAP), the Stakeholder Engagement Strategy as well as the Gender Action Plan were the subject of a review during project implementation with an aim of strengthening SEAP, SEP and GAP implementation as part of project activities. This is part of the Accredited Entity's approach of strengthening monitoring and capacity building of the project team and Executing Entity and as recommended in the Accredited Entity's Environmental, Social and Economic Review Note (ESERN) (See annex 9 of the Financing Proposal).

The UNEP ESS/G consultant conducted an in-country mission in May 2023 to conduct an initial risk analysis (ESIA), two years into project implementation, and consult with relevant stakeholders, and to provide training to the ESS/G Project Officer and the project team. The draft updated internal documents were presented to the project's Steering Committee in August 2023 for review and feedback. The updated ESIA and internal Environmental and Social Management Plan (ESMP) formulated 40 additional mitigation actions which have been added to the project's SEAP, and which have been applied in existing project implementation, monitoring and management procedures.

The UNEP ESS/G consultant undertook a second mission in November 2024 to provide mentoring / training support to the Project Coordinator and project team and stakeholders on applying the updated SEAP mitigations identified from the internal Environmental and Social Management Plan. The UNEP ESS/G consultant took stock of the adoption of mitigation actions in the project's monitoring and management procedures.

2) Provide any change/update on environmental and social safeguarding, compared to what was specified in the baseline assessment reflected in the ESS standards of the Board-Approved Funding Proposal. For programmes/FIs with subprojects, please fill out the table in 5).

During the reporting period, the project completed the review of mitigation actions to address environmental and social risks identified in the project's SEAP, including SEP and GAP and in light of GCF and UNEP safeguards policies and principles, including Mitigation Hierarchy. This is part of the Accredited Entity's approach of strengthening monitoring and capacity building of the project team and Executing Entity and as recommended in the Accredited Entity's Environmental, Social and Economic Review Note (ESERN) (See annex 9 of the Financing Proposal).

The UNEP ESS/G international consultant supported the project team to review the ESIA and produced an internal ESMP and updated SEP and GAP with the aim of strengthening the formulation of mitigation actions in order to reduce environmental and social risks. The result is that the project team have an increased understanding of environmental and social risks that might arise from project implementation, and what mitigating actions need to be put in place.

Consequently, the SEAP Table 1 on Risks and Mitigations has been amended to include the following additional mitigation actions to be applied by the project as part of its implementation for these two safeguard risk areas:

S4: Community health, safety and security

PS6: Biodiversity conservation and sustainable management of living natural resource

3) Provide a status of compliance with applicable laws and regulations of the country as well as the relevant conditions or covenants under the FAA. This can be captured in the table below.

Implementation of laws and regulations under the FAA

Applicable laws and regulations/conditions and covenants
Law / Regulation
Name of Compliance Title & Description
<p>The interventions proposed in the project are in line with Benin's policies and priorities in terms of environmental management and climate change. These include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. National Environmental Framework (Law No 98-030) laying out the principles, rules and measures needed to manage, monitor, restore and protect the environment in order to protect the public, natural resources and biodiversity 2. Forestry law No 93-009 of 2nd July 1993 on forestry regime in the Republic of Benin 3. Labor law No 2017-05 of 29th August 2017 laying down the conditions and procedure for hiring, placement and termination of employment contract in the Republic of Benin. 4. Land tenure law No 2013-001 on the land and state code in the Republic of Benin.
Status of compliance
Compliant
Remarks/Notes
No changes since the last reporting period. The project has operated in compliance with the applicable laws and regulations.

Applicable laws and regulations/conditions and covenants
Covenant
Name of Compliance Title & Description
Condition 3 to the 2nd disbursement: Delivery to the Fund by the Accredited Entity of a detailed dissemination and capacity building plan to deliver information services to the targeted communities in coordination with Météo Benin, ensuring its capacity to incorporate the three (3) meteorological stations in a robust system which is able to deliver accurate and relevant climate change information to communities.
Status of compliance
Compliant
Remarks/Notes
Four automatic meteorological stations were installed in December 2023 and January 2024, and connected to METEO Benin network of automatic meteorological stations. Increased from 3 stations to 4 on request from METEO BENIN based on assessment that four stations will provide better coverage in the central and northern regions of Benin. The preparation and dissemination of agro-meteorological advisories was piloted in 2024 and will be repeated prior to the 2025 planting season.

Applicable laws and regulations/conditions and covenants
Covenant

<p>Name of Compliance Title & Description</p> <p>Covenant 10.02 (d): Undertake and/or put in place any reasonable measures in order to ensure that the management of the environmental and social risks and impacts arising from the Funded Activity complies at all times with the recommendations, requirements and procedures set forth in the environmental and social safeguards document, Social and Environmental Action Plan, which was provided by the Accredited Entity to, and accepted by, the Fund, and which shall not be amended, abrogated or waived without prior written approval of the Fund</p>
<p>Status of compliance</p> <p>Compliant</p>
<p>Remarks/Notes</p> <p>The Accredited Entity provided training on environmental and social safeguards to the project team and Executing Entity in November 2024, and continuously monitored and assessed risks and impacts arising from the Funded Activity in accordance with the SEAP, and addressed recommendations, requirements and procedures in order to mitigate against risks. A GRM is in place and no grievances were received during the reporting period.</p>

<p>Applicable laws and regulations/conditions and covenants</p> <p>Covenant</p>
<p>Name of Compliance Title & Description</p> <p>Covenant 10.02 (e): Continuously screen and monitor potential environmental and social risks and impacts arising from the Funded Activity using the screening procedures and processes described in the Accredited Entity's environmental and social management system, for the relevant Funded Activity</p>
<p>Status of compliance</p> <p>Compliant</p>
<p>Remarks/Notes</p> <p>There has been continuous screening and monitoring of potential environmental and social risks and impacts arising from the Funded Activity in accordance with the project's social and environmental action plan (SEAP). As part of the Accredited Entity's approach of strengthening monitoring and capacity building of the project team and Executing Entity and as recommended in the Accredited Entity's Environmental, Social and Economic Review Note (ESERN) (See annex 9 of the Financing Proposal), an internal update of the ESIA was undertaken in 2023. The updated ESIA re-assessed risk levels using a precautionary approach with a view of strengthening the project's mitigating actions to ensure that the risks are effectively managed with the aim of no negative environmental and social impacts are realized from project's activities.</p>

<p>Applicable laws and regulations/conditions and covenants</p> <p>Covenant</p>
<p>Name of Compliance Title & Description</p> <p>Covenant 10.02 (g): Ensure that the GCF Proceeds will not support or finance, directly or indirectly, any activities with potential environmental and social risks that are equivalent to category A and category B pursuant to the Environmental and Social Risks Categories to be conducted as part of the Project.</p>
<p>Status of compliance</p> <p>Compliant</p>
<p>Remarks/Notes</p> <p>The project undertook project activities as described in the financing proposal and continuously screened and monitored in accordance with the Financing Proposal's social and environmental action plan (SEAP), where all risks identified associated with the supported project activities were determined as equivalent to category C.</p>

<p>Applicable laws and regulations/conditions and covenants</p> <p>Covenant</p>
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<p>Name of Compliance Title & Description</p> <p>Covenant 10.02 (h): Obtain, or ensure that the Executing Entity shall acquire, all land and rights in respect of land that are required to carry out the Funded Activity are available and shall provide to the GCF, upon its request, satisfactory evidence that such land and rights in respect of the land are available for the purposes of the Funded Activity</p>
<p>Status of compliance</p> <p>Compliant</p>
<p>Remarks/Notes</p> <p>The Executing Entity has provided assurances that they have acquired authorizations from landowners (e.g. communes to carry out the Funded Activity). The Executing Entity has provided copies of all authorizations issued by the seven municipalities. These are attached in Section 5</p>

<p>Applicable laws and regulations/conditions and covenants</p> <p>Covenant</p>
<p>Name of Compliance Title & Description</p> <p>Covenant 10.02 (i): Prior to commencing any activities that have potential application of the Accredited Entity's safeguards standard on indigenous peoples and cultural heritage, the Accredited Entity shall submit to the Fund the relevant indigenous peoples plan relevant for such activities and shall also furnish to the Fund evidence, in form and substance satisfactory to the GCF, that free, prior and informed consent from the indigenous communities has been obtained for the purposes of the relevant Funded Activity</p>
<p>Status of compliance</p> <p>Compliant</p>
<p>Remarks/Notes</p> <p>In accordance with the Accredited Entity's safeguards standard on indigenous peoples and cultural heritage, and as stated in the Financing Proposal's social and environmental action plan (SEAP) there are no known groups which meet the criteria of Indigenous Peoples/Historically Underserved Traditional Local Communities.</p>

4) Provide a brief report on the progress made in complying with the requirements of the relevant ESS standards that were triggered during the approval of the funding proposal and during the reporting period, if any; and the GCF Indigenous Peoples Policy, if relevant, describing achievements, and specifying details outlined in the tables below. If relevant, updates related to Indigenous Peoples should include any Free, Prior, and Informed Consent (FPIC) sought during the reporting period.

Implementation of ESS standards

<p>Activities implemented during the reporting period, including monitoring</p> <p>1) Completion of updated internal ESIA, ESMP, SEP and GAP as tools for capacitating project team and executing entity and to support implementation of SEAP.</p> <p>2) Mentoring of Project Coordinator and Project Management Unit staff</p> <p>3) One day training session on the Project's ESIA, ESMP, SEP and GAP to 53 participants (46 men and 7 women) comprising of the 7 project animators, representatives of the 7 Community Forest Management Committees, representatives from the Municipal-level Commune Monitoring Units, representatives from project partners (Météo-Benin, PNOPPA, DGEFC/Forest Department, ICRAF) and representatives of service providers.</p>
<p>Outputs during the reporting period</p> <p>Updated ESIA, ESMP, SES and GAP internalised by the Project staff</p> <p>Project staff and stakeholder aware of their responsibilities and roles concerning environment and social safeguards and on gender equity.</p> <p>Functioning Grievance Response Mechanism in place within the project sites.</p> <p>All project services providers have signed affidavits committing their adherence to environmental and social safeguards.</p>

Key environmental, social and gender issues, risks and impacts addressed during implementation

No specific and additional environmental, social and gender issues, risks and impacts were addressed during the reporting period.

Any pending key environmental, social and gender issues needing accredited entity's actions and GCF attention

No pending key environmental, social or gender issues needed accredited entity's actions or that for GCF attention. The accredited entity will continue to monitor adherence to the ESMP, SEP and GAP, and that risks are regularly assessed and where mitigation action are required are being taken.

Remarks/Notes

Activities implemented during the reporting period, including monitoring

Training for the Project staff and key stakeholders on updated ESMP, SEP and GAP, with emphasis on integration of mitigation actions into project activities and plans.

Outputs during the reporting period

1) Mentoring of Project Coordinator and Project Management Unit staff
 2) One day training session on the Project's ESIA, ESMP, SEP and GAP to 54 participants (47 men and 7 women) comprising of the 7 project animators, representatives of the 7 Community Forest Management Committees, representatives from the Municipal-level Commune Monitoring Units, representatives from project partners (Météo-Benin, PNOPPA, DGEFC/Forest Department, ICRAF) and representatives of service providers.

Key environmental, social and gender issues, risks and impacts addressed during implementation

Training modules integrated good practices in response to risks PS2 and PS4, specifically on gender specific conflicts and power differentials.

Any pending key environmental, social and gender issues needing accredited entity's actions and GCF attention

No

Remarks/Notes

5) Please fill-out the table for programmes/FIs with subprojects.

Title of the sub-project

ESS management plan/instrument in place

Activities/engagement conducted with Indigenous Peoples

Key environmental, social and gender issues, risks and impacts addressed during this reporting period

Any pending key environmental, social and gender issues needing accredited entity's actions and GCF attention

6) Include a description of the actions undertaken during the reporting period towards increasing the relevant stakeholders' engagement in the project environmental, social and gender elements and progress toward implementing the Stakeholder Engagement Plan according to the approved funding proposal's Annex 7 - Summary of Consultation and Stakeholder Engagement Plan.

Provide a narrative update in the Remarks/Notes column, including any significant progress or co-benefits that have arisen from the activity. Please also note if the activity is not on target/delayed and what mitigation measures have been put in place in that regard.

Implementation of the stakeholder engagement plan

Title of the sub-project (if relevant)

Workshop on climate change adaptation and ecosystem-based adaptation experiences and lessons from the PABE project.

Activities implemented during the reporting period

The project organized on 27 June 2024 in Cotonou an awareness workshop with project stakeholders (local Municipality representatives from Dassa-Zoumé, the MCVT and sectoral ministries, and the projects service providers) on climate change, impacts and risks, and gender-sensitive ecosystem-based adaptation and national strategies for adaptation, and the role of the project to support application of EbA approaches in northern and central Benin.

Dates and venues of engagement activities

27 June 2024, Le Royal Hotel, Cotonou

Sex-disaggregated data on stakeholder engagement participants (male = ; female =)

34 people: 25 men and 9 women

Please provide the list of CSOs, NGOs, or other platforms, initiatives, and organizations that were involved or continue to be engaged according to the approved funding proposal's Annex 7 – Summary of Consultations and Stakeholder Engagement Plan. Please also include the list of any other stakeholders involved in the stakeholder engagement process.

Information shared with stakeholders

Briefing note on integration of climate change into sectoral policies, plan and budgets and subnational development processes.
Pamphlet on the EbA project
PPT presentations on climate change projections and impacts and adaptation strategies.

Outputs including issues raised and addressed during the reporting period

Workshop report

Remarks/Notes

7) Please confirm that the project has a GRM in place and the project stakeholders including executing/implementing entities, affected communities and beneficiaries are aware of GCF's Independent Redress Mechanism.

- The accredited entity confirms the statement above.
- The accredited entity does not confirm the statement above.

The GRM mechanism as designed by the ESS/G international consultant and project team is in place.

8) Have there been any grievances received during the reporting period?

If you are to click "Yes", please make sure to attach Annex 3 in Section 5.

- Yes
- No

9) Provide planned activities on environmental and social safeguards for the next reporting period

Validation of the draft updated ESMP, GAP and Stakeholder Engagement Plan

Put in place Grievance Response Mechanism led by the Executing Agency

Train project staff and Ministry staff on operating the grievance response mechanism.

Implement, monitoring and report on ESMP, GAP and Stakeholder Engagement Plan

Provide a list of activities in the ESMP to be implemented in the next reporting period. Include relevant deliverables such as reports or action plans, and other project specific products. Please include the monitoring schedule concerning ESS (including other potential vulnerable groups and Indigenous People) for the next annual reporting period.

10) Provide any success stories, good practices or challenges, including those related to the engagement of Indigenous Peoples and local communities, promoting indigenous knowledge and benefits to Indigenous Peoples and local communities.

4.2 Progress on Key Risks and Changes regarding the Gender Action Plan

This section includes an update on the activities and actions agreed in the Gender Action Plan (GAP).

1) Summary on Activities and Actions agreed in the Gender Action Plan

The main activities in the Gender Action plan (table 2 - column "Gender Action Points) consisted of:

- Revise forest management plans to lay out clear gender components, with training provided to local wardens on the importance of implementing the same (Output 1.1, Activity 1.1.1)
- Sensitize participants and stakeholders (both women and men) on the difference between nominal (just attendance) and empowering (interactive, where voices are heard) participation. (Output 1.1, Activity 1.1.1)
- If possible, train existing female wardens to ensure representation in positions of power. If cost-effective and can be done substantially, train new female wardens.(Output 1.1, Activity 1.1.1)
- Involve a minimum of 30% - ideally of 50% of women in Community Forest Management Committees (CFMCs) operations. (Output 1.1., Activity 1.1.2)
- Provision "women's sessions and "gender sessions" into the modus operandi of the CFMCs. (Output 1.1, Activity 1.1.2)
- Conduct a mapping exercise to chart how the different gender uses the forests, and for what purposes – also chart the expenditure patterns from forest-based income (Output 1.2, Activity 1.2.1)
- Conduct a risk-assessment exercise to determine whether project activities will hamper any gender forest access or traditional product (Output 1.2, Activity 1.2.1)
- Ensure equal access to communal woodlots – particularly for women, who are primarily in charge of household fuel collection (Output 1.2, Activity 1.2.1)

- Create a check and balance system to avoid overexploitation or resource strife in later stages (Output 1.2, Activity 1.2.1)
- Improve financial literacy and market access for women, by building on existing women’s networks/establishing new networks to improve upon quality for international companies interested in products such as shea (Output 1.2, Activity 1.2.3)
- Provide gender-responsive training to understand and respond to forecasts (Output 2.1, Activity 2.1.1)
- Provide gender-responsive training on EbA, using action points from Activity 2.1.1 to understand the different cropping techniques, agricultural practices and time use among different genders (Output 2.1, Activity 2.1.2 and 2.1.3)
- Project activities should not burden time poverty or attempt to drastically change time-use pattern (Output 2.1, Activity 2.1.2)
- Involve a 50% of women in the cooperatives (Output 2.2, Activity 2.2.1)
- Provision gender-responsive financial literacy and management training: for example, how women can profit from popular cosmetic industry NTFPs such as shea (Output 2.2, Activity 2.2.1)
- Compile experiences of gender mainstreaming during the project cycle, within larger report (Output 3.1, Activity 3.1.1)
- Gender experiences should feature in the guidelines/ revision to existing environment-related legislature done for the Beninese government (Output 3.1, Activity 3.1.3)

Provide a progress report on the gender action plan developed during project preparation stage for the reporting period. This will primarily be a report on activities undertaken and results achieved as a result of completion of an activity. Further it should also indicate if the project is on track to achieving the intended outcome(s). The reporting should be done for activities, targets and indicators already set in the action plan including on vulnerable groups (youth, poor, female heads of households, etc.) as would have been identified in the gender analysis and action plan. If activities or targets are not achieved as per plan, reasons should be provided, and recourse action should be proposed. Please include a reporting on any changes or deviations. Include a Report on implementation challenges and lessons learnt and how these will inform on-going actions and what action will be taken by when to address the challenges faced. Incorporate both quantitative data and qualitative report of the performance of such actions, and on progress on actions identified.

2) Please review your GAP and include all GAP activities in the table below with an update in the reporting period. In the event that no progress was made on an activity during the reporting period, please include the explanation in the remarks section of the activity.

Activity / Action *	
Revise forest management plans to lay out clear gender components, with training provided to local wardens on the importance of implementing the same (Output 1.1, Activity 1.1.1) Sensitize participants and stakeholders (both women and men) on the difference between nominal (just attendance) and empowering (interactive, where voices are heard) participation. (Output 1.1, Activity 1.1.1) If possible, train existing female wardens to ensure representation in positions of power. If cost-effective and can be done substantially, train new female wardens.(Output 1.1, Activity 1.1.1)	
Indicator *	Rating of Indicator *
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Key Informant Interviews with local wardens on gender sensitivity; with female wardens to gauge their position vis-à-vis male wardens • Number of male and female participants, dis-aggregated by household (HH) • Number of men and women trained to hold decision-making positions within forest governance bodies, dis-aggregated by HH 	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Green <input type="radio"/> Amber <input type="radio"/> Red
Green (on track to be met) / Amber (needs attention to be met) / Red (off track and unlikely to be met).	
Baseline *	Target, including sex-disaggregation where applicable *
No gender issues addressed in forest management	Community-based and gender-informed forest management and land use plans
Budget *	Currency *
97 450	USD

Annual progress update (Reporting Period) *

During the reporting period, the project undertook the following activities with a strong focus on integrating gender-response actions and considerations.

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As part of the technical validation workshop held at Lokossa from 28 to 31 March 2024 (14 people including 3 women) for the five community forest plans of Didani (Cobly), Katenga (Boukombé), Salangawa (Ouaké) and Dèrou bou (Banikoara) by the forestry administration in accordance with decree 093/MCVDD/DC/SGM/DGEFC/SA053SGG17 on the procedures and methods for the development and appropriation of forest management plans and tools in the Republic of Benin, integration of gender-responsive management actions were reviewed.

– Monthly awareness-raising sessions held in November 2024 and December 2025 in the project sites with 125 participants, of which 23 women, who are members of the Community Forest Management Committees (CFMCs) and farmer groups on the empowerment of women in the management of project implementation bodies at each of the 7 Municipalities.

These activities build on previous related activities previously reported: Baseline survey (2021) conducted by ICRAF includes information on gender-disaggregated information on the access and use of forest products. Both women (166) and men (500) participated during the baseline survey. Developed 2 Documents for the integration of EbA within the Development Units of Baku and Bétérou in the development plan of the OSN with consideration of gender 1.1.1 (US\$10,231)

Organized public awareness sessions on ecosystem-based adaptation in the project sites bringing together men and women in the municipalities. 231 women and 323 men attended the public awareness raising sessions. The sessions also served to raise awareness about equitable participation and implementation of the forest management plans.

Organized community awareness sessions for the establishment of CFMCs (locally called SLCGF) in the process of developing plans. 10 women and 65 men are installed

Training provided to members of the CFMCs (locally called SLCGF) of the 5 community forests and the 2 management units on the importance of implementing the plans developed (February 14 and 15, 2023) 1.2.1 (US\$9,869). 10 women and 65 men trained.

Organized training workshop on organisational development of the CFMCs and on forest monitoring. 7 women and 14 men are trained

Cumulative progress update (Entire period) *

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Timeline *

January to December 2024

Planned completion of activity

Responsibility *

Project Coordinator

Stakeholder(s) responsible for delivering activity

Remarks/Notes *

Five community forest management plans for the community forests of Didani (Cobly), Katenga (Boukombé), Salangawa (Ouaké), Dèrou bou (Banikoara) and Bètécoucou (Dassa-Zoumè) and two management plans for the Bakou (Djoujou) and Bétérou (Tchaourou) state forest units include gender-responsive management protocols and guidance.

The mentoring support provided by the UNEP environmental and social safeguards and gender on applying the updated GAP generated momentum and engaged by the PMU in integrating gender matters within the project activities.

Briefly explain why the indicator is highlighted GREEN, AMBER or RED and what the mitigation action is. Describe the progress made during the reporting period.

Please review your GAP and include all GAP activities in the table below with an update of progress made during in the reporting period as well as cumulatively. Each activity should be aligned with its own indicator, target, budget and updates. In the event that no progress was made on an activity during the reporting period, please include the explanation in the remarks section of the activity.

Activity / Action *

Involve a minimum of 30% - ideally of 50% of women in Community Forest Management Committees (CFMCs) operations. (Output 1.1., Activity 1.1.2)

Provision of “women’s sessions” and “gender sessions” into the modus operandi of the committee” while the women’s sessions will cater only to the community women, the gender sessions should not be limited to ‘just women’, but should invite both men (particularly young men) and women to the table; additionally, these sessions should be a space where stakeholders can share success stories and address gender specific grievances faced (50-50) (Output 1.1, Activity 1.1.2)

Indicator *

- Number of men and women in CFMCs
- Meeting minutes for both “women’s sessions” and “gender sessions”
- Number of men and women trained to hold “gender sessions”
- Randomised interviews with different members of CFMCs to gauge whether they see any positive efforts of the “gender sessions”

Rating of Indicator *

- Green
- Amber
- Red

Green (on track to be met) / Amber (needs attention to be met) / Red (off track and unlikely to be met).

Baseline *

Women participation in decision making process currently weak or nonexistent

Target, including sex-disaggregation where applicable *

Gender balanced CFMCs

Women’s sessions conducted where community women can engagement in discussion and share of their needs and priorities.

Gender session conducted to engage and sensitise men and women on gender issues

Budget *

10 698

Currency *

USD

Annual progress update (Reporting Period) *

During the reporting period, the project organised one 1-day training for 21 members (14 men and 7 women) of 7 community forest management committees (CFMCs) in May 2024 on organisational management and development, climate change, impacts and adaptation options including EbA, fire risk management and on the practice of Taungya (mixed forestry and agriculture practices) for the sustainable management of the 3600 ha of forest areas. The training incorporated sessions on gender-responsive organisational management and on gender and EbA.

Monthly awareness-raising sessions held in November 2024 and December 2025 in the project sites with 125 participants, of which 23 women, who are members of the Community Forest Management Committees (CFMCs) and farmer groups on the empowerment of women in the management of project implementation bodies at each of the 7 Municipalities.

It builds on previously reported GAP activities:

- A workshop was held in Bohicon on 3 and 4 June 2021 with 23 women and 28 men to sensitization of gender issues associated with the project activities and outputs as part of updating the gender action plan and raised awareness about equitable participation and implementation of the forest management plans.
- CFMC membership comprises of 10 women and 65 men (13% women)
- Awareness raising among CFMC Presidents for greater involvement of women in activities and in support bodies for the implementation of the project. Workshop help with CFMCs on February 14 and 15, 2023 but also raised during other project events where CFMC Chairs and members are participating.
- Held a one-day consultation between women cooperative members in Parakou on 6th April 2023 for sharing experiences on processing and marketing activities for non-timber forest products on April 6, 2023.
- Randomized interviews with different members of CFMCs to gauge whether they see any positive efforts of the “gender sessions” to be undertaken in Q3 and Q4 2024.

Cumulative progress update (Entire period) *

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Timeline *

January to December 2024

Planned completion of activity

Responsibility *

Project Coordinator

Stakeholder(s) responsible for delivering activity

Remarks/Notes *

The CFMCs membership currently stands at 33% women. With the increased sensitisation on gender with the CFMCs and project stakeholders, positioning of seven animators (of which 2 of seven are women) in the 7 project sites, and the updated GAP that there is a likelihood that the number of women members of the CFMCs will increase closer to the target of 50% women members.

The mentoring support provided by the UNEP environmental and social safeguards and gender on applying the updated GAP generated momentum and engagement by the PMU in integrating gender matters within the project activities.

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Activity / Action *

Conduct a mapping exercise to chart how the different gender uses the forests, and for what purposes – also chart the expenditure patterns from forest-based income (Output 1.2, Activity 1.2.1)

Conduct a risk-assessment exercise to determine whether project activities will hamper any gender forest access or traditional product (Output 1.2, Activity 1.2.1)

Ensure equal access to communal woodlots – particularly for women, who are primarily in charge of household fuel collection (Output 1.2, Activity 1.2.1)

Create a check and balance system to avoid overexploitation or resource strife in later stages (Output 1.2, Activity 1.2.1)

Improve financial literacy and market access for women, by building on existing women’s networks/establishing new networks to improve upon quality for international companies interested in products such as shea (Output 1.2, Activity 1.2.3)

Indicator *

Entry and exit mapping interview to analyse change/improvement in agroforestry practices

Within the above, to understand change in time poverty/NTFP collection and commercialization

Rating of Indicator *

Green

Amber

Red

Green (on track to be met) / Amber (needs attention to be met) / Red (off track and unlikely to be met).

Baseline *

Women participation in decision making process currently weak or nonexistent

Target, including sex-disaggregation where applicable *

Restoration output maps the difference use of forests by different social groups and gender.

Gender-mainstreamed content in land-use plans and communal frameworks, reflecting the needs and priorities of both men and women.

Budget *

75 000

Currency *

USD

<p>Annual progress update (Reporting Period) *</p> <p>During the reporting period, the project worked with its service providers engaged in restoration and enrichment planting of forest areas, woodlots and orchards to strengthen their awareness and adopt gender-responsive practices as part of their activities in the 7 project areas. Coaching of representatives of service providers, civil society, the ministry and technical directorates on the integration of the Gender Action Plan in the implementation of project activities was conducted in November 2024. Furthermore, service providers are required to submit signed affidavits that they and their staff will comply with social and environmental safeguards policies, including gender.</p> <p>This activity built on previous related activities previously reported:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Baseline survey (2021) conducted by ICRAF includes information on gender-disaggregated information on the access and use of forest products. Both women (166) and men (500) participated during the baseline survey. • The 7 management plans (2021) contain mapping of areas for access and use of forest zones with gender dis-aggregated information and considerations, including designation of restoration areas. • ESMF, GAP and SEP updated based on consultations with CFMCs, communal monitoring units and with the PMU by safeguards international consultant and national safeguards project officer in 2023. 	<p>Cumulative progress update (Entire period) *</p> <p>50</p>
<p>Timeline *</p> <p>January to December 2024</p> <p><small>Planned completion of activity</small></p>	
<p>Responsibility *</p> <p>Project Coordinator</p> <p><small>Stakeholder(s) responsible for delivering activity</small></p>	
<p>Remarks/Notes *</p> <p>The coaching sessions on project gender action plan were well received and the project reports positive feedback from the communities and CFMCs on the performance of service providers and stakeholders in adherence to gender issues and risks.</p> <p>The mentoring support provided by the UNEP environmental and social safeguards and gender on applying the updated GAP generated momentum and engagement by the PMU in integrating gender matters within the project activities.</p> <p>Bri</p> <p><small>Briefly explain why the indicator is highlighted GREEN, AMBER or RED and what the mitigation action is. Describe the progress made during the reporting period.</small></p> <p>Please review your GAP and include all GAP activities in the table below with an update of progress made during in the reporting period as well as cumulatively. Each activity should be aligned with its own indicator, target, budget and updates. In the event that no progress was made on an activity during the reporting period, please include the explanation in the remarks section of the activity.</p>	

<p>Activity / Action *</p> <p>Provide gender-responsive training to understand and respond to forecasts (Output 2.1, Activity 2.1.1)</p> <p>Provide gender-responsive training on EbA, using action points from Activity 2.1.1 to understand the different cropping techniques, agricultural practices and time use among different genders (Output 2.1. Activity 2.1.2 and 2.1.3)</p> <p>Project activities should not burden time poverty or attempt to drastically change time-use pattern (Output 2.1, Activity 2.1.2)</p>	
<p>Indicator *</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Key informant interviews with men and women on meteorological knowledge and information access • Number of male and female participants trained, dis-aggregated by household (HH) 	<p>Rating of Indicator *</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Green</p> <p><input checked="" type="radio"/> Amber</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Red</p>
<p>Green (on track to be met) / Amber (needs attention to be met) / Red (off track and unlikely to be met).</p>	
<p>Baseline *</p> <p>Forecasts and agricultural advisories not sufficiently gender-responsive</p>	<p>Target, including sex-disaggregation where applicable *</p> <p>Weather reports and updates are transmitted through accessible mediums and languages – especially targeting women</p>

Budget *	Currency *
25 000	USD
Annual progress update (Reporting Period) *	Cumulative progress update (Entire period) *
Activity not yet initiated as weather reports and agricultural advisories not issued in 2024. Activity under preparation.	10
Timeline *	
January to December 2024	
Planned completion of activity	
Responsibility *	
Project Coordinator	
Stakeholder(s) responsible for delivering activity	
Remarks/Notes *	
<p>In May 2024, the project engaged with METEO BENIN and its partners (Information Services Unit of the MCVT, Project on diversification of the agricultural value chain and diversification of exports (PACOFIDE) and the Project to support Community Forest Management (PAGEFORM II)) to develop an Action Plan for the coordinated production and dissemination of agro-meteorological advisories in the project's 7 sites. Outline of the content of the advisories established to respond to the range of climate hazards assembled from farmers and cooperative members.</p> <p>METEO BENIN has developed and disseminated, via mobile phone apps, climate information (weather alerts, seasonal forecasts, etc.) for all municipalities in the country, including the 7 municipalities benefiting from the project.</p>	
<p>Briefly explain why the indicator is highlighted GREEN, AMBER or RED and what the mitigation action is. Describe the progress made during the reporting period.</p> <p>Please review your GAP and include all GAP activities in the table below with an update of progress made during in the reporting period as well as cumulatively. Each activity should be aligned with its own indicator, target, budget and updates. In the event that no progress was made on an activity during the reporting period, please include the explanation in the remarks section of the activity.</p>	

Activity / Action *	
<p>Involve a 50% of women in the cooperatives (Output 2.2, Activity 2.2.1)</p> <p>Provision gender-responsive financial literacy and management training: for example, how women can profit from popular cosmetic industry NTFPs such as shea (Output 2.2, Activity 2.2.1)</p>	
Indicator *	Rating of Indicator *
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Key informant interviews with men and women on EbA techniques, preferred agricultural practices before and after training. • Number of male and female participants trained, dis-aggregated by household (HH). 	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Green <input type="radio"/> Amber <input type="radio"/> Red
Green (on track to be met) / Amber (needs attention to be met) / Red (off track and unlikely to be met).	
Baseline *	Target, including sex-disaggregation where applicable *
zero women aware of EbA across project sites.	<p>~ 11,000 women trained on EbA across project sites.</p> <p>Women and men equally receive access to climate-resilient agricultural techniques and training.</p> <p>Women are incentivized to increase uptake of post-harvest storage solutions, as they are statistically less likely to adopt these methods.</p>
Budget *	Currency *
125 000	EUR

Annual progress update (Reporting Period) *

Cumulative progress update (Entire period) *

During the reporting period, the project has strengthened awareness and capacity building on ecosystem-based adaptation and climate-resilient agriculture, in response to MTE recommendations, and integration of gender through a range of activities including:

- The project targeted support to women farmers (6,138 women) in climate resilience agriculture including training on land preparation, soil conservation and use of organic inputs, and beneficiaries of improved seeds and organic inputs and agroforestry tree seedlings.

- Following the building of 5 climate-resilient storage facilities for five women-led cooperatives located in the municipalities of Dassa-Zoumé, Banikoara, Cobly, Boukombé and Ouaké that were completed in late 2023 and handed over to each of the cooperative leadership and members by the Ministry of Livelihoods and Transport, in charge of sustainable development, the final two storage warehouses handed over in January 2024 in Banikoara and Cobly.

The project also supported awareness raising for the women led cooperatives on methods for minimising post-harvest losses, improved packaging and best practices on using the storage facilities. This training was held in Banikoara and Cobly in January 2024 as part of the hand over events.

- Monthly awareness-raising sessions in November and December 2024 for members of 15 women-led cooperatives located in the 7 municipalities on gender response climate change adaptation and the role of women in the sustainable management of natural resources. The cumulative participation at the sessions was 121 men and 443 women cooperative members.

This activity built on previous related activities previously reported:

- Training to members of 14 women-led cooperatives (249 women and 40 men) on cooperative governance, and use and maintenance of processing equipment in 2021
- Training of members of 14 women-led cooperatives (249 women and 40 men) on processing techniques, storage and packing, and marketing of Shea, cashew tree and néré products in 2022.
- Provision of inputs to 14 women led cooperatives (2021) and construction of 5 warehouses (2023) based on consultations with women-led cooperatives on their needs and priorities.
- Organized public awareness session held in 2023 on ecosystem-based adaptation in the project sites bringing together men and women in the municipalities. 231 women and 323 men attended the public awareness raising sessions
- A total of 450 female and 842 male farmers benefited from climate-resilient agricultural inputs provided by the project during the 2023 planting season.

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Timeline *

January to December 2024

Planned completion of activity

Responsibility *

Project Coordinator

Stakeholder(s) responsible for delivering activity

Remarks/Notes *

The mentoring support provided by the UNEP environmental and social safeguards and gender on applying the updated GAP generated momentum and engagement by the PMU in integrating gender matters within the project activities.

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Activity / Action *	
Compile experiences of gender mainstreaming during the project cycle, within larger report (Output 3.1, Activity 3.1.1) Gender experiences should feature in the guidelines/ revision to existing environment-related legislature done for the Beninese government (Output 3.1, Activity 3.1.3)	
Indicator *	Rating of Indicator *
Overall project design phase, implementation monitoring process will inform this	<input type="radio"/> Green <input checked="" type="radio"/> Amber <input type="radio"/> Red
Green (on track to be met) / Amber (needs attention to be met) / Red (off track and unlikely to be met).	
Baseline *	Target, including sex-disaggregation where applicable *
Gender dimensions of adaptation not sufficiently integrated in policies and regulations.	Knowledge products and stories published about the project include gender success stories, mainstreaming case studies, etc. Women and men are informed about the process of gender mainstreaming and the importance of the inclusion and reflection of both priorities and needs to combat climate change.
Budget *	Currency *
27 077	USD
Annual progress update (Reporting Period) *	Cumulative progress update (Entire period) *
As per of the awareness and sensitisation activities, gender-responsive EbA activities of the project were highlighted with participants. Going forwards, one priority of the project is to strengthen gender mainstreaming within the project and also in sectoral policies and place. The analysis of Benin’s current sectoral policies, strategies and plans to identify gap relating to climate change adaptation, and in particular gender-responsive ecosystem-based adaptation, factored in entry points for mainstreaming gender-responsive ecosystem-based adaptation.	25
Timeline *	
January to December 2024	
Planned completion of activity	
Responsibility *	
Project Coordinator	
Stakeholder(s) responsible for delivering activity	
Remarks/Notes *	
The mentoring support provided by the UNEP environmental and social safeguards and gender on applying the updated GAP generated momentum and engaged by the PMU in integrating gender matters within the project activities. A priority for 2025 is increasing communications on EbA measures and gender-sensitive project results, and draw on women focused success stories from the 7 project sites.	
Briefly explain why the indicator is highlighted GREEN, AMBER or RED and what the mitigation action is. Describe the progress made during the reporting period.	
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Below to be confirmed by the AE for each reporting period.

3) Is the gender expert for the project/programme engaged to support the implementation of the gender action plan? If engaged previously, please advise if the gender expert has been retained by the project/programme, including plans to engage another expert in the event that a previously engaged expert has left the project/programme. Please provide clarification in the text box.

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Yes

No

The Project Coordinator is the custodian of the Gender action plan (GAP). Prior to being recruited as the Project Coordinator in September 2023, she was the project's environmental and social safeguards and gender project specialist since the start of the project in 2020. The project and the MCVT are hiring a ESS/G Consultant to support the project from Q2 2025 to the end of the project. Furthermore, the Accredited Entity hired a ESS/G expert to review and update the GAP after two years of implementation, and undertook an incountry mission in 2023 and returned in November 2024 to provide training and mentoring support to the project team and stakeholders in the implementation and monitoring of the updated GAP.

4) Is the budget allocated for the implementation of gender action plan/s being implemented according to Funding Activity Agreements and GCF's Updated Gender Policy? Please ensure that the budget is included in the reporting above if it was indicated in the approved or updated gender action plan. Please provide any clarification in the text box.

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Yes

No

5) Are the planned activities, targets, indicators, timelines etc. on track during the reporting period? Please provide clarifications in the text box. *

Yes

No

Overall the planned activities and timelines are on track towards achieving intended targets as per indicators. However, the challenge is for the project to achieve 50% of women beneficiaries in areas of forest management since this has traditionally been male dominated. This is reflected in the low level of women representation in the community forest management committees. However, the project will continue to influence and lobby beneficiaries and stakeholders to increase women engagement in forest management matters during the last year of the project.

6) Are there any deviations from planned activities, targets, indicators or timelines of the GAP? If Yes, please provide reasons for deviations and mitigation measures that are being implemented to get back on track.

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Yes

No

7) Were there any revisions of the approved GAP during the reporting period? Please submit the updated GAP in Section 5 of this APR and ensure that the updated GAP has edits in track changes.

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Yes

No

The approved original gender action plan was updated after two years of implementation, starting in 2023 by the Environmental and Social Safeguards/Gender Expert hired by the Accredited Entity, working in close collaboration with the project's national ESS/G specialist and Project Coordinator. The revised gender action plan (July 2024) was prepared prior to the need for it to be presented in track change mode. The revised gender action plan provides a more detailed and substantial action plan. The updated GAP is attached in section 5.

8) Are the reported results on track to contribute to meeting the sex-disaggregated targets for the direct beneficiaries in the funding proposal, if applicable?

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Yes

No

9) Has the project/programme experienced any implementation challenges that affect gender-related activities? If Yes, please include lessons learnt and how they are informing ongoing actions.

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Yes

No

10) Were there any best practices identified, or case studies prepared on beneficiaries/roles undertaken as agents of action by women and the most vulnerable people during the reporting period? Please provide any case studies in the text below or the project stories section of the APR.

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Yes

No

11) Provide planned activities on gender elements for the next reporting period. *

For the next reporting period (2025), the project will complete the recruitment of a national gender consultant to support the Project Coordinator and Project Management Unit in the implementation of the gender action plan and to continue the integration of gender into all project activities.

Key planned activities reflecting the updated Gender Action Plan (2024) include:

- Develop an action plan to better engage with women, PWD, and other marginalized groups in collaboration with other partners (ex. Gender mainstream division within Ministry of agriculture) and existing projects (ex. SWEDD) (N°1)
- Mainstream gender and natural resource use best practices in all training provided to services extension staff, and local communities including Forest Management Plan and EbA protocols (N°2)
- Strengthen anti-GBV measures and provide training for project staff and local community participants and institute an emergency response process in the event of GBV or social conflict (N°3)
- Sensitization of all PABE partners and beneficiaries on gender issues in collaboration with other partners (ex. gender mainstream division within Ministry of agriculture) and existing projects (exp. SWEDD) (N°6)
- Design and implement financial literacy training for women beneficiaries(N°7)
- Ensure adequate representation by PWDs and other marginalized groups in review mechanisms of assessments, in planned workshops and in policy reform processes (N°12)
- Identify and mainstream labour-saving approach for women through awareness and training activities targeted to community level stakeholders and field workers (N°17)
- Integrate inclusive approaches into protocols for Forest Management Plan and mainstream risk-sharing as well as resource-sharing perspectives (N°23)

- Integrate inclusive approaches into protocols for EbA management and mainstream risk-sharing as well as resource-sharing perspectives (N°25)
- Conduct specific training for women and girls and men and boys on gender and power and develop specific strategies to engage PWDs in training activities, including understanding of benefit-sharing/-risk-sharing and resource-sharing arrangements and how to use dispute resolution mechanisms. (N°26)
- Develop a detailed gender and benefit-sharing mainstreaming action plan for the revision/updating of protocols and protocols developed and in development (N°27)
- Conduct a gender and social inclusion review of all draft protocols and protocol tools that have been developed or will be developed and mainstream gender and social inclusion more effectively into these as well as strengthen benefit-sharing solutions (N°28)

Provide a list of activities in the gender action plan to be implemented in the next reporting period. Include relevant deliverables such as reports or action plans, and other project specific products including processes that will be involved to implement the activities effectively. Please clarify to which gender action plan activities/ outputs the planned activities on gender elements for the next reporting period listed above are linked to. Please include the monitoring schedule concerning gender activities for the next annual reporting period, this should include the frequency of monitoring gender action plan activities throughout the next reporting period. Report on actions taken on any of the recommendations made by the Secretariat (if applicable) to improve the level of integration of gender issues in the project.

Confirmation and Acknowledgement of Information *

* This is a required question to submit section 4 of the Annual Performance Report (APR).

The accredited entity hereby confirms that the information provided in section 4 is complete and ready for submission.

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[APR CY2024] Section 5: Annexes and Attachments

Please note that this is section 5 of the five Annual Performance Report (APR) sections. APR will be considered valid only after all the five sections are filled with relevant details. For Section 5, please note that the following sections are voluntary excluding Annex 1 which projects/programmes reporting GHG emissions reductions must attach the necessary documents, and Annex 3 if you have submitted "Yes" in Section 4.1.8.

Annex 1: GHG emission reduction calculation methodology (for projects reporting GHG emission reductions) and details on the calculations of the annual and cumulative value.

Please provide the mandatory ex-post emission reduction spreadsheet presenting the calculation steps for achieved annual and cumulative value in this reporting period.

I attached the spreadsheet for this reporting period.

Annex 2: Communication and visibility material

Please provide relevant communication material such as media coverage, photos, infographics, and awareness raising posters used during project implementation.

Annex 3: List of grievances received

Provide a list of the grievances received (as an appendix to the APR) in the reporting period that will include the description of the grievance, the date the grievance was received, the resolution of the grievance, etc. Please include any SEAH-related grievances. Identities of complainants, or factors that could identify a complainant should not be included in this document.

Please ensure the names of complainants are excluded for confidentiality.

Annex 4: Procurement information (voluntary)

Please download the procurement information template available in Excel below.

[Procurement information template \(https://smartme.adalia.fi/GCF/faq/get_document/17434/914\)](https://smartme.adalia.fi/GCF/faq/get_document/17434/914)

Please provide information on goods and services procured under GCF-funded projects/programmes. The information is being collected to increase transparency of activities undertaken with GCF resources. This exercise does not imply or require any change in the procurement processes already agreed with the GCF and is purely for information purposes. Please provide information on cumulative procurement activities undertaken in each project/programme funded by the GCF.

Annex 5: Any other documents (e.g. updated gender action plan)

Please submit any attachments (if any).

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[Benin GCF UNEP Annex 4 Gender Assessment and Action Plan Updated July 2025 Track Change.pdf](#)

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Please provide comments on the annexes attached above if any.

Confirmation and Acknowledgement of Information *

* This is a required question to submit section 5 of the Annual Performance Report (APR).

The accredited entity hereby confirms that the information provided in section 5 is complete and ready for submission.