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**FY22 PROGRESS REPORT ON THE 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/TFC.26/6 document, *FY22 Progress Report on Implementation of the CIF Gender Action Plan Phase 3 and FY23 Work Plan*.

The Joint Meeting approves the proposed FY23 Gender Work Plan and welcomes the 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 FY22 Progress Report is to provide an update to the joint meeting of the trust fund committees (TFCs) of the Clean Technology Fund (CTF) and the Strategic Climate Fund (SCF). This report addresses the activities that have been undertaken to advance gender equality outcomes in the Climate Investment Funds (CIF), under the *CIF Gender Action Plan – Phase 3 FY21-2 (GAP3)*, which was approved by mail in July 2020. In line with the key themes identified under GAP3, the report describes specific activities carried out under four priority areas:
 - Deepen gender upstream support to MDBs and countries;
 - Strengthen collaborative learning;
 - Strengthen women’s climate leadership; and
 - Expand gender analytics on the key CIF focus areas.

2 CIF Gender Action Plan – Achievements in FY22

2. Upstream support was prioritized in FY22, starting with close collaboration with CIF AU program teams to ensure the comprehensive integration of gender into the design of the three new programs - Accelerating Coal Transition (ACT), Renewable Energy Integration (REI), and Nature, People & Climate (NPC) programs. Annexes on gender integration were developed for the respective operational manuals of the new programs in order to explain the gender requirements outlined in the *CIF Gender Policy* and GAP3. A detailed gender and social inclusion analysis was conducted for each of the sectors. CIF Gender team also continued providing on-demand upstream support at project level – feedback from Gender team was provided for six projects under the PPCR Business Development for Resilience Program (BDRP).
3. Gender scorecard, with the three main indicators — gender analysis, indicators, and activities, continued to be used as the main tool for monitoring the quality of gender integration at project design stage. The scoring was carried out by the gender team, based on a manual review of the project documents of all MDB Board-approved projects. The percentage of projects that include sector-specific gender analyses has increased to 61 percent, compared to the baseline rate of 53 percent. The percentage of projects that include women-targeted activities, among projects approved between July 2020 and December 2021, is at a record 98 percent, compared to the baseline rate of 53 percent. Eighty percent of newly approved projects include sex-disaggregated M&E indicators, compared to the baseline rate of 47 percent. Furthermore, 55 percent of newly approved projects have all three scorecard indicators, compared to the baseline rate of 29 percent. Drawing on the MDBs’ own guidance documents on gender integration and its experience of providing upstream gender support, CIF has produced a Gender Integration Guidance Note that provides guidelines on gender analysis, gender actions, and gender indicators, and calls for a clear results chain between them.

4. To promote collaborative learning, the CIF AU's mechanisms for engaging with the MDB teams and national stakeholders on gender integration issues have been strengthened. Close collaboration has continued with the MDB gender focal points, through a series of joint and bilateral meetings, in order to (a) to identify entry points for strengthening quality of gender integration at entry, as well as monitoring and reporting (M&R) on gender; (b) identify the need for capacity-building, and technical assistance (TA); and (c) support the MDB-led work on the activities covered by the country engagement budget and facilitate exchange on knowledge. Based on these consultations, gender team developed proposals for strengthening M&R procedures, as well as developed detailed design requirements for the Gender Module in the CIF Collaboration Hub (CCH) system.
5. To gather an overall picture of CIF's gender results, CIF completed the *Gender Portfolio Review*¹: started in FY21, it was finalized and published in FY22 based on updated information on project results. Due to the fact that full information was only available about the quality of gender integration at entry, this was the focus of the review. This was complemented by gathering information on the gender results for selected projects. The experience of conducting the review demonstrated that reporting on gender-specific results remains problematic. Indicators that reflect impact on gender are often below the core/outcome level indicators; and therefore, they are not systematically reported to CIF's Administrative Unit by the MDBs. Moreover, since the impacts on gender are often qualitative in nature, they are often not properly captured, even in the MDBs' own project level reporting.
6. To contribute to collaborative learning on gender and climate change nexus CIF Administrative Unit's gender team has actively engaged with thought leaders on these subjects through participation in a number of global expert groups: Gender Experts Group of the Green Growth Knowledge Partnership (GGKP); Gender SMART's Women and Climate working group; and 2X Collaborative's 2X Green — Gender and Climate Community of Practice. Presentations by CIF's Administrative Unit team were delivered at global events covering wide audiences of policy makers and practitioner in the field of development finance for climate action. To disseminate some of the learning, and engage with wider audiences, in March 2022, CIF celebrated International Women's Day with a three-week gender campaign that highlighted the role climate finance is playing in recognizing women's specific needs, empowering their potential as agents of change, and achieving gender parity in climate-smart development.
7. To advance the analytical base on women's climate leadership, CIF has partnered with IIED and the EnGen Collaborative to draw lessons from the past experiences of CIF-funded projects along with the academic and practitioner literature; identify barriers and opportunities; as well as develop recommendations for strengthening women's climate leadership. The goal is to generate and share actionable knowledge in the context of CIF-funded projects, with a particular focus on the context of CIF's recently launched programs – ACT, REI, and NPC.

¹ https://www.climateinvestmentfunds.org/cif_enc/sites/cif_enc/files/knowledge-documents/portfolio_review_of_gender-integration_in_climate_investment_funds.pdf

8. One of the examples of practical application of women’s climate leadership principles is CIF’s Women-Led Coal Transition (WOLCOT) grant mechanism under the ACT program, developed in FY22. The objective is to enhance women’s climate leadership and effective participation in the design, decision-making, and implementation of coal transition strategies and plans in the countries that are eligible for ACT. Two types of grants would be provided to implementing MDBs are the mechanism – preparatory grants up to 100,000 USD and full grants up to 1mIn USD, linked to the main ACT investment projects.
9. Several knowledge products focusing on gender were produced in FY22:
 - World Bank/CIF study on Fostering Gender-Transformative Change in Sustainable Forest Management
 - World Bank papers on increasing Women’s Participation in Natural Resource Management in Mexico and Gender differences in Turkey Energy Efficiency with CIF financial support
 - IDB study on Clean Cooking transition for the Women of Guatemala and blog post featuring gender results from the CTF projects
 - AfDB studies for supporting gender-specific actions within selected FIP programs and study on Rwanda linked to PPCR Strategic Program for Climate Resilience priorities
 - EBRD Gender and Climate Investment Guide in collaboration with EIB and CDC + CIF-funded activities under its Green Economic Facility Program
10. In addition to placing an explicit focus on gender equality, the gender team has been paying increasing attention to the intersectionality of gender with other social drivers of exclusion, as well as broadening its focus on the inclusion of persons with disabilities, Indigenous people, and other groups. Specifically, a draft framework for disability inclusion at CIF is being developed. It aims to identify the key actions and practices that can be taken, both at CIF’s Administrative Unit and program levels to facilitate disability inclusion. The gender team has also started exploratory work on social inclusion and broader social dimensions of climate change and climate policies in CIF’s programming.

8 CIF Gender Program in FY23: Planned activities

11. In FY23, the CIF Administrative Unit’s gender team will continue to focus on improving the quality of gender integration at entry for the new projects. Sector-specific capacity building events with the MDBs and other stakeholders will be rolled out for all programs. Background notes on gender and social inclusion in renewable energy, coal transitions, and the management of natural resources will be published, followed up with dissemination and capacity building events. The rollout of the “Gender Module” in CCH is expected to be in Q1 of FY22. Renewed attention will be placed on gathering and analyzing the quantitative and qualitative results on the gender impact of completed CIF-financed projects. A systematic portfolio review of completed projects is planned.

12. Upon the TFC approval of the WOLCOT TA mechanism, the CIF AU gender team will engage in targeted discussions with the MDB project teams to support the development of the application for the preparatory seed grants under the mechanism, start working on the creation of a knowledge platform on women in coal transition, along with developing a series of knowledge products and capacity-building activities. Partnerships with the International Institute for Environment and Development (IIED) and the EnGen Collaborative to develop sector-specific and actionable recommendations on women's climate leadership will continue and will result in a series of capacity-building events and targeted knowledge products.

13. Several knowledge products, exploring the gender impacts of CIF-funded activities and drawing lessons from them for the new programs, have been planned. Other knowledge products, focusing on the gender dimensions of the climate finance, with particular focus on private sector investments will also be developed with external partners. Based on an increasing focus on the intersectionality and social inclusion, knowledge events and products further exploring social dimensions of climate change will be developed. As part of the Evaluation and learning Initiative's Just Transition work stream, the gender team will lead the development of a toolkit on gender-responsive transition planning and/or other strategic social inclusion processes.



The Climate Investment Funds

The Climate Investment Funds (CIF) were established in 2008 to mobilize resources and trigger investments for low carbon, climate resilient development in select middle and low income countries. To date, 14 contributor countries have pledged funds to CIF that have been channeled for mitigation and adaptation interventions at an unprecedented scale in 72 recipient countries. The CIF is the largest active climate finance mechanism in the world.

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