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## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This readiness proposal titled “Building capacity to advance National Adaptation Plan Process in Mauritania” was approved by Green Climate Fund (GCF) on 17 July 2018 (Grant effectiveness date) for a period of 36 months, with a budget of USD 2,670,374. The first advance disbursement of USD 742,163 was requested on 24 July 2018 and received by UNEP on 31 August 2018. The second disbursement of USD 557,827 was requested on 10 September 2020 and received on 25 September 2020, and the third disbursement of USD 894,756 was requested on 31 August 2021 and received on 17 June 2022. The inception workshop was held on 24 and 25 April 2019, in Nouakchott, Mauritania. The Project Management Unit (PMU) staff comprising a NAP Technical Coordinator, an Accountant and an Administrative Assistant were recruited and commenced in late July 2019.

In recognition of the potential impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the implementation of activities, the GCF granted a 6-month no cost extension (as per DCP/2020/172.23); therefore, the project’s new completion date was 15 January 2022. As a result of a number of challenges faced in the implementation of a project (outlined below and in Section 6), a request for an additional no-cost extension of 18 months was submitted for GCF approval on 16 November 2021. A revised request for a no-cost extension of 30 months was submitted for GCF approval on 31 May 2022. The increased length of the extension requested was as a result of the halt of project activities due to grant expiry (15 January 2022), and to allocate time for the Terminal Evaluation and related learning activities. This Request for Change was approved by the GCF on 14 June 2022, and the new project completion date is therefore 14 July 2024.

Project cumulative expenditure as at 30 June 2022 is USD 2,206,818.92. There were no actual expenditures recorded in the UNEP accounting system (UMOJA) during the current reporting period due to the expiry of the grant on 15 January 2022.

The project is implemented by Ministry of Environment and Sustainable Development (MEDD), Mauritania. A Project Cooperation Agreement (PCA) for the amount of USD 2,115,850 was signed between UNEP and MEDD on 19 December 2018. The use of MEDD as the implementing partner is covered by the one-off waiver issued by GCF secretariat on 20 April 2022 for the use of unapproved implementing partners.

### Main achievements in the reporting period:

Due to grant expiry and related challenges outlined below, implementation progress during the reporting period from January to June 2022 was limited. The key achievements in this period included:

#### Outcome 1

- A [third draft](#) of the report on Stakeholder Mapping and Engagement Strategy (activity 1.1.2), NAP Roadmap and Communications Strategy (activity 1.1.3) and Institutional Gap Analysis and Capacity Assessment (2.1.2) was developed.
- A [workshop plan and participants](#) were identified for the training of government institutions (activity 1.2.2).
- The [final](#) national plan for climate risk prevention (activity 1.3.4) (with [annexes](#)) was presented in a validation workshop held on 30 June 2022 (see [video](#) of the workshop).
- The selection process for the [Communications Expert Team](#) (activities 1.4.1-1.4.3) was relaunched, following the rejection of the previous recruitment process by the previous Environment Minister.
- [Second draft](#) of the guideline document on integrating adaptation in sectors, national and sub-national levels (activity 1.4.4) was produced, and is currently under review.

#### Outcome 2

- The equipment and software for the operation of the climate information database (activity 2.1.3) (e.g. server) were procured.
- Staff and consultants from National Meteorological Office (ONM) and MEDD participated at a [training workshop](#) at the AGRHYMET Regional Center in Niger, focusing on development of climate scenarios and identification of priority



adaptation options for integration in sectoral strategies. This will build the consultants' capacity to deliver training in Mauritania (activity 2.1.5).

- [First draft](#) of the strategy for the operation and maintenance of the climate information management system (activity 2.1.6) was developed.
- The relaunched recruitment of a [National Consultant \(Cost-Benefit Analysis and Prioritization Criteria\)](#) was advanced, and is expected to be completed by August 2022.
- The procurement process for an [International Economic Analysis and Funding Strategy Consultant Team](#) was completed, with contract to be issued in August 2022 (following GCF approval of no-cost extension and budget revision).

### Outcome 3

- Selection process for a [National Consultant \(Adaptation Funding Strategy\)](#) was re-launched, following UNEP observations on deficiencies in the evaluation process.
- Selection process for a [National Consultant \(Training in implementation of Adaptation Funding Strategy\)](#) was launched.
- The procurement process for an [International Economic Analysis and Funding Strategy Consultant Team](#) was completed, with contract to be issued in August 2022 (following GCF approval of no-cost extension and budget revision).
- The procurement process for an International Project Development Consultant Team to support the development of two GCF Concept Notes (activity 3.2.5) was completed.
- [Revised first draft](#) of the report on previous and ongoing adaptation projects to be included in the long-term research programme (activity 3.3.2) was developed, and is currently under review.
- [Prototype](#) of the information sharing and knowledge platform (activity 3.3.6) was developed.

### Outcome 4

- The selection process for the [Communications Expert Team](#) (activity 4.2.3) was relaunched, following the rejection of the previous recruitment process by the previous Environment Minister.
- A [video](#) was produced (activity 4.3.4) of the validation workshop for the national plan for climate risk prevention held under activity 1.3.4.

### Planned activities for next reporting period (July to December 2022):

The indicative procurement budget for the next implementation period (July to December 2022) is **USD 1,112,500**, as outlined in Section 5. The activities planned for the **next reporting period** include:

#### Outcome 1

Activity 1.1.2: Complete the stakeholder mapping and engagement strategy, and organize a validation workshop (jointly for deliverables 1.1.2, 1.1.3 and 1.2.1).

Activity 1.1.3: Complete the development of a NAP Roadmap and Communication Strategy, and organize a validation workshop.

Activity 1.2.1: Complete institutional gap analysis and capacity assessment, and organize a validation workshop.

Activity 1.2.2: Organize one national and three regional training workshops to build capacity of policymakers, decision-makers and technical staff.

Activity 1.2.3: Organize three regional awareness-raising workshops to build capacity of vulnerable groups (including women, youth and others), each grouping 4-5 *wilayas*.

Activity 1.3.2: Complete the synthesis report for the identification and assessment of barriers to adaptation strategies, policies, plans and project implementation, and recommendations for addressing these, and organize a validation workshop (jointly for deliverables 1.3.1 and 1.3.2).

Activity 1.3.3: Develop a draft strategy for the periodic review of sectoral and cross-sectoral policies, strategies and plans.

Activity 1.4.1: Develop awareness-raising, communication and training materials targeting the private sector.

Activity 1.4.2: Develop awareness-raising, communication and training materials targeting the education system.

Activity 1.4.3: Develop awareness-raising, communication and training materials targeting local authorities, CSOs and local communities.

Activity 1.4.4: Further develop and finalize guidelines for integrating adaptation priorities into local development planning.

#### Outcome 2

Activity 2.1.1: Complete the gap analysis and needs assessment for a fully operational and sustainable climate information system in Mauritania, and organize a validation workshop (jointly for deliverables 2.1.1, 2.1.2 and 2.1.6).

- Activity 2.1.2: Complete the design an enhanced climate change knowledge and information management system to ensure information reaches the end users, and organize a validation workshop.
- Activity 2.1.3: Develop a database to compile and centralize climate change information to inform the NAP process.
- Activity 2.1.5: Plan and organize a training workshop for the National Meteorological Office, MEDD and other relevant institutions in Mauritania, focusing on climate and impact scenarios, and the identification of priority adaptation options for integration in sectoral strategies.
- Activity 2.1.6: Finalize the strategy for the operation and maintenance of the climate information management system, and organize a validation workshop.
- Activity 2.2.1: Develop / adapt a cost-benefit analysis system, and initiate the cost-benefit analysis of adaptation options (following completion of recruitment of national and international consultants).
- Activity 2.2.2: Initiate the definition of national criteria for prioritizing adaptation options (following completion of recruitment of national and international consultants).
- Activity 2.3.1: Finalize the stocktaking exercise to identify gaps in information available on climate projections and climate vulnerability analyses.
- Activity 2.3.2: Initiate the development of the climate projections and climate risk assessment.

### Outcome 3

- Activity 3.1.1: Initiate the assessment of the costs of integrating climate change adaptation into the policy and planning processes, as part of the cost-benefit analysis of adaptation options (activity 2.2.1).
- Activity 3.2.1: Identify financial sources to support NAP implementation.
- Activity 3.2.2: Initiate the development of an Adaptation Funding Strategy to support NAP implementation.
- Activity 3.2.5: Initiate the development of two GCF Concept Notes and develop a zero draft for the first Concept Note.
- Activity 3.3.1: Undertake initial meetings and discussions to scope the development of the long-term research and study programme (following the recruitment of an International Consultant).
- Activity 3.3.2: Complete the identification of previous and ongoing climate change adaptation projects in Mauritania to be included in the long-term research and study programme.
- Activity 3.3.3: Establish a Steering Committee to guide and oversee the long-term research and programme (activity 3.3.1) and operation of the information and knowledge sharing platform (activity 3.3.6).
- Activity 3.3.6: Complete an operational Information-sharing and Knowledge Platform.

### Outcome 4

- Activity 4.1.1: Initiate the final revision of the monitoring and reviewing system for the NAP process in Mauritania (following the recruitment of an International Consultant).
- Activity 4.2.1: Initiate the final revision of the monitoring and reviewing guidelines and training materials (following the recruitment of an International Consultant).
- Activity 4.3.3: Initiate the development of a system for the documentation and analysis of the NAP process (following the recruitment of an International Consultant).
- Activity 4.3.4: Continue the development of video clips and a documentary on the NAP process in Mauritania.

### Challenges and lessons learnt:

In the current reporting period, the main challenge faced was the expiry of the project grant on 15 January 2022. The GCF approval of the Request for Change (no-cost extension and budget revision) was received on 14 June 2022. As such, for almost the entire duration reporting period, only a limited number of activities could be implemented. In particular, many activities were on hold pending the recruitment of international consultants, which had been identified as crucially important for supporting the successful implementation or finalization of many project deliverables. With the no-cost extension now granted and budget revision approved, the recruitment of the international consultants is now underway, and will be completed in most cases by August 2022.

To compensate for the halt in many project activities from 15 January 2022, the length of the no-cost extension was extended from 18 to 30 months. This also includes 6-month period that was included for undertaking the Terminal Evaluation of the project, and for organizing associated learning activities.

Furthermore, the approved budget revision will be very helpful in addressing a number of challenges faced in project implementation, in particular the limited capacity of national consultants which has resulted in delays, as significant support and multiple reiterations of deliverables have been necessary. The budget reallocation includes additional international



consultant support to Outputs 1.1-1.3, and significantly augments the budget for the procurement of adequate international consultancy firm support for climate modelling and risk assessment (Output 2.3), as well as economic analysis (Output 2.2 and 3.1) and funding strategy development (Output 3.2).

Following the resolution of various procurement challenges and delays in previous reporting periods, additional procurement-related set-backs were faced in the current period. Specifically: (i) The recruitment of a national consultant for cost-benefit analysis had to be relaunched, as no suitable candidates were identified; (ii) The recruitment of a national consultant for the development of an adaptation funding strategy was relaunched, due to concerns raised by UNEP (through the no-objection process) regarding the evaluation process; and (iii) The recruitment of the Communications Expert Team was relaunched following the rejection of the contract by the (previous) Minister of the Environment. These challenges are being addressed by ensuring the wide circulation of the advertisements, and the continued provision of guidance by UNEP on the procurement processes. Furthermore, recent changes at the highest levels at MEDD will help to pave the way for smoother implementation process, not only in terms of procurements, but also ensuring stronger political support to the project.

Finally, in the current reporting period, the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on project implementation was limited. The COVID-19 situation in Mauritania was good, and there were few restrictions in place. Towards the end of the reporting period the infection rates started to increase, and the situation will be closely monitored to mitigate any possible challenges on project implementation.



## SECTION 1: GENERAL INFORMATION

1. Country	Mauritania
2. Grant agreement number	MRT-RS-002
3. Implementing Entity	UN Environment Programme (UNEP)
4. Date of grant agreement signed	Second Further Amended and Restated Framework Readiness and Preparatory Support Grant Agreement dated 2 June 2020
5. Grant effectiveness date	17/07/2018
6. Date of 1st disbursement received from GCF	29/08/2018
7. Tranche number of the committed funding during the reporting period	2nd tranche
8. Reporting period	From: 01 January 2022 To: 30 June 2022
9. Total approved grant amount	USD 2,670,374
10. Total grant amount received from GCF during the reporting period	USD 894,756
11. Total grant amount expended during the reporting period	USD 1,803,882 (Commitments)
12. Documents provided	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Interim Progress Report <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Procurement Plan <input type="checkbox"/> Subsequent Disbursement Request <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Financial Report <input type="checkbox"/> Audited Financial Report

## SECTION 2: REPORTING ON COUNTRY READINESS LOGICAL FRAMEWORK<sup>1</sup>

This section requires an update on progress in implementing the planned Readiness activities. Any draft to the expected output should be submitted with progress report.

Progress is reported for the period (should be consistent with section 1.8) From: 01/01/2021 to 30/06/2021

### Outcome 1: Technical and institutional capacity to formulate and implement the NAP process

#### Outcome narrative:

To date, the technical and institutional capacity of key government and non-government actors in Mauritania to formulate and implement the NAP process has been enhanced mainly through awareness-raising and information-sharing on climate change, adaptation and the scope and focus of the NAP process. This has been through both formal workshops (e.g. inception and validation workshops), but also through informal stakeholder consultations undertaken in the development of various mapping, gap analysis and strategy/plan deliverables.

During the reporting period:

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- [Workshop plan and participants](#) were identified for the training of government institutions (activity 1.2.2).
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- The selection process for the [Communications Expert Team](#) (activities 1.4.1-1.4.3) was relaunched, following the rejection of the previous recruitment process by the previous Environment Minister.
- [Second draft](#) of the guideline document (training manual) on integrating adaptation in sectors, national and sub-national levels (activity 1.4.4) was produced, and is currently under review.

Outputs	Baseline summary	Activities	Targets achieved	Indicators	Milestones and deliverables achieved	Variance explanation	Qualitative assessment of activities undertaken	Planned activities and corresponding deliverables/milestones for the next reporting period
1.1 Formulation and implementation of the NAP process across Mauritania	Despite the advanced institutional arrangement to address environmental issues and climate change through the Climate Change National Programme Coordination Unit (CCNPCC), the gaps on the technical capacity to advance the NAP remains weak.	1.1.1 Initiate and launch the NAP process with high-level political and community buy-in to facilitate the formulation and implementation of the NAP, including high-level meetings with policymakers, parliamentarians, youth organisations and communities	1	NAP launch meeting minutes and report	<b>Deliverable 1.1.1:</b> <a href="#">NAP Inception workshop</a> was held in Nouakchott on 24 and 25 April 2019.	No variance	Over <a href="#">80 participants</a> from line ministries and NGOs, Universities, municipalities as well as private sector participated in the Inception Workshop. As detailed in the workshop report (Deliverable 1.1.1), the workshop aimed to inform stakeholders and partners on the NAP process and the planned activities under the project, and to invite their feedback. Specifically, the exchanges focused around: (i) the state of knowledge on the	<b>Completed.</b>

<sup>1</sup> In the column for "Milestones and deliverables achieved", bolded text presents progress made in the current reporting period.

	<p>In addition, the capacity of other governmental departments and ministries to integrate climate change information into policies and programmes is limited</p>						<p>impacts of climate change in Mauritania, and associated risks and vulnerabilities, (ii) the need to move towards systematic integration of climate change into the medium and long term planning and budgeting process at the different levels - national, local (wilayas) and sectoral, including through a process of strengthening capacities for adaptation planning; (iii) the governance and coordination for the development, implementation and monitoring of the NAP; and (iv) the components, activities and expected results of NAP project.</p>	
		<p>1.1.2 Stakeholders mapping: update stakeholders mapping that includes key line ministries in charge of all sectors vulnerable to climate change [Ministry of Environment and Sustainable Development (MEDD); Ministry of Finance and Planning (MEF); Ministry of Livestock (ME); Ministry of Agriculture (MA); Ministry of Health (MS), Ministry of Water resources and sanitation (MHA); Ministry of Habitat, Urbanism and Landscape Planning (MHUAT); Ministry of Equipment and Transportation (MET); Ministry of Petroleum, Energy and Mining</p>	<p>Stakeholder mapping and engagement strategy report</p>	<p><b>Interim deliverable:</b> <b>A <a href="#">third draft of the Stakeholder Mapping and Engagement Strategy report</a> was developed.</b></p> <p>In previous reporting periods: <a href="#">TORs</a> for an international Adaptation Policy and Planning Expert were developed.</p> <p>Milestone: The recruitment process for <a href="#">the Institutional Capacity Building Team</a> was completed in March 2021, following the UNEP procurement review (no-objection) process.</p>	<p>The deliverable will be completed by month 52 (November 2022), resulting in a delay of 40 months.</p> <p>This is due to (i) significant procurement delays, as a result of the requirement for the consultant selection process to be undertaken by the Multi-Department Procurement Commission, followed by (ii) insufficient capacity of national consultant team and inadequate support provided by previous international consultant, (iii) additional delays caused by COVID-19 restrictions, and (iv) a delay in the recruitment of the new international consultant as a result of grant expiry and pending</p>	<p>The draft Stakeholder Mapping and Engagement Strategy was further developed and strengthened by the national consultant team. The draft report identifies primarily government stakeholders and analyses their strengths and weaknesses in the area of adaptation. It also includes information on capacity building needs. There is a need to still further strengthen the mapping of other non-governmental stakeholders, and to further develop the stakeholder engagement strategy.</p>	<p><b>Activities:</b> An international Adaptation Policy and Planning Expert will be recruited (following the recent GCF approval of no-cost extension and budget revision). The expert will work with the national consultant team, with guidance from UNEP and MEDD, to strengthen and further develop the draft Stakeholder Mapping and Engagement Strategy. Following its finalization, a validation workshop will be organized in November 2022, jointly for deliverables 1.1.2, 1.1.3 and 1.2.1.</p> <p><b>Deliverable 1.1.2:</b> Stakeholder mapping and engagement strategy report</p>	



		<p>(MPEMi); Ministry of Fishery, Marine Economy (MPEMa); Ministry of Interior and Decentralization (MIDEC); Ministry of Gender, Children and Social Protection (MASEF); Ministry of Commerce, Industry and Tourism (MCIT)]; as well as all relevant non-governmental actors [private sector, academia, NGOs, local agencies, youth groups and women's groups] to identify and clearly define the individual roles and responsibilities of the stakeholders.</p>			<p>Intermediate deliverables:</p> <p><a href="#">Zero draft</a> Stakeholder Mapping and Engagement Strategy report was submitted for review in June 2021.</p> <p>An <a href="#">Inception Report</a> for activities 1.1.2 and 1.1.3 was submitted.</p> <p>Engagement of key stakeholders in the NAP process was continued through the convening of the <a href="#">first meeting</a> of the Project Steering Committee in March 2020.</p>	<p>GCF approval of Request for Changes.</p>		
		<p>1.1.3 Develop a roadmap, including a communication plan strategy to be used in the NAP formulation process</p>		<p>NAP Roadmap and Communication Strategy</p>	<p><b>Interim deliverable:</b></p> <p><b>Revised roadmap and communication plan are included in the <a href="#">third draft of the Stakeholder Mapping and Engagement Strategy report (see activity 1.1.2).</a></b></p>	<p>The deliverable will be completed by month 52 (November 2022), resulting in a delay of 40 months.</p> <p>This is due to (i) significant procurement delays, as a result of the requirement for the consultant selection process to be undertaken by the Multi-Department Procurement Commission, followed by (ii) insufficient capacity of national consultant team and inadequate support provided by previous international consultant, (iii) additional delays caused by COVID-19 restrictions, and (iv) a delay in the recruitment of the new international consultant as a result of grant expiry and pending GCF approval of Request for Changes.</p>	<p>The draft Roadmap has been revised to better focus on the NAP process and its elements. The draft Roadmap identifies work areas, actions and specific steps to be undertaken to advance the iterative NAP process in the short-term (2023-2024), medium-term (2025-2027) and long-term (beyond 2027).</p> <p>The Communications Strategy, while containing useful elements, still needs to be expanded on in the next reporting period.</p>	<p><b>Activities:</b></p> <p>An international Adaptation Policy and Planning Expert will be recruited (following the recent GCF approval of no-cost extension and budget revision). The expert will work with the national consultant team, with guidance from UNEP and MEDD, to strengthen and further develop the draft NAP Roadmap and Communication Strategy. The finalized deliverables will be validated in a national workshop to be organized in November 2022, jointly for deliverables 1.1.2, 1.1.3 and 1.2.1.</p> <p><b>Deliverables 1.1.3:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- A NAP Roadmap</li> <li>- A Communication Strategy</li> </ul>

1.2 Capacity-building of stakeholders to advance the NAP process at national and regional level (wilaya) levels	Though several projects and climate change activities have been developed and implemented in Mauritania (e.g. NAPA, National Communications) there is still a weak capacity of stakeholders at both national and local (wilaya) levels.	1.2.1 Conduct a gap analysis and capacity assessment of the existing institutional framework to assess strengths and weaknesses regarding existing capacities and resources required to effectively engage in the NAP process	1	Gap analysis and capacity assessment reports	<b>Refer to progress in Activity 1.1.2. Activities are being carried out together.</b>	The deliverable will be completed by month 52 (November 2022), resulting in a delay of 46 months.  This is due to (i) significant procurement delays, as a result of the requirement for the consultant selection process to be undertaken by the Multi-Department Procurement Commission, followed by (ii) insufficient capacity of national consultant team and inadequate support provided by previous international consultant, (iii) additional delays caused by COVID-19 restrictions, and (iv) a delay in the recruitment of the new international consultant as a result of grant expiry and pending GCF approval of Request for Changes.	The draft gap analysis and capacity assessment are comprehensive for government institutions, but still require further development in terms of their coverage of civil society actors.	<b>Activities:</b> The gap analysis and capacity assessment report will be further developed with support from UNEP and the international Adaptation Policy and Planning Expert to be recruited. The finalized report will be validated in a national workshop to be organized in November 2022, jointly for deliverables 1.1.2, 1.1.3 and 1.2.1.  <b>Deliverables 1.2.1:</b> Gap analysis and capacity assessment report
	1.2.2 Build capacity of policy-makers, decision-makers and technical staff from relevant government institutions (e.g. MEDD, Ministry of Agriculture, Ministry of Energy, Ministry of Livestock, Ministry of Transport, Ministry of Health, Ministry of Communication, Ministry of Water, Ministry of Habitat and Urbanism, Ministry of Industry and Trade, Ministry of Fisheries) through tailored training on: i) the current climate vulnerability of each sector; ii)	Number of training sessions  Number of government staff trained		<b>Intermediate deliverable:</b> <u>Training workshop plan and participants were identified. Training modules are currently under development.</u>  In previous reporting periods:  Milestones:  The recruitment process for the <u>Institutional Capacity Building Team</u> was completed in March 2021, following the UNEP procurement review (no-objection) process.	The deliverable will be completed by month 50 (September 2022), resulting in a delay of 14 months.  This is due to (i) significant procurement delays, as a result of the requirement for the consultant selection process to be undertaken by the Multi-Department Procurement Commission, followed by (ii) insufficient capacity of national consultant team and inadequate support provided by previous international consultant, and (iii) additional delays in the organization of the training workshops caused by	<b>The training workshop plan will include one national and three regional workshops, and identifies participant organizations (government institutions) for each of these. Training modules are under development, and will be delivered in both French and Arabic.</b>	<b>Activities:</b> The national consultant team will finalize the development of a training programme. A series of workshops targeting policy-makers, decision-makers and technical staff from relevant government institutions will be delivered in August-September 2022: One at the national level, and three in the regions, each grouping a number of regions ( <i>wilayas</i> ).  <b>Deliverable:</b> Reports of 1 national and 3 regional training workshops by September 2022	

		recommended revisions to current policies and institutions to ensure climate change is taken into account by government in a rigorous manner, using the best available evidence; and iii) a standardised approach to implementing the NAP process			<p>The development of the training programme has been initiated, with the first training workshop planned for September 2021.</p> <p>Intermediate deliverable:</p> <p>An <a href="#">Inception Report</a> for the capacity building activities targeting policy-makers, decision-makers and technical government staff was submitted.</p>	<p>COVID-19 restrictions. Furthermore, the consultant team first focused on delivering on activities 1.1.2, 1.1.3 and 1.2.1.</p>		
		1.2.3 Capacity building of vulnerable groups (including women, youth and other vulnerable groups) in collaboration with the Ministry of Gender, Children and Social Protection, Ministry of Local Government and Rural Development and CSOs to ensure their active participation in the NAP process at every level		<p>Number of awareness and training workshops</p> <p>Number of participants (women, youth and other vulnerable groups)</p>	<p><b>No progress to report in current reporting period.</b></p> <p>Previous reporting periods:</p> <p>Milestones:</p> <p>The team was recruited (refer to Activity 1.2.2).</p> <p>The development of the training programme has been initiated, with the first training workshop planned for September 2021.</p>	<p>The deliverable will be completed by month 53 (Dec 2022), resulting in a delay of 17 months.</p> <p>Development of the capacity building programme is currently underway.</p> <p>The delay is due to (i) significant procurement delays, as a result of the requirement for the consultant selection process to be undertaken by the Multi-Department Procurement Commission, followed by (ii) insufficient capacity of national consultant team and inadequate support provided by previous international consultant, and (iii) additional delays caused by COVID-19 restrictions. Furthermore, the consultant team has first focused on delivering on activities 1.1.2, 1.1.3 and 1.2.1.</p>	No substantive progress to report	<p><b>Activities:</b></p> <p>The national consultant team will finalize the development of the capacity building and awareness raising programme targeting vulnerable groups (including women and youth), including the development of awareness-raising materials such as banners, flyers, and presentations.</p> <p>Three regional awareness-raising workshop will be organized in October-December 2022, each bringing together participants from 4-5 wilayas. The workshops will be conducted for groupings of several wilayas, over 2-3 days per workshop, rather than in each wilaya individually, with ½-day workshops (as originally planned). This is both to accelerate delivery considering the delays, as well as to allow for longer workshop duration, which has been deemed</p>

								necessary to provide sufficient time for learning and dialogue.  <b>Deliverable:</b> Reports of the three awareness-raising and training workshops targeting vulnerable groups by December 2022
1.3 Gaps and needs assessed for the NAP process (including periodic reviews) and system for the periodic review of strategies established.	The NAPA and National communications are an opportunity for the country to develop the climate change Vulnerability Assessment. However, gaps remain to systematically review the assessment for all sectors and at local levels. There is no clear plan on climate risk prevention and management due to weak meteorological services.	1.3.1 Assess the gaps and needs for all sectoral strategies, policies, plans, programmes and reports to create an enabling environment for the mainstreaming of long-term adaptation actions	1	Gap analysis report on sectoral strategies, policies, plans and programmes	<b>Deliverable 1.3.1:</b>  The <a href="#">synthesis gap analysis</a> report on sectoral strategies, policies, plans and programmes was delivered in April 2021. It builds on findings of the <a href="#">sectoral gap analyses</a> produced.  Intermediate deliverables:  A team of 8 consultants ( <a href="#">Adaptation Policy Experts</a> ) was recruited.  An <a href="#">inception report</a> for the activity was delivered.	The deliverable was completed in month 33 (April 2021), resulting in a delay of 9 months.  This delay was due to several factors: (i) overall delay of 8 months in the initiation of project implementation, (ii) COVID-19 related restrictions on the organization of meetings, and (iii) limited capacity and availability of the original team leader.	The sectoral gap analyses (Intermediate deliverable) were completed, following a final round of review. The sectoral gap analyses provide an overview of the strategic and planning instruments and processes for each sector, identify gaps and needs for adaptation mainstreaming, and provide recommendations for different stakeholders on advancing the integration of adaptation considerations in the sectors (which will contribute to activity 1.3.2).  A synthesis report summarizing the findings of the sectoral gap analyses was produced (Deliverable 1.3.1). The synthesis report provides an overview of the sectoral approaches for addressing adaptation needs, and summarizes the gaps in adaptation mainstreaming for each of the 8 sectors considered.	<b>Completed.</b>

		<p>1.3.2 Identify and assess barriers to climate change adaptation strategies, policies, plans and project implementation and anticipate potential obstacles to the NAP process. Develop a strategy to address the barriers identified based on lessons learned from the NAPA, INDC and other relevant sectoral processes related to climate change</p>		<p>Strategy report on identifying and addressing barriers for integrating climate change adaptation in sector strategies, policies and plans.</p>	<p><b>No progress to report in current reporting period.</b></p> <p>Previous reporting periods:</p> <p>Milestone:</p> <p>The recruitment of the new Team Leader for the <a href="#">Adaptation Policy Experts team</a> was completed in December 2021.</p> <p>Interim deliverable:</p> <p><a href="#">Zero draft</a> of the synthesis report identifying barriers and the strategy to address them was delivered in June 2021. This builds on the draft sectoral barrier analyses.</p> <p>Intermediate deliverables:</p> <p><a href="#">TORs</a> for an international Adaptation Policy and Planning Expert were developed.</p> <p>Preliminary identification of barriers for integration was undertaken through the development of the draft <a href="#">sectoral gap analyses</a> (activity 1.3.1).</p> <p>Draft <a href="#">sectoral barrier analyses</a> documents were developed for 3 out of 8 sectors (agriculture, livestock and water resources).</p> <p>Milestone:</p>	<p>The deliverable will be completed by month 51 (October 2022), resulting in a delay of 30 months.</p> <p>This delay is due to several factors: (i) overall delay of 8 months in the initiation of project implementation, (ii) COVID-19 related restrictions on the organization of meetings, (iii) limited capacity and availability of the original team leader and delays in the recruitment of the replacement, and (iv) insufficient support provided by the original international consultant.</p> <p>Furthermore, in the current reporting period additional delays were incurred due to the inability to recruit international consultant support due to grant expiry and pending GCF approval of Request for Changes.</p>	<p>The zero draft synthesis report provides the framework for a synthesis of barriers to adaptation strategies, policies, plans and projects, and recommendations for addressing these barriers. This will be further developed into the strategy report.</p>	<p><b>Activities:</b></p> <p>An international Adaptation Policy and Planning Expert will be recruited, following the recent GCF approval of the project no-cost extension and budget revision. With their support, the consultants will continue and complete the analysis of barriers for integrating adaptation in sectoral strategies, policies and plans, as well as for the implementation of adaptation measures, including recommendations for addressing these barriers.</p> <p>A joint validation workshop for deliverables 1.3.1 and 1.3.2 will be organized in October 2022.</p> <p><b>Deliverable 1.3.2:</b></p> <p>Strategy report on identifying and addressing barriers to climate change adaptation, and 8 sectoral reports by October 2022</p>
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					<a href="#">TORs</a> for a team of 8 consultants (Adaptation Policy Experts) were developed, and the recruitment process was completed.			
		1.3.3 Develop and implement a strategy for the periodic review of sectoral and cross-sectoral policies, strategies and plans, including the integration, in an iterative manner, of : i) updated climate information; ii) lessons learned from prior integration of climate change into these strategies and plans; iii) lessons learned from the prior implementation of these policies, strategies and plans; and iv) knowledge generated through the long-term research and study programmes implemented under Component 3		Strategy for periodic review of policies, strategies and plans	<b>No progress to report in current reporting period.</b>	The deliverable will be completed by month 56 (March 2023), resulting in a delay of 32 months.  Activity requires support of international consultant, currently under recruitment.  The delay is due to several factors: (i) overall delay of 8 months in the initiation of project implementation, (ii) limited capacity and availability of the original team leader and the time needed to recruit a replacement, and (iii) the need to first complete activity 1.3.2 (see under that activity for reasons for its delay).	No substantive progress to report	<b>Activities:</b> Refer to planned activities under Activity 1.3.2. The international consultant to be recruited will be deployed to support this activity as well.  Following the completion of barrier analysis (activity 1.3.2), the team will develop a strategy for the periodic review of policies, strategies and plans. The validation workshop for the strategy is planned for March 2023 (jointly with deliverable 1.4.4).  <b>Interim deliverable 1.3.3:</b> Draft strategy for periodic review of policies, strategies and plans
		1.3.4 Develop a national plan for climate risks prevention, including the enhancement of early warning systems and capacity of hydrometeorological services to advise on weather-related impacts on infrastructure		National plans for climate risk prevention	<b>Deliverable 1.3.4:</b> <b>The <a href="#">final</a> national plan for climate risk prevention (with <a href="#">annexes</a>) was presented at a validation workshop, organized on 30 June 2022 (see <a href="#">video of workshop</a>).</b>  Previous reporting periods:  Interim deliverable:  The draft national plan for climate risk prevention was developed, and further	The deliverable was completed by month 47 (June 2022), with a delay of 23 months.  This was due to (i) the overall delay of 8 months in the initiation of project implementation, and (ii) the postponement of the validation workshop due to COVID restrictions and political reasons (reorganization at MEDD).	The national plan for climate risk prevention identifies activities, indicators, and roles and responsibilities for strengthening the country's capacity to prevent climate-related disasters. It also includes suggested modalities for the implementation and monitoring of the plan.  <b>The final report was validated at the workshop organized on 30 June 2022. The workshop was attended by 59</b>	<b>Completed.</b>  (The report will be presented to the Council of Ministers for final adoption)

					<p>refined through a MEDD and broader stakeholder review process.</p> <p>Milestones:</p> <p><a href="#">TORs</a> for a team of consultants (Climate Information, Scenarios and Vulnerability Assessments) were developed, and the recruitment process was completed.</p> <p>Interim deliverable:</p> <p>A draft <a href="#">Inception Report</a> was developed by the consultant team for this activity.</p>		<p>participants, from relevant government institutions and development partner organizations.</p> <p>In addition to validating the national plan for climate risk prevention, the workshop participants made the following recommendations:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Revise the institutional, legal and regulatory framework governing the prevention of climate risks;</li> <li>2. Map climate risks;</li> <li>3. Harmonize mechanisms for the prevention and management of climate risks;</li> <li>4. Integrate the concept of risk prevention into all development policies;</li> <li>5. Assess damages with specialized software;</li> <li>6. Strengthen the national scientific research system in the field of climate risk prevention.</li> </ol> <p>The workshop report is currently being drafted.</p>	
1.4 Awareness raising and education programmes on NAP process designed and implemented across the	The private sector and local communities are not well informed on the climate change impacts. Risk and opportunities. Furthermore, the existing education system, lacks the climate change	1.4.1 Raise awareness of the private sector on national priorities in terms of climate change adaptation and investment opportunities to increase the resilience of businesses to climate change.	0	<p>Number of awareness-raising events</p> <p>Number of private sector institutions participate</p>	<p><b>The selection process for the <a href="#">Communications Expert Team</a> was re-launched, following the rejection of the previous recruitment process by the previous Environment Minister.</b></p> <p>Previous reporting periods:</p>	<p>The deliverable will be completed by month 56 (March 2023), resulting in a delay of 41 months.</p> <p>The relaunched recruitment process is currently underway.</p> <p>The most recent cause for additional delay was, in the</p>	<p>No substantive progress to report</p>	<p><b>Activities:</b> Complete the relaunched recruitment process for the Communications Expert Team by September 2022.</p> <p><b>Intermediate deliverable:</b> Awareness-raising, communication and training materials developed, targeting the private sector</p>

<p>country, including the development of communication and training material</p>	<p>dimension in the curricula to ensure long-term and climate change adaptation mainstreaming</p>				<p>Milestone:</p> <p>The selection process for a <a href="#">Communications Expert Team</a> was completed in June 2021, after a lengthy UNEP procurement review (no-objection) process.</p> <p>The selection process undertaken by the Multi-Departmental Procurement Commission was completed in December 2020.</p>	<p>current reporting period, the previous Environment Minister's rejection of the contract for the Communications Expert Team, while the selection process had been completed in June 2021 (after a process that had taken over a year).</p> <p>The original delays (up to June 2021) were a result of the requirement for the selection process to be undertaken by the Multi-Department Procurement Commission, as well as additional delays caused by COVID-19 restrictions. Further delays were caused by the need for several rounds of reviews during the UNEP procurement no-objection procedure.</p>		
		<p>1.4.2 Raise awareness on climate change through the education system by mainstreaming adaptation to climate change within activities at high school and university levels.</p>		<p>Number of awareness-raising events</p> <p>Number of participants</p>	<p><b>See above for Activity 1.4.1 (the same consultant team will be in charge of this activity).</b></p>	<p>The deliverable will be completed by month 56 (March 2023), resulting in a delay of 41 months.</p> <p>The relaunched recruitment process is currently underway.</p> <p>The most recent cause for additional delay was, in the current reporting period, the previous Environment Minister's rejection of the contract for the Communications Expert Team, while the selection process had been completed in June 2021 (after a process that had taken over a year).</p>	<p>No substantive progress to report</p>	<p><b>Activities:</b> Refer to planned activities under Activity 1.4.1. The team to be recruited will be deployed for this activity as well.</p> <p><b>Intermediate deliverable:</b> Awareness-raising, communication and training materials developed, targeting the education system.</p>



						<p>The original delays (up to June 2021) were a result of the requirement for the selection process to be undertaken by the Multi-Department Procurement Commission, as well as additional delays caused by COVID-19 restrictions. Further delays were caused by the need for several rounds of reviews during the UNEP procurement no-objection procedure.</p>		
		<p>1.4.3 Develop and implement at least one awareness-raising campaign in each wilaya for local authorities, CSOs and local communities on i) the national priorities for climate change adaptation; ii) climate scenarios; and iii) opportunities for integrating climate change adaptation into local development planning processes.</p>		<p>Number of awareness-raising campaigns</p> <p>Number of participants</p>	<p><b>See above for Activity 1.4.1 (the same consultant team will be in charge of this activity).</b></p>	<p>The deliverable will be completed by month 56 (March 2023), resulting in a delay of 35 months.</p> <p>The relaunched recruitment process is currently underway.</p> <p>The most recent cause for additional delay was, in the current reporting period, the previous Environment Minister's rejection of the contract for the Communications Expert Team, while the selection process had been completed in June 2021 (after a process that had taken over a year).</p> <p>The original delays (up to June 2021) were a result of the requirement for the selection process to be undertaken by the Multi-Department Procurement Commission, as well as additional delays caused by COVID-19 restrictions. Further delays were caused by the need for</p>	<p>No substantive progress to report</p>	<p><b>Activities:</b> Refer to planned activities under Activity 1.4.1. The team to be recruited will be deployed for this activity as well.</p> <p><b>Intermediate deliverable:</b> Awareness-raising, communication and training materials developed, targeting local authorities, CSOs and local communities.</p>

						several rounds of reviews during the UNEP procurement no-objection procedure.		
		1.4.4 Develop step-by-step procedures or a training manual, as appropriate, for integrating climate change adaptation. Disseminate the procedure or manual to local stakeholders including Wilaya and Moughataa officers, and CSOs.		A guidelines document on integrating CCA in sectors, national and sub-national levels.	<p><b>Interim deliverable:</b></p> <p><a href="#">Second draft of the guideline document (training manual) was developed, and is currently under review.</a></p> <p>Previous reporting periods:</p> <p>Interim deliverable:</p> <p><a href="#">Draft guideline document (training manual) was produced, and is currently under review.</a></p>	<p>The deliverable will be completed by month 53 (December 2022), resulting in a delay of 23 months.</p> <p>This is mainly due to the overall delay of 8 months in the initiation of project implementation. Also, international consultant support is needed for finalizing the deliverable.</p>	<p>The revised draft guideline document (training manual) on integrating climate change adaptation into development planning processes includes guidance on (i) the identification of climate risks on strategic planning processes as well as development projects, (ii) the integration of climate risks in sectoral development strategies, and (iii) the integration of climate risks in development projects.</p>	<p><b>Activities:</b></p> <p>The draft guidelines (training manual) document will be finalized by December 2022 with support from the international Adaptation Policy and Planning expert to be recruited (see outputs 1.2 and 1.3) A validation workshop is planned to take place in March 2023 (jointly with deliverable 1.3.3).</p> <p><b>Deliverable 1.4.4:</b></p> <p>A guidelines document for integrating adaptation priorities into local development planning by December 2022</p>

## Outcome 2: Climate change knowledge and information management

### Outcome narrative:

To date, enabling activities towards the enhancement of climate change knowledge and information management in Mauritania have been undertaken. These include studies to identify gaps and needs for the enhancement of knowledge and information management, and the development of a draft strategies with recommendations on strengthening the knowledge and information management system and for its operation and maintenance.

During the reporting period:

- The equipment and software for the operation of the climate information database (activity 2.1.3) (e.g. server) have been procured.
- Staff and consultants from National Meteorological Office (ONM) and MEDD participated at a [training workshop](#) at the AGRHYMET Regional Center in Niger, focusing on development of climate scenarios and identification of priority adaptation options for integration in sectoral strategies. This will build the consultants' capacity to deliver training in Mauritania (activity 2.1.5).
- [First draft](#) of the strategy for the operation and maintenance of the climate information management system (activity 2.1.6) was developed.
- The relaunched recruitment of a [National Consultant \(Cost-Benefit Analysis and Prioritization Criteria\)](#) was advanced, and is expected to be completed by August 2022.
- The procurement process for an [International Economic Analysis and Funding Strategy Consultant Team](#) was completed, with contract to be issued in August 2022 (following GCF approval of no-cost extension and budget revision).

Outputs	Baseline summary	Activities	Targets achieved	Indicators	Milestones and deliverables achieved	Variance explanation <sup>2</sup>	Qualitative assessment of activities undertaken	Planned activities and corresponding deliverables/milestones for the next reporting period
2.1 Sustainable climate information systems (monitoring, modelling, forecasting and dissemination) established to inform climate change adaptation, including a long-term operation and maintenance plan		2.1.1 Conduct a gap analysis and needs assessment for a fully operational and sustainable information system in Mauritania. In particular, assess the capacity of the newly established National Observatory for Arid Regions (CNOEZA) in this respect.	0	Institutional gap analysis and needs assessment report for fully operational and sustainable climate information system	<p><b>No progress to report in current reporting period.</b></p> <p>Previous reporting periods:</p> <p>Interim deliverable:</p> <p><a href="#">Draft gap analysis and needs assessment report</a></p> <p>Intermediate deliverables:</p> <p><a href="#">TORs</a> for a team of consultants (Climate Information, Scenarios and Vulnerability Assessments) were developed, and the recruitment process was completed.</p>	<p>The deliverable will be completed by month 51 (Oct 2022), resulting in a delay of 27 months.</p> <p>This is due to the overall delay of 8 months in the initiation of project implementation, as well as procurement delays (including due to Covid-19 restrictions). Further delays were caused by institutional changes and restructuring, necessitating further consultations. In the current reporting period, an additional delay was incurred due to the need to strengthen coordination with the development of deliverable 2.1.2.</p>	<p>The draft gap analysis and needs assessment report provides a comprehensive and useful review and an analysis of the current state of hydrometeorological and climate services in the country. It identifies gaps and needs in terms of a climate information system, covering technical, human resource and institutional aspects.</p>	<p><b>Activities:</b> The draft gap analysis and needs assessment for establishing an operational and sustainable climate information system for Mauritania will be reviewed internally (MEDD) and by stakeholders. A validation workshop is planned for October 2022 (a joint validation workshop for deliverables 2.1.1, 2.1.2 and 2.1.6).</p> <p><b>Deliverable 2.1.1:</b> Report on gap analysis and needs assessment by October 2022</p>
		2.1.2 Enhance climate change knowledge and information management systems to ensure information reaches the end users including local/rural communities in Mauritania, based on the existing system in place within the MEDD.		<p>Enhanced climate change knowledge and information management system that reaches end users</p> <p>User access and satisfaction</p>	<p><b>No progress to report in current reporting period.</b></p> <p>Previous reporting periods:</p> <p>Interim deliverable:</p>	<p>The deliverable will be completed by month 51 (Oct 2022), resulting in a delay of 27 months.</p> <p>Revision of the draft report is underway to reflect findings of the</p>	<p>The draft report on enhancing the climate change knowledge and information system identifies preliminary recommendations on systematizing the storage, management and access to climate information in Mauritania.</p>	<p><b>Activities:</b> The draft report on the design of an enhanced climate change knowledge and information management system will be revised, building on the gap analysis and needs assessment undertaken under activity 2.1.1. A validation workshop is scheduled to take place in October 2022 (a joint</p>

<sup>2</sup> Timelines beyond 42 months are pending approval from GCF Secretariat, for which a Request for Change was submitted in November 2021.

			(measured with a survey)	<p>Revised <a href="#">draft</a> report on recommendations for the enhanced climate change knowledge and information management system was delivered.</p> <p>Milestone:</p> <p>The recruitment of a <a href="#">Knowledge and Data Management expert</a> was completed.</p>	<p>needs assessment under activity 2.1.1.</p> <p>The delay is due to the overall delay of 8 months in the initiation of project implementation, as well as the need to reflect findings from activity 2.1.1 in the report.</p>	<p>The report needs updating to fully reflect the findings of the gap analysis and needs assessment undertaken under activity 2.1.1. Furthermore, aspects on user accessibility and an approach for tracking user satisfaction are still to be integrated in the report, and in the design of the knowledge and information system.</p>	<p>validation workshop for deliverables 2.1.1, 2.1.2 and 2.1.6).</p> <p>The system will include considerations for ensuring information reaches end users, and this aspect will be tracked with user surveys in future reporting periods.</p> <p><b>Deliverable 2.1.2:</b> A report on the enhanced climate change knowledge and information management system, including considerations for ensuring information reaches end users by October 2022</p>
	2.1.3 Develop and maintain a database to compile and centralize climate change information to inform the NAP process.	An operational climate information database	<p>User access and satisfaction (measured with a survey)</p>	<p><b>The equipment and software for the operation of the database (e.g. server) have been procured.</b></p> <p>Previous reporting periods:</p> <p>Intermediate deliverable:</p> <p><a href="#">TORs</a> for an International Consultant team to support the development of the database were developed, and the procurement process is underway.</p> <p>Milestone:</p> <p>The recruitment of a <a href="#">Knowledge and Data Management expert</a> was completed.</p> <p>Intermediate deliverable:</p>	<p>The deliverable will be completed by month 53 (Dec 2022), resulting in a delay of 20 months.</p> <p>The recruitment of the international consultant team is currently underway.</p> <p>The delay is due to a delay of 8 months in the initiation of project implementation, and the delay in the recruitment of an international consultant to support this activity (due to the need for a budget revision to include in the team's TORs support for activities 2.3.1 and 2.3.2). Most recently, in the current reporting period, the recruitment of the</p>	<p>No substantive progress to report</p>	<p><b>Activities:</b> The recruitment of an international consultant team to support the development of the database will be completed by August 2022 (following the recent GCF approval of no-cost extension and budget revision).</p> <p>The development of the database to compile climate information will draw on the findings of the gap and needs analysis (activity 2.1.1) and the recommendations of the enhanced climate information management system (activity 2.1.2). The database will be completed by December 2022.</p> <p><b>Deliverable 2.1.3:</b> An operational climate information database by December 2022</p>

					<a href="#">Inception report</a> for activities 2.1.2-2.1.4 was delivered.	international consultant team was on hold due to grant expiry and pending GCF approval of Request for Changes.		
		2.1.4 Develop and implement a coordination mechanism for improving access to and sharing of data (including data collection and analysis)		A data access and sharing Coordination Protocol document	<b>No progress to report in current reporting period.</b>  Previous reporting period:  Milestone:  The recruitment of a <a href="#">Knowledge and Data Management expert</a> was completed.  Intermediate deliverable:  <a href="#">Inception report</a> for activities 2.1.2-2.1.4 was delivered.	The deliverable will be completed by month 59 (June 2023), resulting in a delay of 35 months.  This is due to a delay in the delivery of activities that need to be advanced first; specifically activities 2.1.2 and 2.1.3 (in the upcoming reporting period).	No substantive progress to report	Not planned for the next reporting period
		2.1.5 Train staff from Mauritania's Meteorological Agency, MEDD and other relevant ministries and departments on: i) using climate monitoring equipment; ii) using multiple sources of climate data for developing climate scenarios; iii) developing impact scenarios and modelling; and iv) improving the database archives.		Number of training courses  Number of participants	<b>Staff and consultants from National Meteorological Office (ONM) and MEDD participated at a <a href="#">training workshop at the AGRHYMET Regional Center in Niger in March 2022, focusing on development of climate scenarios and projections, and integration of adaptation in sectoral strategies.</a></b>  Previous reporting periods:  Intermediate deliverables:	The deliverable will be completed by month 56 (March 2023), resulting in a delay of 26 months.  This is due to the overall delay of 8 months in the initiation of project implementation, and the decision to organize the activity with AGRHYMET, which took some time to discuss and agree on.	<b>One of the aims of the training programme at AGRHYMET was to build the participants' capacity to deliver related training in Mauritania, specifically to support the identification of priority adaptation actions for sectors.</b>	<b>Activities:</b> Building on the AGRHYMET training workshop, the consultants will develop a training programme targeting various sectors in Mauritania. In addition to development of climate and impact scenarios, the training will support the identification of priority adaptation options and their integration in sectoral strategies.  <b>Interim deliverable 2.1.5:</b> Report of first training workshop delivered targeting relevant ministries and departments

					<p><a href="#">Draft</a> training plan for the training focused on the use of climate monitoring equipment submitted for review.</p> <p><a href="#">TORs</a> for a team of consultants (Climate Information, Scenarios and Vulnerability Assessments) were developed, and the recruitment process was completed.</p>			
		2.1.6 Develop and implement a strategy for the operation and maintenance of the climate information management system.		<p>A strategy for operation and maintenance of climate information management system</p>	<p><b><a href="#">First draft of the strategy for the operation and maintenance of the climate information management system was developed.</a></b></p> <p>Previous reporting periods:</p> <p>Intermediate deliverable:</p> <p><a href="#">TORs</a> for a team of consultants (Climate Information, Scenarios and Vulnerability Assessments) were developed, and the recruitment process was completed.</p>	<p>The deliverable will be completed by month 51 (Oct 2022), resulting in a delay of 21 months.</p> <p>This is due to the overall delay of 8 months in the initiation of project implementation, and the need to first significantly advance activity 2.1.2.</p>	<p><b>The first draft of the strategy provides an analysis of the current state of various aspects of relevance for the climate information management system, and analyses their strengths and weaknesses. It then proposes as strategy for the operation of the system, and provides guidance for the implementation of the strategy.</b></p>	<p><b>Activities:</b> In parallel with the finalization of the climate information management system (activity 2.1.2), the development of the strategy for its operation and maintenance will also be completed. A joint validation workshop for deliverables 2.1.1, 2.1.2 and 2.1.6 is planned for October 2022.</p> <p><b>Deliverable 2.1.6:</b> A strategy for the operation and maintenance of the climate information management system by October 2022</p>
2.2 Adaptation options reviewed and appraised using a cost-benefit analysis		2.2.1 Adapt existing cost-benefit analysis (CBA) system to the Mauritanian context. Use CBA system to revise the adaptation options in the NAPA and NDC by considering the long-term perspective as well as economic, ecosystem and social costs and benefits for unintended	0	<p>A cost-benefit analysis report on past and current adaptation strategies and measures</p>	<p><b>Milestones:</b></p> <p><b>The procurement process for an <a href="#">International Economic Analysis and Funding Strategy Consultant Team</a> was completed, with contract to be issued in August 2022 (following GCF approval of no-cost</b></p>	<p>The deliverable will be completed by month 56 (March 2023), resulting in a delay of 20 months.</p> <p>This is due to the overall delay of 8 months in the initiation of project implementation, as well as (i) delay in the recruitment</p>	<p>No substantive progress to report</p>	<p><b>Activities:</b> The contracting processes for the National and International consultant teams will be completed by August 2022.</p> <p>The development / adaptation of a cost-benefit analysis system will be undertaken, and the cost-benefit analysis of adaptation options will be initiated.</p>

		impacts of adaptation interventions in Mauritania.			<p><b>extension and budget revision).</b></p> <p><b>The relaunched recruitment of a <a href="#">National Consultant (Cost-Benefit Analysis and Prioritization Criteria)</a> was advanced. The procurement process is expected to be completed by August 2022.</b></p>	<p>of the national consultant (due to unsuccessful first round), and (ii) longer procurement process for the international consultant team, due to pooling of resources across activities for a higher value procurement of a single consulting firm. Most recently, in the current reporting period, the finalization of the contracting of the international consultant team was delayed due to grant expiry and pending GCF approval of Request for Changes.</p>		<p><b>Interim deliverable:</b> First draft of the cost-benefit analysis report</p>
		2.2.2 Define national criteria for prioritizing implementation of adaptation options based on: i) development needs; ii) vulnerability to climate change; iii) climate risks; iv) existing plans; and v) valuation of ecosystem goods and services.	National criteria adaptation options prioritization documented	<p><b>See above for Activity 2.2.1 (the same consultant team will be in charge of this activity).</b></p>	<p>The deliverable will be completed by month 56 (March 2023), resulting in a delay of 20 months.</p> <p>This is due to the overall delay of 8 months in the initiation of project implementation, as well as (i) delay in the recruitment of the national consultant (due to unsuccessful first round), and (ii) longer procurement process for the international consultant team, due to pooling of resources across activities for a higher value procurement of a single consulting firm.</p>	No substantive progress to report	<p><b>Activities:</b> Refer to Activity 2.2.1 for planned activities. The teams to be recruited will be deployed for this activity as well.</p> <p>The definition of national criteria for prioritizing adaptation options will be initiated.</p> <p><b>Interim deliverable:</b> First draft report on the national criteria for prioritizing adaptation options</p>	

						Most recently, in the current reporting period, the finalization of the contracting of the international consultant team was delayed due to grant expiry and pending GCF approval of Request for Changes.		
2.3 Climate change knowledge and information generated		2.3.1 Conduct a stocktaking exercise to identify gaps in information available at national and sectoral level on climate projections and climate vulnerability analyses.	0	Stocktaking report to identify gaps in information on climate projections and risk and vulnerability analyses	<p><b>No progress to report in current reporting period.</b></p> <p>In previous reporting periods:</p> <p>Interim deliverable:</p> <p>The <a href="#">draft stocktaking and gap assessment report</a> was validated (to be finalized following international consultant team review).</p> <p>Intermediate deliverables:</p> <p><a href="#">TORs</a> for an International Consultant team to support the stocktaking and gap analysis were developed, and the procurement process is underway.</p> <p>A draft <a href="#">Inception Report</a> was developed by the consultant team for this activity.</p> <p>Milestone:</p>	<p>The deliverable will be completed by month 51 (Oct 2022), resulting in a delay of 39 months.</p> <p>This is due to procurement delays, including due to Covid-19 restrictions. Further delays were caused by the need to re-allocate sufficient budget to engage international consultant support for the activity, through a GCF-approved budget revision. Most recently, in the current reporting period, the recruitment of the international consultant team was on hold due to grant expiry and pending GCF approval of Request for Changes.</p>	<p>The advanced draft stocktaking and gap assessment report identifies gaps in climate projections and vulnerability analyses at the national and sectoral levels. It concludes that, in addition to the lack of downscaled projections, there is also an overall lack of consideration of vulnerability to future climate change in national documents, with only current climate variation usually considered. This is due to the lack of capacities and tools, and the limited integration of consideration of future climate change impacts in research programmes.</p>	<p><b>Activities:</b></p> <p>The recruitment of the international consultant team to support the finalization of the stocktaking and gap analysis will be completed by August 2022 (following the recent GCF approval of project extension and budget revision).</p> <p>The stocktaking report on current climate projections and climate risk and vulnerability analyses will be finalized, with inputs from the international consultant team, by October 2022. The validation workshop for the report will be undertaken jointly with deliverable 2.3.2 (in March 2023).</p> <p><b>Deliverable 2.3.1:</b></p> <p>Stocktaking report on information on climate projections and risk and vulnerability analyses by October 2022</p>



					<p><a href="#">TORs</a> for a team of consultants (Climate Information, Scenarios and Vulnerability Assessments) were developed, and the recruitment process was completed.</p>			
		<p>2.3.2 Bridge identified gaps by conducting complementary climate projections and climate Risk and vulnerability analyses.</p>	<p>Report on updated climate projections and climate risk and vulnerability analyses</p>	<p><b>No progress to report in current reporting period.</b></p> <p>Previous reporting periods:</p> <p>Intermediate deliverable:</p> <p><a href="#">TORs</a> for an International Consultant team were developed, to support the development of climate projections, impact modelling and climate risk assessment, and the procurement process is underway.</p> <p>Milestone:</p> <p><a href="#">TORs</a> for a team of consultants (Climate Information, Scenarios and Vulnerability Assessments) were developed, and the recruitment process was completed.</p>	<p>The final deliverable will be completed by month 56 (March 2023), resulting in a delay of 44 months.</p> <p>This is due to procurement delays, including due to Covid-19 restrictions (same consultant teams as for activity 2.3.1). The activity has also been postponed further due to the need to identify funds for the recruitment of significant international consultant support for the activity through a GCF-approved budget revision, and to recruit these consultants. Most recently, in the current reporting period, the recruitment of the international consultant team was on hold due to grant expiry and pending GCF approval of Request for Changes.</p>	<p>No substantive progress to report</p>	<p><b>Activities:</b> The recruitment of the international consultant team to support the development of climate projections, impact modelling and climate risk assessment will be completed by August 2022 (following the recent GCF approval of project extension and budget revision).</p> <p>The development of climate projections and climate risk assessment will be initiated. This will be informed by the stocktaking and gap analysis work done under activity 2.3.1. The climate projections and climate risk and vulnerability analyses will be completed by March 2023.</p> <p><b>Intermediate deliverable:</b> Inception report for the climate projections and risk assessment</p>	

**Outcome 3: Resource mobilisation strategy to inform medium- and long-term adaptation investments**

**Outcome narrative:**

During the reporting period:

- Selection process for a [National Consultant \(Adaptation Funding Strategy\)](#) was relaunched, following UNEP observations on deficiencies in the evaluation process.
- Selection process for a [National Consultant \(Training in implementation of Adaptation Funding Strategy\)](#) was launched.
- The procurement process for an [International Economic Analysis and Funding Strategy Consultant Team](#) was completed, with contract to be issued in August 2022 (following GCF approval of no-cost extension and budget revision).
- The procurement process for an International Project Development Consultant Team to support the development of two GCF Concept Notes (activity 3.2.5) was completed.
- [Revised first draft](#) of the report on previous and ongoing adaptation projects to be included in the long-term research programme (activity 3.3.2) was developed, and is currently under review.
- [Prototype](#) of the information sharing and knowledge platform (activity 3.3.6) was developed.

Outputs	Baseline summary	Activities	Targets achieved	Indicators	Milestones and deliverables achieved	Variance explanation	Qualitative assessment of activities undertaken	Planned activities and corresponding deliverables/milestones for the next reporting period
3.1 Assessment of the costs of integrating climate change adaptation into the policy and planning processes in Mauritania.		3.1.1 Undertake a detailed economic study to fill the information gaps and estimate the costs of implementing the adaptation interventions included in the cross-cutting and thematic area policies, strategies and plans updated under Component 1.	0	Economic assessment report on costs and benefits of implementing adaptation strategies and interventions	<p><b>The procurement process for an <a href="#">International Economic Analysis and Funding Strategy Consultant Team</a> was completed, with contract to be issued in August 2022 (following GCF approval of no-cost extension and budget revision).</b></p> <p>Previous reporting periods:</p> <p>Milestones:</p> <p>Following the unsuccessful recruitment of a <a href="#">National Consultant (Economic cost assessment)</a>, the Minister of Environment has recommended for this activity to be combined with the similar activity 2.2.1. This deliverable will therefore be integrated in that of 2.2.1.</p>	<p>The completion of the deliverable has been rescheduled from month 21 to month 56 (March 2022), resulting in a delay of 35 months.</p> <p>This delay is due to (i) challenges in the recruitment of a national expert for the task, and (ii) the need to first advance the climate risk and vulnerability assessments (activity 2.3.2) as well as the gap and needs assessment under output 1.3.</p>	No substantive progress to report	<p><b>Activities:</b></p> <p>The contracting processes for the National and International Consultants under activity 2.2.1 will be completed by August 2022.</p> <p>Assessment of the costs of integrating climate change adaptation into the policy and planning processes will be initiated, in the context of the cost-benefit analysis of adaptation options.</p> <p><b>Interim deliverable:</b></p> <p>First draft of the cost-benefit analysis report (activity 2.2.1), including an economic assessment of the costs and benefits of implementing adaptation strategies and interventions</p>

3.2 Funding strategy for adaptation in Mauritania mobilizes funding resources and reviews existing funding mechanisms	3.2.1 Coordinate with the Ministry of Finance and Planning (MEF) to identify potential new public, private, bilateral and multilateral sources of climate finance to address the adaptation needs assessed under Component 1.	1	Report of financial sources to support NAP implementation	<p><b>Milestones:</b></p> <p><b>The recruitment process for a <a href="#">National Consultant (Adaptation Funding Strategy)</a> was re-launched, following UNEP observations on deficiencies in the evaluation process. The recruitment will be completed by August 2022.</b></p> <p><b>The international economics team will be deployed for this activity as well; refer to activity 3.1.1.</b></p>	<p>The completion of the deliverable has been rescheduled from month 18 to month 53 (Dec 2022), resulting in a delay of 35 months.</p> <p>This is due to (i) delays in the recruitment of national and international consultants, and (ii) the need to first complete the adaptation needs assessments under Component 1.</p>	No substantive progress to report	<p><b>Activities:</b></p> <p>The contracting processes for the International Consultant team and the National Consultant will be completed by August 2022.</p> <p>Potential new and existing public, private, bilateral and multilateral sources of finance to support NAP implementation will be identified, in coordination with the Ministry of Finance and Planning.</p> <p><b>Deliverable 3.2.1:</b> Final report on financial sources to support NAP implementation by December 2022</p>
	3.2.2 Develop an adaptation funding strategy to: i) access new sources of adaptation finance; ii) review and strengthen the structure of existing funding mechanisms; iii) integrate climate change adaptation into national planning budget; and iv) support effective channelling of funds across sectors according to adaptation priorities identified in Component 1.		Adaptation funding strategy centered on domestic public financing sources	<p><b>See above for Activity 3.2.1 (the same consultant team will be in charge of this activity).</b></p>	<p>The completion of the deliverable has been rescheduled from month 21 to month 59 (June 2023), resulting in a delay of 38 months.</p> <p>This is due to need to first advance the overall NAP process further, in particular the identification of adaptation needs under Component 1.</p>	No substantive progress to report	<p><b>Activities:</b></p> <p>Refer to planned activities in Activity 3.2.1. The team recruited will be deployed for this activity as well.</p> <p>The development of the adaptation funding strategy to support NAP implementation will be initiated, building on the identification of potential funding sources undertaken under activity 3.2.1.</p> <p><b>Intermediate deliverable:</b> Inception report for the development of an adaptation funding strategy to support NAP implementation</p>
	3.2.3 Develop training toolkits and train technical staff from MEDD and other relevant government ministries to strengthen the capacity of such stakeholders in implementing the adaptation funding strategy. This activity will be		<p>Training toolkit developed.</p> <p>Number of trainings</p> <p>Number of participants</p>	<p><b>The procurement process for an <a href="#">International Economic Analysis and Funding Strategy Consultant Team</a> was completed, with contract to be issued in August 2022 (following GCF approval</b></p>	<p>The deliverable will be completed by month 65 (Dec 2023), resulting in a delay of 38 months.</p>	<p>No substantive progress to report</p> <p>This activity will take place after activities 3.1.1, 3.2.1 and 3.2.2</p>	<p><b>Activities:</b></p> <p>The contracting process for the International Consultant team and the National Consultant will be completed by August 2022.</p> <p><b>Intermediate deliverable:</b></p>

		conducted in close collaboration with the MEF.		<p><b>of no-cost extension and budget revision).</b></p> <p><b>The recruitment process for a <a href="#">National Consultant (Training in implementation of Adaptation Funding Strategy)</a> was launched and will be completed by August 2022.</b></p>	This is due to the need to first complete activities 3.2.1 and 3.2.2.		International Consultant team contract
		3.2.4 Develop tools and methodology to track public expenditure on climate change adaptation in Mauritania.	Methodology and tools for tracking public expenditure on climate adaptation	<b>See above for Activity 3.2.1 (the same consultant team will be in charge of this activity).</b>	<p>The deliverable will be completed by month 59 (June 2023), resulting in a delay of 35 months.</p> <p>This delay is due to the overall delay of 8 months in the initiation of project implementation, and subsequent delays in activities. The National and International Consultant will first focus on advancing activities 3.2.1 and 3.2.2.</p>	No substantive progress to report	<p><b>Activities:</b> Refer to planned activities under Activity 3.2.1. The team to be recruited will be deployed for this activity as well.</p> <p>The implementation of the activity is scheduled to start in January 2023.</p> <p><b>Intermediate deliverable:</b> International and National Consultant contracts</p>
		3.2.5 Develop two to three GCF Concepts Notes for accessing the project preparation facility for the development of full Funding Proposals for: i) the installation of a fully operational and sustainable climate information system in Mauritania; and ii) addressing other adaptation priorities identified in NAPA and INDC.	Number of GCF Concept Notes prepared	<p><b>The procurement process for an International Project Development Consultant Team to support the development of two GCF Concept Notes was completed.</b></p> <p>Previous reporting periods:</p> <p>Intermediate deliverable:</p> <p>The recruitment of a <a href="#">National Consultant (Development of Adaptation</a></p>	<p>The deliverable will be completed by month 62 (Dec 2023), resulting in a delay of 32 months.</p> <p>This delay is due to the overall delay of 8 months in the initiation of project implementation, and the need to prioritize the implementation of other activities first.</p>	No substantive progress to report	<p><b>Activities:</b> Scoping for the GCF Concept Notes will be undertaken, and their development will be initiated.</p> <p><b>Intermediate deliverable:</b> Zero draft of the first (of two) GCF Concept Notes</p>

					<a href="#">Projects</a> ) was completed in December 2021.			
		3.2.6 Organize a round table of donors to discuss the funding of prioritized adaptation projects highlighted in the INDC, the NAPA, PANE (National Action Plan for Environment) and SCAPP (Strategy of Accelerated Growth and shared prosperity).		Number of round table meetings  Number of institutions that participate	<b>The procurement process for an <a href="#">International Economic Analysis and Funding Strategy Consultant Team</a> was completed, with contract to be issued in August 2022 (following GCF approval of no-cost extension and budget revision).</b>	The deliverable will be completed by month 62 (Sept 2023), resulting in a delay of 35 months.  This is due to the overall delay in the initiation of project implementation, and subsequent delays in the activities. There is a need for the National Consultant Team to first advance activities under output 1.3, and for the International Consultant to support activities 3.2.1-3.2.4.	No substantive progress to report	<b>Activities:</b> The contracting process for the International Consultant team will be completed by August 2022.  The implementation of the activity is scheduled to start in July 2023.  <b>Intermediate deliverable:</b> International Consultant team contract
3.3 Long-term research and study programmes to inform future investments in adaptation across sectors.		3.3.1 Develop and implement a long-term research and study programme in collaboration with relevant organizations such as ISET, University of Nouakchott-EI Asriya, ENS, HIS, the Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific Research and Technology and other relevant government institutions to assess the effectiveness of past, present and future adaptation interventions, in order to inform long-term national adaptation planning.	0	Long-term research programme and study programme developed  Number of research grants	<b>No progress to report in current reporting period.</b>  Previous reporting periods:  Milestone:  The recruitment process for a <a href="#">Research Expert</a> was completed in March 2021, following the UNEP procurement review (no-objection) process.  Intermediate deliverable:  <a href="#">Draft Inception Report</a> for the activity was submitted in June 2021.	The deliverable will be completed by month 62 (Sept 2023), resulting in a delay of 26 months.  This delay is due to the overall delay of 8 months in the initiation of project implementation, as well as significant procurement delays, as a result of the requirement for the consultant selection process to be undertaken by the Multi-Department Procurement Commission. Furthermore, other activities under output 3.3 need to be completed	No substantive progress to report	<b>Activities:</b> Recruitment of an International Consultant to support the implementation of this activity will be completed.  Initial meetings and discussions to scope the development of the long-term research and study programme will be undertaken.  <b>Intermediate deliverables:</b> - International Consultant contract - Minutes of initial meetings to scope the research and study programme

						before this one is undertaken.		
		3.3.2 Identify previous and ongoing climate change adaptation projects in Mauritania (building on the work of NAPA-catalyzed projects) to be included in the long-term research programme in Activity 3.3.1.		Report on previous and ongoing climate change adaptation projects	<p><b>Interim deliverable:</b></p> <p><b>Revised <a href="#">first draft of the report on previous and ongoing adaptation projects has been developed, following a mission in May 2022 to several research centers.</a></b></p> <p>Previous reporting periods:</p> <p>Interim deliverable:</p> <p><a href="#">Zero draft</a> of the report on previous and ongoing adaptation projects has been developed, and is currently under review.</p> <p>Milestone:</p> <p>The recruitment process for a <a href="#">Research Expert</a> was completed in March 2021, following the UNEP procurement review (no-objection) process.</p> <p>Intermediate deliverable:</p> <p><a href="#">Inception Report</a> for the activity was submitted in June 2021.</p>	<p>The deliverable will be completed by month 51 (Oct 2022), resulting in a delay of 42 months.</p> <p>This is due to significant procurement delays, as a result of the requirement for the consultant selection process to be undertaken by the Multi-Department Procurement Commission, as well as additional delays caused by delays in project inception and subsequent COVID-19 restrictions.</p>	<p>The revised first draft report includes a preliminary analysis of the research undertaken in the context of recent and ongoing adaptation projects, and recommendations on the types of research to be included in the long-term research programme (LTRP). It is still lacking recommendations on specific projects that should be included in the LTRP.</p>	<p><b>Activities:</b></p> <p>Following the review of the first draft, the development of the report on previous and ongoing climate change adaptation projects in Mauritania, to be included in the long-term research programme, will continue. The report will be finalized by October 2022.</p> <p><b>Deliverable 3.3.2:</b></p> <p>Report on previous and ongoing climate change adaptation projects by October 2022</p>
		3.3.3 Establish new and strengthen existing research teams and steering committees of relevant climate change adaptation projects. Review and potentially revise the existing MoU between the		Number of research steering committees engaged on adaptation research of interest to the NAP process	<p><b>No progress to report in current reporting period.</b></p> <p>Previous reporting periods:</p> <p>Milestone:</p>	<p>The deliverable will be completed by month 53 (Dec 2022), resulting in a delay of 17 months.</p> <p>This is due to the overall delay of 8</p>	<p>As a result of the consultations undertaken, it was established that there is no existing MoU between MEDD and the University of Nouakchott.</p>	<p><b>Activities:</b></p> <p>Stakeholders will be convened to discuss the most appropriate formats for cooperation (including possible MoUs) between MEDD and key research actors in the area of climate change adaptation.</p>

	MEDD and the University of Nouakchott.			<p>The recruitment process for a <a href="#">Research Expert</a> was completed in March 2021, following the UNEP procurement review (no-objection) process.</p> <p>Intermediate deliverables:</p> <p><a href="#">Inception Report</a> for the activity was submitted in June 2021.</p> <p>Consultations with Ministry of Higher Education and Science and the National Agency for Scientific Research (ANRSE) were undertaken to identify possible formats for collaboration.</p>	<p>months in the initiation of project implementation, as well as significant procurement delays, as a result of the requirement for the consultant selection process to be undertaken by the Multi-Department Procurement Commission.</p>	<p>The focus of this activity was identified as the establishment of a Steering Committee (with leadership of MEDD and Ministry of Research) to guide and oversee the long-term research and programme (activity 3.3.1) and operation of the information and knowledge sharing platform (activity 3.3.6)</p>	<p>Possible research teams to be established and/or strengthened will be identified during the development of the long-term research and study programme (under activity 3.3.1).</p> <p><b>Deliverable 3.3.3:</b> Establishment of a Steering Committee to guide and oversee the long-term research and programme (activity 3.3.1) and operation of the information and knowledge sharing platform (activity 3.3.6) by December 2022</p>
	3.3.4 Undertake stakeholder mapping to identify and clearly define the roles and responsibilities of stakeholders in implementing, maintaining and monitoring relevant projects.	Stakeholder mapping	<p>Roles and responsibilities defined and documented</p>	<p><b>No progress to report in current reporting period.</b></p> <p>Previous reporting periods:</p> <p>Deliverable 3.3.4:</p> <p>Final report of the <a href="#">Stakeholder Mapping of actors relevant for research on climate change adaptation</a> was delivered in September 2021, and a <a href="#">validation workshop</a> was organized with participation of key stakeholders.</p> <p>Interim deliverable:</p> <p><a href="#">Zero draft</a> of the Stakeholder Mapping of actors relevant for research on</p>	<p>The deliverable was completed in month 38 (Sept 2021), with a delay of 29 months.</p> <p>This was due to significant procurement delays, as a result of the requirement for the consultant selection process to be undertaken by the Multi-Department Procurement Commission, as well as additional delays caused by delays in project inception and subsequent COVID-19 restrictions.</p>	<p>The Stakeholder Mapping report presents the key actors relevant to climate change adaptation research in Mauritania. It also provides a brief analysis of the status of the national research system, and its strengths and weaknesses. Recommendations for strengthening adaptation research in Mauritania are included.</p>	<p><b>Completed.</b></p>

				<p>climate change adaptation was delivered in June 2021.</p> <p>Milestones:</p> <p>The recruitment process for a <a href="#">Research Expert</a> was completed in March 2021, following the UNEP procurement review (no-objection) process.</p>			
	<p>3.3.5 Develop business plans and financial models, working closely with the private sector, to demonstrate the financial value of ecosystem goods and services to local communities and different sectors.</p>	<p>Number of business plans and financial models documented</p>	<p>Previous reporting periods:</p> <p>Milestone:</p> <p>Following the unsuccessful recruitment of a <a href="#">National Consultant (Business Plans and Financial Models)</a>, the Minister of Environment has recommended for this activity to be removed from the work plan. The exact focus of the proposed activities and deliverables is not fully clear, and the links with other project activities and outcomes are missing. As such, UNEP agrees with this suggestion, and the funds will be reallocated to economic (cost-benefit) assessment activities (2.2.1, 2.2.2).</p>	<p>N/A (activity removed)</p>	<p>N/A (activity removed)</p> <p><b>The activity has been removed from the work plan, following the recommendation of MEDD and agreement from UNEP and GCF. The exact focus of the proposed activities and deliverables was not fully clear, and the links with other project activities and outcomes are missing.</b></p> <p><b>The funds under activity 3.3.5 will be allocated to other economic analysis-focused activities (under outputs 2.2 and 3.2), which are under-budgeted. This will not result in significant budget transfers between cost-categories.</b></p>	<p>N/A (activity removed)</p>	
	<p>3.3.6 Design and implement an information sharing and knowledge platform for the dissemination of knowledge</p>	<p>Information sharing and knowledge platform operational (web portal)</p>	<p><b>Interim deliverable:</b></p> <p><b><a href="#">Prototype of the Information sharing and</a></b></p>	<p>The deliverable will be completed by month 53 (Dec 2022),</p>		<p><b>Activities:</b></p> <p>The design of the platform to disseminate knowledge generated through research will be further</p>	



		generated through the long-term research to a wide range of public institutions and sectors, which will be integrated into policies through the periodic review process established under Component 1. This will include the dissemination of initial results during the project lifespan.			<p><b>knowledge platform (webportal) was delivered.</b></p> <p>Previous reporting periods:</p> <p>Intermediate deliverables:</p> <p><a href="#">Inception report</a> for the development of the information sharing and knowledge platform was developed.</p> <p>The recruitment of a <a href="#">Web-design Team (Information Sharing and Knowledge Platform)</a> was completed.</p>	<p>resulting in a delay of 17 months.</p> <p>The delay is mainly due to the overall delay of 8 months in the initiation of project implementation.</p>		<p>developed, and the platform will be populated with initial data.</p> <p>A coordination mechanism for the operation of the platform will be established.</p> <p><b>Deliverable 3.3.6:</b> Functional Information-sharing and Knowledge Platform by December 2022</p>
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**Outcome 4: Monitoring and reviewing system established**

**Outcome narrative:**

During the reporting period:

- The selection process for the [Communications Expert Team](#) (activity 4.2.3) was relaunched, following the rejection of the previous recruitment process by the previous Environment Minister.
- A [video](#) was produced (activity 4.3.4) of the validation workshop for the national plan for climate risk prevention held under activity 1.3.4.

Outputs	Baseline summary	Activities	Targets achieved	Indicators	Milestones and deliverables achieved	Variance explanation	Qualitative assessment of activities undertaken	Planned activities and corresponding deliverables/milestones for the next reporting period
4.1 Monitoring and reviewing system established.		4.1.1 In coordination with DPCID, develop and implement a monitoring and reviewing system for the NAP process in Mauritania including: i) performance indicators at national and local levels; ii) short-, medium- and long-term targets; iii) monitoring and reviewing tools and templates; iv) assessment planning; and v) follow-up actions.	0	Operational monitoring and review system for the NAP process	<p><b>No progress to report in current reporting period.</b></p> <p>Previous reporting periods:</p> <p>Interim deliverable:</p> <p><a href="#">Final draft report</a> on the monitoring and review system for the NAP process was delivered.</p> <p>Intermediate deliverable:</p>	<p>The deliverable will be completed by month 56 (March 2023), resulting in a delay of 44 months.</p> <p>This delay is due to: (i) delayed start of project implementation, (ii) procurement delays, (iii) COVID-19 restrictions which have limited the consultant's ability to meet with stakeholders, and most recently, in current reporting period,</p>	<p>The final draft report presents the objectives, scope, focus, structure and operational modalities for a monitoring and review system for the NAP process in Mauritania. It also includes proposed performance indicators and targets.</p>	<p><b>Activities:</b> An International Consultant will be recruited to support the strengthening of draft deliverables produced under Outputs 4.1-4.3. The International Consultant will work with the national M&amp;E expert to revise and finalize the draft report. A validation workshop is planned for March 2023 (joint workshop with deliverable 4.2.1).</p> <p><b>Interim deliverable 4.1.1:</b></p>

					<p><a href="#">TORs</a> for a national M&amp;E expert were developed, and recruitment process finalized.</p>	<p>(iv) the need additional international consultant support to improve the quality and scope of the report.</p>		<p>Revised draft report on the monitoring and review system for the NAP process</p>
<p>4.2 National and local government representatives and stakeholders trained to implement the NAP monitoring and reviewing system in Mauritania.</p>		<p>4.2.1 Develop monitoring and reviewing guidelines, tools and training materials for technical staff of relevant government institutions – including MEDD, MPEM, MA, ME, MHA, MS, MHAT and other key ministries and departments – to facilitate data collection, analysis and dissemination.</p>	1	<p>Number of monitoring and reporting guidelines, tools and training materials</p>	<p><b>No progress to report in current reporting period.</b></p> <p>Previous reporting periods:</p> <p>Interim deliverable:</p> <p><a href="#">Draft report</a> on monitoring and reporting guidelines and training materials was developed, and is currently under review.</p> <p>Intermediate deliverable:</p> <p><a href="#">TORs</a> for a national M&amp;E expert were developed, and recruitment process finalized.</p>	<p>The deliverable will be completed by month 56 (March 2023), resulting in a delay of 35 months.</p> <p>The delay is due to the significant delays in the development of the M&amp;R system (activity 4.1.1, see above). Also. Additional international consultant support has been deemed necessary to improve the quality and scope of the report.</p>	<p>The draft report contains three training modules on monitoring and reporting on adaptation. Further development of the report is needed to provide practical guidance for the operationalization of the NAP M&amp;R system.</p>	<p><b>Activities:</b></p> <p>An International Consultant will be recruited to support the strengthening of draft deliverables produced under Outputs 4.1-4.3. The International Consultant will work with the national M&amp;E expert to revise and finalize the draft report. A validation workshop is planned for March 2023 (joint workshop with deliverable 4.1.1).</p> <p><b>Interim deliverable 4.2.1:</b> Revised draft monitoring and reviewing guidelines, tools and training materials</p>
		<p>4.2.2 Conduct technical training of relevant government institutions' staff (including Wilaya and Moughataa and officers) on undertaking the monitoring and reviewing activities of the NAP process. This activity will target staff from MEDD and CCPNCC, and other thematic lead ministries and departments.</p>		<p>Number of trainings</p> <p>Number of participants</p>	<p><b>No progress to report in current reporting period.</b></p> <p>Previous reporting period:</p> <p>Intermediate deliverable:</p> <p><a href="#">TORs</a> for a national M&amp;E expert were developed, and recruitment process finalized.</p> <p><a href="#">Draft inception report</a> (work plan) for the</p>	<p>The deliverable will be completed by month 59 (June 2023), resulting in a delay of 38 months.</p> <p>This delay is due to the significant delays in the development of the M&amp;R system (activity 4.1.1, see above).</p>	<p><b>The activity has been put on hold until January 2023. This is to enable activities 4.1.1 and 4.2.1 to advance first, since the training will directly build on these deliverables.</b></p>	<p>Not planned for the next reporting period.</p>

					overall M&E assignment was delivered.			
		4.2.3 Conduct an awareness-raising campaign (including NGOs, CSOs and local communities) on the monitoring and reviewing system and provide training at the local level to meet the performance targets.		Number of awareness-raising events  Number of participants.	<p><b>Milestone:</b></p> <p><b>The selection process for the <a href="#">Communications Expert Team</a> was relaunched, following the rejection of the previous recruitment process by the previous Environment Minister.</b></p> <p>Previous reporting periods:</p> <p>Milestones:</p> <p>The selection process for a <a href="#">Communications Expert Team</a> was completed in June 2021, after a lengthy UNEP procurement review (no-objection) process.</p> <p>The selection process undertaken by the Multi-Departmental Procurement Commission was completed in December 2020.</p>	<p>The deliverable will be completed by month 62 (Sept 2023), resulting in a delay of 32 months.</p> <p>This is due to the significant delays in the development of the M&amp;R system (activity 4.1.1, see above), as well as the delays in the procurement process.</p>	No substantive progress to report	<p><b>Activities:</b></p> <p>The recruitment of a Communications Expert Team will be completed by September 2022.</p> <p>The development of the awareness-raising campaign on the M&amp;R system will be initiated in January 2023, following the advancement of deliverables 4.1.1 and 4.2.1.</p> <p><b>Intermediate deliverable:</b></p> <p>Communications Expert Team contract</p>
4.3 NAP document and communication material on NAP formulation, implementation, funding and monitoring in Mauritania.		4.3.1 Develop the National Adaptation Plan (NAP) based on the sectoral and subnational adaptation priorities through a broad stakeholder consultations process.	0	A NAP document	<b>No progress in current reporting period.</b>	<p>The deliverable will be completed by month 62 (Sept 2023), resulting in a delay of 32 months.</p> <p>This is due to the overall delay in the initiation of project implementation, subsequent delays in various activities, and the need for other</p>	No substantive progress to report	Not planned for the next reporting period

						aspects of the project to be advanced first.		
		4.3.2 Disseminate the NAPs key findings and lessons learned as well as proposed solutions to address the barriers. Relevant platforms include national portals, national and local stakeholders' networks, and other relevant international networks such as NAP portals, NAP GSPs and UNFCCC media.		Number of lessons learned documents  Number of platforms	<b>No progress in current reporting period</b>	The deliverable will be completed by month 66 (Jan 2024), resulting in a delay of 30 months.  This is due to the overall delay of 8 months in the initiation of project implementation, subsequent delays in various activities, and the need to first advance activity 4.3.1.	No substantive progress to report	Not planned for the next reporting period
		4.3.3 Develop and implement a system for the documentation and analysis of the NAP process to be conducted on a regular basis and beyond the project lifespan. The results shall be: i) disseminated to relevant national stakeholders; ii) integrated into the monitoring and reviewing system for the NAP process; and iii) disseminated on relevant portals.		A documentation and analysis system of the NAP process	<b>No progress to report in current reporting period.</b>  Previous reporting periods:  Intermediate deliverable:  <a href="#">TORs</a> for a national M&E expert were developed, and recruitment process finalized.  <a href="#">Draft inception report</a> (work plan) for the overall M&E assignment was delivered.	The deliverable will be completed by month 56 (March 2023), resulting in a delay of 20 months.  This is due to the overall delay of 8 months in the start of project activities, and subsequent delays in the implementation of activity 4.1.1. The development and implementation of the system will be undertaken from April 2022 onwards, once activities 4.1.1 and 4.2.1 have been completed by the M&E expert.	No substantive progress to report	<b>Activities:</b> An International Consultant will be recruited to support the strengthening of draft deliverables produced under Outputs 4.1-4.3. The International Consultant will work with the national M&E expert to initiate the development of a system for the documentation and analysis of the NAP process.  <b>Interim deliverable 4.3.3:</b> A draft documentation and analysis system of the NAP process
		4.3.4 Produce and disseminate video clips and documentary in both Arabic, and French on the implementation of the NAP process in Mauritania, using national television channels.		Number of video clips and documentaries	<b>A video was produced of the validation workshop for the national plan for climate risk prevention (activity 1.3.4).</b>  Previous reporting periods:	The deliverable will be completed by month 72 (July 2024), resulting in a delay of 36 months.  This is due to the overall delay of 8 months in the start of project activities, subsequent delays in	<b>A video was produced of the validation workshop for the national plan for climate risk prevention (activity 1.3.4).</b>	<b>Activities:</b> The development of video clips and a documentary on the NAP process in Mauritania will be continued.

				<p>Partial deliverable:</p> <p>A <a href="#">video</a> was produced of the High-Level Dialogue on the NAP process, which was chaired by Minister of the Environment and Sustainable Development in December 2019. The video was disseminated through national television, as well as the project website and Facebook page.</p>	<p>various activities, and the need to first advance the NAP process. The development of videos will be continued until end of the project.</p>		
		<p>4.3.5 Submit Mauritania's NAP document to the UN-FCCC and present it to the national and international stakeholders, including during climate change-related international meetings.</p>	<p>NAP document available on UN-FCCC website</p> <p>Number of presentations at international meetings</p>	<p><b>No progress to report in current reporting period.</b></p>	<p>The deliverable will be completed by month 66 (Jan 2024), resulting in a delay of 30 months.</p> <p>This delay is due to the overall delay of 8 months in the start of project activities, subsequent delays in various activities, and the need to first advance activity 4.3.1.</p>	<p>No substantive progress to report</p>	<p>Not planned for the next reporting period</p>
		<p>4.3.6 Proceed to the endorsement of the NAP by Parliament to provide an enforcement mandate and to mobilize national budget provisions for NAP implementation.</p>	<p>NAP endorsed</p>	<p><b>No progress to report in current reporting period.</b></p>	<p>The deliverable will be completed by month 66 (Jan 2023), resulting in a delay of 30 months.</p> <p>This delay is due to the overall delay of 8 months in the start of project activities, subsequent delays in various activities, and the need to first advance activity 4.3.1.</p>	<p>No substantive progress to report</p>	<p>Not planned for the next reporting period</p>





















## SECTION 4: BUDGET & EXPENDITURE REPORTING

This section requires the applicant to report on the proposed budget. Double-click the table below to edit the spreadsheet.

Progress is reported for the period on activities (should be consistent with section 1.8 and 1.10). Please fill the budget reporting in the excel format table below by double clicking the table. The currency used should be consistent with Grant Agreement.

From: 01 Jan to 30 Jun 2022

Excel file provided separately.

Note that the over expenditure recorded under Training/Workshops and Contractual Services shall be corrected once the Project Cooperation Agreement (PCA) is revised to accommodate the Budget Revision approved by GCF in June 2022. The figures reported are aligned with Umoja ( UNEP accounting system).

## SECTION 5: PROCUREMENT PLAN FOR THE NEXT IMPLEMENTATION PERIOD

List the items planned to be procured during the next implementation period (including consultants) and explain what procedures will be used for these procurements (e.g. direct procurement, open tender, other). Double-click the table below to edit the spreadsheet.

### Goods and non-consulting services

Activities	Item to procure	Unit number or work/month day	Lumpsum or unit rate (average)	Total budget	Procurement procedures used
1.1.3, 1.2.2, 1.2.3, 1.4.4, 2.1.1, 2.1.2, 2.1.5, 2.2.1, 2.2.2, 2.3.1, 2.3.2, 3.1.1, 3.2.1, 3.2.2, 3.2.5, 3.3.2, 4.2.1	Travel	20	6,110	122,200	Low-value procurement
1.1.2, 1.1.3, 2.1.3, 3.2.5, 3.3.2, 3.3.6, 4.1.1, 4.2.1	Printing	10	4,750	47,500	Low-value procurement

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<sup>5</sup> Please provide justification for variance, excess of 10% of the amount originally allocated for a Category shall only be done with the Fund's prior written approval.

1.1.2, 1.1.3, 1.2.1, 1.2.2, 1.3.2, 1.3.3, 1.4.4, 2.1.2, 2.1.3, 2.1.5, 2.1.6, 2.2.1, 2.2.2, 2.3.2, 3.1.1, 3.2.1, 3.2.2, 3.3.2, 3.3.3, 3.3.6, 4.1.1, 4.2.1, 4.3.3, 4.3.4	Meetings / work-shops	30	10,000	300,000	Low-value procurement
1.2.1, 1.3.2, 2.1.5, 3.2.5	Translation services	4	7,200	28,800	Low-value procurement
1.2.3, 2.1.1, 2.3.1, 2.3.2, 3.3.6, 4.3.4	Contractual services (website, mapping tools, communications contract, etc)	6	17,167	103,000	Low-value procurement
<b>TOTAL</b>				<b>601,500</b>	

#### Consultancies and Professional Services

Activities	Item to procure	Unit Number or Work month/day	Lump sum or Unit rate	Total Budget	Procurement procedures used
		i	ii	iii = (i x ii)	
1.1.2, 1.1.3, 1.2.1, 1.2.2, 1.2.3, 1.3.2, 1.3.3	IC to support completion of activities under outputs 1.1-1.3	71	704	50000	Competitive recruitment
1.4.1, 1.4.2, 1.4.3, 4.2.3	NC communications expert team	200	200	40000	Competitive recruitment
2.2.1	NC to adapt existing cost-benefit analysis system to the Mauritanian context	50	200	10000	Competitive recruitment
2.2.2	NC to define national criteria for prioritizing implementation of adaptation options	100	200	20000	Competitive recruitment
3.1.1	NC to conduct an economic study to assess the costs of implementing adaptation interventions identified	100	200	20000	Competitive recruitment
3.2.1	NC to identify potential new sources of climate finance to address adaptation needs	60	200	12000	Competitive recruitment
3.2.2	NC to develop an adaptation funding strategy	60	200	12000	Competitive recruitment



3.2.3	NC to develop and deliver training on the implementation of the adaptation funding strategy	100	200	20000	Competitive recruitment
3.2.4	NC to develop tools and methodology to track public expenditure on adaptation in Mauritania	60	200	12000	Competitive recruitment
4.1.1, 4.2.1, 4.3.3	IC to support finalization of Component 4 outputs	30		21000	Competitive recruitment
3.2.5	Professional services: A consultancy firm to support the development of two GCF Concept Notes for accessing the project preparation facility for the development of full funding proposals	40	750	30000	UNEP Systems Contract (established through RFP)
2.1.3, 2.3.1, 2.3.2	Professional services: A consultancy firm to lead climate and impact modelling and development of climate risks assessments	1	158,000	158,000	UNEP Systems Contract (established through RFP)
2.2.1, 2.2.2, 3.1.1, 3.2.1, 3.2.2, 3.2.3, 3.2.4, 3.2.6	Professional services: A consultancy firm to lead economic cost-benefit assessments and development of adaptation funding strategy	1	103,000	103,000	Request for Proposals (RFP)
	<b>PMU</b>				
	Audit		Flat rate	3000	Competitive recruitment
	<b>TOTAL CONSULTANTS AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICES</b>			<b>511,000</b>	
	<b>TOTAL (Goods + Consultants / Professional Services)</b>			<b>1,112,500</b>	

## SECTION 6: CHALLENGES, LESSONS LEARNED AND WAY FORWARD

Please describe what were the challenges encountered during the current reporting period; what were the solutions to mitigate them; and what were the key lessons learned and what will the project do to undertake course corrections during the next reporting period.

In the current reporting period, the main challenge faced was the expiry of the project grant on 15 January 2022. The GCF approval of the Request for Change (no-cost extension and budget revision) was received on 14 June 2022. As such, for almost the entire duration reporting period, only a limited number of activities could be implemented. In particular, many activities were on hold pending the recruitment of international consultants, which had been identified as crucially important for supporting the successful implementation or finalization of many project deliverables. With the no-cost extension now granted and budget revision approved, the recruitment of the international consultants is now underway, and will be completed in most cases by August 2022.

To compensate for the halt in many project activities from 15 January 2022, the length of the no-cost extension was extended from 18 to 30 months. This also includes 6-month period that was included for undertaking the Terminal Evaluation of the project, and for organizing associated learning activities.

Furthermore, the approved budget revision will be very helpful in addressing a number of challenges faced in project implementation, in particular the limited capacity of national consultants which has resulted in delays, as significant support and multiple reiterations of deliverables have been necessary. The budget reallocation includes additional international consultant support to Outputs 1.1-1.3, and significantly augments the budget for the procurement of adequate international consultancy firm support for climate modelling and risk assessment (Output 2.3), as well as economic analysis (Output 2.2 and 3.1) and funding strategy development (Output 3.2).

Following the resolution of various procurement challenges and delays in previous reporting periods, additional procurement-related set-backs were faced in the current period. Specifically: (i) The recruitment of a national consultant for cost-benefit analysis had to be relaunched, as no suitable candidates were identified; (ii) The recruitment of a national consultant for the development of an adaptation funding strategy was relaunched, due to concerns raised by UNEP (through the no-objection process) regarding the evaluation process; and (iii) The recruitment of the Communications Expert Team was relaunched following the rejection of the contract by the (previous) Minister of the Environment. These challenges are being addressed by ensuring the wide circulation of the advertisements, and the continued provision of guidance by UNEP on the procurement processes. Furthermore, recent changes at the highest levels at MEDD will help to pave the way for smoother implementation process, not only in terms of procurements, but also ensuring stronger political support to the project.

Finally, in the current reporting period, the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on project implementation was limited. The COVID-19 situation in Mauritania was good, and there were few restrictions in place. Towards the end of the reporting period the infection rates started to increase, and the situation will be closely monitored to mitigate any possible challenges on project implementation.

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## Annex. Subsequent Disbursement Request Form

Please fill the below form to request for the subsequent disbursement when the interim progress report along with unaudited financial statement/financial audit report/certified financial statements as applicable in accordance with Grant Agreement has been submitted to GCF (please note that the disbursement request can be processed only after these conditions are met).

SUBSEQUENT DISBURSEMENT REQUEST	
1. Total amount approved for the project	
2. Disbursement from GCF made to date/Percentage of Total Grant (%)	
3. Total expenditure to date	
4. Expenditure rate as of the Interim Progress Report submission date (%)	
5. Total amount of the subsequent disbursement to request/Percentage of Total Grant (%)	
6. Name of Beneficiary Bank and located country	
7. Account number	
8. Bank address	
9. SWIFT (BIC)	
10. IBAN Code	
11. Date of the disbursement request	

<b>Name and Title*: Position:</b>	<b>Signature:</b>	<b>Date:</b>
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*\*The signatory of grant agreement (either NDA or Delivery Partner) or any authorised person who is certified in the letter of authorisation submitted to the Fund can sign here. When this is not plausible, please kindly consult with the Fund ([opm@gcfund.org](mailto:opm@gcfund.org)) prior to the submission of the disbursement request.*

## SPECIAL ADDENDUM: COVID-19 RELATED IMPACTS

This section provides information on temporary measures to support project implementation through the extension period. Please be advised that the measures do not constitute a permanent change in policy. If you have any questions, please feel free to send an inquiry to [opm@gcfund.org](mailto:opm@gcfund.org).

GCF has granted up to six-months extension of the grant term/anticipated duration of readiness activities for specific grants that had been approved by the GCF prior to the pandemic having arisen and which expire after 1 March 2020 and are effective prior to 8 April 2020. GCF has granted additional flexibilities with guidelines as outlined below.

### No-Cost Extension

- i. All grants will be automatically extended by six months. However, please be informed that the willingness on the part of the GCF to provide this six-month extension on the basis of the COVID-19 pandemic is not intended to prevent RPSP activities from being delivered under the pre-pandemic existing contractual timelines. Delivery partners and National Designated Authorities/Focal Points (NDA/FP) can complete the grant implementation sooner than the full no-cost extension period. Therefore, the GCF expects that delivery partners will fully coordinate with NDA/FPs in relation to the application of the said extension as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.
- ii. Delivery partners should include a revised workplan for the new period in the next reporting cycle.
- iii. Grants requiring an extension longer than the six-months must submit well justified requests in line with standard practices and procedures for the GCF's consideration and approval.
- iv. The originally agreed grant sum required to complete the activities under the respective legal agreements remains unchanged for grants accepting the no-cost extension.

**Project management costs:** The project management costs (PMC) cap has been increased from 7.5 percent to 12.5 percent of the total activity budget approved. Partners can tap into the approved contingency fund to meet these additional costs up to the 12.5% cap. If the delivery partner increases the PMC, then the delivery partner is required to provide detailed documentation and justification supporting the increase in PMC and clearly outlining how the additional costs are related to the COVID-19 pandemic. This justification should be included in the interim progress report or completion reports due for submission as detailed in the grant agreement.

**Contingency budget:** The approved contingency amount included in the budgets for these activities may be used to cover unforeseen costs relating to the COVID-19 pandemic without prior approval from GCF. The contingency budget may be used for project management costs (PMC). The said contingency expenses will need to be justified and included in the detailed reports that are required to be submitted by the delivery partner/recipient under the respective legal agreement between the delivery partner/recipient and the GCF.

**Budget Re-allocation:** The reallocation of approved budget among the budget line items can be made from one budget category to another up to 25 percent variation across the categories. The receiver and giver budget category can only take or give without prior fund approval up to 25 percent based on the previously approved budget. Budget can also be reallocated from outputs without changing the project scope to PMC if the contingency budget is insufficient to meet the increases in PMC. The delivery partner is required to provide detailed documentation and justification supporting the budget reallocation in the submitted reports in line with the grant agreement.

Types of Measures	Output No.	Activity No.	Implementation and Deliverables Schedule (Please provide details of the change to activities, deliverables, etc.)				Budgetary Implications
			Impact on delivery modality	Deliverable	Original Date	Revised Date	

<p><b>In-country Status</b> (Please provide an update of the status of the country due to COVID-19 pandemic.)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>As of 26 January 2022, the total number of confirmed cases since the start of the pandemic in Mauritania is 57,648, including 934 deaths.</li> <li>As of 16 January 2022, 30% of the country's population had received at least one vaccine dose, with 20.6% fully vaccinated.</li> <li>The fourth wave of rising COVID-19 infections is currently underway in Mauritania.</li> <li>As a result, the government has significantly tightening restrictions on the number of people allowed in gatherings, travel restrictions, etc. In practice, gatherings of people are currently not possible to organize.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Justification for Requests and Implications</b> (Please provide details of the changes to support utilization of temporary measures.)</p>	<p>The COVID-19 pandemic continued to pose a major challenge for advancing project implementation in the reporting period. The response measures undertaken by the Government of Mauritania slowed down or interrupted the implementation of many project activities. Although the COVID-19 situation improved temporarily in the course of the reporting period, and many restrictions were lifted, Mauritania is now experiencing a fourth COVID-19 wave in the country. As a result, strict restrictions were reinstated in December 2021.</p> <p>In particular, in the current reporting period:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Restrictions placed on in-person gatherings have limited the project team's and consultants' ability to undertake consultations for efficiently advancing or completing several project activities.</li> <li>Even when restrictions are (temporarily) lifted, there continues to be much reluctance to participate in in-person meetings or workshops due to continued concerns about contracting COVID-19. This challenge will continue to affect project delivery for the foreseeable future.</li> <li>For example, in this reporting period, validation workshops planned for deliverables 1.3.1, 1.3.2 and 1.3.4 had to be postponed due to restrictions. The organization of training workshops under activities 1.2.2. and 1.2.3 was deemed impossible due to restrictions, as well as due to the unwillingness of communities to attend in in-person events.</li> <li>The project team and consultant work were interrupted by lack of access to office facilities, as well as due to health issues. Several project consultant, as well as the Project Coordinator, contracted COVID-19 in the reporting period.</li> <li>Domestic travel restrictions have limited the team's ability to plan activities at the regional (wilaya) level.</li> <li>International travel restrictions have continued to prevent international consultants and the UNEP task manager from undertaking missions to Mauritania to support and guide to project implementation.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Mitigation Measures</b> (Please provide details of how risks will be mitigated)</p>	<p>There are significant limitations to the organization of larger virtual workshops in the Mauritanian context, limiting the ability to organize extensive public consultations and validation workshops, as well as capacity building and training activities. These include insufficient access to equipment, poor internet connectivity, and limited capacity to engage and use virtual communication modalities. If in-person workshops are not possible to organize in the next implementation period, some of the most advanced activities will be concluded with validation through e-mail. When appropriate, in particular for training events, a larger number of smaller workshops may be organized (to stay within the limits of permissible in-person gatherings). However, reluctance to participate in in-person events remains a challenge, despite the provision of COVID-19 prevention measures at the workshops to encourage participation.</p>

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