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**FY21 PROGRESS REPORT ON IMPLEMENTATION OF THE
CIF GENDER ACTION PLAN PHASE 3
SUMMARY**



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PROPOSED DECISION

The Joint Meeting of the CTF and the SCF Trust Fund Committees has reviewed the document Joint CTF-SCF.24/6, *FY21 Progress Report on Implementation of the CIF Gender Action Plan – Phase 3*.

The Joint Meeting welcomes continued implementation of the *CIF Gender Action Plan – Phase 3*, together with the overall *CIF Gender Policy*, in support of gender equality outcomes under CIF programming.

1. Introduction

1. The purpose of this FY21 Progress Report is to provide an update to the Joint Meeting of the CTF and SCF Trust Fund Committees on activities undertaken to advance gender equality outcomes in the Climate Investment Funds (CIF) under the *CIF Gender Action Plan Phase 3* (CTF-SCF/TFC.22/7) and, specifically, to: i) report on activity progress during FY21 and ii) introduce proposed activities for FY22. The CTF and SCF Trust Fund Committees was approved by mail in June 2020 the *CIF Gender Action Plan Phase 3* for FY21-24.

2. CIF Approach and Program Overview

2. The CIF Gender program works in support of CIF's overall transformational change around low-carbon and climate resilient development, so that the reach and benefits of CIF investments extend to all persons in the project areas, both women and men and achieve transformative gender impacts. The *CIF Gender Action Plan – Phase 3*, launched in FY21, works to advance CIF Gender Program aims of mainstreaming gender in CIF policies and programs and deepening knowledge, learning and technical support on gender in the CIF, while undertaking more scaled-up efforts in capacity-building, institutional development (including expansion of outreach to local and non-state actors), and support to Women's Climate Leadership activities, as well as systematic learning and dissemination.

3. CIF Performance on Gender to Date

3. CIF's Gender Program under implementation since 2014 has led to great improvement of CIF's performance on gender across all programs. Results show improved performance from baseline values on gender scorecard indicators as well¹. Gender-responsive design examples across the CIF portfolio include actions to improve key gender equality outcomes at individual, community, and institutional (formal and informal) levels. These include adaptation investments fostering women's effective participation in climate resilience planning and enhancing women's agricultural productivity through ensuring women's uptake of climate resilience technologies by improving their access to financial products (e.g., Niger, Tajikistan).

¹ As of December 2020, 74% of CIF investment plans (IPs) demonstrated sector-specific gender analysis, as compared to the 2014 baseline of 63%. Investment Plans with women-specific activities increased from 63% to 77% of the portfolio, while sex-disaggregated indicators were found to be present in 68% of IPs compared to the baseline of 54%. For CIF projects, as of December 2020, a full 60% hosted sector-specific gender analysis compared to the 2014 baseline of 54%, while women-specific activities grew from 53% of the portfolio to 68%. The presence of sex-disaggregated indicators across the CIF project portfolio grew from 47% to 53% over the same period.

4. In the forest sector, CIF investments under the Dedicated Grant Mechanism (DGM) include enhanced women's effective representation and leadership in local community-based natural resource governance processes, going beyond supporting women as individual beneficiaries (e.g., Burkina Faso, Mozambique, DRC, and Mexico). Significant strides in linking local and national planning on gender and resilience investments have been made under technical assistance support to institutional efforts by line ministries in Cambodia. Energy investments continue their focus on gender-responsive low carbon energy service delivery to women and as well as providing economic opportunities to individual women and improving women's capacity and skills. Energy investments feature an increased focus on improving women's representation in STEM² employment and their integration into renewable energy and energy efficiency value chains by supporting women's training, re-qualifying, and re-skilling (e.g. Kazakhstan, Egypt, Turkey, and several sub-Saharan African countries).

4. Achievements in FY21

5. Overall, in FY21, CIF launched the *CIF Gender Action Plan Phase 3* and substantially integrated upstream gender review of CIF projects by the CIF Administrative Unit. The CIF also undertook a portfolio review of CIF program experience on gender and climate programming. Work on the Women's Climate Leadership initiative is progressing, with a roadmap under preparation and several TA activities undertaken in FY21 as outlined below. Work has progressed well on the remaining Evaluation and Learning (E&L) gender studies, and country engagement initiatives facilitating MDB support to CIF countries. The CIF AU and MDBs continued to organize capacity-building, external engagement, and program lessons dissemination, as well as MDB technical support activities.
6. The year's substantial momentum on integration of upstream gender review of CIF projects by CIF AU for improved gender equality outcomes and integration of gender-transformative approaches in CIF programming. These took place under both existing programs as well as new facilities, such as the TA Facility (TAF), and expansion of its mandate to include COVID-19 response and recovery. A *CIF Gender Portfolio Review* was undertaken during the year which recommended a series of measures including greater upstream integration of gender analysis, enhancing systematic gender monitoring and reporting, and engagement with a wider set of actors towards institutional change, as is now planned under the work on Women's Climate Leadership. CIF also conducted a study on "*Empowering Indigenous Women to Integrate Traditional Knowledge and Practices in Climate Action*"³.
7. The country engagement budget of the CIF Administrative Unit in FY21 greatly facilitated MDB support to countries and their larger MDB-wide CIF portfolio, through conduct of several knowledge management activities, including: I) finalization and global and national

² Science, technology, engineering, and mathematics

³ A blog is available at: <https://www.climateinvestmentfunds.org/news/indigenous-women-have-been-fighting-save-planet-it%E2%80%99s-time-learn-them>

launch events of the AfDB-ENERGIA country gender and energy profiles (AfDB)⁴; ii) report on gender impacts of climate change in the Caribbean (IDB)⁵; (iii) technical note on gender, forestry and climate change⁶ (IDB); iv) gender in the DGM (World Bank); and v) women-led plastics recycling economy Uganda report from AfDB.

8. The World Bank completed a case study on *“Voices of Women in the Burkina Faso Dedicated Grant Mechanism: Evidence and Experiences”*. The ADB has undertaken a multi-year assessment with Royal Government of Cambodia for a national *Master Plan on Gender and Climate Change*. The IDB’s report on *Impacts of Climate Change on Women and Men in the Caribbean* was published in June 2021. AfDB will publish a report and hold a webinar on the women-led plastic recycling economy in Uganda⁷ in June 2021.

5. Learning

9. Learning activities organized by CIF AU and MDBs were a key focus in FY21. This included organization of gender sessions and panels featuring country representatives, MDBs, and external experts around such topics as gender integration in climate planning; gender and energy access; and gender-responsive monitoring and reporting in resilience programs.
10. CIF AU participated as an invited speaker in a gender and resilience workshop organized by ADB and the Royal Government of Cambodia’s Ministry of Women’s Affairs in September 2020. A gender indicator session was held during a PPCR M&R Workshop with Nepal PPCR stakeholders including the Secretary of Ministry of Forests and Environment in July 2020. In November 2020, CIF AU moderated a global launch event for the CIF gender and energy briefs prepared with AfDB and ENERGIA.⁸⁹ This regional event was followed up in spring 2021 with national launches in the case countries of: Kenya¹⁰, Rwanda¹¹, Tanzania¹², and Uganda¹³.

⁴ See briefs here https://www.afdb.org/sites/default/files/afdb_cif_annual_report_2020_-_knowledge_and_learning.pdf

⁵ See <https://publications.iadb.org/publications/english/document/Study-of-the-Impacts-of-Climate-Change-on-the-Women-and-Men-in-the-Caribbean-Pilot-Programme-for-Climate-Resilience-Countries.pdf>

⁶ See <https://publications.iadb.org/es/genero-bosques-y-cambio-climatico>

⁷ See here https://www.afdb.org/sites/default/files/afdb_cif_annual_report_2020_-_gender_mainstreaming.pdf

⁸ See <https://twitter.com/soniaborrini/status/1332071134095880192>

⁹ See <https://www.afdb.org/en/news-and-events/press-releases/new-african-development-bank-cif-energia-country-briefs-spur-action-towards-gender-inclusion-africas-energy-sector-39535>

¹⁰ See <https://www.afdb.org/en/news-and-events/press-releases/information-power-data-key-closing-gender-gaps-energy-access-kenya-42432>

¹¹ See <https://www.afdb.org/en/news-and-events/flick-switch-women-rwandas-power-sector-financial-support-and-training-42382>

¹² See workshop report and video <https://www.afdb.org/en/news-and-events/solar-technology-helps-women-farmers-tanzania-cut-post-harvest-losses-42485>

¹³ See <https://www.afdb.org/en/news-and-events/uganda-push-womens-access-energy-will-boost-economic-participation-and-gender-equality-42410>

11. Country engagement support also enabled MDBs to enhance gender knowledge and capacity directly among executing agencies in pilot countries. In November 2020, IDB trained FIP executing agency staff of national forest bodies in Guatemala were trained in two workshops on gender and forest management.

6. Overview of Upstream Support on Gender Integration in Projects under BDRP and TA Facility windows

12. In FY21, CIF AU began provision of upstream technical gender review inputs to strengthen gender integration in CIF project design, starting with the Business Development for Resilience Program (BDRP) under PPCR, and the Technical Assistance Facility (TAF) projects. As of May 2021, gender technical review inputs had been provided to 14 BDRP activities and 48 TAF projects. Upstream support on gender integration particularly strengthened the integration of gender activities in these projects.

7. Women's Climate Leadership

13. While the full roadmap for implementing the Women's Climate Leadership Initiative outlined in the CIF Gender Action Plan Phase 3 is still under preparation, several country support and analytical pieces bolstering this vision were undertaken by CIF in FY21. This included completion of the Women's Environment and Development Organization (WEDO) report on engagement with women's organizations, as well as ongoing dialogue with those engaged in devolved finance efforts such as the International Institute for Environment and Development (IIED).
14. In September 2020, the CIF Administrative Unit participated as an invited speaker in a gender and resilience workshop organized by ADB and the Royal Government of Cambodia's Ministry of Women's Affairs to discuss ADB's PPCR technical assistance on Mainstreaming Climate Resilience into Development Planning. This effort is directly contributing to Women's Climate Leadership by supporting participation and leadership of women in local and national climate action planning.
15. Elaboration of a final roadmap under the Women's Climate Leadership Initiative is planned for FY22 under the approved multi-year funding, and in consultations with MDBs, countries, and observers.

8. External Outreach and Communications

16. In FY21, CIF continued to share its portfolio experiences on gender-transformative approaches, through learning and external events, and online publication of knowledge products and podcasts. This included a CIF presentation in a global colloquium at University

of Massachusetts-Boston’s consortium on Gender, Security, and Human Rights¹⁴. A summary of CIF experience on gender-transformative and women-led approaches to climate action was shared for International Women’s Day on March 8, 2021.¹⁵

17. MDBs also prepared dissemination materials on CIF-funded activities, including a video by IDB on gender in the FIP program in Guatemala. See link at <https://vimeo.com/529362317> . In May 2021, a podcast series called Africa Climate Conversations, produced by AfDB, featured a dedicated episode on CIF’s gender experience, including an interview with the Sr. Gender Specialist and the head of ENERGIA, and a focus on energy access in Africa.¹⁶
18. The study on “*Gender and Private-Sector Adaptation in Climate Resilience in Tajikistan*” was published in collaboration with EBRD, and featured in a CIF podcast.¹⁷¹⁸ EBRD, under the 2x Initiative’s climate and gender taskforce, is additionally disseminating case lessons from the ClimADAPT project in an upcoming climate and gender investment guide co-prepared with EIB and CDC under the 2X Initiative.
19. Partnership activities for CIF in FY21 included participation in the Gender-Smart Investing coalition and its working group on Gender and Climate Investment, which also included membership by IFC and EBRD.¹⁹

9. CIF Gender Program in FY22: Planned Activities

20. Overall, in FY22, CIF gender activities will include, first, a deepened focus on the Women’s Climate Leadership Initiative; continued roll-out and scale up of an expanded program of upstream gender support across all CIF programs and window; and development of a gender module in the CIF Collaboration Hub (CCH) system to enhance records management and gender-responsive design and monitoring. Capacity-building with MDBs, CIF AU, and countries, around gender reporting requirements will be undertaken.
21. A robust program of knowledge management activities will be undertaken by CIF AU and MDBs on gender and Just Transition, with a focus on designing for operational applications, as well as Gender and Resilience, and Gender and Forest-Based Value Chains. Partnership activities in FY22 will include continued participation in the Gender-Smart Investing coalition. Paired with this, will be CIF’s internal knowledge review of CIF private sector experience on gender to identify opportunities for enhanced innovation.

¹⁴ See https://twitter.com/Consortium_GSHR/status/1314560976906342402

¹⁵ See blog here https://www.climateinvestmentfunds.org/news/international-womens-day-why-women-leaders-must-be-core-climate-action?cid=cif_tt_cif_en_ext

¹⁶ See podcast available here https://twitter.com/energia_org/status/1391724197102166019

¹⁷ See https://twitter.com/CIF_Action/status/1374352834024603649 .

¹⁸ Full report available here https://www.climateinvestmentfunds.org/sites/cif_enc/files/knowledge-documents/private_sector_investment_support_to_gender_sensitive_development_tajikistan.pdf .

¹⁹ Working Group report available here

<https://static1.squarespace.com/static/5af586a9a9e0287427653654/t/601ae6fe2f333d2a1fb598aa/1612375826979/Gender&ClimateInvestment-GenderSmartReport-Feb21.pdf>

22. MDBs plan several specific activities around technical assistance and knowledge management in FY22. Specifically, In FY22, EBRD will also undertake CIF-supported work on gender mainstreaming in climate action with the government of Kyrgyz Republic, and on gender and green cities in Turkey, under the CIF country engagement window. EBRD will also undertake in Armenia learning and dissemination activities around small-scale solar PV activities for women. IDB plans a regional study on gender and clean cooking in Guatemala in FY22.
23. Planned FY22 activities by AfDB include a gender-climate vulnerability hotspot mapping exercise in Rwanda, as well as conduct of a renewable energy learning week in Mali. AfDB has begun on a report on Just Transition in the continent that will continue into the next FY. Technical assistance and training support from CIF on gender and climate is planned for implementation in FY22. For example, EBRD shared interest in a training for its staff in headquarters and national offices, to support its new strategies on gender and on equal opportunities, and climate change.
24. In FY22, CIF gender technical support activities will include deepened focus on the Women's Climate Leadership Initiative, building on CIF country experience and MDB strategic ambitions. The roadmap for this multi-year activity will be finalized in FY22 following CIF partnership dialogues. Technical assistance and training support from CIF on gender in FY22 will be tailored to advance the Women's Climate Leadership agenda at multiple scales and through diverse delivery modes. For example, the EBRD interest in CIF-AU delivered training for its staff would directly support EBRD's work on gender and climate. Such upstream support efforts are intended to help smooth gender and social inclusion integration across CIF's programming, and help build the sustainability of CIF investments, through attention to equity and institutional development within countries.
25. The report concludes with a series of annexes that: i) report on CIF Gender Action Plan Phase 3 results indicators; ii) outline CIF investment plan and project performance on gender equality across the portfolio, as measured by gender scorecard indicators; iii) offer a sample of recent CIF projects that feature effective gender integration.