



GIF: Project Overview

Project / Program Name	
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Submitting Entity(s)	
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Contact Person(s)/Title(s)	
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Email/Telephone contact(s)	
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Investment Project / Program Overview	
<p>This section provides a brief description of the investment project or program, its context and status. Project characteristics must be aligned with GIF Eligibility Criteria—see accompanying notes for more details.</p>	
Country / Countries ¹	
Sector(s) ²	<input type="checkbox"/> Energy <input type="checkbox"/> Water & Sanitation <input type="checkbox"/> Transport <input type="checkbox"/> Telecommunications
Primary Sub-Sector(s) ²	
Consistency with GIF Focus Areas ³ <i>[Check one or both as applicable]</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Trade Enabling <input type="checkbox"/> Climate Smart
Project description , including brief description of project objective or investment need, location, nature of assets involved and scope of investment ⁴	
Expected investment requirement and private capital component <i>[Total investment in US\$ and breakdown by public and private capital; by major project or program component if relevant]</i>	
Sector context : brief description of current sector structure, legal and regulatory environment, performance and institutional capacity ⁵	
Project implementation modality ⁶ <i>[Check one option from among eligible implementation modalities and provide brief description]</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Primarily privately-implemented (e.g. under PPP or concession) <input type="checkbox"/> Primarily implemented by a public entity operating on a commercial basis
	Brief description:
Project preparation status : current phase in project development cycle, and a brief description of work completed to date and planned ⁷ <i>[check appropriate box]</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Project Definition <i>[Pre-feasibility]</i> <input type="checkbox"/> Project Preparation and Investment Feasibility <input type="checkbox"/> Transaction Preparation and Implementation <input type="checkbox"/> Financing <i>[from commercial close to financial close]</i>
	Brief description:

<p>Parties involved in project preparation to date <i>[e.g. government entities, multilateral or bilateral agencies, Development Finance Institutions (DFIs), consultants, private project sponsors]</i></p>	
<p>Project complexity and GIF value-added: what (if any) are the sources of complexity that mean the project will merit and benefit from support through the GIF platform?⁸</p>	

GIF Project Overview: Guidance Notes

These notes are intended to accompany the template **GIF Project Overview**. They provide more detailed guidance on what's required to complete the template, based on the GIF's Partnership Framework, Operating Guidelines, and Results Framework. Staff from prospective client governments and/or Technical Partner teams should also refer to those documents for more details and/or contact the **GIF Management Unit (MU)** for further guidance on how to go about completing a GIF application¹.

Overview

The purpose of this project overview is to quickly screen whether a project is likely to meet GIF eligibility and selection criteria, prior to investing time and resources in completing a full application. The project overview may be completed and submitted to the GIF Management Unit (MU) by a **prospective client government, or a Technical Partner team**². The MU will review and provide quick feedback as to whether the project appears aligned with GIF criteria *and* is likely to be consistent with portfolio diversity requirements. If so, the prospective client government (via the submitting Technical Partner if relevant) will be encouraged to prepare and submit a full GIF Application.

Detailed Notes

1. **Eligible Countries.** GIF can work with client governments that are among the eligible recipient member countries of Technical Partners, or any other territories where financing to such territories is permitted in accordance with the policies and procedures of the relevant Technical Partner. Note that selection of projects will also take into account the need to achieve diversity of the GIF portfolio across regions.

2. **Eligible sectors and sub-sectors** are as follows:

- a. **Energy:** electricity generation; electricity transmission or distribution; natural gas transmission or distribution;
- b. **Water and sanitation:** water supply; wastewater and sewerage; irrigation and drainage; solid waste management;
- c. **Transport:** airports; ports; railways; mass transit; highways; and
- d. **Telecommunications.**

3. **GIF Focus Areas.** Within its eligible sectors, the GIF has “focus areas” for its support. Briefly describe how the project is expected to be:

- a. **Trade enabling:** projects that facilitate or enhance interconnectivity and trade; and/or
- b. **Climate Smart:** projects that are low carbon-emitting, encourage energy and/or carbon efficiency in the provision of infrastructure services, and/or strengthen climate resilience.

1 GIF documents and contact details are available on the GIF Website at www.worldbank.org/gif.

2 GIF Technical Partners are the implementing agents for GIF activities, and currently comprise the Asian Development Bank (ADB); European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD); European Investment Bank (EIB); Inter-American Development Bank (IDB); and the World Bank Group (WBG).

4. **Project overview** should include whether the project involves green-field investment, expansion or rehabilitation of existing assets (or a combination). Investment scope should incorporate all project components or related assets required to deliver on the investment objective. For example, for a project aiming to increase the power capacity available on the grid, this might include the generation assets *and* transmission assets.

5. **Sector Context** should aim to provide a brief (1-2 paragraph) overview of:

- Sector structure, including policy environment; legal and regulatory regime; institutional structure (responsibilities for ownership and management); and sector funding/pricing model;
- Broader legal and policy environment for private participation in infrastructure, where applicable;
- Operational and financial performance of existing sector entities where relevant; and
- Institutional capacity strengths and/or constraints relevant to project implementation. Depending on the proposed implementation modality, these could include relevant sector ministries, departments and agencies; as well as cross-sector regulatory or other oversight or support entities where applicable, such as central PPP teams. For example, this could include a brief discussion of previous experience with developing and implementing PPPs or other privately-financed infrastructure projects.

6. **Project implementation modality.** The GIF can support projects that will be primarily implemented by private entities that are providing infrastructure as a public service (e.g. under a Public-Private Partnership, or other regulatory structure), or by public sector entities operating on a commercial basis. While project implementation arrangements are likely to be subject to further appraisal, the currently preferred option or options should be described briefly here. This should include a brief description of the expected contractual structure and the responsibilities of each party under that structure (by asset or major project component if relevant): that is, which party will be responsible for raising finance, designing and building, maintaining and managing the operations of which assets.

7. **Project preparation phases** are defined by the GIF as follows:

- **Project definition**—from identification of the initial project concept, to the decision to implement detailed feasibility analysis (including identifying what detailed analysis is needed). This stage typically initiates from a sector or broader infrastructure planning process, and includes pre-feasibility level analysis of the proposed project
- **Project Preparation and Investment Feasibility**—from decision to implement detailed feasibility analysis, to high-level approval to proceed with a transaction. This comprises the full range of project preparation and appraisal activities needed to enable the responsible government to make a well-informed decision to proceed; typically including project feasibility analysis, initial structuring including risk allocation, and economic, financial and fiscal appraisal
- **Transaction Preparation and Implementation**—from approval to proceed with a transaction, to contract award and signature (commercial close). Work at this stage typically includes preparation of detailed transaction documentation, and implementation of the bid process
- **Financing**—from commercial close to financial close.

8. Project complexity and GIF value-added. The description of this section provides an opportunity for the GIF MU to understand how the project would benefit from engagement with the GIF platform, over and above grant funds or reimbursable funds offered by a single institution.

Complexity can take several forms; e.g. where the project:

- Requires multiple parties to work together to structure, arrange and provide financial support, such as different DFIs and MDBs along with commercial and institutional investors and lenders;
- Requires a blend of financial or risk mitigation instruments to attract commercial finance;
- Involves multiple discrete operating units (e.g. pipeline and plant, or facility and supporting infrastructure) in one or more sectors;
- Provides services to multiple countries or has a regional impact; and/or
- Requires new applications of financing mechanisms in a given context (e.g. the first instance of private financing in a reforming sector, requiring appropriate risk mitigation to attract private sector investment).