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Integrated physical adaptation and community resilience through an enhanced direct access pilot in the public, private, and civil society sectors of three Eastern Caribbean small island developing states

Annual Performance Report CY2022

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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.
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Please provide further explanation, if any:

1.3 Funded Activity Title (Project/Programme Title)

1.4 Funding Proposal Reference Number

1.5 Board Meeting Number

1.6 Accredited Entity contacts for this APR

Full Name

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1.7 Executing Entity(ies)**Full Name of Executing Entity**

Department of Environment, Ministry with responsibility for the Environment [Ministry of Health, Wellness and the Environment], Antigua and Barbuda

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Please write the name of the country where the Executing Entity is headquartered.

Antigua and Barbuda

Full Name of Executing Entity

Ministry with responsibility for the Environment [Ministry of Environment, Rural Modernisation and Kalinago Upliftment], Commonwealth of Dominica

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Commonwealth of Dominica

Full Name of Executing Entity

Ministry with responsibility for the Environment [Ministry of Tourism, Civil Aviation, Climate Resilience and the Environment] in collaboration with the Department of Economic and Technical Corporation in the Ministry of Finance, Planning, Economic Development & Physical Development, Grenada

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Grenada

1.8 Project Duration**From**

2019-07-16

To

2023-07-16

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

2019-07-16

To

2024-07-16

1.9 Current Year of Implementation

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

1.10 Annual reporting period covered in this report

From

2022-01-01

To

2022-12-31

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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[APR CY2022] Section 2: Implementation Progress

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2.1 Overall (summary) project progress

Summary:

The “Integrated Physical Adaptation and Community Resilience through an Enhanced Direct Access (EDA) Pilot in the Public, Private, and Civil Society Sectors of Three Eastern Caribbean Small Island Developing States” formally became effective on July 16, 2019. This report covers the reporting period of January 1, 2022, to December 31, 2022. At the time of the previous APR3 (2021), implementation was at 21% overall completion. At the end of this reporting period, 51% completion was achieved. Breakdown by components is as follows:

(Percentages taken from EDA Project implementation plan sheet)

Overall project implementation: From 21% to 51%

Output 1: From 29% to 56%

Output 2: From 16% to 46%

Output 3: From 15% to 40%

Output 4: From 21% to 56%

Implementation progress per pilot country:

Output 1: From 29% to 56%

Output 2: Antigua from 34% to 80%, Dominica from 9% to 30%, Grenada from 5% to 27%

Output 3: Antigua from 37% to 70%, Dominica from 2% to 25%, Grenada from 6% to 25%

Output 4: Antigua from 51% to 100%, Dominica from 8% to 9%, Grenada from 5% to 59%

As reported in third Annual Performance Report, the project is severely delayed and project outputs will not be completed by the project’s baseline close date. In light of this, the Antigua and Barbuda Department of Environment, in its capacity as the Accredited Entity to the GCF, has received no-objection letters from each pilot country, and permission from the DOE-ATG’s Project Management Committee (PMC), to submit a 12-month no-cost extension request to the GCF on behalf of the participating countries. The request for a project extension was approved on December 16, 2022 and the new closing date of the project is January 16, 2024.

In the event that project outputs are projected to be delayed beyond the project extension date, the AE recommends the reallocation of funds to the pilot countries that are more advanced in implementation. This course of action will eliminate the need for remaining project funds to be returned to the GCF. It is acknowledged that the project’s results framework must be revised to account for this change.

At the time of this report, the project faces the following:

- The Covid-19 pandemic continues to impact on staff and the supply chain as the cost of materials and shipping, as well as travel to the islands has increased by over 100% and up to 50% respectively.
- The time taken for contracts to be signed and executed in Grenada and Dominica (8 to 36 months) causes delays that are not in the control of the AE.
- The slow pace of implementation by Dominica has impacted the project. It has led to delays in disbursements Due to the current disbursement conditions outlined in Clause 9.01 (c) of the Funded Activity Agreement (FAA), conditions precedent for the third disbursement requires "Delivery to the Fund by the Accredited Entity of evidence, confirming that all necessary legislative and contractual arrangements for the implementation of the Funded Activity in the Commonwealth of Dominica have been executed and are fully effective." This condition was not fulfilled by EDA Dominica during the reporting period. Dominica's contractual arrangements for service providers for Outputs 2 and 4 were not completed. Both DOE ATG and Grenada were on track to complete implementation by the project closing date (January 16, 2024). Grenada completed all contractual arrangements for Outputs 2-4; yet project implementation for both EEs will be delayed if the third disbursement is not received.
- The lack of a contingency budget, compounded by the factors highlighted above, means that there is no additional funding for implementation and this impacts on the AE and the EEs.

Overview of the Reporting Period:

DOE ATG is acting as both the Accredited Entity and the Executing Entity for Output 1.

Each country acts as an Executing Entity for Outputs 2, 3 and 4 within their respective boundaries.

Antigua and Barbuda (AnB):

- Antigua and Barbuda's EE experienced an initial delay while awaiting the second disbursement as well as the passage of regulations for the loans in Component 4. At the time of this report, AnB completed its disbursement of loans under Output 4 and continues to be somewhat delayed in the completion of activities for Outputs 2 and 3. Additional delays occurred due to: (i) Constraints in accessing materials for construction (supply chain issues), (ii) Increase in cost and prices nationally and regionally, and (iii) Limitations in accessing construction labourers. Activities under these outputs are, however, expected to be completed before the project's closing date of 16th January 2024.
- Antigua and Barbuda, in its capacity as EE for Output 1, is experiencing an approximate 24-month delay in activities related to accreditation support to the EEs in Grenada and Dominica. This is due to the following delays: (i) the EE submission of formal approval by Cabinet of the proposed DAE in each country to be accredited to the GCF, (ii) the completion of the accreditation kit for countries (iii) availability of all EEs to participate in accreditation training sessions, (iv) project implementation, which has delayed the achievement of a track record for the EEs. The AE hired staff to provide Technical Assistance to the EEs in years 1-2 with the intention of completing the accreditation work in that period. The countries only provided the Cabinet approved entities in year 4 of the project.
- There have been challenges in delivering technical assistance to the country teams. The AE, however, will be requesting a change in the results framework to allow for the provision of the TA at the implementation pace of the countries. The expected result in the framework will be amended to reflect two TA agreements signed with Dominica and Grenada and one regional entity; and the preparation of accreditation kits for the entities.
- As previously reported, Grenada is experiencing significant delays in implementation of Outputs 1 – 4, which amounts to a 30-month delay in overall implementation. Status of the components include:
 - *Outputs 1.* (i) Grenada provided the information to AE on the entity up for accreditation and the gap assessment of the entity is underway, (ii) procurement and M&E activities under this output are significantly advanced and all oversight bodies are in place and functioning; and
 - *Outputs 2 – 4.* At the time of the APR4 and, during the reporting period, Grenada completed all agreements for the project in particular agreements and contracts under Outputs 2 – 4, (see link to publication of grant awards) which means that all funds for Grenada are committed; (i) Work has begun on Output 3 and Output 4, while construction is yet to begin for Outputs 2; (ii) Grenada is further ahead in Output 4 with 170 loan applications received and 29 loans approved thus far.

Dominica:

- As previously reported, Dominica is experiencing significant delays in implementation of Outputs 1 – 4, which amounts to at least a 30-month delay in overall implementation. Status of the components include:

- Grant Agreements and contracts under Outputs 2 and 3 have been signed by the time of APR reporting). However, work has not yet commenced in Dominica.
- Output 4 in Dominica continues to be delayed due to lack of contract finalization, however, this activity will begin in Q1-2023.

M&E Related Activities During the Reporting Period:

Activities during this reporting period and at the time of the APR4:

- The EDA Interim Evaluation Report completed in April 2022 and submitted to GCF for review. The AE has taken note of lessons learnt during the Interim Evaluation and will prepare for the final evaluation as per the GCF guidelines.
- An EDA Sub-Regional Structured Dialogue was held from 16th-19th May and hosted in Antigua; This workshop provided training to Grenada, Dominica and OECS EDA project staff in M&E at GCF level; The AE's M&E team prepared and delivered three presentations at the EDA sub-regional meeting on: (i) developing an evaluation management response and action plan, (ii) strengthening the M&E system, and (iii) monitoring and tracking loans under the revolving loan programme.
- The EDA project teams (Grenada and Dominica) attended the Green Climate Fund Technical Programming.
- Dialogue with the Caribbean held 19-21 May 2022 for knowledge sharing on strengthening their relationship with the GCF.
- The EDA M&E consultant, who was procured by the OECS Commission, prepared a training report outlining the capacity building activities delivered to the country teams.
- Drafts of EDA M&E Country Manuals were produced for the project's participating countries: Antigua, Dominica, and Grenada by the OECS M&E consultant and the documents underwent technical reviews by the AE.
- The AE and the country teams continued their reviews of the draft Interim Evaluation Report.
- The AE conducted country missions between 28th March to 5th April 2022 in St. Lucia, Grenada, and Dominica. The country missions gathered component coordinators, Project Management Committee members, PSIP leads, technical support staff and service providers of the regional EDA project teams, to review processes and strategies as it relates to project implementation, stakeholder engagement, M&E, as well as adherence to reporting requirements. Bilateral meetings were also held between the EDA ATG Project Coordinator and the in-country coordinators, respectively, to strengthen supervision planning and provide additional guidance as necessary.
- During the reporting period, the OECS Commission organized capacity building and training initiatives relating to: (i) gender sensitive monitoring training, and (ii) tracking and monitoring loans and grants.
- A consulting firm was recruited to conduct an evaluation of the pilot revolving loan programme under Antigua and Barbuda's Sustainable Island Resources Framework (SIRF) Fund, including the evaluation of the DOE-ATG as an EDA entity. The Terms of Reference was drafted for the evaluation and approved by the DOE ATG's Project Management Committee. The contract was signed with Le Groupe-conseil baastel Itée on December 8th.
- Evaluations of Grenada's and Dominica's grant and loan programmes will be rescheduled in 2024. Significant progress on the impact indicators based on implementation in AnB, but further reports expected more from Grenada and Dominica on Output 3.

General Comments and Recommendations for Next Steps:

- Continuous delays have impeded the rate of implementation progress, which has led to delays in the disbursement of funds. The third disbursement has not been requested by the DOE as it is contingent on the signing of contracts in Dominica for all outputs. The contracts are delayed from Dominica. This is causing delays in the implementation of Antigua and Barbuda's Output 2. The AE is seeking a restructuring of the project as well as an amendment of the FAA for the third disbursement. This is not expected to impact the results of the project. The EDA Project received GCF approval for a 12-month no-cost project extension up to 16th January 2024.
- The Interim Evaluation Report was completed and the 2022 report is available, however, some GCF review questions were not addressed, and will be addressed in 2023.
- Regional project meetings and country visits were held in March, April, May and October of 2022.

- Oversight is being provided by the Project Management Unit (PMU). The Technical Assistance Agreement (TAA) between the AE and the EEs for Component 1 is unsigned. The AE is nonetheless will provide TA to the EEs during and beyond project completion.
- The AE will be asking for a restructuring of the project to facilitate the extension and meeting results and impact.

Please see a brief progress projection (% of completion) for the following delayed activities:

Activity 1.3:

Q2 2023: 34%

Q3 2023: 86% (Training and Accreditation Workshops are expected during this period. AF Readiness application submission for EEs. Additionally, self-assessments of each entity will be conducted.)

Q4 2023 (Submission of AF accreditation application)

Q1 2024: 100% (DOE-ATG to facilitate the submission of accreditation documents and GCF accreditation application for MOE-DOM and MOE-GRD)

Activity 2.3:

Q1 2023: 45% (Approval of Dominica and Grenada's ESIAMPs and GAPs)

Q2 2023: 50% (Commencement of pilot approaches for Dominica and Grenada)

Q3 2023: 65%

Q4 2023: 80%

Q1 2024: 95%

Q2 2024: 100% (Completion of pilot approaches for Dominica and Grenada)

Activity 3.2:

Q2 2023: 40% (Commencement of community adaptation projects)

Q3 2023: 55%

Q4 2023: 70%

Q1 2024: 85%

Q2 2024: 100% (Completion of community adaptation projects in each pilot country)

Activity 4.2:

Q1 2023: 70% (Agreement for GHLB in Dominica signed)

Q2 2023: 75% (Commencement of revolving loans programmes)

Q3 2023: 80%

Q4 2023: 85%

Q1 2024: 90% (Loans disbursed in each pilot countries)

Q2 2024: 100% (System to manage repayments is fully functional)

Provide a narrative report describing the overall progress on the implementation of the funded activity, focusing on implementation achievements, delays, and challenges according to the planned activities. For project/programme with on-lending and equity investment into the projects or companies, kindly provide information on the projects/companies where such investment was made during the calendar year including the implementation status of the invested project or companies' operation. As relevant, include references to other sections of this report (including Annexes or Attachments). Include a description of key milestones of the funded activity achieved during this reporting year (for example, during 2022 only) including any deviations from original expectations. Also, describe challenges encountered and actions undertaken to resolve these challenges, and lessons learned during the implementation, including issues related to non-compliance with GCF standards or conditions, if any. In parallel, include positive achievements and better-than-expected results. If any issues have arisen in the last twelve (12) months of implementation that may result in a change to the scope and/or timing of the project, please provide a description of those items and how they have impacted the implementation period and final targets. Kindly make sure that this section just gives an overall summary and doesn't have overlap with other sections.

2.2 Performance against the GCF investment criteria (summary)

The EDA Project will contribute to increasing resilience to projected climate impacts that will benefit a total of 5% of the population of the three pilot countries (of which 50% are women). This will be done through adaptation in infrastructure, strengthening buildings and enhancing ecosystem services. Training exercises and awareness campaigns contributed to the capacity building for local NGOs by utilizing national agencies as facilitators. During the reporting period, focus also placed on building technical and organisational capacity of CBOs receiving grants, households and businesses receiving loans to empower them and ensure they can support adaptation solutions over the long-term. These impacts are expected to be replicated within the pilot countries (Dominica and Grenada) once the implementation rate rises.

The countries are still pursuing the objective of delivering GCF projects using an EDA modality. The AE maintains that the project and has had and will continue to have a positive impact on project beneficiaries (See section 2.2.1). The project is expected to help:

- Approximately 13,200 direct beneficiaries in the three countries; and
- An estimated 87,000 indirect beneficiaries (of which 50% are women)

ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA

Output 1 –

- Limited support provided to entities in Dominica and Grenada to improve direct access to climate finance and to develop track record needed for accreditation. Formal Technical Assistance Agreements not yet finalized.

Output 2 –

- Activities under this Output supported the strengthening of public sector capacity (e.g., in Ministry of Works in Antigua and Barbuda) and the building flood resilience in the Cashew Hill watershed area (e.g., increasing the flood protection capacity of a key waterway for improved drainage). Up to 5,500 residents are now benefiting directly from clearing of the Cashew Hill Watershed drains and the environs, in preparation for construction activities for flood mitigation infrastructure funded by the public sector grants.
- The project started preparatory work to upgrade infrastructure (drainage and waterways, and five-foot bridges) within the watershed located in Cashew Hill and surrounding vulnerable communities to address flood risks and adapt to climate change. It is anticipated that upon project completion 231.34 hectares of ecosystems will be protected and strengthened.
- There is an estimated value of USD 2,580,000.00 for physical assets that will be made more resilient to climate variability and change, considering human benefits once public sector interventions have been completed. Valuation to be done following completion of works.
- The number of males and females benefiting from the adoption of diversified, climate –resilient livelihood options amounted to 52 males and 52 females. The construction activity within Output 2 garnered employment for residents within the Cashew Hill community and surrounding areas.
- The EDA Project, Antigua and Barbuda is pushing locally led adaptation as a way of ensuring the sustainability of adaptation activities. The DOE-ATG has facilitated community representatives being more involved in adaptation actions. This includes training community members and schools to help maintain the waterway and do vector control (e.g., rearing fish in schools to keep down mosquito populations and monitoring vectors).
- Twenty-two (22) people have been trained in Shelter Management (12 males and 10 females), 25 people trained in practical grant proposal writing (16 males and 9 females), 13 people trained in climate change adaptation and waterway management (6 males and 7 females).

Output 3 –

- Four grants of up to USD250,000 were provided to community-based organisations (CBOs) that own and manage key communal property to equip them to serve as hurricane shelters and community centres. This is supporting the expansion of the system of shelters in Antigua and Barbuda. Each facility is expected to benefit between 1,000 to 1,500 community residents annually.

Output 4 –

- The process of issuing revolving loans to vulnerable people and small businesses to adapt and build their resilience through the Sustainable Island Resources Framework (SIRF) Fund commenced. Data disaggregated by gender was collected to inform monitoring of the progress towards the target of 50% women.
- Single-parent households, especially single mothers, and other vulnerable groups and small local businesses received low-cost loans of up to USD95,000 for hurricane resilience [access to hurricane shutters, roof stabilization, etc], drought resilience [cisterns, water tanks, water pumps, etc.], energy efficiency measures, and to access renewable energy. Forty-four (44) vulnerable households benefitted from loans for climate adaptation – 18 male-headed and 26 female-headed households.

GRENADA

Output 1–

- Technical Assistance Agreement (TAA) signed on behalf of the GOG, Ministry of Tourism, Civil Aviation, Climate Resilience, and the Environment for accreditation support.
- The Department of the Environment was proposed as a direct access entity to the Green Climate Fund pursuant to the GCF Accreditation guidelines, dated 11th August 2022 and was submitted by the Minister for Climate Resilience, the Environment and Renewable Energy.
- FMCA application submitted, and report received from DoE, ATG with recommendation which is to be reviewed.

Output 2–

- TORs developed to recruit consultants to conduct project proposal development, preparation of feasibility studies (EIA, ESS, ESMP), and for bid preparation developed.
- Draft Term Sheet developed between the Ministry of Finance and the Executing Entity – Ministry of Carriacou and Petite Martinique
- A Capacity Assessment of the PSIP was completed by the DOE and the report was submitted to the MOE GRD.
- One PSIP project was identified on the Sister Isle of Carriacou and approved by the National Climate Change Committee (NCCC).

Output 3–

- The SP contract was signed with the Rural Development Unit of the Ministry of Finance. In addition, a Call for Summary Proposals was launched that resulted in 23 concepts being submitted for consideration. Eighteen (18) CNs sent to a NCCC sub-committee for evaluation, scoring and ranking.

- Preparation grants were signed with the following grantees:

1. Grenada Community Development Agency
2. Programme for Adolescent Mothers
3. Grenada Red Cross Society
4. T.A. Marryshow Community College

Output 4–

- Subsidiary Agreement with the Grenada Development Bank (GDB) was signed and the revolving loan programme was launched by service provider. At the end of September 2022, twenty-four (24) applications have been received. Eleven (11) applications were approved for the amount of USD119K and six (6) additional applications totalling USD138K have been received and are being appraised.

DOMINICA

Output 1 –

- Support provided to entities in Dominica and Grenada to improve direct access to climate finance and to develop track record needed for accreditation.
- The EDA staff participated and successfully completed the ITC/ILO Green Jobs training on Green Construction.

Output 2 –

- The TS/Agreement between the PSIP and the MoE was signed by MoE and the Ministry of Economic Affairs now the Ministry of Planning, Economic Development, Climate Resilience, Sustainable Development and Renewable Energy.
- A Capacity Assessment of the PSIP Unit within the Ministry of Economic Affairs was completed by the DOE and the report submitted to the MOE.
- A draft EIASMP was produced for the approved for three PSIP projects (to be executed by the Ministry of Agriculture, Ministry of Public Works, Ministry of Environment – Forestry Division).

Output 3–

- National Climate Change Committee (NCCC) Chair approved final project proposals submitted by the GEF-Small Grants Programme (SGP)- the service provider for community adaptation.
- The GEF-SGP convened trainings on Proposal Writing for about twenty (20) applicants and other interested persons. Facilitators for the training were from local government department, fire and ambulance services and environmental health. The Physical Planning Division was unable to attend due to previous engagement.
- Seven (7) projects were approved for grant funding under Component 3 that prioritises rehabilitation/reinforcement work on public good or community buildings to make them more resilient and suitable to serve as shelters and for community use. These projects potentially will directly benefit more than 3,300 persons from the GCF EDA investment. Work on the community buildings will include enhancing the use and storage of water, and introducing

sustainable building practices, flood control measures and structural adjustments that increase climate change resilience (e.g., roof reinforcement and strengthening windows and doors, and installing hurricane shutters).

- Technical Assistance Agreement signed between the Ministry of Environment, Rural Modernisation and Kaliango Upliftment (MoE) of Dominica and the Department of Environment of Antigua and Barbuda.

Output 4–

- The Cabinet had previously approved the Government Housing Loans Board (GHLB) as Service Provider (SP) for Component 4, however, there was a need to address restrictions in the legislation that prevent the GHLB from providing service to the private sector.
- The EDA-DOM team updated the Subsidiary Agreement between the MoE and GHLB. The SA is being reviewed by the AG's Office, to allow for 100% of the funds to be allocated for use by the public sector.

Provide a narrative report describing the progress on the funded activity's performance against the GCF investment criteria framework. The performance should be compared against the initial assessment provided in the Board-approved Funding Proposal (section E). The list of the investment criteria as per the current framework is provided below. For each investment criteria outlined below, please include an assessment of current status, changes, progress and impact of the project as well as any impact of project context on the project during this reporting period against the initial baseline scenario and planned activities as per the assessment presented in the approved Funding Proposal. This sub-section 2.2 is not applicable for REDD+ Results-Based Payments Projects. Please write 'Not Applicable' as the response.

Relevant Links

[The GCF investment criteria framework](#)

2.2.1 Impact Potential ?

This project was developed in response to a GCF Request for Proposals, which had the objective of allowing the GCF to create an EDA modality that enhances country ownership and lead to increase in climate finance for national and regional entities, and both public and private bodies.

The impact potential is consistent with the RFP requirement as well as the GCF investment criteria. The project is just over 50% completed. One of the three countries has completed outputs and expended over 50% of the funds. The Interim Evaluation was completed during this reporting period and has within it a full assessment of the impact potential thus far. The detailed evaluation is included in the list of documents to the APR4. At the time of the Interim Evaluation, the project was only 21% completed. The key general project impacts that can be reported on in APR4 are:

1. There are early lessons learnt for the GCF to begin to inform its EDA modality for Direct Access Entities (DAE).
2. The number of persons trained to identify, prioritize, implement, monitor, and evaluate adaptation strategies and measures have not yet been measured.
3. The project impact targets as outlined in the FP have met several of the impact indicators and should meet most indicators when Dominica and Grenada have completed their activities.
4. Indicators not being met are related to the inclusion of the private sector and this is directly related to the direct and lingering impacts of COVID-19 on the sector. The sector was completely closed for over 2/3rd of the project time; Continued supply chain issues and high shipping costs retarded the recovery of this sector. It is, therefore, not likely that the sector will recover in time. The project is, however, set to exceed the impact potential of the indicators relating to the number of vulnerable households using tools, instruments, strategies and activities to respond to climate change and variability (Outcome Indicator 7.1. and 7.3).
5. In EDA-ATG, public awareness activities targeted 50,000 people. These efforts were combined with the deployment of innovative technologies to residents within the project area and to first responders. Over 15,000 chemical mosquito traps were distributed and over 4,000 families in Antigua and Barbuda were impacted. The awareness activities captured significant attention from the public in Antigua and Barbuda.
6. The project in Antigua and Barbuda saw the introduction of fossil fuel free landscaping equipment that will be used by contractors from the project area to maintain the waterways. The project will be seeking for this equipment to have preferential treatment in government procurement.
7. The impact potential for the acreage of ecosystems restored have been partially met by Output 2 in Antigua and Barbuda and will be met when Grenada and Dominica complete each of their sub-projects under Output 2.

POTENTIAL RISKS TO THE ACHIEVING IMPACT POTENTIAL

The AE under the EDA Project will not be able to add to the number of entities accredited within the OECS region during PIP. This output (Output 1) is being executed by the DOE-ATG and has been impeded by a delay in the countries undertaking the necessary legal and administrative actions to nominate their respective entities. The AE hired and trained its team to deliver this output in years 2-4. However, the countries have been delayed in nominating their entities for accreditation. Dominica nominated its entity in year-4 (2023) and Grenada in year-3 2022. As a result of this delay in the formal nomination, the AE will have to change its indicators of success since it is not likely that the entities can get accredited within the remaining time of the project. The change in strategy will result in the same project impact potential, but will more than likely be achieved after project completion. These changes includes: (i) change in the legislation to allow the DOE's SIRF Fund to operate in any OECS country. This means that Grenada and/or Dominica could use this Fund to programme funds on their behalf, (ii) the DOE will enter into a long-term agreement with Dominica and Grenada to support their accreditation at their own national pace, (iii) design an accreditation kit for the entities that is specific and unique to entities in the OECS countries, (iv) put forward as a strategy the entities initially getting accredited to the Adaptation Fund and fast tracked to GCF's Accreditation. The AF has a shorter pipeline and could result, in theory, a much faster accreditation to the GCF. The DOE is applying for an AF Readiness Grant on behalf of the countries. This Grant will be approved in the lifetime of the EDA Project.

The project will, therefore, not see the sustainable financing mechanism for the accreditation of the Environment Unit in Grenada and the Environment Unit in Dominica. The DOE is in the process of applying for Readiness from the Adaptation Fund for these activities. To recall, the GCF EDA Outcome 1 budget did not have funding for the actual accreditation of the entities. The DOE was supposed to access Readiness from the AF or the GCF for the actual accreditation funding. In the case of Grenada, the Readiness was applied for from the GCF and was approved. Grenada did not utilize these funds since the entity was not yet designated, and the Readiness was, therefore, cancelled. In the case of Dominica, the NDA was not prepared to assign a Readiness allocation to the entity until the formal notification from the country was provided. The DOE-ATG is seeking to upgrade its accreditation to access funding in the medium category.

This will allow the ATG-DOE to continue accessing funding for Grenada, Dominica and other OECS countries using an EDA approach. This could be one more way to meet the impact potential.

If Dominica does not complete its contracting process on time to implement the activities for the project this can pose a risk of meeting desired impact.

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2.2.2 Paradigm shift potential

As reported in APR3, progress has been made in policy creation through the development of a sustainable procurement policy, by one of the project's service providers— the OECS Commission. The sustainable procurement policy will serve to guide regional procurement practices once adopted. Each pilot country will attain approval by its Project Management Committee (PMC) for the adoption of the policy. Evidence of this will be provided in the next reporting cycle. In Antigua and Barbuda, the operationalization of the SIRF Fund and the implementation of revolving loan programmes in the both Antigua and Barbuda and Grenada under Output 4 of the project contributed to the strengthening of these countries' enabling environment and serves as proof of their capacity to programme funds. In Antigua and Barbuda, with the assistance of the Antigua and Barbuda Defense Force, the introduction of innovative technologies such as the use of electric landscaping equipment and chemical free vector control measures contributed to the awareness of the importance of resilience building. It has also improved climate resilience and sustainable practices in the project areas. Interest has been garnered for the uptake of these technologies by residents, small business owners and members of the community. Finally, the design of the waterway interventions in Antigua and Barbuda resulted in no flooding during major rain events in the period. The Ministry of Works is taking steps to ensure that this design is utilized for all culverts in road infrastructure.

The project has successfully channelled funding directly to beneficiaries, which changes how international financing has been channelled to Ministries of Finance and other government agencies. The project has successfully provided financing directly to the community, persons in the communities (loans) and for community resilience (grants for hurricane shelters). This has allowed for greater impact as well as leveraging co-financing from beneficiary communities. At 51% implementation, the EDA modality for the project is working and has had an impact on the beneficiaries and the capacity of the countries to provide oversight on climate change adaptation projects.

The DOE-ATG is also seeking an upgrade in its accreditation to allow it to programme more funds via the SIRF Fund to the OECS, therefore, scaling up funding to the sub-region, if the upgrade is successful. This will certainly be a paradigm shift since the DOE and its SIRF Fund will have a larger accreditation than the Caribbean Development Bank and will be able to programme funding for on-the-ground climate action.

The project is currently undertaking an evaluation of the grant and the loans programme in Antigua and Barbuda, which will seek to produce lessons learnt, best practices and other evaluation insights. The evaluation is being funded by the project as well as being partially supported from the UNDP EnGenDer Project: Offer of Complimentary Funding for Governments. The DOE-ATG will of course transfer the lessons to the GCF and the other countries in the region.

The DOE-ATG has amended its regulatory framework to programme microfinancing according to the fiduciary standards of the GCF. The regulations to this end will be further revised to enhance measurement and to give effect to GCF's policies with respect to prohibitive practices, AML/CTF, ESS and gender, and other key requirements to enhance the EDA principles in the AnB as well as the OECS sub-region.

2.2.3 Sustainable development potential

The project specifically targeted the following SDGs:

SDG 1—End poverty in all its forms everywhere and SDG 3 Ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all at all ages:

Based on the Interim Evaluation, the project will meet its goal of providing access to revolving loans to impact 300 households, and at least 100 small businesses and grants to CBOs. At this time, only 50% of the grants and loans have been spent (3M USD) to date for over 150 families and 2 businesses (loans in Grenada and AnB only so far offered). It is not clear how many small businesses have been impacted at this time of the report.

SDG 5—Achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls:

The flooding in vulnerable communities in AnB where the intervention took place have resulted in reduction in flooding events. The project area in AnB has 24% female headed households who are benefitting from one less risk as a result of the intervention. Significant numbers of female-headed households, who are low-income and/or retired and have benefitted significantly from the interventions. The AE is preparing a post-assessment of the impacts of Component 2 of the project.

SDG 8—Promote sustained, inclusive and sustainable economic growth, full and productive employment and decent work for all:

The project implementation generated approximately five jobs per loan and 12 jobs per grant in Antigua and Barbuda for a total of 283 jobs in one project country alone. The EE in AnB has structured its procurement to ensure that contractors are from the beneficiary communities and use female employees. The DOE team is preparing a report on this procurement to verify that women and persons from the targeted communities were employed.

SDG 10—Reduce inequality within and among countries and SDG 11 Make cities and human settlements inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable:

A market survey of the project area showed that residents in the communities have low incomes, and experience high unemployment. The structure of project for Component 3 and 4 in AnB took this into consideration to ensure that the project beneficiaries could access loans. Access was limited by the ability to pay back the loans and the access of the grants since grant beneficiaries never completed a proposal before. The project made TA available to the grantees and reduced the loan amounts for members of the community.

SDG 12— Ensure sustainable consumption and production patterns:

The project developed a policy brief for the region for sustainable procurement and consumption. The AE ensured that only electric vehicles (where possible) was used for project team members as well as site visits. Landscaping for maintenance used batteries and not fossil fuel; technology for vector control used no chemicals and the DOE-ATG has over 75% of vehicles used by the entity being EVs. The procurement plan continues to be implemented to meet the relevant international ISO standards.

2.2.4 Needs of the recipient

Since the development of the Funding Proposal, the needs of the participating countries have increased due to lingering destructive effects of recent Category 5 hurricanes, persistent drought conditions, and the debilitating impacts of the Covid-19 pandemic. Increased demand for scarce commodities, delayed shipping schedules, region-wide increases in unemployment and increased demands on regional health authorities compounded the aforementioned situation. Yet, there has been renewed commitment to persist and to seek to achieve collective goals through the EDA Project. The AE has initiated efforts to deliver technical assistance to the EEs to expedite the implementation of project activities to ensure that much-needed assistance is received by the intended beneficiaries. The DOE-ATG also ensured that countries could determine their own needs and design their respective country activities to reflect the same.

2.2.5 Country Ownership

SUMMARY

The EDA Project continues to focus on a “bottom up” approach within each country by improving access to finance for vulnerable groups and by strengthening existing country systems. Oversight bodies have been established for the participating countries under Output 1 (the grant-making programme), Output 3, and the entities being used as service providers for Output 4. Output 2 is being executed by the PSIP Unit in all three countries, however, the projects and the entities implementing the projects are doing so according to national priorities and their respective capacities. This assessment is consistent with that of the Interim Evaluation. However, with limited implementation in Dominica, a full assessment of country ownership is still to be completed.

ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA

- DOE-ATG’s national environmental fund, the SIRF Fund, channelled environmental and climate adaptation financing from the EDA Project to support implementation of the Environmental Protection and Management Act (EPMA), 2019.
- The effort to build community resilience with the involvement of CBOs has contributed to the improvement of country ownership. This has been demonstrated through the participation of community stakeholders at workshops, trainings and public awareness events held by the DOE-ATG on behalf of the project. Additionally, the support by government ministers, civil society and key stakeholders is also evident at project events. The Minister of Environment and Permanent Secretary have both participated in signing ceremonies, launch events and community workshops during the reporting period.
- The EDA Project has been designed to align with selected adaptation priorities and those enshrined in the regulations.
- DOE-ATG developed a Junior Consultant Programme to build capacity for identifying adaptation projects and to prepare funding proposals for submission to the SIRF Fund.
- An Apprenticeship Programme was developed to crowd-in female civil engineers into the EDA; and
- The capacity of the Ministry of Finance’s Project Management Unit (MOF-PMU) was built to become an executing entity for GCF and AF projects.

DOMINICA

- The EDA Project is aligned with the government’s new climate resilience strategy being implemented by the Climate Resilience Executing Agency of Dominica (CREAD). CREAD leads and coordinates strategic initiatives across sectors in the Commonwealth of Dominica with the goal of making the country the world’s first climate resilient nation. CREAD acts to bolster the ability of the business community, public services, and social sector partners to build strong and resilient communities, develop adaptive infrastructure, accelerate economic growth, strengthen institutional systems, enhance Dominicans’ capacity to respond to the local impacts of global climate change, and set an example for the rest of the world on how to respond to the challenges of a changing climate.
- Additionally, the MoE is currently in the process of reviewing the new Environmental Bill after stakeholder consultations.
- A Cabinet Paper was amended and resubmitted to Cabinet requesting the approval of the nomination of the Ministry of Environment, Rural Modernisation, Kalinago Upliftment and Constituency Empowerment for accreditation under the Adaptation Fund and the EDA Project.
- The DoE submitted documentation to the MoE indicating that the Financial Management Capacity Assessment (FMCA) for the Ministry of Environment, Rural Modernisation Kalinago Upliftment and Constituency Upliftment was approved by the GCF in September 2021.
- EDA staff completed a Green Construction: Building the future with sustainable jobs training course organized by the International Training Center for the ILO in cooperation with World Green Building Council, co-financed by the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation.

- The EDA staff actively participated in various M&E training sessions conducted by the OECS Monitoring & Evaluation Consultant for the EDA project's country teams.
- In October 2022, an M&E Officer was contracted to assist in building capacity within the PSIP Unit and to provide M&E services on the approved projects under Component 2 of the EDA Project. This action was taken in response to a request from the Ministry of Planning to assist in building capacity within the Unit. The Capacity Assessment of the PSIP Unit was undertaken by a DOE Consultant.
- A consulting firm, Pyramid Jamaica Engineers Ltd., was contracted to undertake the EIA, ESMP and GAP Reports for the three sub-projects selected under Component 2. The completed reports were submitted to the Physical Planning Division for approval and to the AE for feedback.
- Seven applicants for grant were selected under Output 3 to complete full proposals for approval by the TAC and the PMC. Six grantees were successful and have since received their first disbursements will be provided in Q1-2023.

GRENADA

Grenada initially provided the Ministry of Finance as the accredited entity, but the ATG-DOE do not have the capacity to assist with TA for that entity. Grenada eventually to time to assess is Environment unit and submitted that entity. Grenada had time to undertake its country processes and the ATG-DOE was allowed to accept its capacity for TA.

2.2.6 Efficiency and Effectiveness ?

The general consideration of effectiveness and efficiency of the project was based on the financial soundness of procedures and activities in the implementation of the project. The project was designed to leverage existing entities and their experiences and procedures to meet project impacts. This was implemented using the respective environment agencies in each pilot country, the existing loan entities for Output 4, using the same grant making entities for Output 3, and the PSIP process of the Ministries of Finance in Output 2. This allowed the project to be implemented despite delays. With the onset of the pandemic and the delays in contracting in Dominica and Grenada, the project is being implemented by the ATG-DOE even without a contingency. This demonstrated that the project design allowed for effectiveness and resilience.

There are several strengths that the EDA Project benefits from at both the country and regional levels. The Project addresses climate change issues at the policy and operational levels across the three SIDS with the involvement of multiple stakeholders. However, efficiency was impacted by the inability to get materials and the high cost of materials. This impacted the pace at which Component 2 – 4 could have been implemented and this delay is impacting on the efficiency of the project. The cost effectiveness will be calculated in detail within the final project report.

Notwithstanding the above, and in terms of the project schedule, the project has a Cost Performance Index (CPI) of 1.4 and a schedule performance index (SPI) of 0.6. This means the schedule is at a 60% rate. This pace needs to be improved to avoid having significant impacts on the effectiveness and efficiency of the project.

In terms of project design and financial structure, it is too early to assess this, although, Antigua and Barbuda has programmed out all of the initial capital and there are existing reflows. However, it is too early to assess the effectiveness of this.

The DOE-ATG has launched an evaluation of the loans programme to determine, inter alia, its effectiveness and efficiency. The Government is co-financing the loan via the cost of staff for programming. This has allowed the DOE-ATG to pass on the concessionality of the programme to beneficiaries as they only pay a 2% processing fee. Based on this action, most applicants were able to borrow adequate funds to ensure that their homes can withstand a Category 4 or 5 hurricane and droughts.

Financial Structure

In 2021, the AE reviewed and approved the FMCAs completed by the EEs and submitted the FMCAs to the GCF for approval. Although formal approval was not provided by the GCF, the EDA Project received approval of its second disbursement request which required proof of financial capacity by each EE as a condition for disbursement. This approval confirmed that the EDA Project had met the disbursement condition, and the EE in Grenada proceeded to open a dedicated bank account for the management, disbursement and tracking of the GCF funds allocated for its project activities. The EE in Dominica did not commence its process of opening a dedicated bank account and, in 2022, requested of the AE that formal approval be provided by the GCF. In the interim, the AE continues to make payments on behalf of the EE in Dominica.

Co-financing

There is continued commitment by all countries in the project to provide co-financing, despite changes in government in the project countries, and the potential for a shift in government priorities. Co-financing contributions for the reporting period are as follows:

Antigua and Barbuda: US \$316,365.00

Dominica: US \$105,579.71

Grenada: US \$176,138.00

Effectiveness

The project is in its fourth year of implementation, however, it is still too early to determine effectiveness, as activities under Outputs 2 and 3 in both Dominica and Grenada have yet to be commenced. Similarly, activities under Output 4 in Dominica have not commenced. As mentioned in the previous APR, the lingering COVID-19 pandemic has affected both human and financial resources dedicated to the project. In Antigua and Barbuda, there have been increasing costs for construction materials, equipment rental, contractors and consultancies. Staff members, contractors and consultants also continue to be exposed to the coronavirus. Grantees and loan applicants in Antigua and Barbuda have not yet experienced a category 5 hurricane since the completion of their adaptation interventions, however, some awardees have already reduced their carbon footprint and electricity costs through the installation of the photovoltaic systems.

2.3 Project Outputs Implementation Status

Please note the below fields 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 on wards.

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

Project Output Name *	
Output 1: Enhanced capacity for climate adaptation planning, implementation, and monitoring and evaluation via direct access	
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Project Activity Name *	
Activity 1.1 Establish implementation and oversight mechanisms with adequate capacity	
Status	Implementation Progress *
Activity started - progress delayed	45 %
Original timeline planned for this activity *	
Q3 2019 to Q2 2023	
Please refer to the Implementation Timetable in the log-frame	

Progress for the relevant reporting period

The following were key achievements during this reporting period:

EE | DOE ATG

- At the time of project reporting, the project moved from 21% implementation to 51%. The DOE ATG, acting as the AE for the project, negotiated a 12-month no-cost extension with the GCF for the pilot countries to complete project activities by 16th July 2024. Prior to submission of the extension request to the GCF, meetings were held with the EEs of the project and the DOE ATG's PMC to request no-objection from the countries and subsequent permission from the PMC to proceed with the extension request. The extension request was approved on 16th December 2022.
- The project also received its second disbursement during this reporting period. The Interim Evaluation was completed in April 2022.
- Additionally, the DOE ATG continued to provide regular updates and requests to the PMC and SIRFF Board in Antigua and Barbuda for local project contracts, regional project matters and approvals for project management documentation, as necessary. The PMC meets monthly.
- Main tasks under activity 1.1. were completed by December 2022, as all manuals needed for project coordination were stored on OneDrive and Smartsheet. The GCF accreditation checklist was prepared by the project team. All coordination mechanisms were established, as it relates to the formation of PMCs in each country and signing of TAAs by the EEs. Additionally, OECS Commission consultants were procured and are currently completing final deliverables. Training in M&E for project staff in the pilot countries was provided by the OECS Commission's consultant. Additional workshops/trainings were also held with the EEs to get countries up to speed with accreditation requirements. The draft accreditation kits to be provided to the EEs were advanced and will be delivered to the EEs in Q2, Q3 and Q4 2023. Additional support for capacity gaps was provided by the DOE ATG during in-country visits to Grenada and Dominica, regional EDA dialogues were held in Antigua in Q2, DOE ATG's templates and manuals were reshared and virtual meetings were held with the EEs.

EE | MOE DOM

- Two Project Management Committee (PMC) meetings and one round robin PMC Meeting were held for the reporting period to approve staff contracts, workplans, and projects for funding in Dominica. The National Climate Change Committee (NCCC) also met and generated two reports after review and approval of projects under Output 3. Communication was received informing the MoE that the FMCA for the Ministry of Environment, Rural Modernisation and Kalinago Upliftment was approved by the GCF.

EE | MOE GRD

- Four Project Management Committee (PMC) meetings were held for the reporting period.
- The Technical Assistance Agreement (TAA) provided by the DOE ATG to assist with accreditation was signed and the original signed copy of the TAA was returned to the DOE ATG. A signed copy from DoE-ATG is still pending.
- Cabinet submission approved on August 15th 2022 for the Environment Division to become a DAE. An accreditation working group was created to support the accreditation process.
- Letter provided by Permanent Secretary of the MoE to facilitate the process of opening the portal for accreditation.

CHALLENGES AND LESSONS LEARNED:

EE| DOE ATG

Although the FMCAs for MOE DOM and MOE GRD were approved by the GCF in 2021 as a condition to be met for the project's 2nd disbursement, formal written communication of these FMCA approvals was not provided to the AE by the GCF. The MOE DOM has attributed this to be the reason for the delay in the establishment of a dedicated bank account for the EDA disbursements. The DOE ATG acknowledges that procedures are more stringent in Dominica, as MOE GRD was able to establish a dedicated bank account following the approval of the project's 2nd disbursement request. DOE ATG has provided the MOE DOM with written confirmation of the FMCA approval and copies of relevant communication between the AE and the GCF in relation to the project's 2nd disbursement and the FMCAs as a means of resolving this challenge.

Delays were also experienced in the delivery of trainings to the EEs under activity 1.3 due to the length of time taken to contract consultants as well as varying schedules for project teams. Many of the activities under this component had to be changed due to limited implementation time for the project. To compensate for this, the DOE intends to extend its Technical Assistance Agreement with the other countries well beyond project closure.

EE | MOE DOM

PMC Meetings are not consistently held on a monthly basis. Convening of the NCCC meetings was challenging and multiple attempts had to be made to achieve quorum as officers' schedules and workload vary. Round –robin method of project review had to be utilized to achieve the objectives of the committee. Moving forward the MoE should consider providing a stipend to these technical experts as an incentive to prioritize project reviews.

EE | MOE GRD

PMC Meetings are not consistently held on a monthly basis and PMC meetings are dependent on a high response rate (quorum) from PMC members. This impacts the approval timeline for project outputs requiring PMC approvals.

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.

Key milestones and deliverables for the next reporting period

EE | DOE ATG:

- Completion of all project activities under Outputs 1 – 4, to include the accreditation of a DAE in Grenada.
- Manuals for the areas of procurement, ESS & Gender, technical operations, M&E finalized and used by the EEs.
- New TAA between ATG and each EE executed and fully effective.

EE| DOM:

- Have a PMC schedule approved.
- Establish a dedicated bank account.

EE| GRD:

- Accreditation Committee to meet with DOE Antigua for Accreditation support.
- Commencement of accreditation pro-cess for the Minis-try of the Environment Grenada.

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

Project Output Name *

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Project Activity Name *

Activity 1.2 Design a Sustainable Procurement system for construction supplies in pilot countries

Status

Activity started - progress delayed

Implementation Progress *

79	%
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Original timeline planned for this activity *

Q3 2019 to Q1 2021

Please refer to the Implementation Timetable in the log-frame

Progress for the relevant reporting period

Key achievements during this reporting period:

DOE ATG:

- The DOE ATG has integrated the principles of sustainable procurement in its everyday procedures with respect to the procurement of goods, works and consultancies. This follows the development of a Sustainable Procurement Policy by the OECS Commission, which was adopted by each pilot country. The policy includes operational procedures for assessing green procurement and the development of a sub-regional procurement system for sustainable materials.
- The DOE adopted green procurement practices with the purchasing of electric vehicles (EV) and renewable energy (RE) backup systems and aims to provide preference to companies that use RE and green technology to operate their businesses. To date, the DOE has deployed technologies such as Grid Interactive Renewable Energy, battery operated landscaping equipment, and mosquito traps to ensure suitability for homes and businesses.
- DOE ATG started the recruitment process for a new procurement officer to strengthen implementation.
- The OECS Model Policy on Sustainable Public Procurement of Construction Materials along with guidelines and training materials that were prepared in 2021 were provided to the country teams to prepare Cabinet papers and present the outcomes of the consultancy to their governments for adoption.

EE | DOM:

- Project staff participated in working group sessions focused on SGD 12.7.1 whose goal is to determine the number of countries implementing sustainable public procurement policies and action plans. These sessions were organized by United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP).
- Two project personnel also underwent training in sustainable procurement through the enrolment and completion of a 3-week course in Green Construction: Building the future with sustainable jobs. This virtual training was conducted by the International Training Centre of the International Labour Organization (ITCILO), UNEP, and the University of Jamaica.
- Participated in OECS M&E Manual Training session hosted by SAEDI Consulting Inc on behalf of the OECS Commission.

EE | GRD:

- Project personnel also enrolled and completed a virtual training in Green Construction: Building the future with sustainable jobs conducted by the International Training Centre of the International Labour Organization (ITCILO), UNEP, and the University of Jamaica.
- Participated in a Knowledge Information Management Systems (KIMS) Competency Training in September 2022 organized by the OECS Commission
- Participated, in November 2022, in a one-week course offered by ITCILO on "The Small Island Developing States (SIDS) Dialogues for Sustainable Development" related to blue and green economy.

CHALLENGES AND LESSONS LEARNED:

The Sustainable Procurement Policy (SPP) Guidelines and training materials developed by the OECS Commission have yet to be presented to Cabinet in the pilot countries. The SPP Guidelines and materials will be presented to the PMC in each country in Q2-2023 and will be subsequently presented to the Cabinets upon approval by the PMCs.

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.

Key milestones and deliverables for the next reporting period

EE | ATG:

- In collaboration with the Sustainable Island Resource Framework (SIRF) Fund, public and private sectors will be introduced to new technologies that will allow for the greening of homes and community infrastructure within the Cashew hill Community, as the SIRF Fund initiates a climate change technology deployment pro-gramme for vector control.

- The SPP will be published on the government websites by each EE.

EE | DOM:

- Assist in the organization of in-country training

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

Project Output Name *

Output 1: Enhanced capacity for climate adaptation planning, implementation, and monitoring and evaluation via direct access

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Project Activity Name *

Activity 1.3 Support accreditation of direct access entities in the Eastern Caribbean

Status

Activity started - progress delayed

Implementation Progress *

26

%

Original timeline planned for this activity *

Q4 2019 to Q3 2021

Please refer to the Implementation Timetable in the log-frame

Progress for the relevant reporting period

Key achievements during this reporting period:

EE | DOE ATG:

- Conducted two visits to Dominica (i) to provide technical assistance and oversight for the implementation of the project activities, (ii) provided guidance on the accreditation process, and (iii) met with government officials and the project's service providers.
- Hosted a regional dialogue in Antigua with EDA Project country teams from Dominica, Grenada, Antigua and Barbuda, the OECS Commission and the project service providers. This dialogue allowed for discussions on project progress and setbacks, the results of the mid-term evaluation, the way forward for accreditation of the EEs, options for restructuring the project, and monitoring and evaluation procedures, amongst other areas.
- DOE ATG guides and manuals reshared with EEs to inform the drafting of manuals for the DAE.
- Drafted a new TA agreement, which will be finalized in Q1-2023, for review by the EEs. This TA agreement will confirm the DOE-ATG's commitment to providing technical assistance to the countries well after the project closing date.
- Progressed on the development of an accreditation kit for the EDA implementing countries to reduce the time needed for accreditation. The accreditation kit will be disseminated to the countries in Q1-2023.

EE | DOM:

- The TAA provided by the DoE ATG to assist with accreditation was signed by the MoE and submitted to the DoE in May 2022.
- Visiting team from the DoE ATG in October 2022 provided guidance on the accreditation process.
- Cabinet paper submitted to MoE to request the nomination of the Ministry with responsibility for Environment as GCF Designated Accredited Entity (DAE) for the EDA Project and Adaptation Fund.

EE | GRD:

- Letter of authorization sent by GRD to proceed with the opening of the accreditation portal

CHALLENGES AND LESSONS LEARNED:

- The DOE ATG is awaiting the submission of formal confirmation from Dominica and Grenada of the approved DAEs for accreditation.
- Accreditation applications for MOE DOM and MOE GRD are delayed as several supporting documents for accreditation are not yet available.

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.

Key milestones and deliverables for the next reporting period

EE | DOE ATG:

- New TA Agreement signed by all countries.
- The portal for the accreditation will be opened and documents will be uploaded for at least Grenada to be accredited to the Adaptation Fund then fast-tracked to the GCF.
- Dominica's approach is to first seek accreditation to the Adaptation Fund (AF), which will then fast track their accreditation to the GCF. MOE DOM's portal to the AF will be opened and accreditation application submitted.
- The portal for the accreditation will be opened and documents up-loaded for Antigua and Barbuda to upgrade its accreditation to an EDA entity.
- Conduct a gap analysis and assist the countries to apply for readiness funding to fill these gaps.
- The accreditation kit will be completed and two (2) training workshops completed in each country.
- Three (3) in country visits and three virtual sessions to deliver additional support for the accreditation team.

EE | DOM:

- Open accreditation portal.
- Submission of required documents for accreditation.
- Dominica's approach is to first seek accreditation to the AF, which will then fast track their accreditation to the GCF. MOE DOM's portal to the AF will be opened and accreditation application submitted.
- Identify all gaps and apply for readiness funding to fill these gaps.
- The accreditation kit will be completed and two (2) training workshops completed.
- Three (3) in country visits and three virtual sessions to deliver additional support for the accreditation team.

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

Project Output Name *

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Project Activity Name *

Activity 1.4 Facilitate effective monitoring and evaluation, and lessons learned consistent with an Enhanced Direct Access approach

Status	Implementation Progress *
Activity started - progress on track	79 %

Original timeline planned for this activity *

Q3 2019 to Q1 2024

Please refer to the Implementation Timetable in the log-frame

Progress for the relevant reporting period

Key achievements during this reporting period:

AE | DOE ATG

During this reporting period, an M&E Manual and a gender-sensitive communications plan were developed and completed for the countries. M&E Trainings were also carried out by OECS Commission consultants and the DOE ATG in the areas of gender sensitivity, data collection, and project indicators. Quarterly project monitoring is also ongoing by M&E personnel. M&E services were also provided by the DOE ATG to Dominica through the review of technical documents submitted to advance project implementation under Outputs 2, 3 and 4.

EE | MOE DOM

- M&E Associate onboarded to build capacity within the PSIP Unit, and assist in M&E activities under Component 2.
- The OECS Commission's Monitoring and Evaluation Consultant conducted various training sessions in gender sensitive monitoring, project indicators, data collection and an EDA manual refresher with the EDA team.
- Reviewed and edited draft Mid-Term Report and provided comments to DoE/Consultants.

EE | MOE GRD

- Training on gender mainstreaming, the gender action plan and gender sensitive monitoring.
- Training on the country manuals including with external stakeholders inputs to the next APR refresher training.
- Mid-term review completed and lessons learned integrated into implementation approach.

CHALLENGES AND LESSONS LEARNED:

AE | DOE ATG

- DOE ATG was required to assist in the review of technical documents, which were previously reviewed by line ministries. The assessment of risk is a key capacity that will be required of an AE. The DOE-ATG will take note of this and assess this as a gap of the entities for accreditation.

EE | MOE DOM

- The team does not have a staff member solely responsible for M&E, which poses a challenge. Further M&E training is required to improve staff knowledge for M&E reporting in advance of implementation of activities under Outputs 2 and 4.

EE | MOE GRD

- Further M&E training is required to improve staff knowledge for M&E reporting in advance of implementation of activities under Outputs 2 and 3.

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.

Key milestones and deliverables for the next reporting period

- Gender Sensitive Communications Plan implemented by each EE.
- Five lessons learned products developed and published consistent with an enhanced direct access approach, utilizing lessons from each EE.
- ESS and Gender monitoring for all components in each EE.
- Country focused ESMPs produced for interventions in Dominica and Grenada.
- PMC approval of the EDA Project manual
- Finalization of the country focused manual.
- Quarterly progress reports completed by M&E Officers in each EE and reviewed by EDA project's M&E Consultant.
- Quarterly updates to risk registry completed and reviewed by M&E Consultant.

EE | MOE DOM

- Provide quarterly reports on projects implemented.
- Improve M&E capacity at the MoE/EDA Staff.

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

Project Output Name *

Output 2: Governments implement concrete adaptation measures using ecosystem-based approaches where appropriate

The output name should match with the output reported in the sub-section 2.4.3. 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 Competitively solicit priority adaptation interventions for adaptation in the public sector

Status

Activity started - progress delayed

Implementation Progress *

99

%

Original timeline planned for this activity *

Q3 2019 to Q4 2020

Please refer to the Implementation Timetable in the log-frame

Progress for the relevant reporting period

The following were achieved during this reporting period including the percentage of activities completed:

EE | DOE ATG (100 %):

- DOE ATG has completed all activities under 2.1.

EE | MOE DOM (52%):

- Three (3) projects proposals completed by the line ministries and are being reviewed based on recommendations received from the EIASMP Consultant.

- In response to the Capacity Assessment of the PSIP Unit within the Ministry of Economic Affairs an M&E Officer was contracted to work within the PSIP unit.

- Assisted in the development and finalization of the ToR and the selection of the M&E Officer for PSIP Unit; contract was signed in October and officer commenced work. An onboarding meeting was held with the relevant line ministries.

EE | MOE GRD (74%):

Four (4) contracts have been signed for services:

- o Bid & Design- consultant submitted first deliverable and is currently working on other deliverables (contract signed with consultant D&U and Zeeland)
- o Feasibility Study- consultant submitted first deliverable and is currently working on the others (contract signed with consultant Roberts Caribbean Ltd.)
- o Mangrove replanting- consultant submitted first deliverable and is currently working on the others (contract signed with consultant Grenada Fund for Conservations)
- o Concept proposal and RfP for coral outplanting- consultant in the process of submitting first deliverable (contract signed with consultant Orlando Harvey)
- o Wreck Removal -Two submissions received for the wreck removal for the Lauriston Restoration and Rehabilitation Project.
- o Proposal Development Specialist to be contracted for the development of project proposal for the Lauriston Restoration and Rehabilitation Project for the Ministry Carriacou and Petite Martinique Affairs for climate change actions based on priorities showing implementation commitments under the NDC, NAP SDGs and other national policies and commitments.

CHALLENGES AND LESSONS LEARNED:

AE | DOE ATG

The DOE had to step in and execute the project for the Ministry of Works (MOW) due to the Ministry's increased workload to address other projects in areas that were damaged by recent rain events, which took place in November 2020. The MOW was unable to meet the criteria of the utilization of contractors and staff within the community and intended to contract a contractor from outside the community. This approach would have been easier on the MOW taking into consideration their capacity constraints at the time. The DOE-ATG undertook the works with the necessary safeguards. The DOE-ATG contracted Alpha engineering, the company that originally designed the culverts under the RRACC programme to undertake an audit of the works. This report is available.

EE MOE DOM

Line Ministries continue to lack the technical capacity to prepare detailed project proposals to include budget and implementation plans and will benefit from training in proposal development and costing for climate finance.

EE | MOE GRD

No implementation was undertaken at this time. Requests for expression of interest (EOIs) advertised that were over 6 weeks to invite bids for PSIP projects did not receive a significant number of EOIs. The evaluation team has had to review the limited submissions and provide feedback to the applicants to improve their supporting documentation and applications. It can be assumed that the requests for EOIs did not receive significant responses due to the following: (i) Requests for EOIs did not reach interested applicants due to the dissemination methods utilized, (ii) interested applicants did not have the capacity to submit an EOI due to lack of technical capacity or inability to meet the criteria for submission e.g. unregistered status as an NGO or other relevant organization. The targeted organization would benefit from training in proposal development and climate finance.

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.

Key milestones and deliverables for the next reporting period

EE | MOE GRD

- Launch of the Lauriston Project in Carriacou.

EE | MOE DOM:

- Begin Implementation

- Conduct training for vulnerable individuals in communities near project sites to identify and implement, monitor and evaluate adaptation strategies.

- With the assistance of the M&E Officer within the PSIP conduct training in proposal development, costing and monitoring and evaluation for line ministries.

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

Project Output Name *

Output 2: Implement concrete adaptation measures using ecosystem-based approaches where appropriate

The output name should match with the output reported in the sub-section 2.4.3. 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 Undertake due diligence and studies on public sector adaptation interventions as needed

Status

Activity started - progress delayed

Implementation Progress *

82

%

Original timeline planned for this activity *

Q1 2020 to Q2 2021

Please refer to the Implementation Timetable in the log-frame

Progress for the relevant reporting period

The following were achieved during this reporting period including the percentage of activities completed:

EE | DOE ATG (100%):

All activities have been completed by the time of reporting.

EE | MOE DOM (83%)

- The EDA Project team published an expression of interest (EOI) online and in local newspapers to procure a consultant to conduct Environmental Impact Assessments for the sub-projects under Output 2. The EDA Project team also developed the EIA contract in advance of the consultancy, through assistance by the MoE in Dominica.

- An ESIA, ESMP and GAP were developed by the selected consultant and submitted to the Physical Planning Division for approval and to DoE ATG for review. Consultations were held on the draft documents submitted by the Consultant and recommendations were incorporated into the documents. The final ESIA, ESMP and GAP for each of the sub-projects under Output 2 will be completed by Q1 2023.

- Project proposals updated by line ministries and reviewed by the PSIP Unit to reflect feedback by ESIAMP Consultant.

EE | MOE GRD (63%)

- The Ministry of Finance, in collaboration with the Ministry of Carriacou and Petite Martinique Affairs, published an EOI to hire a consultant to develop an ESIAMP and GAP under Output 2 of the EDA project. The consultant was contracted in November 2022. The draft ESIAMP and GAP are currently undergoing review and is expected to be completed by Q1 2023.

CHALLENGES AND LESSONS LEARNED:

EE | DOE ATG

There is a need for improved capacity in the area of gender analysis within the Government ministries to build internal capacity and allow for the provision of constructive feedback to consultants. In order to ensure the ESIAMP and GAP for Output 2 in Antigua and Barbuda is being followed, the DOE ATG has drafted an ESS and Gender Report for Output 2. Additionally, a consultant was contracted in October 2022 to conduct a comparative engineering field assessment of the adaptation interventions implemented thus far. This assessment will also be recommended to the EEs in Dominica and Grenada.

EE | MOE DOM

The AE conducted a review of the draft ESIAMP and GAP submitted by Dominica and found that the submitted documents lacked a Gender Action Plan for Output 2. This has caused a delay in the approval of the ESIAMP and GAP by the Ministry of Planning, as further reviews will be required upon submission of the GAP by the consultants. This will in turn further delay the commencement of the public sector adaptation interventions. There is also a need for improved capacity in the area of gender analysis within the Government ministries to build internal capacity and allow for the provision of constructive feedback to consultants.

EE | MOE GRD

Delays in contracting the ESIAMP and GAP consultant may impact the implementation timeline for the Output 2 activities.

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.

Key milestones and deliverables for the next reporting period

EE | MOE DOM:

-Publish evaluation decisions on the newly constructed Ministry of Environment social media platform.

EE | MOE GRD:

-ESIAMP and GAP finalized approved by the PMC and the GCF for sub-projects in participating countries.

-Online publications of studies on government website

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

Project Output Name *

Output 2: Implement concrete adaptation measures using ecosystem-based approaches where appropriate

The output name should match with the output reported in the sub-section 2.4.3. 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 2.3 Implement pilot approaches for adaptation in public infrastructure

Status	Implementation Progress *
Activity started - progress delayed	40 %

Original timeline planned for this activity *

Q4 2020 to Q3 2022

Please refer to the Implementation Timetable in the log-frame

Progress for the relevant reporting period

The following were achieved during this reporting period including the percentage of activities completed:

EE | DOE ATG (50%):

During this reporting period, the Cashew Hill Rehabilitation Project was launched and major progress was made. Two culverts were upgraded and road rehabilitation was completed. The Ministry of Works was unable to continue the project due to limited capacity and the demand on the entity after the easing of COVID-19 restrictions. An independent contractor was procured to continue the construction activities. The DOE ATG also hired a consultant to conduct a field assessment of the work completed in Cashew Hill thus far to ensure compliance with the project design for the scope of works. RFPs were drafted for the Briggins Pond Expansion Project and for the construction of five footbridges along the Cashew Hill Waterway. The RFPs have been published and procurement will be completed in Q1-2023.

EE | MOE DOM (14%):

EIASMP Consultant and line ministries conducted community consultations for projects. The Term Sheets (TS)/Agreements between the PSIP and two out of three of the line ministries undertaking the projects were developed, approved, signed and submitted to DoE ATG via Smartsheet. The final agreement is expected to be submitted in Q1 2023.

EE | MOE GRD (22%):

Contracts for the implementation of adaptation interventions in Carriacou have been signed, however, implementation has not yet started.

CHALLENGES AND LESSONS LEARNED:

EE | DOE ATG

Prices of materials, equipment rental and wages of contractors have increased. Additionally, unavailability of materials on island has delayed project activities. Contracts were required to be extended to complete project activities. This has impacted the project further as additional salary payments were required for the extended contract timelines.

EE | MOE DOM

There is one outstanding MOU to be signed by the 3rd line ministry for submission to DOE ATG. The signed agreement will be provided by Q1 2023. This impacts the AE's request for disbursement 3, as all contracts and agreements in Dominica must be executed and fully effective prior to the submission of the next request for disbursement to the GCF. Additionally, the ESIAMP and GAP are undergoing review by the Ministry of Planning. The implementation of adaptation interventions is unable to be commenced until the ESIAMP and GAP have been finalized and approved by the GCF.

EE | MOE GRD

The ESIAMP and GAP must be finalized and approved by the GCF in Q1 2023 prior to the commencement of adaptation interventions in Carriacou.

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.

Key milestones and deliverables for the next reporting period

EE | DOE-ATG:

- All outstanding RFPs published
Implementation and completion of final sub-projects to include the Briggins Pond expansion, additional culvert widening and the construction of five footbridges.

- Evaluation reports produced for evaluations conducted under Output 2.

- Online publication of all evaluation reports and press releases completed on project progress.

EE | MOE DOM

- Launch of the sub-projects under Output 2

- MOU signed with 3RD line ministry leading the 3rd sub-project.

- Implementation and completion of the three sub-projects

- Evaluation reports produced for evaluations conducted under Output 2.

- Online publication of all evaluation reports and press releases for project progress.

EE | GRD

- Launch of the projects in Carriacou.

- Evaluation reports produced for evaluations conducted under Output 2.

- Stakeholder reports produced for PSIP stakeholder consultations hosted under Output 2.

- Wreck-removal contract with Sky Construction signed and deliverables completed.

- Project proposal development consultant contracted, and deliverables completed.

- Official permissions received for use of Government land for interventions.

- PSIP projects in Carriacou implemented and completed.

- Online publication of all evaluation reports and press releases for project progress.

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

Project Output Name *

Output 3: Community resilience to climate impacts is enhanced through tangible adaptation benefits

The output name should match with the output reported in the sub-section 2.4.3. 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 Select community adaptation projects through a competitive small grants facility

Status	Implementation Progress *
Activity started - progress delayed	96 %

Original timeline planned for this activity *

Q3 2020 to Q2 2022

Please refer to the Implementation Timetable in the log-frame

Progress for the relevant reporting period

The following were achieved during this reporting period including the percentage of activities completed:

AE | DOE ATG (100%):

Four (4) grant applicants who received approval for a technical assistance grant by the end of 2021 to complete their full proposals proceeded to prepare and submit their full proposals to the DOE ATG in 2022. The proposals were reviewed internally by the DOE, then externally by the technical evaluation committee (TEC) and all four (4) proposals were approved by the PMC on behalf of the SIRFF for a full project grant. Grants have been provided to four faith-based organizations (churches) in the Cashew Hill area.

EE | MOE DOM (86%)

- GEF SGP issued a Call For Proposals (CFP) to grant applicants via social media and by providing flyers to various locations for access by the public.
- Thirty-two (32) Grant concepts were received by the GEF-SGP by the end of February 2022.
- Training of the successful applicants on project proposal writing was facilitated through the SP.
- Seven concepts were selected based on established (SGP and EDA) criteria for consideration and approved by the PMC for development into full proposals.
- Six project proposals were approved for funding by the NCCC and PMC.
- Six organizations signed Grant Agreements with the MoE.

EE MOE | GRD (75%):

- Four (4) full proposals were submitted and reviewed by the TAC. Of the four submissions, three (3) were approved and one (1) group did not meet the criteria as their proposal was incomplete. An extension was given to the 4th project proposal submission, however, the applicant failed to submit the required documents. In the interim, the MOE-DOM is awaiting the TAC further project review.

CHALLENGES AND LESSONS LEARNED:

AE | DOE ATG

- The DOE has launched an evaluation of the DOE grants program. Formal information on lessons learnt will be provided.

EE MOE DOM

- Grantees did not utilize project preparation grant funding available for a consultant to develop the full proposals for submission to the GEF SGP, resulting in incomplete documents which had to be returned to the grant applicants for additional information to be incorporated in their proposals.
- Significant delays were experienced in the review of Project Concept Notes by the NCCC and again in the review and approval of project proposals. Convening of the NCCC meetings was challenging and multiple attempts had to be made to achieve quorum as officers' schedules and workload vary. Round – robin method of project review had to be utilized to achieve the objectives of the committee. Moving forward the MoE should consider providing a stipend to these technical experts as an incentive to prioritize project reviews.
- Further training in proposal development should be provided to CSOs in Dominica in advance of grant offerings and additional efforts to improve public awareness of grant offerings in the event that more qualified CSOs were not knowledgeable of the EDA grant offering.

EE | MOE GRD

- The completion of this activity was delayed due to an extension provided to the 4th grant applicant to revise their project proposal and supporting documentation for resubmission. Once it became evident that the 4th applicant would not provide the requested documentation on time, the TAC was asked to review the 5th place project proposal which extended the activity further, in order to provide the TAC with adequate time to review and approve the project proposal.

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.

Key milestones and deliverables for the next reporting period

EE | DOE ATG:

- Grantees requiring additional funding due to unexpected additional expenses are approved for funding to complete their scope of works.

EE | MOE DOM:

- Publish evaluation decisions on the soon to be newly constructed Ministry of Environment Facebook page.

EE | MOE GRD:

- Commencement and completion of implementation for all projects under component 3.

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

Project Output Name *

Output 3: Community resilience to climate impacts is enhanced through tangible adaptation benefits

The output name should match with the output reported in the sub-section 2.4.3. 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 3.2 Communities implement adaptation projects with tangible benefits

Status

Activity started - progress delayed

Implementation Progress *

28

%

Original timeline planned for this activity *

Q4 2021 to Q2 2023

Please refer to the Implementation Timetable in the log-frame

Progress for the relevant reporting period

The following were achieved during this reporting period including the percentage of activities completed:

AE | DOE ATG (20%):

At the time of project reporting, most of the grantees completed 50% of the activities and are expected to complete their final activities by the end of the Q1-2023. Additional workshops were also held on Shelter Management, Climate Change adaptation, vector control, and waterway management with grantees and community representatives. These workshops were carried out by the DOE ATG at the grantees' facilities through assistance by government departments, including the National Office of Disaster Services, National Solid Waste Management Authority, Forestry Division and the Central Board of Health. Each of the grantees also organized a team of eight to ten volunteers to assist with shelter management. Many of these volunteers participated in the 5-day shelter management workshop and received certificates of completion.

EE | MOE DOM (6%)

- Six organizations signed Grant Agreements with the MoE

- Meetings were also held with the National Coordinator/GEF-SGP to discuss administrative matters including proposed training sessions, stakeholder consultations and associated costs and locations; and detailed implementation plan with sub activities, and payment process for administrative expenses.

EE | MOE GRD (6%):

- All grant agreements have been signed at the time of reporting; however, implementation has not yet started.

CHALLENGES AND LESSONS LEARNED:

AE | DOE ATG

Prices of materials and equipment rental have increased. Additionally, unavailability of materials on island has delayed project activities. Some grant awardees were dissatisfied with the contractors hired to complete their project activities and entered into new contract negotiations with new contractors, which further delayed the completion of activities. Workshops were also delayed due to unavailability of the grant awardees' shelter management teams at the same time. Organization of workshops were finally settled, however, this impacted the activity completion time and all team members from each organization were not present at the workshop, so the trained participants would have to utilize a training of trainers approach to guide their team members who were unable to attend the shelter management training. The grantees may also need more support in selecting renewable energy systems.

EE | MOE DOM

Delays in implementation.

EE | MOE GRD

Delays in implementation. The service provider required the grantees to have all sub-contracts as fully effective prior to signing their grant agreements. This delayed the signing of several agreements, however, delays in the finalization of sub-contracts have caused an overall delay in the commencement of adaptation interventions.

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.

Key milestones and deliverables for the next reporting period

DOE ATG:

- Four (4) faith-based organizations complete their resilience projects and have a dedicated shelter management team in place in advance of any climate events
- Evaluation reports produced for evaluations conducted under Output 3.
- Online publication of all evaluation reports and press releases for project progress.

EE | MOE DOM:

- Commencement of Project Implementation.
- Continue stakeholder training.
- Conduct community consultations.
- Closing of Project Implementation.

EE | MOE GRD:

- All grantees implement and complete their projects.
- All stakeholder consultations completed.
- Evaluation reports produced for evaluations conducted under Output 3.
- Online publication of all evaluation reports and press releases for project progress.

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

Project Output Name *

Output 4: Privately owned physical assets of vulnerable populations are more resilient to climate variability and change through concessional microfinancing

The output name should match with the output reported in the sub-section 2.4.3. 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 4.1 Identify and strengthen existing systems and procedures for the revolving fund lonas programme for adaptation

Status	Implementation Progress *
Activity started - progress delayed	97 %

Original timeline planned for this activity *

Q1 2021 to Q2 2022

Please refer to the Implementation Timetable in the log-frame

Progress for the relevant reporting period

The following were achieved during this reporting period including the percentage of activities completed:

AE | DOE ATG:

The DOE ATG formally recommended a change of scope for the revolving loans offering in Dominica, in order to advance the project activities, as the selection and approval of a new service provider to programme loans for the private sector would delay the project further. The recommendations included issuing a letter of recommendation to provide loans to public sector workers in order to meet the requirement of providing loans for private assets.

Additionally, the DOE ATG recommended the following actions:

- Amendment to the Term Sheet for the Revolving Loans Programme
- Amendment to the eligibility criteria for receipt of loans
- Changes to the terms of the draft agreement with the GHLB

EE | DOE ATG (100%):

The activity was completed during previous reporting period.

EE | MOE DOM (92%):

- Advice on how to address restrictions in the legislation that prevents the GHLB from providing service to the private sector was sought from the Attorney General's (AG) Office and the Accredited Entity.

EE upon the advice of the AE decided to change the scope of the output and provide the loans only to members within the public sector.

- The Subsidiary Agreement was reviewed by the both the SP and AG's Office and revised based on comments received and the decision taken. The EE is awaiting further approval prior to signing.

- Revisions made to the Term Sheet for the Revolving Loan Programme due to the inability of the Government to amend the Government Housing Loans Board Act to allow the GHLB to programme funds for private and public sector workers.

- The revised subsidiary agreement (SA) has been submitted to the AG's office for approval.

EE | MOE GRD (67%):

- The Grenada Development Bank was selected as the service provider.

- An EDA Project Officer was contracted by the GDB to support the identification, evaluation and recommendation of applications for approval; monitoring and supervision of projects during implementation and reporting on status of loans .

- Promotional activities held on the revolving fund with officials of the Ministry of Carriacou and Petite Martinique Affairs. Information continues to be provided via social and other media on a weekly basis.

- A public call for expressions of interest was launched via social media.

- Twenty-four applications received, 11 loans were approved in the amount of US\$119K, and thirteen applications are under review.

CHALLENGES AND LESSONS LEARNED:

EE | MOE DOM:

- Finalization and signing of the Subsidiary Agreement between the MoE and GHLB is significantly delayed.

- The Subsidiary Agreement was reviewed by the AG's Office and in process the GHLB was still deemed unable to provide the services to the private sector based on its legislation. The AE formally recommended a change in scope of the loan offerings, to target public sector workers. This allows for private assets to receive adaptation interventions.

- In lieu of the agreement, data were obtained from the Dominica Social Security (DSS) on the number of contributors from both the private and public sector to assist in determining how the funds can be utilized/distributed while the legal issue is resolved.

EE | MOE GRD:

- Many vulnerable persons perceive based on their past experiences with financial institutions that this programme is out of their reach and in addition have on occasion applied for minimal financing, which was assessed as insufficient in some instances to address their vulnerability. As a result the GDB increased its direct engagements with some of these communities through walkabouts in specific villages while utilizing the flexibility allowed by the Fund

to adjust loan terms for particularly indigent persons in order to incorporate interventions that are identified as critical to resilience building. The specific lesson here is that sometimes what is requested does not exactly address the need.

- It has also been observed that there are property owners who being impacted by the increasing cost of electricity, and are attempting to use the Fund to install solar PV systems purely as a cost saving investment. Consequently, extensive internal dialogues were held together with a discussion with the Environment Division, Grenada to clarify the qualifying vulnerability criteria to be used during project assessment.

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.

Key milestones and deliverables for the next reporting period

EE | DOE ATG:

- Loan repayments completed

EE | MOE DOM:

- Signing of Subsidiary Agreement with Government Housing Loans Board (GHLB).

- Amendment to the eligibility criteria for receipt of loans.

- Online publication to announce service provider.

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

Project Output Name *

Output 4. Privately owned physical assets of vulnerable populations are more resilient to climate variability and change through concessional microfinancing

The output name should match with the output reported in the sub-section 2.4.3. 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 4.2 Launch the private-sector revolving fund for adaptation in buildings via calls for application; details of individual projects made accessible via website

Status	Implementation Progress *
Activity started - progress delayed	67 %

Original timeline planned for this activity *

Q3 2021 to Q2 2023

Please refer to the Implementation Timetable in the log-frame

Progress for the relevant reporting period

The following were achieved during this reporting period including the percentage of activities completed:

EE | DOE ATG (100%):

- Activity completed during previous reporting period.

EE | MOE DOM (ON HOLD%):

- Activity on hold due to legal issues for activity 4.1. above. Developed press release for selected service provider and launch of revolving loan programme

EE | MOE GRD (93%):

- The revolving loans programme was launched, and 170 loan applications were received at the time of reporting.

CHALLENGES AND LESSONS LEARNED:

EE | MOE DOM

- Finalization and signing of the Subsidiary Agreement between the MoE and GHLB is significantly delayed due to the entity being unable to provide the services to the private sector based on its legislation.

EE | MOE GRD

- Based on past engagements and negative experiences with financial institutions, many vulnerable persons have perceived themselves to be ineligible for the Revolving Loan Programme based on their financial standing. This perception has bolstered the application for minimal financing by these vulnerable groups. However, when assessed, the loan amounts accessed by these groups have been deemed insufficient to successfully address their vulnerabilities. Consequently, the GDB has increased its community outreach along with adjusting loan terms in order to integrate interventions that have been identified as vital to resilience building.

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.

Key milestones and deliverables for the next reporting period

EE | MOE DOM:

- Launch of revolving loans for adaptation in buildings via calls for applications.
- Online publication on launch of the revolving loans and details of adaptation interventions.
- Technical evaluations of private assets completed and site visits from TEC submitted.

EE | MOE GRD:

- Online publication providing details of adaptation interventions.

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

Project Output Name *

Output 4. Privately owned physical assets of vulnerable populations are more resilient to climate variability and change through concessional microfinancing

The output name should match with the output reported in the sub-section 2.4.3. 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 4.3 Finance adaptation in buildings and manage repayments

Status

Activity started - progress delayed

Implementation Progress *

44

%

Original timeline planned for this activity *

Q4 2020 to Q2 2022

Please refer to the Implementation Timetable in the log-frame

Progress for the relevant reporting period

Key achievements during this reporting period:

EE | DOE ATG (100%):

- Financing adaptation in buildings through loans was completed and loan repayments commenced.

EE | MOE DOM (8%):

- No actions for this activity at the time of reporting.

EE | MOE GRD (31%):

- At the time of project reporting, 170 loan applications were received. Loans were approved and disbursed to 36 persons with the total sum equivalent to USD \$147,726.22 or EC\$ 397,117.32.

25 females and 11 males have received disbursements.

CHALLENGES AND LESSONS LEARNED:

The project area had high levels of unemployment as well as families with low incomes. The length of time for payment was increased and adjustment made to lower amounts that could be borrowed as well as to focus on the most important intervention, which was hurricane shutters and water storage. This causes an uptake in borrowing.

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.

Key milestones and deliverables for the next reporting period

EE | MOE GRD:

- Revolving Loan disbursed to 100 persons.

EE | MOE DOM:

- All loan agreements signed and disbursements made.

- Revolving Loan disbursed to 100 persons.

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

Project Output Name *

Output 4. Privately owned physical assets of vulnerable populations are more resilient to climate variability and change through concessional microfinancing

The output name should match with the output reported in the sub-section 2.4.3. 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 4.4 Implement and manage reflows

Status

Activity started - progress delayed

Implementation Progress *

29

%

Original timeline planned for this activity *

Q2 2021 to Q4 2022

Please refer to the Implementation Timetable in the log-frame

Progress for the relevant reporting period

Provide updated progress on this project activity for the relevant reporting period, including delays and issues encountered, 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.

Key achievements during this reporting period:

AE | DOE ATG (100%):

- To date, reflows have begun to be disbursed to new approved applicants.

EE | MOE DOM (8%):

- No actions for this activity at the time of reporting.

EE | MOE GRD (55%):

- No actions for this activity at the time of reporting.

CHALLENGES AND LESSONS LEARNED:

- Some of the challenges already experienced in Antigua and Barbuda, and likely to be noticed in Dominica and Grenada, is the scarcity of materials and the increase in prices of materials that are available. Due to this, applicants for loans in Dominica and Grenada should be encouraged to schedule activities in an efficient manner and submit detailed realistic estimates which include allowances for possible price increases.

- Not all country teams included sex disaggregated data within their reporting, which posed challenges in communicating results.

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.

Key milestones and deliverables for the next reporting period

- Re-payments of loans begin in Dominica and Grenada.
- Complete the processing of the targeted loan recipients.
- Stakeholder engagement for the revolving loans.
- Continued management of the re-flow process.

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

Project Output Name *

Output 5: Project management

The output name should match with the output reported in the sub-section 2.4.3. 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 5.1 Project management consistent with an EDA programmatic approach

Status

Activity started - progress delayed

Implementation Progress *

39

%

Original timeline planned for this activity *

Q3 2019 to Q2 2023

Please refer to the Implementation Timetable in the log-frame

Progress for the relevant reporting period

Key achievements during this reporting period:

DOE ATG

- Annual procurement plan and budget approved by PMC.
- SIRF Fund continues to process disbursements to grantees under Output 3.
- SIRF Fund continues to handle loan repayments under Output 4.
- Annual Performance Report 3 clarifications and responses provided via GCF portal.
- Quarterly and monthly technical and financial reports produced.
- All consultants' contracts tracked and uploaded to Smartsheet.
- In-country visits to Dominica, Grenada and St. Lucia to meet with project team, service providers, government officials, visit potential project sites and provide technical assistance, where necessary.
- Provided feedback on OECS M&E Manual for the EDA countries.
- Staff participated in virtual training sessions organized by OECS and other organizations.
- The Regional Project Coordinator's contract was not renewed when it expired in September 2022 and an acting regional project coordinator was contracted.
- The DOE ATG met with country teams to collaborate on the revision to the project implementation plan and budget for year 5 in advance of the submission of a request for project extension.
- No-objection letters requested by the AE and received from EEs for project extension.
- The DOE ATG submitted a request for a 12-month project extension and received approval by the GCF.
- Bilateral meetings held with the Ministers for responsibility for the Environment in Dominica and Grenada during in-country visits from the DOE ATG project team.
- Country visits by DOE ATG to Dominica and Grenada to assist with accreditation preparation, review of implemented interventions and to provide technical assistance towards the implementation of delayed activities.
- Antigua and Barbuda hosted a sub-regional dialogue with EDA teams from the OECS Commission, Dominica and Grenada. During this visit, teams also attended the GCF Technical Dialogues.
- Bilateral meeting was held with the Permanent Secretary with responsibility for the Environment in Dominica during the GCF Global Programming Conference.
- Participation of all EDA country teams in KIMS training organized by the OECS.

EE | MOE DOM:

- Staff received training and participated in working sessions with the AE, OECS and external collaborators thereby building capacity within the PMU

CHALLENGES AND LESSONS LEARNED:

DOE ATG:

- Turn-over in staff without replacements has increased the workload of remaining staff members, as the onboarding of new personnel has previously resulted in the need for additional time to ensure that new team members are familiar with the project. This will improve the capacity of the remaining project staff in new project areas.
- Slow response rate of ministries and committees required to review and approve project documents, and need for ministerial sign-off and cabinet approval for project hiring decisions, has delayed project activities and poses a risk to the advancement and completion of project activities despite the approval of the 12-month no-cost project extension, given that each Output requires an estimated 12 months to be completed.
- The AE is not provided with adequate notice for technical reviews of key documents
- APR 3 is still undergoing review by the GCF prior to approval.

EE | MOE DOM:

- Staff has had to take on several roles due to limited human resources within the PMU.

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.

Key milestones and deliverables for the next reporting period

- Submission of all required reports and documents.
- Participate in all relevant trainings in the areas of administration, financial, technical, and ESS & Gender and M&E.
- Complete project implementation.
- Country missions to EDA pilot countries.

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

2.4 Progress Update on the Logic Framework Indicators

Under this section, please report the 'annual value' for the reporting year only (for example, during 2022 only). Also report 'cumulative value' achieved as of the end of the reporting year as well as 'baseline', 'midterm target', 'final target', and 'expected lifetime emission reduction target'. Please note that the baseline and the respective target values should be reported for the total funding amount (GCF funding and co-financing) of the project. Also note that all these values should reflect information from the most recent/updated logical framework (logframe) agreed to with the GCF, whether through the FAA amendment process, submission and approval of the inception report, baseline assessment/study, APRs, and/or correspondence with GCF's portfolio managers on any logframe changes. If the most updated logframe deviates from that approved in the funding proposal, please provide clarification as to why there have been changes for each applicable indicator in the 'Remarks' box. For example, the clarification may include but is not limited to: 'the logframe was revised during the FAA negotiation process' or 'a baseline assessment has been completed as of August 2022 and the assessment has been submitted to the GCF for approval' or 'the revised baseline and target values have been submitted via the previous APR cycle and approved by the GCF' or 'the project logframe is being revised, and the FAA amendment process is currently ongoing with the GCF' etc. In case where a measurement methodology has been revised in agreement with the GCF for any indicators in the logframe, please attach supporting documentation describing the calculation methodology of all applicable indicators in APR Section 5 'Annexes and Attachments'.

This sub-section 2.4 is not applicable for REDD+ Results-Based Payments Projects. Please write 'Not Applicable' as the response.

2.4.1 Core Indicators

Select applicable core indicators

- 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).

Baseline	Baseline (% of female)
0	0 %
Annual Value (Reporting Year)	Annual Value (% of female)
254	62.2 %
Cumulative Value	Cumulative Value (% of female)
330	59.39 %
Mid-term Target	Mid-term Target (% of female)
6 600	50 %
Final Target	Final Target (% of female)
13 200	50 %

Remarks (including changes, if any)**Antigua and Barbuda:****Component 2:**

Direct beneficiaries: 1445 residents (742 males, 703 females) benefitting from climate-resilient drainage. 151 people engaged in public awareness workshop activity on vector control, climate change adaptation, waterway management, and illegal dumping (99 females, 52 males).

Indirect beneficiary figures for interventions executed under Component 2 cannot be provided until post-disaster reports are produced. At the time of this APR, the physical interventions in the target area have not been completed.

Component 3:

Direct beneficiaries:

Four (4) grants approved by Project Management Committee; Disbursements have begun as of March 2022. Nineteen (19) people trained in Shelter Management (11 males; 8 females)

Indirect beneficiary figures for interventions executed under Component 3 cannot be provided until post-disaster reports are produced. At the time of this APR, the physical interventions to community assets have not been completed.

Component 4:

Direct beneficiaries:

- 44 vulnerable households benefitting from loans for climate adaptation – 18 male-headed, 26 female-headed.

Indirect beneficiaries: 47 additional members of households (19 males, 28 females)

Dominica:

- Fund disbursements have not commenced. No implementation has started under PSIP (Output 2), Grants (Output 3) and Revolving Loan (Output 4) components. Implementation is scheduled for the first quarter in 2023.

Grenada:**Component 2:**

Direct beneficiaries: No implementation has started under PSIP (Output 2) and Grants (Output 3) components. Implementation is scheduled for the first 2 weeks in January 2023.

Indirect beneficiary figures for interventions executed under Component 3 cannot be provided until post-disaster reports are produced. At the time of this APR, the physical interventions to community assets have not been completed.

Component 3:

Direct beneficiaries: No implementation has started under this component. Implementation is scheduled for the first 2 weeks in January 2023.

Indirect beneficiary figures for interventions executed under Component 3 cannot be provided until post-disaster reports are produced. At the time of this APR, the physical interventions to community assets have not been completed.

Component 4:

Direct beneficiaries:

36 vulnerable households benefitting from loans for climate adaptation - 25 female-headed, 11 male-headed

2.4.2 Impact Indicators

Select applicable impact indicators

- 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, climate-resilient livelihood options (including fisheries, agriculture, tourism, etc.) (Units: number of individuals and percentage %)

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

Baseline	Baseline (% of female)
0	0 %
Annual Value (Reporting Year)	Annual Value (% of female)
254	62.2 %
Cumulative Value	Cumulative Value (% of female)
330	59.39 %
Mid-term Target	Mid-term Target (% of female)
14 000	50 %
Final Target	Final Target (% of female)
31 300	50 %

Remarks (including changes, if any)**Antigua and Barbuda:**Component 2:

Male: 794

Female: 802

1445 residents (742 males, 703 females) benefitting from climate-resilient drainage. 151 people engaged in public awareness workshop activity on vector control, climate change adaptation, waterway management, and illegal dumping (99 females, 52 males).

Component 3:

Males: 11

Female: 8

Four (4) grants approved by Project Management Committee; Disbursements have begun as of March 2022. Nineteen (19) people trained in Shelter Management (11 males; 8 females). Number of males and females benefitting from the adoption of diversified, climate – resilient livelihood options under Component 3 cannot be provided until post-disaster reports are produced.

Component 4:

Male: 18

Female: 26

44 vulnerable households benefitting from loans for climate adaptation – 18 male-headed, 26 female-headed.
Indirect beneficiaries: 47 additional members of households (19 males, 28 females)

Dominica:

Fund disbursements have not commenced. No implementation has started under PSIP (Output 2), Grants (Output 3) and Revolving Loan (Output 4) components. Implementation is scheduled for the first quarter in 2023.

Grenada:Component 2:

No implementation has started under this Component. Implementation is scheduled for the first 2 weeks in January 2023.

Indirect beneficiary figures for interventions executed under Component 2 cannot be provided until post-disaster reports are produced. At the time of this APR, the physical interventions to community assets have not been completed.

Component 3:

No implementation has started under this Component. Implementation is scheduled for the first 2 weeks in January 2023.

Indirect beneficiary figures for interventions executed under Component 3 cannot be provided until post-disaster reports are produced. At the time of this APR, the physical interventions to community assets have not been completed.

Component 4:

Males: 11

Females: 25

36 vulnerable households benefitting from loans for climate adaptation - 25 female-headed, 11 male-headed

A3.1 Number and value of physical assets made more resilient to climate variability and change, considering human benefits (Units: multiple, as applicable)

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

Select Units (as many as applicable)

- Persons
 Economic Assets
 Other

Unit - Economic Assets

Currency

USD

Baseline	Annual Value (Reporting Year)	Cumulative Value
0	0	0
Mid-term Target	Final Target	
17	25	

Remarks (including changes, if any)

Antigua and Barbuda:

- Value of physical assets made more resilient to climate variability and change, considering human benefits remains at \$0 as implementation has yet to begin in Dominica and Grenada. Although implementation started in Antigua and Barbuda, the EE has not yet received the baseline value of the physical assets from the Inland Revenue Department. There is an estimated value of USD 2,580,000.00 once public sector interventions are completed. The Antigua project team intends on reporting against this indicator at the end of the delivery of the project interventions. A property valuator will be brought in to conduct the valuation.

Dominica:

- Implementation has yet to begin.

Grenada:

- Implementation has yet to begin.

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		
Hectares		
Baseline	Annual Value (Reporting Year)	Cumulative Value
0	0	0
Mid-term Target	Final Target	
30	45	
Remarks (including changes, if any)		
<p><u>Antigua and Barbuda:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Coverage of ecosystems protected not yet known. It is anticipated that upon project completion 231.34 hectares of ecosystems will be protected and strengthened. <p><u>Dominica:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No progress to report in this reporting period. PSIP projects are set to begin in Q1-2023 following the review and approval of the ESIAMP and GAP to be submitted to the GCF. <p><u>Grenada:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No implementation and studies have yet to begin. Contracts have been negotiated and PSIP to launch in 2023. 		

2.4.3 Project/Programme-level Outcome & Output Indicators

Please provide the "annual value" achieved only during the reported calendar year and the ex-post 'Cumulative Value' on a cumulative basis. If you have multiple outputs to be reported against one outcome, you need to write down the same outcome name for every output. Likewise, if you have multiple indicators to be reported against one output, you need to write down the same output name and corresponding outcome name for every indicator.

Use 'Add row' button to add multiple outcomes, outputs and/or indicators.

Results Areas		Outcome Name	
[Adaptation] Health, Food, and Water Security		A5.0 Strengthened institutional and regulatory systems access climate finance from the GCF and other funds.	
Output Name (under the afore-mentioned outcome)			
Not Applicable			
Please write 'Not Applicable' if the below-mentioned indicator is to be reported directly at the outcome level.			
Indicator Name			
5.2 Number and level of effective coordination mechanisms strengthening of finance related by-laws, regulations and operational procedures			
Unit			
Coordination Mechanisms			
Baseline	Annual Value (Reporting Year)	Cumulative Value	
0	3	3	
Mid-term Target	Final Target		
3	6		
Remarks (including changes, if any)			
<u>Antigua and Barbuda:</u>			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • (Environmental Protection and Management Act (EPMA), SIRFF Board, SIRFF Regulations) • Antigua and Barbuda's Environmental Protection and Management Act (2015) was repealed and replaced by EPMA (2019), thus clearing the way for the implementation of the SIRF Fund (SIRFF) Board. The SIRFF Board became fully functional in October 2019 and will oversee disbursement and monitoring of the grant and loan applications. • SIRFF Board Regulations approved in August 2020, allowing the Fund to begin programming loans. 			
<u>Grenada:</u>			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grenada is willing to amend its policies and procedures to access GCF financing in order to meet the 2020 NDCs. At this time, GCF policies and procedures have been integrated into the following projects in Grenada: Agriculture NAP, Food Security Readiness, Caribbean Community Climate Change Centre's Resource Mobilization Action Plan, and the Project Preparation Development and Management (PPDMU) Unit's framework and handbook. 			
<u>Dominica:</u>			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Activities have not commenced. 			

Results Areas	Outcome Name
[Adaptation] Health, Food, and Water Security	A7.0 Strengthened adaptive capacity and reduced exposure to climate risks

Output Name (under the afore-mentioned outcome)

Not Applicable

Please write 'Not Applicable' if the below-mentioned indicator is to be reported directly at the outcome level.

Indicator Name

7.1 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 (Households: disaggregated by male-headed and female-headed)

Unit

Direct Beneficiaries

Baseline

0

Annual Value (Reporting Year)

96

Cumulative Value

136

Mid-term Target

6 600

Final Target

13 200

Remarks (including changes, if any)**Antigua and Barbuda:**

- EDA SIRFF loan application process closed as of May 2022 as funds have been fully committed. As of the close of this activity, there have been 47 loans for climate adaptation:

44 vulnerable households (One beneficiary received 2 loans for the same household; therefore, the beneficiary was counted as one)
2 businesses use Fund supported instruments to respond to climate change and variability.

- Grants for 4 community organizations were approved by the Project Management Committee on behalf of the SIRFF Board; Disbursements have begun as of quarter 2, 2022.
- One (1) PSIP grant was issued in Antigua and Barbuda

Grenada:

- Four (4) projects will be receiving grant funds under component 3. TAC has reviewed and approved 3 of 4 proposals. Implementation has yet to begin.
- At the time of project reporting, 170 loan applications were received. Loans were approved and disbursed to 36 persons from households.

Dominica:

- Six (6) project proposals were approved for funding by the NCCC and PMC.
- Six organizations signed Grant Agreements with the MoE.
- Project implementation to begin in Q1 2023

Results Areas

[Adaptation] Health, Food, and Water Security

Outcome Name

A7.0 Strengthened adaptive capacity and reduced exposure to climate risks

Output Name (under the afore-mentioned outcome)

Not Applicable

Please write 'Not Applicable' if the below-mentioned indicator is to be reported directly at the outcome level.

Indicator Name

7.1 Number of transparent sustainable financing mechanisms supporting adaptation in the OECS sub-region

Unit

Funding Mechanisms

Baseline

0

Annual Value (Reporting Year)

1

Cumulative Value

1

Mid-term Target

3

Final Target

6

Remarks (including changes, if any)**Antigua and Barbuda:**

- Sustainable Island Resources Framework Fund in Antigua and Barbuda continues to support green growth and climate resilience at the individual, community and at the national level, to meet Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) targets and an overall sustainable development agenda for the country.

Grenada:

- Cabinet submission approved for the Ministry with responsibility for the Environment to become a DAE on 15th August 2022.
- An accreditation working group was created.

Dominica:

Cabinet paper submitted to MoE for requesting the nomination of the Ministry with responsibility for Environment as GCF Designated Accredited Entity (DAE) for the EDA Project and Adaptation Fund. Decision will be received in Q1 2023.

Results Areas

[Adaptation] Health, Food, and Water Security

Outcome Name

A7.0 Strengthened adaptive capacity and reduced exposure to climate risks

Output Name (under the afore-mentioned outcome)

Not Applicable

Please write 'Not Applicable' if the below-mentioned indicator is to be reported directly at the outcome level.

Indicator Name		
7.2 Number of direct beneficiaries (dis-aggregated by gender) of Fund-supported small grants for adaptation to respond to climate change and variability		
Unit		
Small Community Adaptation Grants		
Baseline	Annual Value (Reporting Year)	Cumulative Value
0	13	13
Mid-term Target	Final Target	
30	60	
Remarks (including changes, if any)		
<p><u>Antigua and Barbuda:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Four (4) Grants approved by Project Management Committee on behalf of the SIRFF Board to CSOs; Disbursements have begun as of March 2022. <p><u>Grenada:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A subsidiary agreement was signed between the Environment Division and the Rural Development Unit (RDU). Call for proposals launched, and applications have been received. Four (4) proposals were submitted and reviewed by the TAC. Three (3) were approved, while one did not meet the criteria as the proposal was incomplete. <p><u>Dominica:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Six project proposals were approved for funding by the NCCC and PMC. Six organizations signed Grant Agreements with the MoE. Project Implementation to begin in Q1 2023. 		

Results Areas	Outcome Name	
[Adaptation] Health, Food, and Water Security	A7.0 Strengthened adaptive capacity and reduced exposure to climate risks	
Output Name (under the afore-mentioned outcome)		
Please write 'Not Applicable' if the below-mentioned indicator is to be reported directly at the outcome level.		
Indicator Name		
7.3 Number of vulnerable households and businesses that use Fund-supported instruments to respond to climate change and variability (Households: disaggregated by male-headed and female-headed)		
Unit		
Loans		
Baseline	Annual Value (Reporting Year)	Cumulative Value
0	83	83
Mid-term Target	Final Target	
200	400	

Remarks (including changes, if any)**Antigua and Barbuda:**

- EDA SIRFF loan application process closed as of May 2022 as funds have been fully committed. As of the close of this activity, there have been 47 loans for climate adaptation:

44 vulnerable households (18 male-headed, 26 female-headed); One beneficiary received 2 loans for the same household; therefore, the beneficiary was counted as one)

2 businesses use Fund supported instruments to respond to climate change and variability.

Grenada:

- Revolving loan was launched and loans disbursed to 36 beneficiaries (25 females and 11 males):
Four (4) projects fully implemented and 23 loan recipients have started implementation.

Dominica:

- This activity has not started. Government Housing Loans Board agreement being reviewed by parties. Implementation to begin in Q1 2023.

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

[FP061_GCF EDA Project_Implementation Plan 2023.pdf](#)

2.5 Report on changes during implementation (include actual and expected changes)

The project management structure of the EDA remains unchanged during this reporting period. The DOE ATG continues to fulfill its role as the AE and EE for Output 1. The DOE ATG also continued to collaborate with the OECS Commission for the execution of Activities 1.2 and 1.4, including the provision of feedback towards the completion of the EDA M&E Manual for the pilot countries, M&E manual-based training and the development of a gender-sensitive communications plan. The DOE ATG proposed for the EEs to present the OECS' Sustainable Procurement Policy Guidelines to their PMCs and Cabinets for adoption and will provide updates on the progress of this during the next reporting period.

Following the approval of the EEs' FMCAs by the GCF, the EE in Grenada opened a dedicated bank account to process disbursements from the DOE ATG and to manage EDA-GRD finances. The DOE ATG continues to manage the funds for the EE in Dominica, but the EE is anticipated to establish a dedicated bank account during the next reporting period.

The Executing Entities in Grenada underwent name changes following the country's 2022 General Elections. The Ministry with responsibility for the Environment is now the Ministry for Climate Resilience, the Environment and Renewable Energy; and the Department of Economic and Technical Corporation (DETC)/NDA is now within the Ministry of Finance, Economic Development, Physical Development and Energy. The Executing Entity in Dominica remains as the Ministry with responsibility for the Environment, however, Dominica also underwent general elections in 2022 and has had a Ministry name change to the Ministry of Environment, Rural Modernisation, Kalinago Upliftment and Constituency. Any revised or extended subsidiary and technical assistance agreements will reflect the changes in Ministry names.

The Project Management Committee (PMC) in Antigua and Barbuda continues to provide oversight for the regional project. During this reporting period, regional Project Management Committee meetings were held, and efforts are ongoing to have the Chairs of Dominica and Grenada's PMCs, along with a representative from the OECS Commission's PMU, join Antigua and Barbuda's PMC meetings when critical EDA-related activities are on the agenda. Similar to

the role of the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) at the AE, the National Climate Change Committees (NCCC) in Dominica and Grenada are providing technical oversight for project activities.

Notable changes during this reporting period include the exit of the regional EDA Project Coordinator. This prompted the transitioning of the Deputy EDA Project Coordinator to assume the Regional EDA Project Coordinator position. Other changes included the addition of an M&E Associate in Dominica to assist the PSIP Unit with the execution of M&E activities and reporting in Output 2 and the exit of project staff in Antigua without replacements. Additionally, revisions were made to the Term Sheet for the Revolving Loan Programme under Output 4 in Dominica due to the inability of the Government to amend the Government Housing Loans Board Act to allow the GHLB to programme funds for private and public sector workers. At this time, the Act only allows for the GHLB to programme loans to the public sector. A no-objection letter was provided by the Prime Minister to the Ministry of Legal Affairs; however, the Ministry response was that there were no legal grounds for allowances to the GHLB to programme loans to the private sector. In order to reduce any further delay to the implementation of Output 4, public sector workers and assets will benefit 100% from the revolving loan programme.

COVID-19 related delays that have been previously reported to the GCF continue to contribute to challenges to the timely completion of project activities, especially with the increased unavailability of local materials, shipping routes, travel options, and an increase in costs for travel, accommodation, contractors and construction materials. Finally, to mitigate the returning of project funds to the GCF and to ensure the completion of project activities, the DOE ATG, with the approval of the PMC in Antigua and Barbuda, submitted to the GCF a request for a 12-month no-cost project extension to be initiated 16th January 2023 ending on 16th January 2024. No-objection letters were also received from the EEs in Dominica and Grenada as supporting documentation. The extension request was approved by the GCF during the reporting period.

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.

2.6 Implementation challenges and lessons learned

Challenge encountered

Hiring of project staff needed to be approved by Cabinet in EDA-DOM and EDA-GRD. The challenge was not resolved during the reporting period.

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

Procurement

Impact level on the project implementation

High

NB. AML/CFT (Anti-Money Laundering/Combating the Financing of Terrorism), ESS (Environmental and social safeguards), SEAH (Sexual Exploitation, Abuse and Harassment)

Measures adopted

- The AE provided the procurement guidelines, aided with the drafting of TORS and contracts, and oversaw the evaluation processes.
- Project staff in Grenada, whose contracts were stalled, had been paid on a month-to-month basis.
- Meetings were held with EEs to advise about the need for such processes to be handled expeditiously.

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.

Lesson learned and other remarks

- The AE continues to note that all hiring within the public sector in Dominica and Grenada must be approved by the Cabinet. This process can take between 2 to 6 weeks, depending on government priorities at the weekly Cabinet meetings. Given the shift in priorities as a result of Covid-19 in 2020, procurement was significantly delayed.
- The AE continues to advise that enabling Permanent Secretaries and the Project Management Committees to approve hiring decisions would help with fast-tracking procurement.

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

Yes

No

Challenge encountered

Newly appointed personnel must be introduced to the project and buy-in sought.

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

Operational

Impact level on the project implementation

Moderate

NB. AML/CFT (Anti-Money Laundering/Combating the Financing of Terrorism), ESS (Environmental and social safeguards), SEAH (Sexual Exploitation, Abuse and Harassment)

Measures adopted

- The AE arranged meetings with new personnel to provide background information. EDA staff coordinated engagements and presented status updates.
- High-level communication between the Project Manager (Director of the DOE) and senior officials were used to build rapport.

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.

Lesson learned and other remarks

- Lack of succession planning within agencies continues to affect project ownership in the short term and contributes to loss of project institutional knowledge.
- Incoming personnel may have their own vision for the project; hence it is very important to quickly engage new appointees to achieve buy-in.

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

Yes

No

Challenge encountered

PSIP Units in Dominica and Grenada struggled to implement Output 2. ESIAMP and GAP for Dominica and Grenada are not completed. Lack of internal capacity and the absence of a clear vision of national priorities continue to impede the advancement of activities.

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Challenge type

Operational

Impact level on the project implementation

High

NB. AML/CFT (Anti-Money Laundering/Combating the Financing of Terrorism), ESS (Environmental and social safeguards), SEAH (Sexual Exploitation, Abuse and Harassment)

Measures adopted

- Clear eligibility guidelines for funding were developed by the AE and shared with the EEs.
- Regular coordination meetings were held to share technical expertise to advance the process.
- The AE participated in bilateral meetings to provide guidance and help EDA staff and public sector officials understand the required processes.

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.

Lesson learned and other remarks

- Output 2 is significantly delayed. Implementation will now occur in year 5 instead of years 3 and 4 as previously indicated in the implementation plan. The AE will increase its level of technical assistance to assist EEs in reviewing ESIAMP and GAP in preparation for implementing the Output.

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

Yes

No

Challenge encountered

Since the last reporting period, the Accredited Entity has continued to encounter financial difficulties that will impede its continued ability to provide the necessary support for EDA project activities, due to the depletion of the AE Fees and the next disbursement being based on progress of Dominica.

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Challenge type	Impact level on the project implementation
Financial	High
NB. AML/CFT (Anti-Money Laundering/Combating the Financing of Terrorism), ESS (Environmental and social safeguards), SEAH (Sexual Exploitation, Abuse and Harassment)	
Measures adopted - The AE continues to support staff and has been engaging the GCF in renegotiating the terms of the disbursement.	
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COVID-19-related travel restrictions impeded efforts to execute country mission visits among the AE and EEs. Costs for travel increased during this period, less availability of flights or travel routes, there were delays in travel arrangements due to wait-time for vaccines or COVID-test results, and the possibility of false-positive COVID results prior to travel.

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Challenge type

Covid-19

Impact level on the project implementation

Moderate

NB. AML/CFT (Anti-Money Laundering/Combating the Financing of Terrorism), ESS (Environmental and social safeguards), SEAH (Sexual Exploitation, Abuse and Harassment)

Measures adopted

Arrangements were made to utilize virtual solutions to supplement country visits as much as possible.

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.

Lesson learned and other remarks

The AE will make arrangements for country missions in 2022 to enhance the technical assistance process.

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

Yes

No

Please choose the severity of overall impact.

On track with no or minor impact

Description of levels of severity:

1. On-track with no or minor impact: No or minor impact on project implementation and corresponding annual activities.
2. Facing delays: Implementation progress faced delays in the timeline but did not require any substantial changes in the implementation plan.
3. A minor change(s) required: Changes that are not classified as Major changes but requires intervention from GCF.
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[GCF Policy on Restructuring and Cancellation](#)

Select a type of the COVID-19 challenges encountered.

Field Activities

Sample challenges for Field Activities:

- Delays in travels, planned training, workshops, conferences, events, and awareness-raising events
- Limited access to project sites especially outer islands
- Postponed field missions for collecting/validating information, and conducting consultations with local stakeholders
- Measures required to ensure the security and safety of workers
- Delays in pilot projects, feasibility/baseline studies

Please describe if any support is required from the GCF to address the COVID-19 impact on your project/programme.**Challenge encountered**

Throughout the Caribbean, shipping delays and commodity prices have increased significantly since the onset of the Covid-19 pandemic. These have already negatively affected the implementation activities in outputs 2, 3, and 4 in Antigua and Barbuda and will eventually affect project implementation activities in all participating countries.

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Challenge type

Operational

Impact level on the project implementation

High

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Measures adopted

The AE has sought to alleviate the impact of the increased costs by encouraging careful contingency planning for activities and assisting grantees and loan recipients to access tax concessions.

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.

Lesson learned and other remarks

The AE will encourage project teams to support bulk purchasing, wherever possible and to seek to procure items as early as possible to avoid related delays due to shipping etc

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

Yes

No

Please choose the severity of overall impact.

Facing delays

Description of levels of severity:

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Supply Chain

Sample challenges for Supply Chain:

- Delays in procurement and importation of materials, and equipment due to halt in production or lack of raw material and supplies
- Logistic challenges leading to loss of business opportunities
- Need for extensions of tender submission dates

Please describe if any support is required from the GCF to address the COVID-19 impact on your project/programme.

2.7 Updated implementation timetable for the Funded Activity

Please submit the implementation time table for the Funded Activity

[FP061_GCF EDA Project_Implementation Plan 2023.pdf](#)

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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Please note that this is section 3 of the five Annual Performance Report (APR) sections. APR will be considered valid only after all the five sections are filled with relevant details.

3.1 Annual Financial Performance Report

Please download the Financial Performance Report Template in Excel.

[Financial Performance Report Template](#)

Please note that the Financial Performance Report template has been updated with an additional master sheet where you will see a summary of data automatically extracted from multiple worksheets. AEs do not need to make any additional actions in this regard.

Please attach the Annual Financial Performance Report here.

[FP061-Annual-performance-report-financial-information-section-3-ver-2023-11-09.xlsx](#)

Please make sure you use the attached template provided by the GCF. Reports submitted in any other formats would not be accepted.

3.2 Unaudited Financial Statement

Submit the Unaudited financial statement (as required by FAA)

[FP061 Dec- 2022 Green Climate Fund Enhance Direct Access - Mgmt Accounts 3](#)

(Semi-)Annual Audited financial statement, Interim/Final Evaluation Report should be submitted via separate and dedicated submission channels.

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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 Implementation of environmental and social safeguards and gender elements

Please provide information on the project or programme on the following: (1) key risks and impacts as identified; (2) compliance with applicable laws and regulations including FAA conditions and covenants; and (3) progress in the implementation of environmental and social management plans and programs including monitoring activities undertaken during the implementation of the funded activity.

4.1.1 The information includes description on 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 this reporting period, there were no changes to the E&S risk category for the project. In Antigua and Barbuda, the environmental risks noted during the implementation of Output 2 were (i) soil erosion near the project site during heavy rainfall and (ii) destruction to edges of property by backhoes during the expansion of the waterway. These incidents of damages were previously anticipated in the Funding Proposal, few in number, small scale and are being addressed by the project. There were no adverse environmental, social or gender impacts during the implementation of Output 3 and Output 4 in Antigua and Barbuda. In Dominica and Grenada, physical activities have not yet commenced for Output 2, Output 3 and Output 4.

4.1.2 The information should include 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:

Status of compliance with applicable laws and regulations and the conditions and covenants specifically addressing ESS & Gender under FAA

Compliance Type Condition
Compliance Title & Description 9.01(a)(v) Delivery to the Fund by the Accredited Entity of evidence of an approved technical manual and an environmental and social safeguards policy that establish the procedures and requirements related to environmental and social safeguards for projects/programmes.
Status of compliance The AE remains compliant with the conditions provided under FAA clauses 10.02 (c), and (d), and applicable laws and regulations on environment, land, labour, among others. The AE is undertaking all adequate measures to ensure that none of the persons or activities included in the excluded activity list (as contained in Schedule 9) is funded or otherwise receives, directly or indirectly, any GCF Proceeds. The AE also ensures the project activities, the final beneficiaries and /or TA beneficiaries, as applicable, for the implementation of the funded activity are selected in accordance with the eligibility criteria.

Compliance Type Condition
Compliance Title & Description 9.01(a)(vi) Delivery to the Fund by the Accredited Entity of evidence that the Accredited Entity has conducted consultations with all relevant stakeholders of the Funded Activity in each of the three (3) Host Countries, including with possible contractors, micro-lending institutions and beneficiaries.
Status of compliance Fulfilled

Compliance Type

Condition

Compliance Title & Description

10.02 (b), Covenant: Ensure that no GCF Proceeds are used to support or finance, directly or indirectly, any activities with potential environmental and social risks that are equivalent to Category A pursuant to the Environmental and Social Risks Categories to be conducted as part of the Project.

Status of compliance

Compliant

Compliance Type

Condition

Compliance Title & Description

10.02 (f), Covenant: Undertake and/or put in place any adequate 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 the recommendations, requirements and procedures set forth in the Environmental and Social Management Plan ("ESMP"), which was provided by the Accredited Entity to the Fund before the Approval Decision.

Status of compliance

Compliant

Compliance Type

Condition

Compliance Title & Description

10.02 (g), Covenant: Obtain, or ensure that the Executing Entity(ies) and/or Final Beneficiary(ies) shall obtain, all land and rights in respect of land that are required to carry out the Funded Activity, and that such land acquisition shall not result to involuntary resettlement (either economic or physical displacement, or both) and shall promptly furnish to the Fund, upon its request, evidence satisfactory to the Fund that such land and rights in respect of the land are available for the purposes of the Funded Activity.

Status of compliance

Compliant.

The approved ESIA/MP for construction under Output 2 stated that there will no displacement of persons/properties or land acquisitions. During this reporting period, there was no displacement or land acquisitions.

Activities in Grenada and Dominica have not yet started.

Compliance Type

Condition

Compliance Title & Description

10.02 (h), Covenant Prior to commencing any construction works or activities for the implementation of the Project, submit to the Fund a detailed ESMP related to the relevant construction works or activities to be executed, in a form and substance satisfactory to the Fund.

Status of compliance

Compliant.

- ESMP for construction projects under Output 2 in Antigua and Barbuda was completed and approved by the Fund on 8th December 2021.
- ESMP for construction projects under Output 2 in Dominica was completed and is pending approval from Physical Planning for submission to GCF. GAP to be developed.
- TORs for the ESIAMP were drafted and finalized for Grenada. Drafting of the ESIAMP and GAP for Output 2 projects began in November 2022 and will be completed in Q1 2023.

4.1.3 Provide a report on the progress made during the reporting period in implementing environmental and social management plans (ESMPs) and frameworks (ESMFs) describing achievements and specifying details outlined in the tables below.

Implementation of ESMPs and ESMFs

Activities implemented during the reporting period, including monitoring

Enhanced capacity for climate adaptation planning, implementation, and monitoring and evaluation via direct access.

Outputs during the reporting period

- An addition of six (6) grantees in Dominica under Output 3.
- An addition of four (4) grantees in Antigua and 4 grantees in Grenada.
- Under Component 4, thirty-six (36) loan applicants received in Grenada.
- Technical Assistance Agreement developed by AE for execution of Output 1 and provided to the EEs in 2021. The TAAs were signed in March 2022 and returned to the AE.
- Grenada communicated the selection of a DAE to the Adaptation Fund, but formal communication of the Cabinet Decision will be provided to the AE in Q1 2023.
- Gender sensitive communications plan developed for pilot countries.

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

EOIs highlighted the need for gender balance and the inclusion of persons with different abilities.

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

Re-engage sub-regional steering committee ensuring adequate gender balance.

Activities implemented during the reporting period, including monitoring

Governments implement concrete adaptation measures using ecosystem-based approaches where appropriate.

Outputs during the reporting period

- ESMP for public sector interventions in Antigua and Barbuda has been implemented for work completed in 2022 and will continue to be monitored. The ESIAMP and GAP has also been published on the DOE ATG's website.
- ESIAMP and GAP for Dominica and Grenada have been drafted. Reviews will be completed in Q1 2023 and submission to the GCF for approval.
- Consultants contracted to develop detailed designs of proposed adaptation interventions for Dominica and Grenada.
- Stakeholder consultations carried out in Antigua, Dominica and Grenada.

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

The ESIAMP highlighted eight (8) standards that would affect implementation (see Annex 2 submitted in Section 5: Annexes and Attachments). Mitigation measures were provided and adopted by the project team.

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

GCF attention is not required, however, the AE is working to build the capacity of EEs, as there is a need for further training in ESS & Gender. This will ensure country teams can conduct accurate reviews of documents submitted by consultants with an ESS & Gender component or deliverable.

Activities implemented during the reporting period, including monitoring

Community resilience to climate impacts is enhanced through tangible adaptation benefits.

Outputs during the reporting period

- Grants Manual for Antigua and Barbuda revised to include additional components.
- Addition of six (6) grantees in Dominica for Output 3.
- Call for Proposals published and received 7 applications for grants.
- Addition of four (4) grantees in Antigua and 4 grantees in Grenada.
- CBOs, NGOs received training in identifying and mitigating against ESS and gender risks.
- Implementation of adaptation interventions by all grant recipients in Antigua and projects are set to be completed by Q2 2023.

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

- Call for Proposals and application documentation included information on exclusion activities; and
- Selection criteria designed to flag ESS risks in project activities.

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

Additional CBOs and NGOs in pilot countries to receive training in identifying and mitigating against ESS risks prior to the development of project proposals.

Activities implemented during the reporting period, including monitoring

Privately owned physical assets of vulnerable populations are more resilient to climate variability and change through concessional microfinancing.

Outputs during the reporting period

- Call for Applications continue in Antigua and Barbuda. EDA SIRFF loan application process closed as of May 2022 and funds have been fully committed. As of the close of this activity, there have been 47 loans for climate adaptation.
- Implementation of climate proofing activities and loan repayments in Antigua.

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

Application and information documentation highlight exclusion; and loan approval criteria captured potential risks for applicants to address / resolve before funds are disbursed.

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

Public awareness activities and training for community members should be provided on loan opportunities and general criteria to be met. This capacity-building exercise will be in preparation for any loan offerings that may be provided in the future in any of the pilot countries.

Activities implemented during the reporting period, including monitoring

Project management

Outputs during the reporting period

Procurement of staff and equipment.

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

Ensure transparency of national decision-making processes, RFPs include clauses on non-discrimination, equal opportunities and inclusion of persons with different abilities.

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

The AE has noted that fewer applications are received from male applicants for technical project positions across all three implementing countries. This might be attributed (in part) to the notable decrease in number of males completing tertiary education in the region.

4.1.4 AEs are obligated to inform executing entities, people and project beneficiaries about the GCF's Independent redress Mechanism and the AE's own Grievance Redress Mechanism. This includes bringing the contact details, accessibility, and basic procedures of such mechanisms to the attention of executing entities, people and project beneficiaries. Please provide detailed information on the steps taken by the AE to fulfill this obligation during the reporting period in the project target area and to the public, including the dissemination of information through meetings, brochures, hotlines, and other means.

Please provide detailed information including dates and venues of activities, number of attendees, confirmation that information was provided on the 1) IRM and 2) AE's grievance redress mechanism 3] project-level grievance mechanism (where applicable).

Implementation of the grievance redress mechanism

Project executing entities and key stakeholders were informed of the GCF's policies relating to grievances and redress during project development and post approval.

The Complaints and grievance mechanism shared with participants of the 2022 Shelter Management and conducted an awareness raising activity on climate change adaptation and waterway management.

Presentations on the Mechanism also shared at the 2022 sub-regional meeting. The AE had anticipated conducting training workshops in 2022 to update the complaints/grievance mechanism process. In 2022, the AE appointed additional personnel to manage the complaints process.

The AE's GRM is hosted on the DOE ATG's website at <https://environment.gov.ag/contact> where there are direct links to three (3) Complaints Forms:

i.) External Complaints / Project Complaints at <https://app.smartsheet.com/b/form/cb1a124a74464029b91c9fbc05d024f2>

ii.) Whistleblower Complaints at <https://app.smartsheet.com/b/form/54c535bc963544ebb2ddaa2e1ce18958>

iii.) Environment Complaints (Biodiversity and Protected Areas Unit) at <https://app.smartsheet.com/b/form/0b30e9d9a985438f88d3595978ec5475>

Complaints could be submitted to the following persons at:

Department of Environment

#1 Victoria Park Botanical Gardens

Factory Road, St. John's, Antigua, W.I.

Tel: +1268 462 4625

OR

Emailed to antiguaenvironmentdivision@gmail.com or doe@ab.gov.ag

An instructional video on the use of AE's GRM can be found at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OTaAUiwPcA>

4.1.5 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.

The information in this subsection should be provided for all projects regardless of the E&S risk category for the project.

Implementation of the stakeholder engagement plan

Activities implemented during the reporting period

Climate change awareness survey and video produced on the economic impact of climate change on men and women in Antigua and Barbuda.

Dates and venues of engagement activities

29th April 2022

Information shared with stakeholders

Summaries from the National Gender Assessment Survey on the Economic Impact of Climate Change on Men and Women in Antigua and Barbuda, Antigua and Barbuda's Nationally Determined Contributions, and Antigua and Barbuda's Technology Needs Assessment Report III.

Outputs including issues addressed during the reporting period

Activities implemented during the reporting period

EDA Project interview during the WI REDI Campaign

Dates and venues of engagement activities

8th November 2022

Information shared with stakeholders

Overview on climate resilience-building efforts undertaken by the DOE ATG .

Outputs including issues addressed during the reporting period

Activities implemented during the reporting period Locally Led Adaptation video on the SIRFF.
Dates and venues of engagement activities 26th September 2022
Information shared with stakeholders The video highlights efforts to support locally led adaptation and build resilience through the SIRFF in Antigua and Barbuda.
Outputs including issues addressed during the reporting period

Activities implemented during the reporting period Video produced on Human Mobility in the context of climate change.
Dates and venues of engagement activities 30th June 2022
Information shared with stakeholders Consultation with residents and business owners in the Cashew Hill community to human mobility in the context of climate change and ways for sustainable management of this mobility.
Outputs including issues addressed during the reporting period

Activities implemented during the reporting period Media appearance on 'Antigua Barbuda Today', hosted on the Antigua and Barbuda Broadcasting Services to discuss the SIRF Fund Revolving Loan Programme.
Dates and venues of engagement activities 17th May 2022
Information shared with stakeholders Discussion on the SIRF Fund and the revolving loan facility, including information on the available funding amounts, eligibility criteria and the necessary information to include in each EOI.
Outputs including issues addressed during the reporting period

Activities implemented during the reporting period Radio appearance on Progressive FM to discuss the SIRF Fund Revolving Loan Programme.
Dates and venues of engagement activities 24th March 2022
Information shared with stakeholders Provided an overview of the SIRF Fund Revolving Loan Programme and the criteria for individuals in the community to apply, including low-income households.

Outputs including issues addressed during the reporting period**Activities implemented during the reporting period**

Shelter Management Training

Dates and venues of engagement activities

30th May – 3rd June 2022

Information shared with stakeholders

Provided Disaster Response and Shelter Management training to the shelter management teams from the grant-awarded organizations and other interested CSOs, an overview of the shelter registration process, sensitized teams to DOE ATG's policies as it relates to ESS & Gender, Complaints Mechanism, and the policies' relevance to shelter management.

Outputs including issues addressed during the reporting period**Activities implemented during the reporting period**

Seminar on climate change adaptation, waterway management, vector control and illegal dumping; and Mosquito trap distribution.

Dates and venues of engagement activities

11th – 14th October 2022

Information shared with stakeholders

Executed a public awareness seminar for community members to understand climate change adaptation, waterway management, vector control mechanisms, ESS & Gender, and risks of illegal dumping including information on Acts and associated penalties for illegal dumping.

Outputs including issues addressed during the reporting period**Activities implemented during the reporting period**

Monthly PMC Meetings in Antigua and Barbuda.

Dates and venues of engagement activities

Last Wednesday of every month

Information shared with stakeholders

Provided updates on EDA activities, implementation delays, proposed actions and planned activities, made requests for PMC decisions for annual project plans, external and internal contracts for consultants and project staff, for staff missions overseas and other project-related actions.

Outputs including issues addressed during the reporting period

The PMC meets monthly. The EDA team does not present monthly, but is mindful of the PMC meeting dates and will continue to provide detailed updates to the PMC on the progress of implementation and to seek approval for project plans, contracts and other activities as necessary.

Activities implemented during the reporting period

National Climate Change Committee (NCCC) Meetings in Dominica.

Dates and venues of engagement activities

23rd February 2022

9th August 2022

Information shared with stakeholders

- Provided updates on EDA activities, implementation delays, proposed actions and planned activities for the next month.
- Reviewed the institutional arrangements for the execution of sub-activities.

Outputs including issues addressed during the reporting period

EDA Team will continue to follow-up with service providers for sub-projects to provide detailed updates to the NCCC on the progress of implementation.

Activities implemented during the reporting period

National Climate Change Committee (NCCC) Meetings in Grenada

Dates and venues of engagement activities

17th February 2022

31st March 2022

25th August 2022

Information shared with stakeholders

Provided updates on EDA activities, implementation delays, proposed actions and planned activities for the next month.

Outputs including issues addressed during the reporting period

EDA Team will continue to follow-up with service providers for sub-projects to provide detailed updates to the NCCC on the progress of implementation.

Activities implemented during the reporting period

DOE ATG project team conducted media in the Cashew Hill community following the launch of Output 2 works.

Dates and venues of engagement activities

April 2022

Information shared with stakeholders

Conducted media runs to alert the community about the project, potential hazards arising from the project and the numerous safety features (signs, cones, caution tape etc) deployed by the team following the launch of works for Output 2.

Outputs including issues addressed during the reporting period

Pedestrians bypassed the safety cones and hazard signs for nearer access to preferred roads and mini marts in the community. Due to this, the project team conducted door to door consultations with residents living close to the waterway to encourage the residents to comply with the safety measures.

Next Steps:

Door to door engagement with stakeholders.

Activities implemented during the reporting period

DOE ATG implemented a community social-engagement campaign.

Dates and venues of engagement activities

May 2022

Information shared with stakeholders

Print and social media, and door-to-door visits to residents to raise awareness, address concerns and assess potential impact of an open-bridge design on lives and livelihood of residents in Cashew Hill.

Outputs including issues addressed during the reporting period

Further engagement with the community and vulnerable groups to ensure capacity-building in areas of entrepreneurship, construction, climate change adaptation and resilience services.

Activities implemented during the reporting period

Launch Ceremony of adaptation interventions under Output 2 in Antigua and Barbuda.

Dates and venues of engagement activities

April 2022

Information shared with stakeholders

The launch ceremony was hosted in Cashew Hill in an open area to ensure public access to the ceremony. Community was provided with an overview of the project, specifically on the importance and benefits of the project for the community, Details on traffic safety for pedestrians and motorists were also provided, and on the land laws of Antigua to alleviate any fears relating to loss of land rights.

Outputs including issues addressed during the reporting period

Host additional public forums with the community to increase public awareness.

Activities implemented during the reporting period

Launch of Output 4 in Grenada

Dates and venues of engagement activities

31st March 2022 – Launch ceremony

PR campaign – June 2022

CFPs published – 6th July 2022

Information shared with stakeholders

- PR campaign for Revolving loan programme in Grenada utilizing flyers and Facebook pages.
- Grenada Development Bank stakeholder consultations.

Outputs including issues addressed during the reporting period

Host additional public forums with the community to increase public awareness.

Activities implemented during the reporting period

Launch of Output 3 in Dominica.

Dates and venues of engagement activities

29th December 2021

PR for CFP – January – February 2022

Information shared with stakeholders

GEP SGP stakeholder consultations via social media and MoE's Weekly Radio Programme to inform listeners and community organisations of the project, its criteria and objectives.

Outputs including issues addressed during the reporting period

Host additional public forums with the community to increase public awareness.

Activities implemented during the reporting period

Grant Proposal Writing training in Grenada

Dates and venues of engagement activities

9th – 10th June 2022

Information shared with stakeholders

Training was offered to CSOs that submitted concept notes to the RDU, following the CFP published by the EDA team. This training included criteria for ESS & Gender considerations for sub-projects.

Outputs including issues addressed during the reporting period**Activities implemented during the reporting period**

Sensitization sessions in Carriacou and Grenada.

Dates and venues of engagement activities

6th July 2022

20th – 22nd July 2022

Information shared with stakeholders

Sensitization meeting held with officials of the Ministry of Carriacou and Petite Martinique. Information on the revolving loans and the criteria for eligibility were provided via social media and other media weekly.

Outputs including issues addressed during the reporting period

The primary challenge was experienced with converting interests into application submissions. Delays are faced by property owners obtaining estimates/quotations from contractors.

NEXT STEPS:

Continue publicizing the loans programme via the media and sensitization sessions to provide guidance for the steps in the process.

Activities implemented during the reporting period

Public forum in Grenada

Dates and venues of engagement activities

29th August 2022

20th October 2022

Information shared with stakeholders

Outputs including issues addressed during the reporting period

The primary challenge was experienced with converting interests into application submissions. Delays are faced by property owners obtaining estimates/quotations from contractors

NEXT STEPS:

Continue publicizing the loans programme via the media and sensitization sessions to provide guidance for the steps in the process.

4.1.6 Implementation of the grievance redress mechanism - list on the grievances received in the reporting period with the description of the grievance, the date the grievance was received, and the resolution of the grievance.

Description of issues/complaints received during the reporting period	Date of receipt
<p>Verbal complaint received regarding damage inflicted to a septic tank on one of the properties along the waterway. Damage claimed to have been caused by the heavy duty equipment belonging the EDA project.</p> <p>Please specify to which grievance mechanism the complaint was filed (AE grievance mechanism or project-level grievance mechanism, if known, please explain relationship of the complainant to the project (for example: community member, contractor, business-owner, etc.)</p>	<p>2022-09-20</p> <p>Please provide information on any monitoring and follow-up activities.</p>
<p>Description of resolution</p> <p>DOE ATG determined that the damages had in fact occurred but noted that the septic tank which was damaged was not built to code.</p> <p>DOE ATG provided the property owner with an offer to reconstruct the structure to code, through the use of an EDA contractor. However, the owner refused the offer. In lieu of the EDA contractor, the property owner suggested the use of a relative to conduct the rebuild. DOE ATG deemed this as a conflict of interest, particularly as the structure was not to code. The property owner reaffirmed the rejection of the original offer.</p> <p>All documents were submitted to DOE ATG's legal advisor to address any potential legal action.</p>	<p>Status of addressing issues/complaints</p> <p>At this time, this complaint remains open. The DOE remains willing to ensure the septic tank is reconstructed to code once approval is received from the property owner.</p> <p>Based on GRM's own policies, provide information related to phase of complaint (for example: including but not limited to Open, Open: Under investigation, Open: Problem Solving/Compliance Review, Closed)</p>
<p>If you wish to share more details on the nature of grievances reported above, please download the Grievance Tracker template below and submit it as an attachment here.</p> <p>In case you want to keep the file confidential, please choose your preference accordingly in Section 1.1.</p> <p>Please click the link below to download the grievance tracker template for Section 4.1.6.</p> <p>Grievance tracker template</p>	

4.2 Gender Action Plan

Activities under Output 2 of the EDA Project in Dominica and Grenada have not started. However, during this reporting period, in Antigua and Barbuda, public consultations were held for Cashew Hill community members concerning the waterway expansion. Notification letters were provided to residents, and door-to-door consultations were conducted with individual households prior to the commencement of waterway upgrades. The launch ceremony for the waterway upgrades was also held in an open area in the Cashew Hill community to improve public awareness of residents on the interventions and provide a refresher on the project facts. During the waterway upgrades, consultations were held at the community churches to educate the public on climate change adaptation, vector control, risks of illegal dumping, and waterway management, as well as to distribute mosquito traps as a vector control measure. The distribution of the mosquito traps was also done through door-to-door consultations in collaboration with the Antigua Barbuda Defense Force. Mosquito traps were also shipped to the EDA project teams in Dominica and Grenada for at-home use. Additionally, the DOE ATG's annual Arbour Day activities included public awareness talks with community members about the project.

Under Output 3, a proposal writing clinic was held in Dominica in collaboration with the GEF-SGP and 8 women were trained in completing project proposals. In Antigua, a shelter management workshop was held at one of the community churches with 19 persons trained, 42% women.

Under output 4, in Grenada, weekly community outreach activities were conducted via radio and community walkabouts. In Antigua and Barbuda, media campaigns were also conducted via the DOE ATG website, media interviews with the SIRFF, stakeholder consultations at the DOE ATG, and community walkabouts. Activities in Dominica have not yet started.

There were over ten (10) community consultations conducted within the reporting period between the EDA countries. Each consultation saw at least 50% participation of women.

In Grenada and Antigua, the number of contracts awarded to females at the time of reporting is one (1) contract per country.

All National Steering Committees in each EDA country also have over 50% female representation. Antigua and Barbuda (5 females, 1 male) Dominica (6 females, 4 males), Grenada (6 females, 3 males)

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.

4.2.1 Progress on implementing the project-level gender action plan submitted with the funding proposal

Activity / Action

Train women and vulnerable groups to identify, prioritize, implement, monitor and evaluate adaptation strategies and measures

Indicator

% of females trained

Effective participation in pilot climate change scenarios

Participants complete questionnaires before and after training to evaluate learning

Baseline

0%

Target, including sex-disaggregation

100 people trained

(50% female)

Budget

30.000

Currency

USD

Report on annual progress

Antigua and Barbuda:

During this reporting period, women accounted for 65.5% of the participants in trainings.

During this period the Department of Environment (DOE), along with volunteers from the Defence Force, distributed over 2,000 mosquito traps in vulnerable communities in the project area. Other stakeholders that received mosquito traps included the Ministry of Education and preschools in Antigua and Barbuda, the Sir Lester Bird Medical Center, The Government House (Governor General's residence), His Majesty's Prison, the Victory Center, The Adele School for Special Needs, the Social Protection Board, the Parliament of Antigua and Barbuda (Upper and Lower Houses), the National Parks Authority, the Sir Vivian Richards Stadium, the University of the West Indies Five Islands, the Antigua and Barbuda Association of Persons with Disabilities, the Defence Force, the Treasury Department, the Antigua Barbuda Institute for Continuing Education (ABICE), and media houses in Antigua and Barbuda. In total, over 5000 mosquito traps have been distributed to introduce a new approach to vector control in the community and to awareness to 30% of the community on the dangers of dumping into the waterway, which can cause flooding and vector population increase. The project held a two-day training session alongside the mosquito trap distribution, and this training was geared at identifying, prioritizing, implementing and monitoring and evaluating adaptation strategies and measures. The training covered areas of waterway management, vector control, climate change adaptation and presentations were made by representatives from Central Board of Health, Solid Waste Management Authority, the Forestry Division, the National Office of Disaster Services and the Department of Environment. The training included vulnerable groups, including community-based organizations (CBO) and the wider community. A five-day shelter management training was also held with grant recipients and their shelter management teams. Project facts were also shared with members of the community at the DOE ATG's Arbour Day as a part of awareness-raising.

Training will continue in 2023 to ensure equal participation of women and other vulnerable groups.

Dominica:

A proposal writing clinic was held in collaboration with the GEF-SGP and 8 women were trained in completing project proposals.

Grenada:

No recorded training sessions during the reporting period.

Activity / Action

Inform and train women, PWDs, indigenous people, other vulnerable groups how to access and utilize the complaints mechanism and empower them as "allies" within their communities to share this knowledge with others who are likely to benefit

Indicator

Number of complaints received through the complaints mechanism

Number of 'ally' interventions or awareness sessions conducted by women

Social media campaign made by women for women

Baseline

0%

Target, including sex-disaggregation

90% resolved

Budget

20.000

Currency

USD

Report on annual progress

One (1) grievance received from one homeowner and a business in regards to the waterway widening activities.

0 'ally' interventions or awareness sessions conducted by women.

As of 2022, no complaints were received through the complaints mechanism. Following up on training conducted in 2020. The AE will conduct training workshops in 2023 on the complaints/grievance mechanism due to delays in completing formal training workshops in 2022.

While Grenada approved the use of the AE's complaints/grievance mechanism, the AE awaits progress on a complaints/grievance system for Dominica.

Training videos on the use of the DOE's Complaints Mechanism will be provided to Dominica and Grenada before their loan disbursements.

Activity / Action

Nominate 1 woman and 1 Person With Disability (PWD) / vulnerable group from an NGO/CSO to the Steering Committee (oversight function)

Indicator

At least one member of the Steering Committee represents the interests of vulnerable groups

Steering Committee is gender balanced

Baseline

0

Target, including sex-disaggregation

3

Budget**Currency**

Please select

Report on annual progress

There have been no further updates on the inclusion of vulnerable groups in oversight committees in Grenada and Dominica, however both men and women are representatives on oversight and steering committees.

Activity / Action

All Environmental Impact Assessments ("EIAs") to include gender and social inclusion assessments and action plans

Indicator

% EIAs that include gender and social inclusion assessments and action plans

Baseline

0%

Target, including sex-disaggregation

100%

Budget

300.000

Currency

USD

Report on annual progress

ESIAMP and GAPs drafted for Dominica and Grenada. The DOE ATG conducted a review of the draft ESIAMP and GAP for Dominica and requested for the GAP to be revised, as there was little to no mention of a gender action plan in the submitted documents. The GAP is being drafted and will be submitted to the MOE DOM and line ministries for review and approval, and the DOE ATG review and submission to the GCF for approval in Q1 2023. The ESIAMP and GAP for Grenada is in draft and will be submitted by the consultant for review by the MOE GRD in Q1 2023. Reports will not be approved, nor will project activities commence without these aspects being completed and found to be satisfactory.

Activity / Action	
Provide entrepreneurship training for women, PWDs, and other vulnerable groups in services related to the delivery of climate change information, adaptation and resilience services, e.g. EIAs, construction, project management, procurement, M&E, etc.	
Indicator	
Number of women, PWDs, other vulnerable groups enrolled in continuous training in entrepreneurship as it relates to climate change adaptation and resilience services.	
Partnership with entrepreneurship agency and/or universities to facilitate training.	
Development and submission of business plans and assignment of mentors.	
Baseline	Target, including sex-disaggregation
TBD	20% Staff and owners of the businesses in the project area received training with 50% of trainees to be females.
Budget	Currency
50.000	USD

Report on annual progress

0 women, PWDs, other vulnerable groups enrolled in continuous training in entrepreneurship as it relates to climate change adaptation and resilience services

EDA project staff in the pilot countries engaged in virtual capacity building trainings, however, community targets for capacity building activities that are gender inclusive to be finalized by individual countries. In Antigua, on the job training was available to administrative staff of contracting services under Output 2 as the contractors were required to manage their sub-project by providing the DOE ATG with progress reports, submissions of disbursement requests, monitoring of activities completed by workmen and other related duties. Shelter management training conducted under Output 3, which included presentations on ESS and Gender, was also provided to shelter management teams, comprising of both women and men. The DOE ATG has also encouraged community members to become entrepreneurs through the purchasing of electric landscaping equipment. Requests for interested persons were published on social media and the DOE ATG website.

Activity / Action	
Sustainable procurement of goods and services to include a fixed percentage of women and PWDs in tenders to ensure that they benefit from economic opportunities created through the construction and agricultural sectors.	
Indicator	
Number of contracts awarded to women/ PWDs	
Clear percentage of women and PWDs indicated in procurement process	
Baseline	Target, including sex-disaggregation
TBD	1
Budget	Currency
30.000	USD

Report on annual progress

During the reporting period, the DOE continued to carry out supervision of PSIP Project for the oversight of construction under the project in Antigua. This team is women led. The Department is also continuing to ensure the equal contracting opportunities for women under the project in Antigua and Barbuda. The independent contractor for Output 2 is a co-owned business, owned by a male and female.

Grenada:

Part of the PSIP project has been contracted to Diane Roberts of Roberts Caribbean Ltd.

Contracts for PSIP projects in Dominica have been awarded to line ministries comprising of both men and women on staff.

Activity / Action

Nominate 1 woman and 1 PWD from a CSO/NGO to represent these key issues on the decision-making body for the public sector / on-granting committee/loans board

Indicator

of women from CSO/NGO to represent in the decision-making body for the public sector

Baseline

0

Target, including sex-disaggregation

3

Budget**Currency**

Please select

Report on annual progress

All National Steering Committees have over 50% female representation on the committees.

While there are no CSOs or NGOs on the Steering Committees, in Antigua, its Technical Advisory Committee (provides technical advice to the PMC) and includes CSO/NGO representation which contribute to the prioritisation of gender in project decision-making. The project will be making greater efforts to ensure the prioritisation of gender and the representation of vulnerable groups.

Activity / Action

Train women, persons with disabilities and other vulnerable groups to ensure that community assets are more resilient to climate variability and change

Indicator

Number of women, PWDs, CSOs and NGOs trained (%) in protecting public infrastructure assets, including community shelters

Participation in resilience scenarios to protect public infrastructure assets

Phased pitch competition for women and PWD- led CSOs/ NGOs to bolster community shelters against climate change

Award of grants in three phases, with relevant monitoring and evaluation, for the top sixty (60) proposals

Time from receipt of proposal to approval to first grant disbursement

A media team films the process of bolstering public infrastructure assets and includes interviews with women and PWDs

Baseline

TBD

Target, including sex-disaggregation**Budget**

30.000

Currency

USD

Report on annual progress

Antigua and Barbuda:

Total of 22 persons were trained in shelter management which had 45% female representation and included representatives from vulnerable groups including persons with disabilities

Total of 269 persons participated in the public awareness session, with women accounting for 64% of the participants.

The Communication Strategy was finalized. Training activities commenced during previous reporting periods and will continue until project completion. During the reporting period, the team in Antigua engaged stakeholders in shelter management training for grant recipients and their shelter management teams. A 2-day public awareness session was also held for grant recipients and the wider community to learn about waterway management, ESS & Gender, vector control, climate change adaptation, and the risks of illegal dumping.

Implementation of this activity is expected to advance in 2023 for Dominica and Grenada.

Activity / Action	
Launch media campaign to advertise this training and EDA Revolving Fund opportunities available	
Indicator	
Number of applicants received	
Media outreach (print, social media and television)	
400 micro-finance loans awarded with relevant monitoring, evaluation and learning systems in place	
Time from receipt of application to approval to first loan disbursement	
Approval of loans in four phases, with relevant monitoring and evaluation, for the four hundred (400) proposals	
Baseline	Target, including sex-disaggregation
0	400 175
Budget	Currency
70.000	USD

Report on annual progress

*Budget reflects per pilot country.

170 loan applications received in Grenada during 2022. No new applications submitted in Antigua for 2022. Dominica RLP has not started.

Media campaign for revolving loan programme in Antigua Barbuda, particularly for the Cashew Hill Community has been ongoing since September 2020 to inform homeowners and businesses on the programme. The project began receiving applications in 2021 and this continued in 2022. Media campaign was conducted utilizing the DOE ATG website, media interviews with the EDA team, stakeholder consultations at the DOE and handing out flyers in the targeted community.

Grenada:
Weekly outreach via radio and community walkabouts are conducted.

Project activities in Dominica are delayed.

4.3 Planned activities on environmental and social safeguards for the next reporting period

- Provide further training for project team and stakeholders in Dominica, Grenada and at the OECS Commission on the use of the AE's Complaints and Redress Mechanism – which will serve the sub-regional project. Grenada's PMC has approved the use of the AE's mechanism; the AE awaits approval from Dominica. The DOE ATG has provided an instructional video and links for submitting project related, whistleblower and environmental complaints.
- Conduct a capacity assessment and develop and deliver capacity building training activities for MOE DOM and MOE GRD, as a part of the Technical Assistance provided by the DOE ATG under Outputs 1.1 and 1.3. Training will target all existing oversight and decision-making committees.
- Conduct capacity building training - for public sector agencies, civil society and community-based organizations and private citizens in the implementing countries - on AE's code of conduct, policy against sexual misconduct, conflict of interest and fair access to information.
- Independent ESIA's for all Output 2 projects in Dominica and Grenada, and individual ESMPs for each construction project in Dominica and Grenada will be completed in Q1 2023.
- Provide quarterly updates to the EDA risk register.

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.

4.4 Planned activities on gender elements for the next reporting period

In Dominica and Grenada, activities under output 2 and 3 have not yet started. Activities under output 4 in Dominica have not started. Due to this, planned activities on gender which were scheduled for previous periods will be executed in year 5 of the project. This includes the following:

- Train women and vulnerable groups to identify, prioritize, implement, monitor and evaluate adaptation strategies and measures under output 2, 3 and 4
- Inform and train women, PWDs, indigenous people, other vulnerable groups how to access and utilize the complaints mechanism and empower them as "allies" within their communities to share this knowledge with others who are likely to benefit
- All Environmental Impact Assessments ("EIAs") currently being drafted by consultants in Dominica and Grenada will include gender and social inclusion assessments and action plans.
- Sustainable procurement of goods and services utilizing OECS' sustainable procurement policy guidelines, once adopted by the EDA countries' governments, to include a fixed percentage of women and PWDs in tenders to ensure that they benefit from economic opportunities created through the construction and agricultural sectors
- Media campaign to advertise training and EDA Revolving Fund opportunities available

In Antigua and Barbuda, Dominica and Grenada, the following activities are planned Gender Action Plan (GAP) activities for the project:

- Nominate 1 woman and 1 PWD/vulnerable group from an NGO/CSO to the Steering Committee (oversight function) under Outputs 3 and 4
- Sustainable procurement of goods and services to include a fixed percentage of women and PWDs in tenders to ensure that they benefit from economic opportunities created through the construction and agricultural sectors under Outputs 2 and 3
- Revise the Stakeholder Engagement Strategy and work plan for the project.
- Develop training materials and initiate formal training of trainers and certification that target women, persons with disabilities, indigenous peoples and socially vulnerable groups, to aid them in identifying, prioritizing, implementing, monitoring and evaluating adaptation measures. This will be conducted under Output 3.
- Provide entrepreneurship training for women, persons with disabilities, indigenous peoples and socially vulnerable groups in services related to the delivery of climate change information and adaptation services under Output 2. This training will prepare them to participate in Environmental and Social Impact Assessments (ESIAs), construction, project management and monitoring and evaluation.
- Report on the incremental progress made in Antigua and Barbuda's gender action plan for Output 2.

- The Country M&E Manuals and training activities have been developed to include gender-sensitive monitoring. These will be followed in Q1 – Q4 2023 during the implementation of adaptation interventions in the pilot countries. Additionally, the ESS and GAP-related commitments were integrated into the M&E Matrix and will continue to support regular tracking, monitoring and reporting on project progress.

- Social and gender-sensitivity training with contractors of the EDA Project Output will be carried out as an activity of the project's GAP.

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 include the monitoring schedule concerning gender activities for the next annual 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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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.

Annex 1: Accredited Entity compliance reports

Self-assessment reports, Report on Actions pursuant to Clause 18.02, if applicable. Self-assessment reports: In accordance with the AMA requirement in Clause 13.01 of the Accreditation Master Agreement, with the Fiduciary Principles and Standards, ESS and Gender Policy. Report on Actions pursuant to Clause 18.02: Only applicable to International Accredited Entities. In accordance with the Monitoring and Accountability Framework, a report on its actions carried out or planned to be carried out pursuant to Clause 18.02 of the Accreditation Master Agreement.

Please provide comments on the annexes attached above if any.

Procurement information (on a voluntary basis)

Please download the procurement information template available in Excel below.

[Procurement information template](#)

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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.

Attachments

Please submit any attachments (if any).

[FP061 EDA SIRFF Loans Monitoring Master Sheet.xlsx](#)

[FP061_EDA Project_Implementation Plan 2023.pdf](#)

[GCF FP061 - Annual Progress Report 4 - Supporting Documents Map.pdf](#)

[#SIRFF B.04_10_DEC-03-GCF EDA Term Sheet_ Revolving Fund Programme for Antigua and Barbuda Under Output 4 of the GCF EDA Project.PDF](#)

[FP061_Gender Action Plan+Monitoring Schedule_2023.pdf](#)

FP061 EDA SIRFF Grants Monitoring MasterSheet.xlsx

Administrative Check Report - TEC Evaluation of Summary Grant Proposals for FP061 Output 3 in Antigua - External.pdf

Administrative Check Report - Output 3 Summary Proposals for FP061 in Antigua - Internal.PDF

PMC Resolution #6-10-2021 - Permission to provisionally approve four grant applications for the Adaptation to Community Buildings under the GCF EDA Project FP061.PDF

Administrative Check Report - Internal Evaluation - Full Grant Proposals for FP061 in Antigua.pdf

FP061 ESMP Monitoring Report for 2022 - Antigua.pdf

ESS and Gender Report for GCF EDA Component 2 ESIAMP and GAP for 2022.xlsx

ProjectManagemenCommitteeResolution to approve grant applications under the GCF EDA Project FP061 - Dominica.pdf

FP061 - REPORT by GEFSGP NSC Approval of Grantee Projects in Dominica - July 21 2022.pdf

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.