

November 5, 2013

**Approval of funding for CTF grant funding to finance gender assessments on CTF projects in the Kazakhstan, Turkey and the Ukraine (EBRD)**

The CTF Trust Fund Committee, having reviewed the proposals submitted by EBRD for CTF funding to finance gender assessment in CTF/EBRD projects in Kazakhstan, Turkey and Ukraine, approves the following funding to be provided through a special initiative under the CIF Administrative Budget:

- (a) approves USD 84,000 in CTF grant funding, to be accounted for within the endorsed CTF indicative envelope for the investment plan, to finance gender assessments on CTF projects being implemented through EBRD in Kazakhstan,
- (b) approves USD 160,000 in CTF grant funding, to be accounted for within the endorsed CTF indicative envelope for the investment plan, to finance gender assessments on CTF projects being implemented through EBRD in Turkey, and
- (c) approves USD 56,000 in CTF grant funding, to be accounted for within the endorsed CTF indicative envelope for the investment plan, to finance gender assessments on CTF projects being implemented through EBRD in the Ukraine.

The Trust Fund Committee underscores that this funding is being provided on an exceptional basis, taking into account the extenuating circumstances of EBRD's recent policy coverage for gender mainstreaming and the opportunity for meaningful gender mainstreaming in the three CTF projects/frameworks at the sub-project level.

The Trust Fund Committee expects that with this support EBRD will be able to demonstrate concretely the benefits of gender as a driver of transformative change in climate investment and development and requests the EBRD to collaborate with the CIF Administrative Unit to ensure that the lessons and knowledge emerging from the funded activities are widely shared with the Trust Fund Committee and other interested stakeholders

The Trust Fund Committee looks forward to seeing progress on the implementation of the recommendations from the CIF Gender Review, the expeditious recruitment of the CIF Senior Gender Specialist, and the early development of a CIF gender strategy and action plan. The Trust Fund Committee requests that the work funded through the activities in Kazakhstan, Turkey and Ukraine be fully integrated into the CIF action plan.

November 5, 2013

**Approved by mail: CTF grant funding to finance gender assessments on CTF projects being implemented through EBRD in the Kazakhstan, Turkey and the Ukraine**

Dear CTF Trust Fund Committee members:

We are writing regarding the three proposals for CTF grant funding to finance gender assessments on CTF projects being implemented through EBRD in Kazakhstan, Turkey and the Ukraine.

The time period provided for submission of comments and any objection to the decision has now expired. No objections were received.

We are, therefore, pleased to inform you that the following decision is approved: :

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Comments received from Trust Fund Committee members and EBRD's responses, can be found [here](#).

Sincerely,

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September 23, 2013

**Approval by mail: CTF grant funding to finance gender assessments on CTF projects being implemented through EBRD in Kazakhstan**

Dear CTF and SCF Trust Fund Committee Members:

Following up on the decisions of the CTF and SCF Trust Fund Committees in November 2012, calling for the **“harness[ing of] capacity in the MDBs and at the country level to strengthen CIF plans and programs through technical approaches that link gender to climate change and specific sectors”**, EBRD is proposing to take steps to ensure that gender is mainstreamed into CTF projects. However, EBRD policy (The Strategic Gender Initiative (SGI) <http://www.ebrd.com/pages/about/principles/gender/plan.shtml>) mandates EBRD to work predominantly within a pre-defined group of regions where the gender gaps have been identified as greatest, at least over the short term (3 years). The SGI specifically sets out the need for “initial efforts to develop projects that primarily target the countries where the preliminary gap analysis has shown that gender challenges are greatest: these are judged to be Central Asia, Turkey and the SEMED Southern and Eastern Mediterranean Region, i.e. Jordan, Egypt, Tunisia, Morocco countries.” As a result, CTF district heating projects in Kazakhstan do not fall within the priority regions identified by the Bank or the key focus areas of engagement (Access to Finance; Access to Services; and Access to Skills and Employment) identified under the SGI).

EBRD is requesting USD 84,000 in CTF grant funding to recruit consultants to carry out gender assessments on CTF projects in Kazakhstan. The gender assessments would be conducted in FY13/14. Terms of Reference for the work to be undertaken are attached.

While EBRD can provide the staffing to manage the consultants under the proposed assignments, it is currently limited in its ability to finance gender assessments and will require additional resources for external consultancies and travel costs. Funding for this request would be accounted for within the existing CTF country allocations. Nevertheless, the funding for these activities would be provided as a special initiative, to be implemented by EBRD, through the CIF Administrative Budget. As these activities were not envisaged when each investment plan was endorsed, EBRD will need to discuss the integration of these activities into the projects and work with the countries to revise the proposed use of their country allocations to accommodate this new activity.

The CTF and SCF Trust Fund Committees are requested to approve the following decision:

**The CTF and SCF Trust Fund Committees approves USD 84,000 in CTF grant funding, to be accounted for within the endorsed CTF indicative envelope for the investment plan, to finance gender assessments on CTF**

**projects being implemented through EBRD in Kazakhstan. Funds will be provided through a special initiative under the CIF Administrative Budget.**

If we do not receive an objection to this proposed decision by close of business on **October 7, 2013** the decision will be approved.

Sincerely,

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