



COMPLETION OF MALI SOUTH-SOUTH COOPERATION GRANT

Date submitted to AFB secretariat:

Implementing Entity: Centre de Suivi Ecologique

Country: MALI

Adaptation Fund Grant I.D.:

Grant Type: South-South Cooperation Grant

Project Description/Project Title: This South-South cooperation grant was requested by CSE to support the Designated Authority of MALI in identifying a potential NIE candidate and to provide technical assistance for the preparation and submission application.

Project Sector: Peer-peer support.

Project Completion Date: February 2020

Activity	Expected Outcome	Outcome Achieved/Not Achieved	Comment/Explanation (also explain any deviation from initial plan)
1. Screening exercise, including an information workshop on the AF and the main features of an operational NIE	- Screening report	Achieved in December 2016	In collaboration with the DA of Mali, a consultative process was organized in Bamako in order to inform potential NIE candidates about the AF accreditation process and purpose. Two institutions were short-listed as a result of these consultations (AEDD and ANICT) and one of them (AEDD) was selected as NIE candidate.
2. Assessment of institutional capacity and readiness, including a seminar on the AF's accreditation process and the role of an NIE in directly accessing AF resources	- Assessment report showing the potential NIE applicant's strengths and weaknesses towards accreditation by the AF - Presentation and set of slides	Achieved in December 2016	A task-force was setup within AEDD and trained on the accreditation process and the role of an NIE. A road map has been prepared for the collection and preparation of supporting documents.

<p>3. Collecting supporting documents</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Collecting and analyzing relevant supporting documents for each performance criteria required in the application form - Review of questions raised by the Accreditation Panel during previous applications (to better understand what is expected) - Preparing and sharing a note on accreditation standards (to better understand what is expected) 	<p>List of supporting documents/information collected</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Summary of questions addressed by the Adaptation Panel and the Board to applicants during accreditation process - Note on accreditation standards 	<p>Achieved in June 2019</p>	<p>A second visit was organized in Bamako from October 9th to 11th, 2017 in order to discuss the outcome of the review of the supporting documents collected so far.</p> <p>A new roadmap was elaborated to collect additional supporting documents. AEDD benefited of the Readiness Package to elaborate fiduciary and governance documents. Two cabinets were hired to develop those documents and their assignment was completed in June 2019</p>
<p>4. Review of the adequacy of all required back-up documentation to ensure it meets the requirements of the AF Accreditation Panel, and filling gaps</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Checking the documents collected against AF requirements - Identifying potential gaps or weaknesses - Providing guidance on how to overcome issues identified 	<p>Supporting documents check-list</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Documentation of the main findings - mission report - roadmap analysis or collected documents 	<p>Achieved in June 2019</p>	<p>CSE reviewed the documents collected and shared by AEDD, with regards to THE accreditation requirements.</p> <p>The supporting documents have been collected and validated, and organized by CSE.</p> <p>CSE provided support to firms for finalizing the documents in line with AF's accreditation requirements.</p>

- Supporting the task-force in organizing supporting documents			
5. Submission of the application folder	- An application for accreditation as a National Implementing Entity - A one-page summary report	Achieved in FEBRUARY 2020	The NIE candidate received the logon parameters and uploaded the supporting documents. With CSE backing, AEDD uploaded and submitted its accreditation folder on February 2020.
Budget	There was no budget overrun (more details will be provided in the audit report)		
Summary of overall outcome including any challenges faced and how they were resolved, and an explanation of how achieved outcomes will be disseminated or taken forward*.	The NIE candidate has submitted existing documents, which were reviewed by CSE team. It turned out that the entities often have difficulties in preparing certain documents and this also requires human resources. AEDD with support of the Readiness package developed missing fiduciary and governance documents. However, the NIE candidate was advised to implement recently developed documents. Moreover, CSE has supported the NIE candidate to address the comments made by the Accreditation panel. AEDD is still waiting for accreditation approval.		
Any feedback/general comment to the AFB secretariat	The Panel's review of the documents took longer than expected and sometimes demotivates the entities. We recommend that the secretariat be more interactive when the submission is made and expedite the approval of files if the file meets 80% of the accreditation requirements.		

*If there have been any delays in project implementation that affected project completion dates, state the reasons for the delays.

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