



Independent
Evaluation Office
GLOBAL ENVIRONMENT FACILITY

EVALUATION IN THE GEF

EXPANDED CONSTITUENCY WORKSHOP

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Overview

1. What is Monitoring and Evaluation in the GEF?
2. What does the Independent Evaluation Office (IEO) do?
 - Recent evaluation findings on performance, progress towards impact and transformational change
 - Exercise on sustainability
3. Where can I find evaluations?

Monitoring

Is our activity on track?

Monitoring uses systematic collection of data to keep activities on track.

Forms of monitoring:

Monitoring of **environmental conditions and stressors**

Monitoring of **progress toward project/program outcomes**

Monitoring of **project/program performance**

Evaluation

- Are we doing the right thing?
- Are we doing things right and efficiently?
- Are there better ways of doing it?

Evaluation is a **systematic** assessment of an activity (program, strategy, etc.) that assesses *relevance, effectiveness, efficiency, and sustainability*.

Project/Program-Level Evaluations

Mid-term

Terminal

Portfolio-Level Evaluations

Impact, thematic, performance, country/country cluster, comprehensive

Evaluation in the GEF

Two overarching objectives:

- Promote **accountability** for the achievement of GEF objectives through the assessment of *results, effectiveness, processes, and performance* of the partners involved in GEF activities
- Promote **learning, feedback, and knowledge sharing** on results and lessons learned among the GEF and its partners as a basis for decision making on policies, strategies, program management, programs, and projects; and to improve **knowledge and performance**

The GEF Evaluation Policy

- Defines the concepts, roles, and use of evaluation within the GEF
- Defines the institutional framework and responsibilities
- Indicates the minimum requirements covering
 1. Design of M&E plans
 2. Application of M&E plans
 3. Project/program Terminal Evaluations
 4. Engagement of Operational Focal Points in M&E

The GEF Evaluation Policy

Main updates to the Evaluation Policy includes

- Gender-responsive approach
- Evaluations of Programs
- Jointly implemented projects
- Collection of data on socio-economic co-benefits and geospatial coordinates when possible

THE INDEPENDENT EVALUATION OFFICE OF THE GEF



GEF Independent Evaluation Office (IEO)

Mission:

Enhance global environmental benefits through excellence, independence, and partnership in monitoring and evaluation.

Brief history:

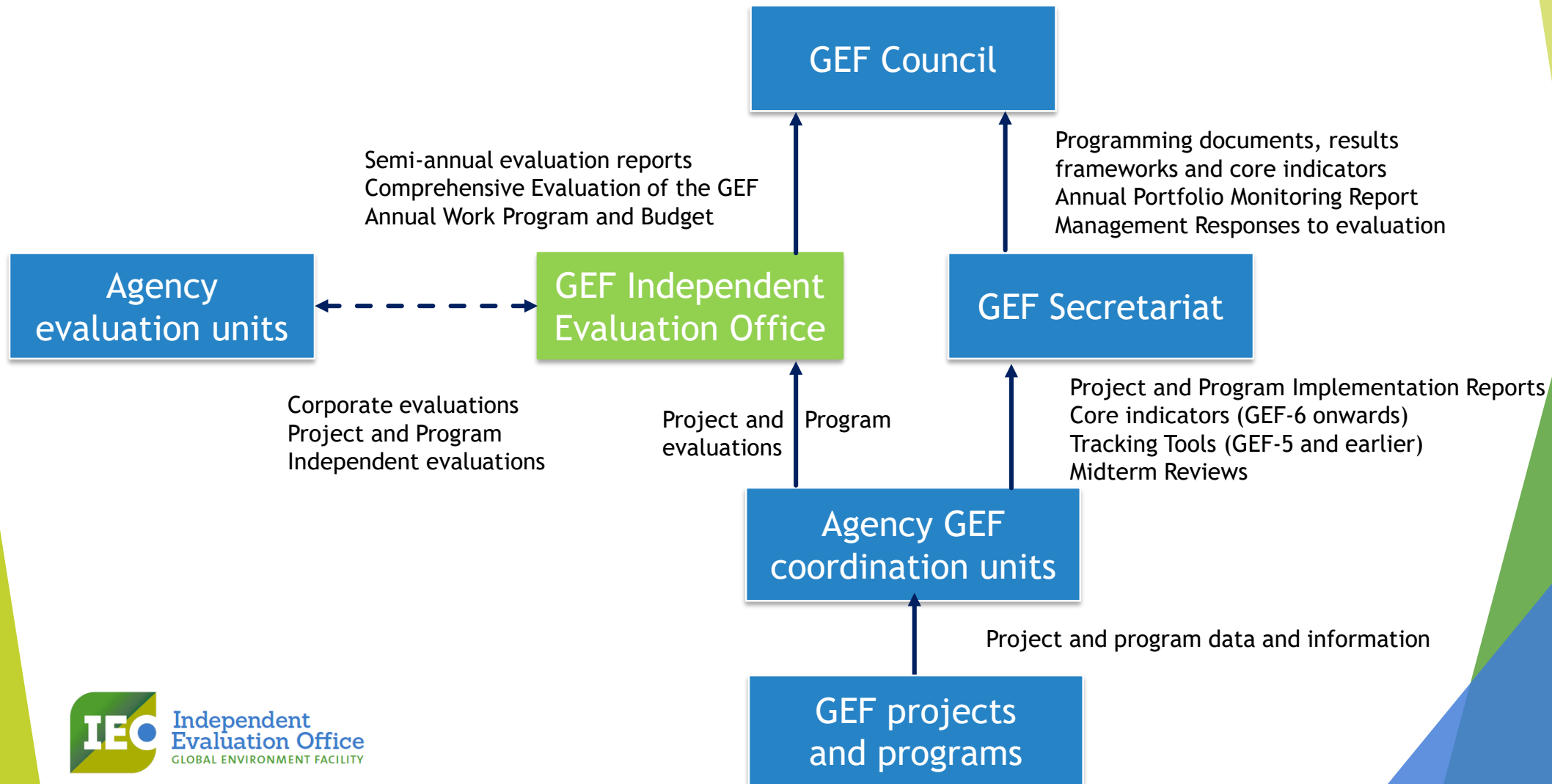
1996 — Initially established as an M&E unit within the GEF Secretariat

2003 — The M&E unit was made autonomous of the GEF Secretariat

2005 — The unit was renamed as GEF Evaluation Office

2013 — The office was renamed as GEF Independent Evaluation Office

Separate reporting line for evaluation (through IEO)



Underpinning IEO Work: Terminal Evaluation

GEF Evaluation Policy: Minimum Requirement 3

- Terminal Evaluations mandatory since 1995
- Required for full-size and medium-size projects

Terminal Evaluation mainly assess:

- Results: outputs, outcomes, sustainability and progress to impact
- M&E: M&E design, M&E implementation
- Implementation and Execution: quality of Implementation, quality of execution

Terminal Evaluation Guidelines:

Available at

<https://www.gefio.org/evaluations/guidelines-gef-agencies-conducting-terminal-evaluation-full-sized-projects>

Terminal Evaluations can be accessed at:

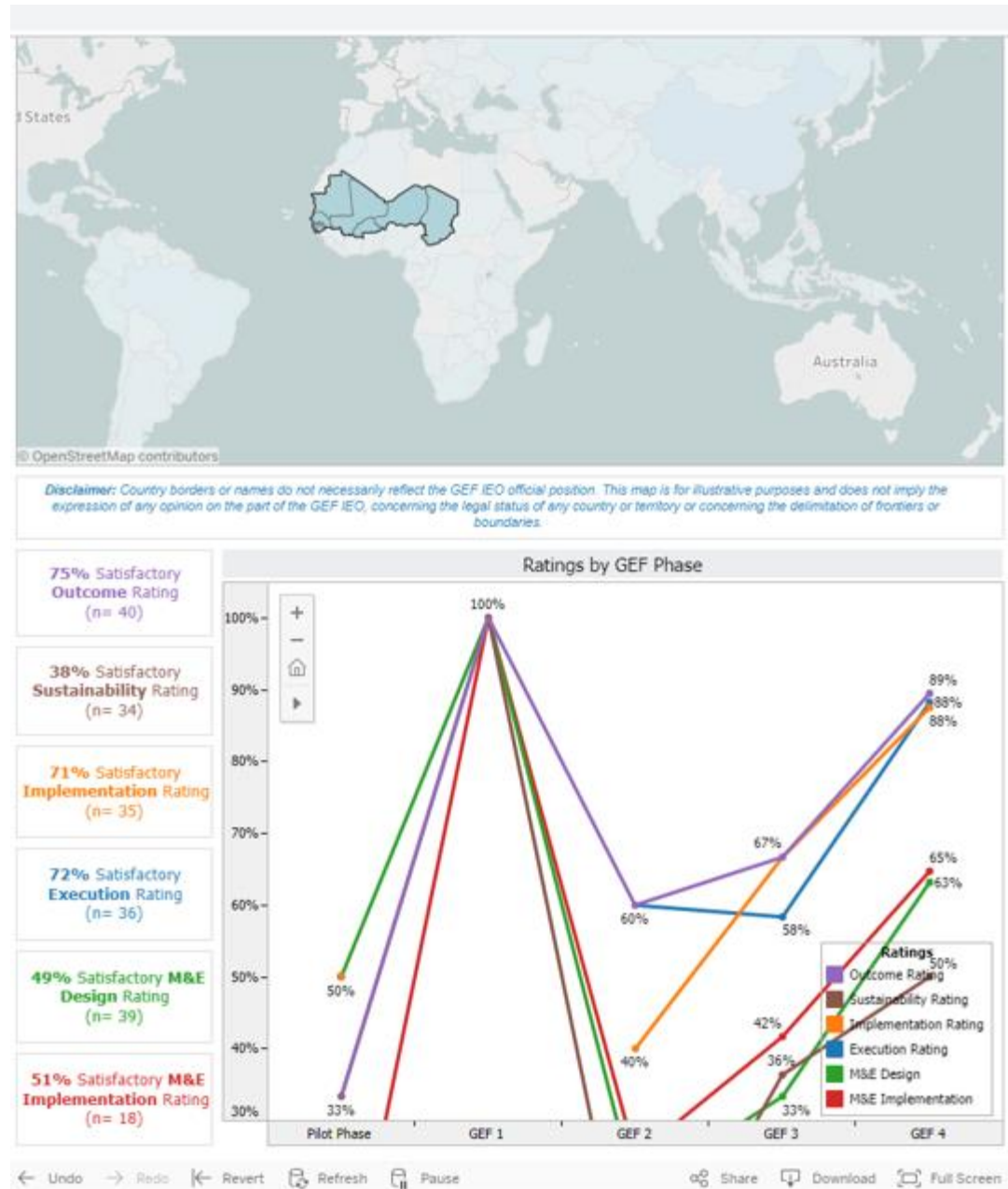
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EVALUATIONS ON THE IEO WEBSITE



Data by Country and other resources on the IEO website

<http://www.gefio.org/data-maps>



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