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<p>Global Environment Facility (GEF)</p> <p>S.Li: sli@worldbank.org</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>I. Policies and mandates of the entity</u></p> <p>The GEF energy related programmes and projects are prepared and executed within the operational programs set up in the GEF Operational Strategy which also reflect the guidance from the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention. The Operational Programmes in the area of climate change include: (i) removing barriers to energy conservation and energy efficiency; (ii) promoting the adoption of renewable energy by removing barriers and reducing implementation costs; and (iii) reducing the long-term costs of low greenhouse gas -emitting energy technologies. Two new operational programs are promoting sustainable transport and integrated ecosystem management.</p> <p><u>II. Overview of programmes and activities</u></p> <p>GEF projects are implemented through its three Implementing Agencies (UNDP, UNEP and the World Bank). Projects were developed for promoting energy efficiency and renewable energy technologies by reducing barriers, implementation costs, and long-term technology costs. A significant aim of these programs is to catalyze sustainable markets and enable the private sector to transfer technologies. From 1991-1999 the GEF approved grants totaling \$991 million for over 100 energy efficiency, renewable energy and short-term measures projects in 52 countries. The total cost of these projects is \$5.7 billion, as the GEF has leveraged financing through loans and other resources from governments, other donor agencies, the private sector. Of the \$ 911 million mentioned above, \$79 million in grants for enabling activities has been approved in the area of climate change.</p> <p>1. GEF projects are covering a big variety of activities in energy related areas. Within its focal area of climate change, the GEF funded projects in the following countries:</p> <p>Argentina, Benin, Bolivia, Brazil, Bulgaria, Cape Verde, Chile, China, Costa Rica, Cote d'Ivoire, Czech Republic, Egypt, Fiji, Ghana, Hungary, India, Indonesia, Iran, Jamaica, Jordan, Kenya, Lao PDR, Latvia, Lebanon, Lithuania, FYR of Macedonia, Malawi, Malaysia, Mali, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mexico, Morocco, Pakistan, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Romania, Russian Federation, Senegal, Slovak, Slovenia, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Syria, Tanzania, Thailand, Togo, Tunisia, Uganda, Ukraine, Zimbabwe</p> <p>2. As of June 1999, the GEF approved national, regional and global enabling activity projects covering 129 countries. All these projects have been developed with the full collaboration of the recipient countries and with a few exceptions provide assistance for the preparation of national communications as required by the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change. The following countries have GEF enabling activities in the area of climate change:</p> <p>Albania, Algeria, Antigua & Barbuda, Argentina, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Bahamas, Bahrain, Bangladesh Barbados, Belize, Benin, Bhutan, Bolivia, Botswana, Brazil, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cambodia, Cameroon, Cape Verde, Central African Republic, Chad, Chile, China, Colombia, Comoros, Congo, Congo DR, Cook Islands, Costa Rica, Cote d'Ivoire, Croatia, Cuba, Djibouti, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Eritrea, Estonia, Ethiopia, Fiji, Gabon, Gambia, Georgia, Ghana, Grenada, Guatemala,</p>		

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