



ADAPTATION FUND

Project Performance Report

Overview

Period of Report (Dates)	10/27/2023 - 10/27/2024
Project Title	Increasing local communities' resilience to climate change through youth entrepreneurship and integrated natural resources management
Project Summary	
Database Number	AF00000221
Implementing Entity (IE)	International Fund Agricultural Dev
Type of IE	Multilateral Implementing Entity
Country(ies)	Cameroon
Relevant Geographic Points (i.e. cities, villages, bodies of water)	Three intervention sites: 1. Far North region: Periphery of Waza National Park (five-kilometre radius around the park + community forest areas with planned community forests) ; 2. North region: Periphery of Benoue National Park (20-kilometre radius around the park + community-managed game areas #1 and #4); 3. North West region: Periphery of Kimbi-Fungom National Park (10-kilometre radius around the park). "
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Project Milestones

AFB Approval Date	9/23/2020
IE-AFB Agreement Signature Date	1/26/2021
Start of Project/Programme	10/27/2022
Actual Mid-term Review Date (if applicable)	2/27/2025
Original Completion Date	10/27/2028
Revised Completion Date after approval of extension request (if applicable)	

Were there any approval condition for this Project?

No

List each approval condition, if any, and report on the status of meeting them

Category of condition	
Condition or Requirement	
Current Status	
Planned actions, including a detailed time schedule	

List (only) inception report/ extension request(s)/ MTR that have been prepared for the project and provide date(s) of submission for each

IFAD-CAM-MIE-Rural-2018-1-Inception Workshop Report (2 versions; one in English & one in French).
Submitted on 23 January 2023

List the Website address (URL) of project

N/A

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Financial Data

Disbursement of AF grant funds	
Cumulative total disbursement from Trustee to IE as of date (\$)	\$1,260,000.00
Estimated cumulative total disbursement from IE to EEs as of date (\$)	\$1,251,537.00
Project disbursement rate (%)	12.39
Project execution rate (%)	13.60
Add any comments on AF Grant Funds	"A total of US\$ 1,251,537.3 has been disbursed out of the US\$ 1,260,000 received from AF as part of the first tranche. USD 1.136.404,69 was disbursed (i.e. 12,35% of the allocated USD 9.2 million), of which USD 978 061 resulted in actual expenditures. These figures do not include the IE fee. For the current reporting period (27 October 2023-27October 2024) expenditures amount to USD 408,898."
Investment Income (\$)	\$0.00
Cumulative Investment Income since inception (\$)	\$0.00

Expenditure Data	
Output	Amount (\$)
Output 1.1: Institutional and regulatory frameworks and plans at municipal and regional level are strengthened to promote climate change adaptation and the resilient management of natural resources at municipal and regional level	\$32,784.77
Output 1.2: Land and natural resources management are improved in the Waza, Bénoué and Kimbi-Fungom national parks and their outskirts to increase the resilience to climate change of the vulnerable people	\$64,948.43
Output 2.1: Climate information systems and surveillance mechanisms are strengthened through the development of a unified observation system to respond to climate change	\$37,140.00

Output 2.2: Ecosystem-based adaptation, climate smart businesses opportunities for the most vulnerable groups are identified (youth, indigenous people, women, displaced people) and information systems are improved.	\$0.00
Output 3.1: Projects promoters are selected and trained in building eco business including women and youth	\$25,379.39
Output 3.2: Climate adaptation actions in agroforestry and natural resources management are implemented through a grant with a focus on youth and other marginalized groups. (minimum quotas 50% women and 40% youth)	\$177,235.54
Output 3.3: Payments for ecosystem services (PES) schemes to support conservation of fragile ecosystems are implemented	\$41,507.85
IE fee (\$)	\$115,133.00
Execution cost (\$)	\$29,902.00

Planned Expenditure Schedule

Output	Projected Cost (\$)	Estimated Completion Date
Output 1.1: Institutional and regulatory frameworks and plans at municipal and regional level are strengthened to promote climate change adaptation and the resilient management of natural resources at municipal and regional level	\$151,250.00	8/31/2025
Output 1.2: Land and natural resources management are improved in the Waza, Bénoué and Kimbi-Fungom national parks and their outskirts to increase the resilience to climate change of the vulnerable people	\$291,000.00	12/31/2025
Output 2.1: Climate information systems and surveillance mechanisms are strengthened through the development of a unified observation system to respond to climate change	\$410,000.00	12/31/2025
Output 2.2: Ecosystem-based adaptation, climate smart businesses opportunities for the most vulnerable groups are identified (youth, indigenous people, women, displaced people) and information systems are improved.	\$50,000.00	8/31/2025
Output 3.1: Projects promoters are selected and trained in building eco business including women and youth	\$192,698.00	8/31/2025
Output 3.2: Climate adaptation actions in agroforestry and natural resources management are implemented through a grant with a focus on youth and other marginalized groups. (minimum quotas 50% women and 40% youth)	\$664,598.00	12/31/2025
Output 3.3: Payments for ecosystem services (PES) schemes to support conservation of fragile ecosystems are implemented	\$228,000.00	8/31/2025
IE fee (\$)		\$0.00
Execution cost (\$)		\$18,875.00

Actual co-financing (if the MTR or TE have not been undertaken this reporting period, do not report on actual co-financing)

Does this Project have Co-Financing ?	No
How much of the total co-financing as committed in the Project Document has actually been realized? (\$)	\$0.00
Estimated cumulative actual co-financing as verified during Mid-term Review (MTR) or Terminal	\$0.00

Evaluation (TE). (\$)	
Add any comments on actual co-financing in particular any issues related to the realization of in-kind, grant, credits, loans, equity, non-grant instruments and other types of co-financing.	

Risk Assessment

Identified Risks

List all Risks identified in project preparation phase and what steps are being taken to mitigate them

Identified Risk	Current Status	Steps taken to mitigate risk
Insufficient capacities to appropriately manage the day-to-day implementation of the project	Moderate	"The project team works with implementing partners who have the relevant capacities to support the day to day implementation. Consultants are recruited to support specific tasks and strengthen the capacity of the project implementing team. In addition: • IFAD's Financial Management Division provides financial management capacity building to partners and the project team responsible for fiduciary management at each stage of the project cycle and this includes: - Training during the inception workshop - Training during implementation support missions (on-going for two years through a local financial management consultant) - Revision of the PIM and FM processes - Supervision and agreed actions to remedy any weaknesses. • IFAD's country office provides documented monthly follow up of the project implementation and the forum is also used to address any challenges that emerge. • The staff of the PMU have renewable annual contracts based on a performance evaluation. "
The project budgeting process doesn't respect procedures and doesn't allow for a good implementation of project activities	Low	The budget preparation process is carried out by the PMU staff and the AWPB is then submitted to the steering committee for approval. The AWPB is also submitted to IFAD for review and no objection. The support of IFAD throughout the process of planning and execution elevates the quality of planning and performance of the project.
Project financial flows and disbursement processes are not timely and jeopardize the implementation of activities on the ground	Moderate	The project has only received the initial disbursement. The low level of disbursement at the time of submission of PPR1 resulted in a delayed request for the second disbursement. In addition justifications for the amounts already utilised were delayed. The project financial team was supported to provide justification for the initial disbursement received. A Technical Assistant Financial Controller (ad-interim) was recruited to provide the much needed support in the justification while waiting for the recruitment of the substantive Financial Controller. A request of USD 2M for the year 2 disbursement has been submitted awaiting effective disbursement. It is therefore very urgent to receive the second disbursement from the fund as the project is in Cash flow tension as of now
Project implementation and financial management procedures do not guarantee sufficient transparency and	Moderate	"•The IE will continue close monitoring and conduct joint Government/IFAD supervision missions and an annual audit of the accounts. •The project has committed to submitting interim financial reports to the IE. •The project has committed to following up and ensuring that executing partners submit the mandatory quarterly financial reports in accordance with the partnership agreements signed with each one of them.

accountability		•The project is undertakes programming of the periodic financial reporting through the financial management software TOMPRO."
The project accounting system and financial procedures are not sufficiently formalized	Moderate	
"The project financial procedures do not allow for proper and regular monitoring"	Moderate	

Critical Risks Affecting Progress (Not identified at project design)

Are there any critical risks with a 50% or > likelihood of affecting progress of project?

Identify Risks with a 50% or > likelihood of affecting progress of project

Identified Risk	Current Status	Steps taken to mitigate risk
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Risk Measures

Were there any risk mitigation measures employed during the current reporting period? If so, were risks reduced? If not, why were these risks not reduced?

ESP Compliance

Section 1: Identified ESP Risk Management

Was the ESP risks identification complete at the time of funding approval? No

1.Compliance with the law

Are environmental or social risks present as per table II.K (II.L for REG) of the proposal?	No
During project/programme formulation, an impact assessment was carried out for the risks identified. Have impacts been identified that require management actions to prevent unacceptable impacts? (as per II.K/II.L)	
List the identified impacts for which safeguard measures are required (as per II.K/II.L)	
List here the safeguard measures (i.e. avoidance, management or mitigation) identified for each impact that are supposed to be (or had to be) implemented during the reporting period. Please break down the safeguard measures by activity.	
List the monitoring indicator(s) for each impact identified.	

State the baseline condition for each monitoring indicator	
Describe each safeguard measure that has been implemented during the reporting period	
Describe the residual impact for each impact identified - if any - using the monitoring indicator(s)	
Describe remedial action for residual impacts that will be taken	
2.Access and equity	
Are environmental or social risks present as per table II.K (II.L for REG) of the proposal?	Yes
During project/programme formulation, an impact assessment was carried out for the risks identified. Have impacts been identified that require management actions to prevent unacceptable impacts? (as per II.K/II.L)	Yes
List the identified impacts for which safeguard measures are required (as per II.K/II.L)	While every household/ individual under the project area will have equal opportunity/access to project interventions, there is a very low risk that priority setting which will be done by the village institutions and interventions using the local and regional developmental plans and wealth ranking of households might not be done in an adequate manner hence preventing some households/individuals from benefiting from the project. IFAD targeting tools will be applied.
List here the safeguard measures (i.e. avoidance, management or mitigation) identified for each impact that are supposed to be (or had to be) implemented during the reporting period. Please break down the safeguard measures by activity.	Targeting note validated with vulnerability criteria of households and bénéficiaires of microprojets, A commission will be put in place in order to validate project proposal
List the monitoring indicator(s) for each impact identified.	"• Level of applying the clear and transparent criteria for eligibility of the projects beneficiaries • Effective communication: partners and beneficiaries are aware of selection criteria"
State the baseline condition for each monitoring indicator	NA
Describe each safeguard measure that has been implemented during the reporting period	"• The project has a targeting strategy. • Most of the activities related to – eco-grants and PES (USPs) – were not planned for the current reporting period. A financial mechanism including gender specificity will be put in place "
Describe the residual impact for each impact identified - if any - using the monitoring indicator(s)	Elite capture
Describe remedial action for residual impacts that will be taken	• Application of the targeting strategy with clear targeting criteria. • Before the call for proposals for the eco-grants as well as PES, consultations will be organized with target groups, including youth, refugees, IDPs, and indigenous populations. The information on investment opportunities among target populations, the eligible activities, the intervention strategy of the grant for eco-business or PES scheme, the process of formulation of

	applications, the technical review, and the approval process, will be disseminated at this step. This will enable the promoters of sub-project to express their interest. After that, there will be a call for sub-project proposals. The sub-project formulation template, the deposit addresses of the requests, and the criteria for selection of the sub-projects will be made available to potential beneficiaries in the intervention areas and regional technical services involved in the project."
3.Marginalized and vulnerable Groups	
Are environmental or social risks present as per table II.K (II.L for REG) of the proposal?	Yes
During project/programme formulation, an impact assessment was carried out for the risks identified. Have impacts been identified that require management actions to prevent unacceptable impacts? (as per II.K/II.L)	Yes
List the identified impacts for which safeguard measures are required (as per II.K/II.L)	While efforts will be made to bring the entire marginalized and vulnerable households in the mainstream economy, some marginalized and vulnerable individuals / households may not have any means/ assets/ skills to enable them adopt the project activities. Also, in case of heterogeneous villages (very few) the stronger communities will try to get access to more benefits and suppress support flow to the marginalized and vulnerable households and thus low – medium risks are predicted
List here the safeguard measures (i.e. avoidance, management or mitigation) identified for each impact that are supposed to be (or had to be) implemented during the reporting period. Please break down the safeguard measures by activity.	The targeting strategy has identified the groups with social vulnerability and climate vulnerability. In those groups, we have: indigenous people, Internally displaced; refugees; Disabled persons ;Widowed or orphaned persons; young-mothers
List the monitoring indicator(s) for each impact identified.	Percentage of young people and women beneficiaries and indigenous people of the project
State the baseline condition for each monitoring indicator	N/A
Describe each safeguard measure that has been implemented during the reporting period	"•The project has a targeting strategy. •PADFA II's gender specialist also performs the same function for ACREGIR. This also covers includes communication and knowledge management. A gender action plan is available."
Describe the residual impact for each impact identified - if any - using the monitoring indicator(s)	N/A
Describe remedial action for residual impacts that will be taken	"• Application of the targeting strategy with clear targeting criteria • Before the call for proposals for the eco-grants as well as PES, consultations will be organized with target groups, including youth, refugees, IDPs, and indigenous populations. The information on investment opportunities among target populations, the eligible activities, the intervention strategy of the grant for eco-business or PES scheme, the process of formulation of applications, the technical review, and the approval

	process, will be disseminated at this step. This will enable the promoters of sub-project to express their interest. After that, there will be a call for sub-project proposals. The sub-project formulation template, the deposit addresses of the requests, and the criteria for selection of the sub-projects will be made available to potential beneficiaries in the intervention areas and regional technical services involved in the project. • The baseline study is used to enrich the targeting strategy and gender action plan."
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4.Human rights

Are environmental or social risks present as per table II.K (II.L for REG) of the proposal?	No
During project/programme formulation, an impact assessment was carried out for the risks identified. Have impacts been identified that require management actions to prevent unacceptable impacts? (as per II.K/II.L)	
List the identified impacts for which safeguard measures are required (as per II.K/II.L)	
List here the safeguard measures (i.e. avoidance, management or mitigation) identified for each impact that are supposed to be (or had to be) implemented during the reporting period. Please break down the safeguard measures by activity.	
List the monitoring indicator(s) for each impact identified.	
State the baseline condition for each monitoring indicator	
Describe each safeguard measure that has been implemented during the reporting period	
Describe the residual impact for each impact identified - if any - using the monitoring indicator(s)	
Describe remedial action for residual impacts that will be taken	

5.Gender equality and women’s empowerment

Are environmental or social risks present as per table II.K (II.L for REG) of the proposal?	Yes
During project/programme formulation, an impact assessment was carried out for the risks identified. Have impacts been identified that require management actions to prevent unacceptable impacts? (as per II.K/II.L)	Yes
List the identified impacts for which safeguard measures are required (as per II.K/II.L)	There is a low risk of inequitable representation of women in decision making process; identification, planning and implementation of activities. Also, a lack of confidence of women might prevent them to participate in project activities.
List here the safeguard measures (i.e. avoidance, management or mitigation) identified for each impact that are supposed to be (or had to be) implemented during the reporting period. Please break down the	"Gender consideration in the selection of beneficiaries and use of the gender action plan"

safeguard measures by activity.	
List the monitoring indicator(s) for each impact identified.	"Number of women and young people benefiting from financial support for the development of microenterprise following the findings of the baseline study."
State the baseline condition for each monitoring indicator	NA
Describe each safeguard measure that has been implemented during the reporting period	A gender action plan is ready and a targeting strategy, The project has reach 41% of women and 40% of youth in their activities, microproject activities have not started
Describe the residual impact for each impact identified - if any - using the monitoring indicator(s)	N/A
Describe remedial action for residual impacts that will be taken	Monitoring of gender action plan to ensure the objectives and targets included are reached.
6.Core labour rights	
Are environmental or social risks present as per table II.K (II.L for REG) of the proposal?	No
During project/programme formulation, an impact assessment was carried out for the risks identified. Have impacts been identified that require management actions to prevent unacceptable impacts? (as per II.K/II.L)	
List the identified impacts for which safeguard measures are required (as per II.K/II.L)	
List here the safeguard measures (i.e. avoidance, management or mitigation) identified for each impact that are supposed to be (or had to be) implemented during the reporting period. Please break down the safeguard measures by activity.	
List the monitoring indicator(s) for each impact identified.	
State the baseline condition for each monitoring indicator	
Describe each safeguard measure that has been implemented during the reporting period	
Describe the residual impact for each impact identified - if any - using the monitoring indicator(s)	
Describe remedial action for residual impacts that will be taken	
7.Indigenous people	
Are environmental or social risks present as per table II.K (II.L for REG) of the proposal?	Yes
During project/programme formulation, an impact assessment was carried out for the risks identified. Have impacts been identified that require management actions to prevent unacceptable impacts? (as per II.K/II.L)	Yes
List the identified impacts for which safeguard measures are required (as per II.K/II.L)	There is a low risk that indigenous groups feel that their right to access NTFP has been denied through the project conservation activities. Also, groups heterogeneity can be suppressed by the stronger

	community
List here the safeguard measures (i.e. avoidance, management or mitigation) identified for each impact that are supposed to be (or had to be) implemented during the reporting period. Please break down the safeguard measures by activity.	Targeting of indigenous peoples through the project activities and ensuring their engagement through consultations Targeting of indigenous peoples
List the monitoring indicator(s) for each impact identified.	"Number of indigenous people benefiting from the project from reports "
State the baseline condition for each monitoring indicator	0
Describe each safeguard measure that has been implemented during the reporting period	"• The baseline and community vulnerability studies conducted also aimed to highlight the presence and livelihoods and vulnerabilities of this special vulnerable group. "
Describe the residual impact for each impact identified - if any - using the monitoring indicator(s)	N/A
Describe remedial action for residual impacts that will be taken	The PMU will draw on provisions in project documents (targeting strategy, gender action plan, and/or other such document/plan) that explicitly define how the project should proceed in a bid to protect the user and access rights and livelihoods of indigenous peoples, as well as their participation in the project.
8.Involuntary resettlement	
Are environmental or social risks present as per table II.K (II.L for REG) of the proposal?	No
During project/programme formulation, an impact assessment was carried out for the risks identified. Have impacts been identified that require management actions to prevent unacceptable impacts? (as per II.K/II.L)	
List the identified impacts for which safeguard measures are required (as per II.K/II.L)	
List here the safeguard measures (i.e. avoidance, management or mitigation) identified for each impact that are supposed to be (or had to be) implemented during the reporting period. Please break down the safeguard measures by activity.	
List the monitoring indicator(s) for each impact identified.	
State the baseline condition for each monitoring indicator	
Describe each safeguard measure that has been implemented during the reporting period	
Describe the residual impact for each impact identified - if any - using the monitoring indicator(s)	
Describe remedial action for residual impacts that will be taken	
9.Protection of natural habitats	
Are environmental or social risks present as per table II.K (II.L for REG) of the proposal?	Yes
During project/programme formulation, an impact	Yes

assessment was carried out for the risks identified. Have impacts been identified that require management actions to prevent unacceptable impacts? (as per II.K/II.L)	
List the identified impacts for which safeguard measures are required (as per II.K/II.L)	Although the project objective is aimed at promoting nature-friendly activities including through reforestation, tree planting; promotion of new practices; fencing; micro zoning, etc., the eco-entrepreneurs' activities include initiatives that promote rural alternative energy (biogas plants, solar), agroforestry, ecotourism, NTFP and livestock value chain development, which if not developed and implemented properly, may cause some low to medium negative impacts on the biophysical environment, including risks of overexploitation of NTFP, poaching, livestock encroachment, etc
List here the safeguard measures (i.e. avoidance, management or mitigation) identified for each impact that are supposed to be (or had to be) implemented during the reporting period. Please break down the safeguard measures by activity.	Promotion of climate resilient agriculture and conservation of forests
List the monitoring indicator(s) for each impact identified.	"• Improvement of plant cover of the soil • Reforestation rate"
State the baseline condition for each monitoring indicator	NA
Describe each safeguard measure that has been implemented during the reporting period	"• 1014 people were trained in NTFP (arabic gum, moringa) • 6 drones were purchased to increase surveillance in the 3 national parks."
Describe the residual impact for each impact identified - if any - using the monitoring indicator(s)	N/A
Describe remedial action for residual impacts that will be taken	"Many of the project activities explicitly address restoration and protection of natural habitats (within and in the vicinity of national parks): Training of 3500 FFA participants (50% women and 40% youth); 400 young people trained in NTFP; 400 ecobusinesses supported (with 50% women; 40% youth membership); 15 000 trees planted and 2000 ha reforested in community forests by 50% women and 40% youth ; Sustainable natural resources management implemented on 2000ha through the FFS approach."
10.Conservation of biological diversity	
Are environmental or social risks present as per table II.K (II.L for REG) of the proposal?	Yes
During project/programme formulation, an impact assessment was carried out for the risks identified. Have impacts been identified that require management actions to prevent unacceptable impacts? (as per II.K/II.L)	Yes
List the identified impacts for which safeguard measures are required (as per II.K/II.L)	There is a low risk that in areas of the project which are not protected areas, or even within community forests or national parks, the inappropriate level of human resources compared with international

	standards does not allow for ensuring that the fauna and flora within those spaces are exempt from any threat including fire, poaching, etc.
List here the safeguard measures (i.e. avoidance, management or mitigation) identified for each impact that are supposed to be (or had to be) implemented during the reporting period. Please break down the safeguard measures by activity.	Ministry of Forestry and Wildlife has develop an antipoaching strategy which is implemented by all the park conservation services including those for the three parks of the project. Against illegally cutting of ressources for wood energy and illegal charcoal, the project has organised training for sustainable management of forests. Against fire and human pressure , nothing specific has been done during the period of this report.
List the monitoring indicator(s) for each impact identified.	"• Level of improvement of wildlife diversity by the project activities • Number of conservation of biological diversity initiatives in the areas of the project • Level of improvement of floristic diversity by the project activities "
State the baseline condition for each monitoring indicator	NA
Describe each safeguard measure that has been implemented during the reporting period	For poaching, drones have been used for fight against that. For illegal cutting of ressources for wood energy and illegal charcoal, some people have been trained on sustainable management of forests including youth and women.
Describe the residual impact for each impact identified - if any - using the monitoring indicator(s)	N/A
Describe remedial action for residual impacts that will be taken	"In a bid to improve biodiversity management in the 3 national parks and their vicinities; • 9 community forests 21000ha is envisaged to be ; (i) delimited by the project, and (ii) classified • 9 simplified management plans for community forests and game areas is envisaged to be developed by the project; • Training on sustainable management of forests will continue; • Use of drones against paoching will continue."
11.Climate change	
Are environmental or social risks present as per table II.K (II.L for REG) of the proposal?	No
During project/programme formulation, an impact assessment was carried out for the risks identified. Have impacts been identified that require management actions to prevent unacceptable impacts? (as per II.K/II.L)	
List the identified impacts for which safeguard measures are required (as per II.K/II.L)	
List here the safeguard measures (i.e. avoidance, management or mitigation) identified for each impact that are supposed to be (or had to be) implemented during the reporting period. Please break down the safeguard measures by activity.	
List the monitoring indicator(s) for each impact identified.	
State the baseline condition for each monitoring	

indicator	
Describe each safeguard measure that has been implemented during the reporting period	
Describe the residual impact for each impact identified - if any - using the monitoring indicator(s)	
Describe remedial action for residual impacts that will be taken	
12.Pollution prevention and resource efficiency	
Are environmental or social risks present as per table II.K (II.L for REG) of the proposal?	Yes
During project/programme formulation, an impact assessment was carried out for the risks identified. Have impacts been identified that require management actions to prevent unacceptable impacts? (as per II.K/II.L)	Yes
List the identified impacts for which safeguard measures are required (as per II.K/II.L)	Due to ecotourism activities; potential impact especially with non-biodegradable products could be identified.
List here the safeguard measures (i.e. avoidance, management or mitigation) identified for each impact that are supposed to be (or had to be) implemented during the reporting period. Please break down the safeguard measures by activity.	"Establishment of sound management of pollutants in accordance with standards of FAO and WHO"
List the monitoring indicator(s) for each impact identified.	"Rate of heavy metals in soils and waters in accordance with standards of FAO and WHO; Rate of pesticides residues in soils and waters in accordance with standards of FAO and WHO"
State the baseline condition for each monitoring indicator	NA
Describe each safeguard measure that has been implemented during the reporting period	Project activities related to this risk had not yet started during the present reporting period.
Describe the residual impact for each impact identified - if any - using the monitoring indicator(s)	N/A
Describe remedial action for residual impacts that will be taken	Sub-activities at the various steps of project implementation will be screened against the 15 principles of AF and national standards.
13.Public health	
Are environmental or social risks present as per table II.K (II.L for REG) of the proposal?	No
During project/programme formulation, an impact assessment was carried out for the risks identified. Have impacts been identified that require management actions to prevent unacceptable impacts? (as per II.K/II.L)	
List the identified impacts for which safeguard measures are required (as per II.K/II.L)	
List here the safeguard measures (i.e. avoidance, management or mitigation) identified for each impact that are supposed to be (or had to be) implemented during the reporting period. Please break down the safeguard measures by activity.	
List the monitoring indicator(s) for each impact	

identified.	
State the baseline condition for each monitoring indicator	
Describe each safeguard measure that has been implemented during the reporting period	
Describe the residual impact for each impact identified - if any - using the monitoring indicator(s)	
Describe remedial action for residual impacts that will be taken	
14. Physical and cultural heritage	
Are environmental or social risks present as per table II.K (II.L for REG) of the proposal?	No
During project/programme formulation, an impact assessment was carried out for the risks identified. Have impacts been identified that require management actions to prevent unacceptable impacts? (as per II.K/II.L)	
List the identified impacts for which safeguard measures are required (as per II.K/II.L)	
List here the safeguard measures (i.e. avoidance, management or mitigation) identified for each impact that are supposed to be (or had to be) implemented during the reporting period. Please break down the safeguard measures by activity.	
List the monitoring indicator(s) for each impact identified.	
State the baseline condition for each monitoring indicator	
Describe each safeguard measure that has been implemented during the reporting period	
Describe the residual impact for each impact identified - if any - using the monitoring indicator(s)	
Describe remedial action for residual impacts that will be taken	
15. Lands and soil conservation	
Are environmental or social risks present as per table II.K (II.L for REG) of the proposal?	No
During project/programme formulation, an impact assessment was carried out for the risks identified. Have impacts been identified that require management actions to prevent unacceptable impacts? (as per II.K/II.L)	
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Describe remedial action for residual impacts that will be taken	

Section 2: Monitoring for unanticipated impacts / corrective actions required

Has monitoring for unanticipated ESP risks been carried out?	No
Have unanticipated ESP risks been identified during the reporting period?	No
If unanticipated ESP risks have been identified, describe the safeguard measures that have been taken in response and how an ESMP has been prepared/updated	N/A

Section 3: Categorisation

Is the categorisation according to ESP standards still relevant?	Yes
If No, please describe the changes made at activity, output or outcome level, approved by the Board, that resulted in this change of categorization.	

Section 4: Implementation arrangements

What arrangements have been put in place by the Implementing Entity during the reporting period to implement the required ESP safeguard measures?	A number of measures were proposed to the EE to ensure gradual roll-out of the ESMP. These included devolving some ESMP measures to the direct executing entities. In line with the SOPs of the IE, a technical specialist from the Environment, Climate, Gender and Social Inclusion Division of the IE provides continuous support during implementation and serves as technical lead for all annual implementation support and supervision missions of ACREGIR”.
Have the implementation arrangements been effective during the reporting period?	Yes
What arrangements have been put in place by each Executing Entity during the reporting period to implement the required ESP safeguard measures?	"The USPs defined at design (in the Project document) concerned (i) grants for eco-entrepreneurship and (ii) PES. Activities related to the USPs were not executed in the present reporting period. The USPs will be screened against the 15 principles of the AF using a simplified checklist during the relevant reporting period This will be done by the implementing partners at community level. If such risks are detected, plans (safeguard measures) will be made for management and monitoring measures. *Regarding the capacity of the EE: The Technical Coordinator of ACREGIR is an environmental engineer by profession and served as

	<p>Director in the Ministry of Environment, prior to taking up duty in the PMU. The project thus draws heavily on his professional knowledge and experience with national and international standards to ensure, not only the E&S screening of USPs, but also, compliance with national standards and ASP Principles. Even though the EE does not have an in-house E&S specialist recruited specifically to this effect, the EE also relies on the Gender specialist of PADFA II for ensuring social compliance during project implementation". During the Inception Workshop, the PMU equally received training on IFAD's due diligence regarding environmental, social, and climate safeguards procedures vis-à-vis the project. *Capacity of the third-party executing entities: The third-party partners in question have proven long-term experience executing operations in compliance with E&S safeguards. In addition to having familiarised themselves with the AF's ESP principles, entities like IUCN for instance, possess their own sound Environmental and Social Management System that is an intrinsic part of their project cycle. These entities therefore have the capacity and experience to ensure these E&S safeguards during execution. "</p>
Have the implementation arrangements at the EEs been effective during the reporting period?	No

Section 5: Projects/programmes with unidentified sub-projects (USPs). This section needs to be completed only if the project/proramme includes USPs.

Have the arrangements for the process described in the ESMP for ESP compliance for USPs been put in place?	Partially
Is the required capacity for ESMP implementation present and effective with the IE and the EE(s)? Please provide details.	Yes
Have all roles and responsibilities adequately been assigned and positions filled?	Yes
Has the overall ESMP been updated with the findings of the USPs that have been identified in this reporting period?	No

Identified USPs in the reporting period	Application of ESMP to the USP	ESP risks identified for the USP	Has an impact assessment been carried out?	Consultation held for risks and impacts identification for USP	Gender disaggregation to identify risks and impacts	Safeguard measures identified for the USP	Monitoring indicator(s) for each impact

Section 6: Grievances

Was a grievance mechanism established capable and known to stakeholders to accept grievances and complaints related to environmental and social risks	Partially
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and impacts?	
Were grievances received during the reporting period?	No

List all grievances received during the reporting period regarding environmental and social impacts; gender related matters; or any other matter of project/programme activities	For each grievance, provide information on the grievance redress process	Provide the status/outcome
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Comments

SECTION 2: MONITORING FOR UNANTICIPATED IMPACTS / CORRECTIVE ACTIONS

REQUIRED Has monitoring for unanticipated ESP risks been carried out? The USPs defined at design (in the Project document) concerned (i) grants for eco-entrepreneurship and (ii). Activities related to USPs were not executed in the present reporting period. The USPs will be screened against the 15 principles of the AF using a simplified checklist during the relevant reporting period This will be done by the implementing partners at community level. If such risks are detected, plans (safeguard measures) will be made for management and monitoring measures. SECTION 5: PROJECTS/PROGRAMMES WITH UNIDENTIFIED SUB-PROJECTS (USPs). This section needs to be completed only if the project/proramme includes USPs. * Is the required capacity for ESMP implementation present and effective with the IE and the EE(s)? Please provide details. The direct executing entities with which the EE (PMU) has signed partnership agreements are fully abreast with the ESMP and have committed to ensuring screening of USPs and monitoring the application of ESP measures by beneficiaries. • The IE Environment, Climate, Gender and Social Inclusion Division provides permanent backstopping to the EE (PMU) on ESP. • The PMU has been tasked to seek oversight of the Ministry of Environment and the Ministry of Forestry (with which an MoU has been signed) to ensure compliance with relevant national standards. * Has the overall ESMP been updated with the findings of the USPs that have been identified in this reporting period? [9] : No. As indicated in the project prososal document, 90% of project activities were identified at design, with USPs accounting for only the remainder 10%. Moreover, these USPs concerned activities related to grants for eco-entrepreneurship and PES. The beneficiaries/activities for the eco-grants and PES schemes are yet to be selected/identified. There is thus no need to update the ESMP during the curent reporting period as the USPs are yet to be identified. SECTION 6: GRIEVANCES The grievance mechanism put in place by PADFA II is currently be extended to the ACREGIR project for 2024 onward, and based on the annual internal evaluation of its functionality, in order to capitalize on its results within the framework of ACREGIR.

GP Compliance

Section 1: Quality at entry

Was an initial gender assessment conducted during the preparation of the project/programme's first submission as a full proposal? Yes

Does the results framework include gender-responsive indicators broken down at the different levels (objective, outcome, output)? Yes

List the gender-responsive elements that were incorporated in the project/programme results framework

Gender-responsive element	Level	Indicator	Baseline	Target	Rated result for the reporting period
Increase local	Objective	Number of	0	8,800 households	Satisfactory

communities' resilience to climate change through resilient livelihoods and integrated natural resources management		beneficiaries (disaggregated by gender and youth) who have received support from the project as a proxy for increasing adaptive capacity to respond to the impact of climate change.		(at least 50% women and 40% youth)	
Land and natural resources management are improved in the Waza, Bénoué and Kimbi-Fungom national parks and their outskirts to increase the resilience to climate change of vulnerable populations contributing to emissions reduction	Output	Number of simplified management plans for community forest and game areas developed by the project which include women and youth in the decision making.	0	"*9 simplified management plans for community forests (3 around Waza NP, and 6 around Kimki Fungom NP) and *2 for game areas (around Bénoué NP) "	Poor
Climate information systems and surveillance mechanisms are strengthened through the development of a unified observation system to respond to climate change.	Output	Number of women and men benefiting of domestic violence training programs including Prevalence of physical and/or sexual intimate partner violence in the last 12 months; and in birth control.	0	At least 50% are women	Poor
Climate information systems and surveillance mechanisms are strengthened through the development of a unified observation system to respond to	Output	Number of women represented in decision making process including within the project for reviewing business plans from clients.	0	At least 50% are women	Poor

climate change.					
"Output 2.2: Ecosystem based adaptation and climate smart business opportunities for the most vulnerable groups are identified (youth, indigenous people, women, displaced people) and information systems are improved."	Output	Number of knowledge sharing products including on gender inclusive natural resource management practices	0	10	Poor
"Output 2.2: Ecosystem based adaptation and climate smart business opportunities for the most vulnerable groups are identified (youth, indigenous people, women, displaced people) and information systems are improved."	Output	Number of events organized including on gender in agriculture	0	25	Poor
"Sustainable management of natural resources and ecosystems leading to climate resilient ecosystems, green jobs creation for youth and resilient livelihoods. " Outcome 3	Outcome	% of project beneficiaries considering having improved their adaptive capacities 0	0	70% (of which at least 50% women and 40% youth)	Satisfactory
Project promoters are selected and trained in building eco business including women and youth	Output	% of people with increased income	0	60% (of which at least 50% women and 40% youth)	Satisfactory

Project promoters are selected and trained in building eco business including women and youth	Output	"Number of developed gender inclusive protocols and policy for lending products including; gender inclusivity protocol, Sexual Exploitation and Abuse policy, Awareness raising policy, and Grievance mechanisms established (incorporating Gender Based Violence safeguards) "	0	5 (*1 lending protocol with gender inclusivity; * 1 gender inclusivity protocol; * 1 sexual exploitation and abuse policy; * 1 awareness raising policy; * 1 grievance mechanism established (incorporating GBV safeguards)	Poor
Project promoters are selected and trained in building eco business including women and youth	Output	Number of young people trained in resilient and ecological agrosylvo-pastoral opportunities	0	2300 young people (50% women)	Satisfactory
Project promoters are selected and trained in building eco business including women and youth	Output	Number of commercial strategies developed per type of NTFP targeting 50% women and 40% youth	0	"4 commercial strategies (1 for acacia gum, 1 for shea, 1 for wild mango and 1 for njansang) "	Poor
Project promoters are selected and trained in building eco business including women and youth	Output	Number of women with access to property rights and control over assets, and assets that develop business plans		At least 50%	Satisfactory
Climate adaptation actions in agroforestry and natural resources management are implemented through a grant with a focus on	Output	Number of FFS participants	0	3500(50% women and 40% youth)	Poor

youth and other marginalized groups					
Climate adaptation actions in agroforestry and natural resources management are implemented through a grant with a focus on youth and other marginalized groups	Output	Number of ecobusinesses supported	0	400 (with 50% women; 40% youth membership)	Satisfactory
Climate adaptation actions in agroforestry and natural resources management are implemented through a grant with a focus on youth and other marginalized groups	Output	Number of trees planted and surface area reforested	0	15 000 trees 2000 ha reforested in community forests by 50% women and 40% youth	Satisfactory
Payments for ecosystem services schemes to support conservation of fragile ecosystems are implemented	Output	"Number of households (HH) or youth organisations or eco-entrepreneurs receiving payments or incentives to better manage ecosystems "	0	3000 HH & 200 eco-entrepreneurs (50% women and 40% youth)	Poor

Section 2: Quality during implementation and at exit

List gender equality and women's empowerment issues encountered during implementation of the project/programme. For each gender equality and women's empowerment issue describe the progress that was made as well as the results.

Gender equality and women's empowerment issues	Rated result for the reporting period	Provide justification of the rating provided
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Section 3: Implementation arrangements

What arrangements have been put in place by the Implementing Entity during the reporting period to comply with the GP	The IE gender consultant worked closely with the PMU during the supervision mission and defined a number of actions. The effectiveness of the gender action plan will be evaluated in subsequent reporting periods.
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Have the implementation arrangements at the IE been effective during the reporting period?	Yes
What arrangements have been put in place by each Executing Entity during the reporting period to comply with the GP?	The project has elaborated a Gender Action Plan. The plan will be validated by the partners. All partners have been trained on targeting and gender issues
Have the implementation arrangements at the EE(s) been effective during the reporting period?	Yes
Have any capacity gaps affecting GP compliance been identified during the reporting period and if so, what remediation was implemented?	

Section 4: Grievances

Was a grievance mechanism established capable and known to stakeholders to accept grievances and complaints related to gender equality and women's empowerment?	
Were grievances received during the reporting period?	

List all grievances received through the grievance mechanism during the reporting period regarding gender-related matters of project/programme activities [6]	For each grievance, provide information on the grievance redress process used	Provide the status/outcome

Comments

Rating

Implementing Entity

Project components/outcomes	Alignment with AF outcomes	Expected Progress	Progress to date	Rating
"Mainstream climate change adaptation into institutional and regulatory frameworks plans for improved land and natural resources management at regional and local level"	Outcome 7	This component aims to build an enabling environment so that institutions are aware and able to promote	Ontrack	Marginally Satisfactory
"Improve knowledge on ecosystems' vulnerability to climate change, ecosystem-based adaptation and climate smart businesses opportunities"	Outcome 3	"The expected outcome of this component is a strengthened resilience to climate change of the different ecosystems through monitoring and better knowledge of their status and vulnerability"	Ontrack	Marginally Satisfactory
"Adaptation to climate change measures are implemented to increase climate change resilience of	Outcome 4	"The expected outcome of this component is sustainable management of natural	Ontrack	Marginally Satisfactory

targeted communities"		resources and ecosystems leading to climate resilient ecosystems, green jobs creation for youth and resilient livelihoods"		
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Please justify your rating. Outline the positive and negative progress made by the project since it started. Provide specific recommendations for next steps.

"(i) completion of the study on the Drivers-Pressures-State-Impact-Response (DPSIR) method for identifying and analysing the project's specific areas of activity (ii) completion of the study on the conservation status of 10 threatened or endemic species of flora and fauna, which led to the identification of 07 species of fauna and 03 species of flora that are the most threatened or endemic in the Waza and Benue NPs - (iii) restoration of degraded land by planting 14500 bamboo seedlings (against 15,000 planned) in the three target national parks and completion of the installation of 12.8 km of natural physical fencing in the Bénoué area - (iv) the receipt of two additional meteorological stations for the Bénoué and Kimbi-Fungom NPs to help strengthen the information systems and climate monitoring mechanisms in and around the parks - (v) the acquisition of three additional drones and making them available to the conservation services of the three parks - (vi) identification and diagnosis in the target communes (Gamba, Waza, Mora, Dschang) of the three national parks of potential business training centers for eco-business creation (quotas of 50% women and 40% young people) - (vii) numerous capacity-building sessions for over 700 beneficiaries on a variety of themes: eco-entrepreneurship, environmental education, making ecological charcoal, building improved stoves, techniques for installing and using renewable energies, and leading to the identification of 18 micro-projects in localities on the outskirts of the Waza and Bénoué NPs to be supported by the ACREGIR project - (viii) the establishment of 28,429 seedlings of 08 different species (*Irvingia gabonensis* bamboo, *Garcinia kola*, etc.) in government and community nurseries in the Far North (Waza), North (Bawan), and North-West (Kimbi-Fungom NP, University of Dschang) regions, to improve community resilience to the impacts of climate change through income generation and strengthening communication actions. More than 136,000 trees planted. The acquisition of certain assets such as weather stations and water ponds, and ix) The operationalization of the monitoring and evaluation system (application of the beehive, logical framework, monitoring of partners, etc.), based on the results of the socio-economic and vulnerability baseline study and the external audit of the project." 1) Implementing Entity: Expected progress "This component aims to build an enabling environment so that institutions are aware and able to promote climate change adaptation in the long term at the national, regional and local level" The expected outcome of this component is a strengthened resilience to climate change of the different ecosystems through monitoring and better knowledge of their status and vulnerability Progress to date : The approach to mainstreaming of climate change adaptation considerations in the local and communal development plans and forest management plans has been agreed and a road map developed to be based on the guidance received from the Ministry of Environment leadership. A guideline has been elaborated for all institutional partners to be utilised at the local level. The project provided 6/6 drones, meteorological equipments to the Waza, Kimbi and Benoue Parks. These equipments cover more than 791 Km²; These drones will support the monitoring of climate variations at ecosystem level. "More than 136,689/150,000 (91%) seedlings have been produced and planted in individual, school and community fields. The reforestation potential is estimated at 1,366.89 ha/2,000 ha (68%). Identification of training centers (SAR/SM) in Mora, Gamba and Dschang, with a view to strengthening technical platforms for processing bamboo and NTFPs - (ii) numerous capacity-building sessions for over 700 beneficiaries on a variety of themes: eco-entrepreneurship, environmental education, making ecological charcoal, fabricating improved cookstoves, techniques for installing and using renewable energies, leading to the identification of 18 micro-projects in localities on the outskirts of the Waza and Bénoué NPs to be supported by the ACREGIR project - (iii) the establishment of 28, 429 seedlings of 08

different species (Irvingia gabonensis bamboo, Garcinia kola, etc.) in Government and community nurseries in the Far North (Waza), North (Bawan), and North-West (Kimbi-Fungom NP, University of Dschang) regions, to improve community resilience to the impacts of climate change through income generation and strengthening communication actions.

Executing Entity / Project Coordinator

Project components/outcomes	Alignment with AF outcomes	Expected Progress	Progress to date	Rating
"Outcome 1: Climate proofed institutional frameworks and local development plans at regional and local level"	Outcome 7	"This component aims to build an enabling environment so that institutions are aware and able to promote climate change adaptation in the long term at the national, regional and local level"	Ontrack	Marginally Satisfactory
"Outcome 2: Ecosystems resilience to climate change is strengthened through monitoring and better knowledge of their status and vulnerability adaptation and climate smart businesses opportunities"	Outcome 3	"The expected outcome of this component is strengthened resilience to climate change of the different ecosystems through monitoring and better knowledge of their status and vulnerability"	Ontrack	Marginally Satisfactory
"Outcome 3: Sustainable management of natural resources and ecosystems leading to climate resilient ecosystems, green jobs creation for youth and resilient livelihoods"	Outcome 4	"The expected outcome of this component is sustainable management of natural resources and ecosystems leading to climate resilient ecosystems, green jobs creation for youth and resilient livelihoods"	Ontrack	Marginally Satisfactory

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Please justify your rating. Outline the positive and negative progress made by the project since it started. Provide specific recommendations for next steps.

" The project signed some partnership agreements with local partners. The inception workshop took place on 27 October 2022, after which, the project has acquired 6 drones for monitoring, trained eco-guards on drone technology, trained 24 local authorities (sensitisation on the management plan of national parks) of whom 3 were women; procured 3 Toyota Hilux, 10 Toyota Fortuner, 6 motor bikes; trained and sensitised 114 households of which 35 women, on production planting and harvesting of NTFPs, conducting of baseline and vulnerability assessment, recruitment of local project personnel, amongst others activities. The positive trends include the fact that the partners are aware of the challenges in the implementation of this project and have started to deploy themselves. The project team is complete, the AWPB is being prepared for next year and this is crucial as the MTR is planned for next year. Negative trends include the long delays in implementing some activities, such as the creation of community forsests, the recruitment of consultants and delivery of non objection letters from partners and from the implementing entity. "

Other				
Project components/outcomes	Alignment with AF outcomes	Expected Progress	Progress to date	Rating
Please provide the Name and Contact information of the person(s) responsible for completing the Rating section				
Name		Email		
Please justify your rating. Outline the positive and negative progress made by the project since it started. Provide specific recommendations for next steps.				

Overall Rating
<p>Overall rating</p> <p>Marginally Satisfactory</p> <p>Please justify your rating. Outline the positive and negative progress made by the project since it started. Provide specific recommendations for next steps.</p> <p>"(i) completion of the study on the Drivers-Pressures-State-Impact-Response (DPSIR) method for identifying and analysing the project's specific areas of activity (ii) completion of the study on the conservation status of 10 threatened or endemic species of flora and fauna, which led to the identification of 07 species of fauna and 03 species of flora that are the most threatened or endemic in the Waza and Benue NPs - (iii) restoration of degraded land by planting 14500 bamboo seedlings (against 15,000 planned) in the three target national parks and completion of the installation of 12.8 km of natural physical fencing in the Bénoué area - (iv) the receipt of two additional meteorological stations for the Bénoué and Kimbi-Fungom NPs to help strengthen the information systems and climate monitoring mechanisms in and around the parks - (v) the acquisition of three additional drones and making them available to the conservation services of the three parks - (vi) identification and diagnosis in the target communes (Gamba, Waza, Mora, Dschang) of the three national parks of potential business training centers for eco-business creation (quotas of 50% women and 40% young people) - (vii) numerous capacity-building sessions for over 700 beneficiaries on a variety of themes: eco-entrepreneurship, environmental education, making ecological charcoal, building improved stoves, techniques for installing and using renewable energies, and leading to the identification of 18 micro-projects in localities on the outskirts of the Waza and Bénoué NPs to be supported by the ACREGIR project - (viii) the establishment of 28,429 seedlings of 08 different species (Irvingia gabonensis bamboo, Garcinia kola, etc.) in government and community nurseries in the Far North (Waza), North (Bawan), and North-West (Kimbi-Fungom NP, University of Dschang) regions, to improve community resilience to the impacts of climate change through income generation and strengthening communication actions. More than 136,000 trees planted. The acquisition of certain assets such as weather stations and water ponds, and ix) The operationalization of the monitoring and evaluation system (application of the beehive, logical framework, monitoring of partners, etc.), based on the results of the socio-economic and vulnerability baseline study and the external audit of the project. Executing Entity/Project Coordinator: Expected progress : This component aims to build an enabling environment so that institutions are aware and able to promote climate change adaptation in the long term at the national, regional and local level The expected outcome of this component is strengthened resilience to climate change of the different ecosystems through monitoring and better knowledge of their status and vulnerability The expected outcome of this component is sustainable management of natural resources and ecosystems leading to climate resilient ecosystems, green jobs creation for youth and resilient livelihoods. Progress to date For the reporting period, the project has developed a guide for updating and monitoring the local development plans, the production of specific seedlings for the establishment of agroforestry plantations and parks demarcation barriers, the study on threatened and endemic areas, and study to identify and analyse specific areas of the project. Rate of execution is estimated</p>

at 60%. For the current reporting period the main activities are i) the ongoing installation of two additional weather stations in the Bénoué and Kimbi-Fungom national parks – (ii) the acquisition of an additional drone in each park, thus giving a current cumulative ratio of two drones/park. In 2025, the use of this equipment should enable the Conservation Services to ensure the fight against poaching and ecological monitoring of the parks. The estimated rate of execution is 29% The main activities undertaken during the reporting period include (i) the identification of training centers (SAR/SM) in Mora, Gamba, and Dschang, with a view to strengthening technical platforms in the processing of bamboo and NTFPs – (ii) numerous capacity-building sessions for more than 700 beneficiaries on diverse themes: eco-entrepreneurship, environmental education, manufacturing of ecological charcoal, construction of improved stoves, installation techniques and the use of renewable energies, and having led to the identification of 18 micro-projects in localities on the outskirts of the Waza and Benue National Parks to be supported by the ACREGIR project – (iii) the establishment of 28,429 plants of 8 different species (bamboos *Irvingia gabonensis*, *Garcinia kola*, etc.) in government and community nurseries in the Far North (Waza), North (Bawan), and North-West (Kimbi-Fungom National Park, University of Dschang) regions. The rate of execution is estimated at 29%

Project Indicators

List of indicators

Type of Indicator (indicators towards Objectives, Outcomes, etc...)	Indicator	Baseline	Progress Since Inception	Target for Project End
Objectives	Number of beneficiary households (disaggregated by gender and youth) that have received support from the project as a proxy for increasing adaptive capacity to respond to the impact of climate change	0	1979 households 768 women-led and 549 are youth-led	8,800 households (at least 50% women and 40% youth)
Outcomes	Number of policies and development strategies adjusted to address climate change risks (by type and level – regional, local)	0	0	5 at least (local, municipal and regional)
Outputs	"Evidence of a strategy proposing amendment to key strategic documents"	0	1	1
Outputs	% of regions and communes that have a development plans	0	0	100% of the regions (Far North, North, and North West);

	that integrate CCA			100% of the communes
Outputs	Number of the national parks management plans that integrate CCA	0	0	"3 (Management Plan of the Waza, Benoué and Kimbi-Fungom national parks) "
Outputs	Number of community forests and corresponding surface areas that have been: (i) delimited by the project, and (ii) classified	0	0	"9 (* In the Waza NP periphery: 3 community forests of around 3 000 ha each; * In the Kimbi-Fungom NP periphery: 6 community forests of around 2 000ha each (50% women and 40 % youth) "
Outputs	"Number of simplified management plans for community forest and game areas developed by the project which include women and youth in the decisions making"	0	0	"11 ((i) 9 simplified management plans for community forests (3 around Waza NP, and 6 around Kimbi-Fungom), and (ii) 2 for game areas (around Bénoué NP)"
Outcomes	"Surface area of ecosystems mapped out and covered by surveillance mechanisms Strengthened awareness of adaptation and climate risk reduction measures "	0	791 Km ² covered by meteorological equipment	"(i)100,000 ha mapped out; (ii) 2000 kmsq covered by surveillance drones and climatic stations"
Outputs	"Number and type of surveillance mechanisms introduced (drones) "	0	6	"6 drones for surveillance in protected areas "
Outputs	Number of climatic stations and sentinel sites upgraded, set up or rehabilitated	50	2	250
Outputs	"Number of women and men benefiting of domestic violence training programs including Prevalence of physical and/or sexual intimate	0 % are women	0 % are women	At least 50% are women

	partner violence in the last 12 months; and in birth control."			
Outputs	"Number of women represented in decision making process including within the project for reviewing business plans from clients"	0	1+	At least 50% are women
Outputs	Evidence of a feasibility study on NTFP business opportunities	0	0	1 study
Outputs	Evidence of a database of potential eco-business opportunities	0	0	3 databases (i.e. 1 per intervention area)
Outputs	"Number of knowledge sharing products including on gender inclusive natural resource management practices "	0	0	10
Outputs	"Number of events organized including on gender in agriculture"	0	2	25
Outcomes	"% of project beneficiaries considering having improved their adaptive capacities (at least 50% women and 40% youth) "	0	0	70%
Outcomes	"Surface area under improved management in the project intervention sites "	0	1366	4000 ha
Outputs	% of people with increase income (at least 50% women and 40% youth)	0	0	60
Outputs	"Number of developed gender inclusive protocols and policy for lending products including; gender inclusivity protocol, Sexual Exploitation and Abuse policy,	0	2	5 (*1 lending protocol with gender inclusivity; * 1 gender inclusivity protocol; * 1 sexual exploitation and abuse policy; * 1 awareness raising policy; * 1 grievance

	Awareness raising policy, and Grievance mechanisms established (incorporating Gender Based Violence safeguards) "			mechanism established (incorporating GBV safeguards)
Outputs	"Number of young people trained in resilient and ecological agrosylvopastoral opportunities"	0	1014	2300 young people (50% women)
Outputs	Number of training strategies developed for young ecoentrepreneurs	0	2	3
Outputs	Number of commercial strategies developed per type of NTFP targeting 50% women and 40% youth	0	0	"4 commercial strategies (1 for acacia gum, 1 for shea, 1 for wild mango and 1 for njansang) "
Outputs	Number of women with access to property rights and control over assets, and assets that develop business plans	0	0	At least 50%
Outputs	Number of ha where agroforestry and soil and water conservation measures are implemented	0	108 ha	2000 ha
Outputs	Number of FFS participants			
	Number of ecobusinesses supported			
	Number of young people trained in NTFP			
	"Number of trees planted and surface area reforested "			

Comments

Lessons Learned

Implementation and Adaptive Management		
<p>Describe any changes undertaken to improve results on the ground or any changes made to project outputs (i.e. changes to project design)</p>	<p>Challenges</p>	<p>"No changes were made to ACREGIR project activities/budget. However, following the supervision mission of September 2024, IFAD (IE) and the EE agreed on the following measures in a bid to improve project performance: • Change in approach regarding the agroforestry activities. The implementing partners have encouraged community members to plant the fruit trees and indigenous species with economic value in their farm lands. This has advanced the agroforestry activities and also encouraged uptake by community members. Guidance has been provided by the Ministry of Environment at the highest level to unblock the institutional aspects for integrating climate change adaptation in the management plans of the National Parks. The guidance specifies the project will contribute to the fight against climate change in the management of protected areas. This approach will allow direct integration of climate change adaptation activities in the management of Waza and Benue national parks. The co-management approach of the protected areas is expected to improve the engagement of the communities in the management of the protected areas and the eco-vigilance. Capacity building activities have been extended to implicate additional actors to ensure the sustainability of the activities. "</p>
<p>Have the environmental and social safeguard measures that were taken been</p>		<p>The measures seem to be working as there are no real</p>

<p>effective in avoiding unwanted negative impacts?</p>		<p>negative impacts observed thus far. The social risks related to land tenure and community forests including issues of trust have been managed through the effective engagement of communities and delineating community forest boundaries. The human wildlife conflicts are being managed through the creation of migration corridors for the animals however this entails land use change that needs to be well managed and communities engaged in decision making for the maintenance of the corridors. Potential conflict may arise as a result of the pastoralists and transhumance routes that affect the sedentary communities. The co-existence is encouraged through the planting of tree species that are also useful as fodder for the livestock and thus the herders compensate the communities for providing animal food.</p>
<p>How have gender considerations been taken into consideration during the reporting period? What have been the lessons learned as a consequence of inclusion of such considerations on project performance or impacts? List lessons learned specific to gender, detailing measures and project/programme-specific indicators highlighting the role of women as key actors in climate change adaptation.</p>		<p>"The project has drawn up a gender action plan that assesses the situation of women and young people in the project areas. This analysis is complemented by the socio-economic and vulnerability baseline study led by IUCN. The first steps to be taken are to refine the project's targeting strategy to ensure that women, young people and other vulnerable people are reached. A system to systematically disaggregate data/information by sex and age of beneficiaries exists and this will be complemented by qualitative data/information on the changes induced by the different services (micro-enterprises, training, etc.) provided by the project."</p>
<p>Were there any delays in implementation? If so, include any causes of delays. What measures have been taken to reduce delays?</p>	<p>Challenges & Opportunities</p>	<p>"1) Institutional constraints: aspects related to the approach to be taken in integration of climate change into the</p>

management plans for the protected areas as part of the collaboration between the two ministries of the environment (MINEPDED) and Forestry/Wildlife (MINFOF) in charge of implementing the activity. This situation delayed the start of activities relating to the review of the development plans for the Benoue and Waza national parks by 12 months (Activity 1.1.6). However, the political dialogue pursued by the IFAD country office with the project owner (MINEPDED) and the project team made it possible to remove the causes of misunderstanding, an agree on a thematic (and not regulatory) revision of the management and development plans that only takes into account the issue of climate change into limited budget provide by ACREGIR PDR that the aide-mémoire of the full supervision mission of September 2024 recorded.- developing of a road map to provide detailed steps to be followed and engagement of the Ministry at the highest level to provide guidance was the additional measure taken. 2) Security Constraint: Security challenges have limited access and delayed the continuation of activities at Waza National Park and Kimbi Fungom. To address it, the recent supervision mission recommended that the project team document the security constraints experienced during the implementation of the project and propose the additional costs to be considered to facilitate the deployment of activities in the target areas. 3) Budget Constraint: Disbursement of funds was delayed due to lack of timely justification of the previously received amount.

		<p>The delay in justification was caused by the absence of a Financial Controller who was dismissed due to malpractices. An interim Financial Controller was appointed to support the team while waiting for the competitive recruitment of a substantive Financial Controller envisage for december 2024. 4) Procedural Constraint: The dynamics of project implementation have highlighted a learning-by-doing process for project teams and IFAD regarding the preeminence of AF procedures over IFAD procedures. Thus, the lesson learned is that (i) Adaptation Fund procedures take precedence in terms of disbursement and reporting and that (ii) disbursement of funds and justification of funds previously received must be made before August of each year, which will provide some flexibility to have discussions with the AF to ensure approval of the PPR and the disbursement request for the following year before 27 October of each year. This procedural challenge demonstrates need of PMU/IFAD Team capacity building on FA Procedure and a lack of flexibility in the use of the multi-year disbursement plan while implementation constraints have led to current delays that require adjustments in some budget lines. As a proposed measure, the recent joint IFAD/Government supervision mission concluded on the importance of a restructuring mission, which is envisaged for the second quarter of 2025 as part of a mid-term review of the project. The restructuring will review current implementation progress and propose (i) revising the disbursement</p>
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		<p>schedule to make up for some of the lost time (06 months in the period under review) during the second year and (ii) realigning the disbursement with the completion and closing dates of PADFA II, which provides essential functions for ACREGIR. Also capacity building for the PMU and IFAD team on the Adaptation Fund procedures will be provided in the first quarter of 2024. 5) Some Coordination issues - Community forests establishment was delayed due to lack of focus and effort from the coordination team. Measures taken include the development of a road map with clear steps to be followed in the establishment of the community forests and recommendation to make effective use of local partners. The integration of climate change adaptation in local development plans was also delayed as the communities are yet to be identified therefore review of plans could not be done. To reduce the delays a case study was provided with one community and detailed planning recommended for engagement of subsequent communities. Validation of the business plans requires a committee that is yet to be formed due to lack of resources. The preselection of the business plans has been done and will require validation once the steering committee meets.</p>
<p>What implementation issues/lessons, either positive or negative, affected progress?</p>	<p>Challenges</p>	<p>Continued insecurity in some project locations that requires armed guards and use of local partners for activities to advance. Challenges with the team as the Technical Assistant resigned. This was addressed through the use of short term consultants. Engagement of partners on the ground is a</p>

		positive lesson as this illustrates ownership that can be built on.
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Has the project already reached mid term or project completion?(yes/no).

Climate Resilience Measures	
What have been the lessons learned, both positive and negative, in implementing climate adaptation measures that would be relevant to the design and implementation of future projects/programmes for enhanced resilience to climate change?	
What is the potential for the climate resilience measures undertaken by the project/programme to be replicated and scaled up both within and outside the project area?	
Readiness Interventions (Applicable only to NIEs that received one or more readiness grants)	
What have been the lessons learned, both positive and negative, in accessing and implementing climate finance readiness support that would be relevant to the preparation, design and implementation of future concrete adaptation projects/programmes?	
How have the outputs (such as manuals, guidelines, procedures or the experience from providing peer support, etc) from employing readiness grants been used to inform institutional capacity needs, gender issues, and environmental and social aspects in developing and implementing concrete projects/programmes for enhanced resilience to climate change?	
Concrete Adaptation Interventions	
What have been the lessons learned, both positive and negative, in implementing concrete adaptation interventions that would be relevant to the design and implementation of future projects/programmes implementing concrete adaptation interventions?	
What is the potential for the concrete adaptation interventions undertaken by the project/programme to be replicated and scaled up both within and outside the project area?	
Knowledge Management	
How has existing information/data/knowledge been used to inform project development and implementation? What kinds of information/data/knowledge were used?	
Has the existing information/data/knowledge been made available to relevant stakeholder? If so, what channels of dissemination have been used?	
Please list any knowledge products generated and	

include hyperlinks whenever possible (e.g. project videos, project stories, studies and technical reports, case studies, training manuals, handbooks, strategies and plans developed, etc.)	
If learning objectives have been established, have they been met? Please describe.	
Describe any difficulties there have been in accessing or retrieving existing information (data or knowledge) that is relevant to the project. Please provide suggestions for improving access to the relevant data.	
Has the identification of learning objectives contributed to the outcomes of the project? In what ways have they contributed?	
Innovation	
Describe any innovative practices or technologies that figured prominently in this project.	
Complementarity/ Coherence with other climate finance sources	
Has the project been scaled-up from any other climate finance? Or has the project build upon any other climate finance initiative?	
If you answered yes, kindly specify the name of the Fund/Organization.	

Results Tracker

Goal: Assist developing-country Parties to the Kyoto Protocol and the Paris Agreement that are particularly vulnerable to the adverse effects of climate change in meeting the costs of concrete adaptation projects and programmes in order to implement climate-resilient measures.

Impact: Increased resiliency at the community, national, and regional levels to climate variability and change.

Is this the mid-term or terminal project performance report? Not Applicable

Impact: Increased resiliency at the community, national, and regional levels to climate variability and change

Core Indicator: No. of beneficiaries

		Total	% of female beneficiaries	% of Youth beneficiaries
Baseline information	Direct beneficiaries supported by the project			
Baseline information	Indirect beneficiaries supported by the project			
Baseline information	Total (direct + indirect beneficiaries)			

Target performance at completion	Direct beneficiaries supported by the project			
Target performance at completion	Indirect beneficiaries supported by the project			
Target performance at completion	Total (direct + indirect beneficiaries)			
Performance at mid-term	Direct beneficiaries supported by the project			
Performance at mid-term	Indirect beneficiaries supported by the project			
Performance at mid-term	Total (direct + indirect beneficiaries)			
Performance at completion	Direct beneficiaries supported by the project			
Performance at completion	Indirect beneficiaries supported by the project			
Performance at completion	Total (direct + indirect beneficiaries)			

Outcome 1: Reduced exposure to climate-related hazards and threats

Indicator 1: Relevant threat and hazard information generated and disseminated to stakeholders on a timely basis

	Number of targeted stakeholders - Total	Number of targeted stakeholders - % of female targeted	Hazards information generated and disseminated	Overall effectiveness
Baseline information				
Target performance at completion				
Performance at mid-term				
Performance at completion				

Output 1.1 Risk and vulnerability assessments conducted and updated

Indicator 1.1: No. of projects/programmes that conduct and update risk and vulnerability assessments

	No. of projects/programme that conduct and update risk and vulnerability	Sector	Scale	Status

	assessments			
Baseline information				
Target performance at completion				
Performance at mid-term				
Performance at completion				

Output 1.2 Targeted population groups covered by adequate risk reduction systems

Core Indicator 1.2: No. of Early Warning Systems

	No. of adopted Early Warning Systems	Category targeted	Hazard	Geographical coverage	Number of municipalities
Baseline information					
Target performance at completion					
Performance at mid-term					
Performance at completion					

Outcome 2: Strengthened institutional capacity to reduce risks associated with climate-induced socioeconomic and environmental losses

Indicator 2: Capacity of staff to respond to, and mitigate impacts of, climate-related events from targeted institutions increased

	Number of staff targeted - Total	Number of staff targeted - % of female targeted	Sector	Capacity level
Baseline information				
Target performance at completion				
Performance at mid-term				
Performance at completion				

Output 2.1 Strengthened capacity of national and sub-national centres and networks to respond rapidly to extreme weather events

Indicator 2.1.1: No. of staff trained to respond to, and mitigate impacts of, climate-related events

	Total staff trained	% of female staff trained	Type
Baseline information			
Target performance at completion			
Performance at mid-term			

Performance at completion			
Indicator 2.1.2: No. of targeted institutions with increased capacity to minimize exposure to climate variability risks			
	Type	Scale	Sector
Baseline information			
Target performance at completion			
Performance at mid-term			
Performance at completion			

Output 2.2. Increased readiness and capacity of national and sub-national entities to directly access and program adaptation finance

Indicator 2.2.1: No. of targeted institutions benefitting from the direct access and enhanced direct access modality

	Number of beneficiaries	Scale	Sector	Capacity Level
Baseline information				
Target performance at completion				
Performance at mid-term				
Performance at completion				

Outcome 3: Strengthened awareness and ownership of adaptation and climate risk reduction processes

Indicator 3.1: Increase in application of appropriate adaptation responses

	Percentage of targeted population applying adaptation measures	Sector
Baseline information		
Target performance at completion		
Performance at mid-term		
Performance at completion		

Output 3.1: Targeted population groups participating in adaptation and risk reduction awareness activities

Indicator 3.1.1: Percentage of targeted population awareness of predicted adverse impacts of climate change, and of appropriate responses

	No. of targeted	% of female participants	Level of awareness
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	beneficiaries	targeted	
Baseline information			
Target performance at completion			
Performance at mid-term			
Performance at completion			

Output 3.2: Stenghtened capacity of national and subnational stakeholders and entities to capture and disseminate knowledge and learning

Indicator 3.2.1: No. of technical committees/associations formed to ensure transfer of knowledge

	No. of technical committees/associations	% of women represented in committes/associations	Level of awareness
Baseline information			
Target performance at completion			
Performance at mid-term			
Performance at completion			

Indicator 3.2.2: No. of tools and guidelines developed (thematic, sectoral, institutional) and shared with relevant stakeholders

	No. of tools and guidelines	Type	Scale
Baseline information			
Target performance at completion			
Performance at mid-term			
Performance at completion			

Outcome 4: Increased adaptive capacity within relevant development sector services and infrastructure assets

Indicator 4.1: Increased responsiveness of development sector services to evolving needs from changing and variable climate

	Project/programme sector	Geographical scale	Response level
Baseline information			
Target performance at completion			
Performance at mid-term			
Performance at completion			

Core Indicator 4.2: Assets produced, developed, improved or strengthened

	Sector	Targeted asset	Changes in asset (quantitative or qualitative)
Baseline information			
Target performance at completion			
Performance at mid-term			
Performance at completion			

Indicator 4.1.1: Vulnerable development sector services and infrastructure assets strengthened in response to climate change impacts, including variability

Indicator 4.1.1: No. and type of development sector services to respond to new conditions resulting from climate variability and change

	Number of services	Type	Sector
Baseline information			
Target performance at completion			
Performance at mid-term			
Performance at completion			

Outcome 5: Increased ecosystem resilience in response to climate change and variability-induced stress

Indicator 5: Ecosystem services and natural resource assets maintained or improved under climate change and variability-induced stress

	Natural resource improvement level	Sector	Type
Baseline information			
Target performance at completion			
Performance at mid-term			
Performance at completion			

Output 5: Vulnerable ecosystem services and natural resource assets strengthened in response to climate change impacts, including variability

Core Indicator 5.1: Natural Assets protected or rehabilitated

	Natural asset or Ecosystem (type)	Total number of natural assets or ecosystems protected/rehabilitated	Unit	Effectiveness of protection/rehabilitation
Baseline information				
Target performance at completion				
Performance at mid-				

term				
Performance at completion				

Outcome 6: Diversified and strengthened livelihoods and sources of income for vulnerable people in targeted areas

Indicator 6.1: Increase in households and communities having more secure access to livelihood assets

	No. of targeted households	% of female headed households	Improvement level
Baseline information			
Target performance at completion			
Performance at mid-term			
Performance at completion			

Indicator 6.2: Increase in targeted population's sustained climate-resilient alternative livelihoods

	No. of targeted households	% of female headed households	% increase in income level vis-à-vis baseline	Alternate Source
Baseline information				
Target performance at completion				
Performance at mid-term				
Performance at completion				

Output 6 Targeted individual and community livelihood strategies strengthened in relation to climate change impacts, including variability

Indicator 6.1.1: No. and type of adaptation assets created or strengthened in support of individual or community livelihood strategies

	Number of Assets	Type of Assets	Sector	Adaptation strategy
Baseline information				
Target performance at completion				
Performance at mid-term				
Performance at completion				

Core Indicator 6.1.2: Increased income, or avoided decrease in income

	Number of households (total number in the project area)	Income source	Income level (USD)
Baseline information			

Target performance at completion			
Performance at mid-term			
Performance at completion			

Outcome 7: Improved policies and regulations that promote and enforce resilience measures

Indicator 7: Climate change priorities are integrated into national development strategy

	Integration level
Baseline information	
Target performance at completion	
Performance at mid-term	
Performance at completion	

Output 7: Improved integration of climate-resilience strategies into country development plans

Indicator 7.1: No. of policies introduced or adjusted to address climate change risks

	No. of Policies introduced or adjusted	Sector	Scale	Type
Baseline information				
Target performance at completion				
Performance at mid-term				
Performance at completion				

Indicator 7.2: No. of targeted development strategies with incorporated climate change priorities enforced

	No. of Development strategies	Regulation	Effectiveness
Baseline information			
Target performance at completion			
Performance at mid-term			
Performance at completion			

Outcome 8: Support the development and diffusion of innovative adaptation practices, tools and technologies

Indicator 8: Innovative adaptation practices are rolled out, scaled up, encouraged and/or accelerated at regional, national and/or subnational level

	Sector of innovative practice	Geographic Scale	Type
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Baseline information			
Target performance at completion			
Performance at mid-term			
Performance at completion			

Output 8: Viable innovations are rolled out, scaled up, encourages and/or accelerated

Indicator 8.1: No. of innovative adaptation practices, tools and technologies accelerated, scaled-up and/or replicated

	No. of innovative practices/ tools technologies	Sector	Status	Effectiveness
Baseline information				
Target performance at completion				
Performance at mid-term				
Performance at completion				

Indicator 8.2: No. of key findings on effective, efficient adaptation practices, products and technologies generated

	No. of key findings generated	Type	Effectiveness
Baseline information			
Target performance at completion			
Performance at mid-term			
Performance at completion			