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United Nations Development Programme

DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY AND INITIATION PLAN

Global Environment Facility Project Preparation Grant to:

Country: **El Salvador**
Full Project Title: **Implementation of biological corridors in the eastern coastal region of El Salvador**
PIMS ID: **10472**
Project Type: **PPG**
Quantum BU: **El Salvador**
Quantum Project ID: **01005952**
Quantum Award ID: **1549250**

(the "Project Preparation Grant (PPG)")

The Project Preparation Grant ("PPG"), which amounts to a total of US$ 50,000, has received approval on 24 March 2026 in accordance with established policies and guidelines of the Global Environment Facility (GEF).

This Notification constitutes the Delegation of Authority and Initiation Plan for the implementation of the PPG phase. Through this DOA, primary accountability and full responsibility for this PPG is being transferred from the BPPS Vertical Funds Executive Coordinator, from whom this DOA is sent, to the Resident Representative. These conditions apply to the function of the RR and are automatically transferred to a new RR should a change occur during the implementation of this GEF project.

The Resident Representative receives these funds for the purpose of developing a complete CEO Endorsement package that shall be submitted to the GEF Secretariat before the cancellation deadline set out by GEF (see CEO Endorsement Deadlines below).

The RR is accountable to comply with standard UNDP requirements for oversight, management, and quality assurance over project preparations as outlined in the UNDP POPP, Financial Regulations and Rules and the Internal Control Framework, as well as an additional layer to meet GEF policies and requirements. All GEF-specific project assurance and oversight functions can be found in the GEF RACI and align with UNDP's internal project assurance and quality oversight functions under the PPM framework.

In addition to the UNDP POPP conditions, the following GEF-specific conditions shall apply to the Project:

- **The total GEF Fee.** The total GEF Fee over the lifetime of this project shall be US$ 4,750. The GEF Fee shall only be applied in relation to the performance of oversight services as per GEF Policies and Procedures. The GEF Fee may be returned to the GEF in the event of non-compliance with the POPP and/or GEF project management requirements. Please note, the fee share to the Country Office (CO) is allocated based on annual delivery projections and should be included in the annual IB allocation the CO receives from the Regional Bureau.
- **Firewall:** UNDP staff and non-staff personnel engaged in execution support services shall under no circumstances be involved in oversight services (and vice versa). Keep in mind while developing the project proposal during the PPG phase, that the Resident Representative shall be required to appraise and formulate the most appropriate project implementation and execution modality for the project, taking into account the GEF Policies that require a separation of functions between project implementation (i.e., oversight) and project execution.

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- **Risk management:** Should this PPG be at-risk of non-compliance with UNDP and GEF policies, requirements and deadlines, these risks must be escalated by the CO to the Regional Bureau for action. The BPPS Quality and Impact Hub and BPPS Planet Hub should also be informed of these risks. Non-compliance may lead to this PPG being suspended or cancelled and/or this DOA being revoked by the BPPS VF Executive Coordinator.
- **Budget revisions:** PPG budget deviations are not permitted unless approved by the BPPS RTA. Budget revision requests must be cleared by the VF MPSU and approved by BPPS RTA for oversight in PIMS+ before it is approved in Quantum. Please note that the PPG budget cannot be increased above the amount already approved by the GEF, and any over-expenditure on this project during the PPG phase must be absorbed by other Country Office (CO) resources.
- **Operational and Financial Closure.** The Resident Representative shall ensure that this PPG is operationally closed at the CEO Endorsement date and financially closed (and supporting documents so the financial closure should be submitted to the BPPS Quality and Impact Hub) within 6 months after operational closure. Failure to financially close the project by the above deadline will result in the elevation of the Office to a high-risk category and no further Vertical Fund programming will be undertaken until overdue closures are addressed.
- **CEO Endorsement deadlines:** In line with the GEF Cancellation Policy, the project will be cancelled if a CEO Endorsement package is not submitted to the GEF within the following deadlines:
  - For FSPs: 12 months from the date of PIF Approval; or
  - For MSPs: 8 months from the date of PIF Approval; or
  - For GBFF MSPs and FSPs: 9 months from the date of PPG Approval; or
  - For PFDs: by Programme Commitment Deadline.

In order to action this DOA, the RR is requested to promptly:

1. Sign this DOA by clicking on the link below.
2. Please ensure that the project is set to the "ongoing" status in Quantum. This allows for the funds to be deposited to the project.

This Delegation of Authority shall enter into force upon the date of execution, corresponding to the Resident Representative's signature of this DOA, and shall remain in force until all legal liabilities towards GEF in relation to the PPG have ceased, unless revoked earlier by the BPPS VF Hub Executive Coordinator.

This DOA, including the annexed PPG Total Budget Workplan and linked attachments, constitutes the equivalent of the corporate Project Initiation Plan for the PPG phase, serving as the formal authorization for initiating project activities.

This preparatory project will start on the date of the PPG DOA signature with an end date of 24 March 2027

Nancy Bennet	13 May 2026	Signed by: 7E6447346F6346C...	13-May-2026
Nancy Bennet Director, Quality and Impact Hub Executive Coordinator, Vertical Funds Bureau for Policy and Programme Support United Nations Development Programme		Jairo ACUNA ALFARO Resident Representative El Salvador United Nations Development Programme	

Attachments:

- PPG Total Budget Work Plan (TBWP)
- PIF or PPG Request
- PPG Approval letter
- GEF PPG Guidance Document
- LoE signed (El Salvador)
- GEF Core Indicators

A copy of this Delegation of Authority shall be provided to the following people:

- michelle.muschett@undp.org, Director, RBLAC
- Ms. Bettina Woll, Deputy Director, RBLAC
- Mr. Olivier Hidalgo, Country Support Team

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- Ms. Kryssia Brade, Deputy Resident Representative, El Salvador
- Ms. Ryna Avila, Environmental Focal Point, El Salvador
- Ms. Montserrat Xilotl, Regional Team Leader, RBLAC
- Mr. Juan Calles, Regional Technical Advisor, BPPS Planet Hub
- Ms. Alexandra Fischer, Principal Technical Advisor, BPPS Planet Hub
- Mr. Fernando Pinel, Regional Programme Analyst, BPPS Planet Hub

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GEF PPG TOTAL BUDGET WORK PLAN

PROJECT TITLE: PIMS-10472 Initiation Plan (PPG): Implementation of Biological Corridors in the Eastern Coastal Region of El Salvador

COUNTRY / REGION / GLOBAL: El Salvador

BRIEF DESCRIPTION

The Project Preparation Grant (PPG) is a funding mechanism provided by the GEF to support the preparation of project proposals. It aims to develop the project concept into a full project by funding activities such as project development, stakeholder engagement, and risk management. The PPG is essential for ensuring that projects align with GEF policies and are effectively implemented. All GEF-specific project roles and responsibilities, including assurance and oversight functions, can be found in the GEF RACI.

Expected final outputs of the GEF PPG:

1. UNDP-GEF Project Document and all mandatory annexes (in English).
2. GEF CEO Endorsement Request and all mandatory annexes; and
3. Validation Workshop report

Programme Period:	2022-2026
Alignment to UNSDCF / CPD (Outcomes & Outputs):	Output 3.4: Climate change adaptation practices
Gender Marker:	GEN2

PPG Management Arrangements:	DIM
PPG Implementing Partner:	UNDP
Expected Management Arrangements for full project:	DIM

This document describes how the GEF Project Preparation Grant (PPG) resources will be programmed, over 18 months to produce the expected final outputs (see above) that are fully compliant with UNDP and GEF policies and ready for submission to the GEF for CEO endorsement.

This document must go through internal technical and financial clearance at the same time as the PIF before submission to the GEF.

When the PIF has been technically cleared by the GEF, indicating that the PPG resources have been approved by the GEF, this document will be included as annex to the PPG DOA letter issued to the Head of Office for signature. The signed DOA letter and its annexes constitute the UNDP Project Initiation Plan. For Global projects, this document will be sent for signature by the BPPS Deputy Director, to constitute the equivalent of the project Initiation Plan for the PPG phase. For non-DIM PPGs, this file will be sent for signature by the Implementing Partner and UNDP Head of Office.

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I. PPG TOTAL BUDGET WORK PLAN (TBWP)

Please see the annex below for further guidance on how to complete this section. Instructions for the Project setup in Quantum: Use Quantum non-CIP template (the regular template (2 layer), and **DO NOT USE** the GEF/GCF template (3 layers)) and use the information in this table to set it up.

Total budget and work plan			
Quantum Business Unit	UNDP-SLV		
Project in Quantum ID:	01005952	Quantum Project Title:	PIMS-10472 Initiation Plan (PPG): Implementation of Biological Corridors in the Eastern Coastal Region of El Salvador
Quantum Award ID:	1549250	Quantum Award Title:	SLV_ASL_01005952.
UNDP-GEF PIMS No.	UNDP-GEF No: 12208 PIMS No: 10472		
Implementing Partner	UNDP		

Quantum Output	Quantum Activity	Quantum Responsible Party (UNDP, IP, or RP)	Quantum Fund ID	Quantum Donor ID	Quantum Budgetary Account Code	Quantum Budget Account Description	Amount Year *2026* (USD)	Amount Year *2027* (USD)	Total (USD)	Budget Notes
Project preparation grant to finalize the UNDP-GEF project document for project Implementation of Biological Corridors in the Eastern Coastal Region of El Salvador	**1.1. Project Preparation Activity**	*UNDP*	*62182*	*010003*	*71200*	*International Consultants*	$ 10,000.00	$ 2,000.00	$12,000.00	($12,000) International Consultant (Team Leader): • 30 days x $400/day
			62182		*71300*	*Local Consultants*	$ 20,000.00	$ 8,000.00	$28,000.00	($28,000) National Consultants: • ($12,000) Gender Specialist + Pen Holder Prodoc (approx. 75–80 days) • ($16,000) Stakeholder Engagement & Territorial Specialist + SES (approx. 75–80 days)
			62182		*71600*	*Travel*	$ 1,000.00	$ -	$1,000.00	($1,000) Field missions: • Visits to Jiquilisco Bay, Usulután, San Miguel • Local transport and basic per diem for consultations
			62182		*74100*	*Professional Services*	$ 4,000.00	$ -	$4,000.00	($4,000) HACT Micro Assessment: • Capacity assessment of MARN as prospective implementing partner
			62182		*74200*	*Audio Visual & Print Prod Cost*	$ 3,000.00	$ -	$3,000.00	($3,000) Documentation support: • Translation into English (ProDoc and CEO Endorsement Request) • Editing, formatting and final production of deliverables
			62182		*75700*	*Training, Workshops and Confer*	$ 2,000.00	$ -	$2,000.00	($2,000) Stakeholder consultation workshops: • Local validation meetings with key stakeholders • Facilitation and basic logistical support for participatory consultations • Engagement with local communities and institutions

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		Total Responsible Party A					**$ 40,000.00**	**$ 10,000.00**	**$50,000.00**	
						Total Project Grant	**$ 40,000.00**	**$ 10,000.00**	**$ 50,000.00**	
Total PPG breakdown by Component [to reference when reporting resource utilization to the GEF. See guidance below]	*Component A: Preparatory Technical Studies & Reviews*								$ 34,000.00	
	Component B: Formulation of technical assessments and plans to integrate into PPG Outputs								$ 13,000.00	
	Component C: Validation and consultation workshops								$ 3,000.00	

Risk Matrix – PPG (Initiation Plan Phase)

Category	Sub-category	Event	Causes	Impacts	Likelihood	Impact	Risk Level	Mitigation Measures	Risk Owner	Validity Period
Strategic	Project Design / Innovation	Limitations in technical and spatial information for the delineation of biological corridors	Fragmented or outdated data; limited GIS integration; gaps in socio-economic and biodiversity information	Delays in ProDoc preparation; GEF observations; weak spatial definition of corridors and polygons	Low	High	Medium	- Engage national experts in biodiversity and territorial planning- Conduct GIS-based analysis and field validation- Coordinate with MARN, academia, and national systems (e.g., SINAMBIO)- Complement data gaps through rapid assessments (RAPs)	Adriana Erazo	Apr 2026 – Mar 2027
Operational	Partners / Stakeholder Engagement	Limited or inconsistent engagement of key stakeholders during the PPG phase	Diverging interests; limited availability of stakeholders; weak inter-institutional coordination	Weak validation of project design; low ownership; risks to governance and long-term sustainability	Low	High	Medium	- Develop and implement a Stakeholder Engagement Plan (SEP)- Engage tourism sector actors (Surf City 2) early- Ensure inclusive and gender-responsive consultations- Leverage existing coordination platforms (MARN, BIOFIN, territorial initiatives)	Adriana Erazo	Apr 2026 – Mar 2027
Regulatory	Compliance / External Requirements	Changes or updates in GEF/GBFF requirements during the PPG phase	Evolving GBFF guidelines; updated results framework; new IPLC and KMGBF indicator requirements	Delays in CEO Endorsement submission; need for redesign; rework of technical outputs	Medium	Medium–High	Medium–High	- Maintain close coordination with UNDP Regional Hub and GEF Secretariat- Continuously monitor updated guidance and templates- Integrate requirements early (IPLCs, indicators, spatial data)- Build flexibility into TORs and deliverables	Ryna Ávila	Apr 2026 – Mar 2027

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