

## PROJECT FACTSHEET

### Support for the management of an effective national coordinative mechanism regarding the Green Climate Fund



#### THE PROJECT

“Support for the management of an effective national coordinative mechanism regarding the Green Climate Fund” is the first project of the Republic of North Macedonia under the Green Climate Fund (GCF) Readiness and Preparatory Support Programme. It was implemented by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), as GCF Accredited Entity, under the leadership of the Cabinet of the Deputy President of the Government of North Macedonia in charge of Economic Affairs, as National Designated Authority (NDA) to the GCF.

#### GCF READINESS AREA

- I. Strengthening the NDA
- II. Stakeholder engagement

#### GOAL

The project aimed at strengthening the institutional capacities of the NDA to effectively fulfil its roles and responsibilities related to the GCF, helping to create the needed national stakeholder engagement processes and to initiate the preparation of a GCF Country Work Programme, aligned with the national adaptation and mitigation priorities, the Sustainable Development Goals, and the GCF investment criteria. The project followed the guiding principles of the GCF concerning gender, minorities and vulnerable groups, ensuring that this perspective is a priority in the context of the engagement of North Macedonia with the Green Climate Fund.

The project supported North Macedonia in setting up the national mechanism, institutional framework and procedures needed to effectively access and deploy resources from the GCF for financing the country's investments in low-emission and climate-resilient development, and particularly resulted in the validation of a No-objection procedure to conduct the assessment of funding proposals to be developed in the country for GCF financing. These efforts were conducted in a participatory manner and included extensive stakeholder engagement activities through a series of consultations and dialogues involving members of all relevant stakeholder groups.

#### PROJECT BUDGET

USD 300,000

#### TIMELINE

September 2018 - October 2019

#### KEY STAKEHOLDERS

Key stakeholders engaged in this project included representatives of ministries, government institutions, private sector, civil society, academia and international organizations conducting activities related to climate change and sustainable development in North Macedonia.

#### PROJECT OUTCOMES

- **Raised awareness and understanding** of key stakeholders about the GCF operations and investment framework;
- Established **country coordination and prioritization mechanism** for decision-making on GCF matters led by the NDA;
- **Key stakeholders engaged** in consultative processes to ensure the development of capacity, engagement and country ownership regarding the GCF;
- **Priority sectors for climate action** identified including energy, transport, water resources, agriculture, waste, biodiversity, health, forestry, and cultural heritage;
- Established **criteria** for prioritizing project proposals developed in North Macedonia for GCF funding;

- Established **“No-objection” procedure** to guarantee country ownership and ensure consistency of GCF funding proposals with the country’s national priorities, strategies, and plans;
- Developed initial **Procedure on tracking, monitoring and streamlining of climate finances in North Macedonia** deriving from public, private and international sources to ensure transparency and complementarity of GCF initiatives with other climate finance flows;
- Developed **Summary of existing climate change priorities, policies, strategies and plans** to be used as a basis for the GCF country programming;
- **Initiated development of a GCF Country Work Programme** for North Macedonia with an [Open call for GCF project ideas](#) launched on 30 October 2019.
- **Established knowledge and information sharing mechanism on North Macedonia and the GCF:** NDA webpage [www.greendevlopment.mk](http://www.greendevlopment.mk), monthly [newsletter](#), [video](#), [knowledge and information products](#), [presentations from key meetings](#) in the context of the project are available on the NDA webpage.
- National stakeholders acquainted with the **Gender, Environmental and Social Policy of the GCF**

### PUBLICATIONS - NORTH MACEDONIA AND THE GREEN CLIMATE FUND

- |   |                         |                            |                          |
|---|-------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------|
| • <b>Manual for the Operations of the NDA for Engagement with the GCF</b>       | <a href="#">English</a> | <a href="#">Macedonian</a> | <a href="#">Albanian</a> |
| • <b>Green Climate Fund Handbook for North Macedonia</b>                        | <a href="#">English</a> | <a href="#">Macedonian</a> | <a href="#">Albanian</a> |
| • <b>No-objection procedure for the Republic of North Macedonia</b>             | <a href="#">English</a> | <a href="#">Macedonian</a> |                          |
| • <b>Factsheet - Stakeholder engagement</b>                                     | <a href="#">English</a> | <a href="#">Macedonian</a> | <a href="#">Albanian</a> |
| • <b>Factsheet – Gender, Environmental and Social Policy of the GCF</b>         | <a href="#">English</a> | <a href="#">Macedonian</a> | <a href="#">Albanian</a> |
| • <b>Factsheet - No-Objection Procedure for GCF Projects in North Macedonia</b> | <a href="#">English</a> | <a href="#">Macedonian</a> | <a href="#">Albanian</a> |

### STAKEHOLDER CONSULTATION EVENTS, DISCUSSIONS AND WORKSHOPS ORGANIZED

[National Inception Workshop for the GCF Readiness and Preparatory Support Programme](#) – March 2019

[First National Stakeholders Consultation Event](#) – June 2019

[Second National Stakeholders Consultation Event](#) – July 2019

[First, Second and Third Focus Group Discussion](#) on climate finances – June – October 2019

[First and Second Workshop](#) on Calibration of the Prioritization and Coordination Mechanism for the GCF – July - August 2019

[Training on the “No-objection” Procedure](#) for GCF Project Proposals – August 2019

[Meeting of the National Council on Sustainable Development NCSD “Enhancing Climate Action in the Republic of North Macedonia”](#) – October 2019



### NEWS ITEMS

[North Macedonia sets the stage for country climate action. The country launches first call for GCF project ideas](#) 30 October, 2019, Skopje

[North Macedonia, FAO work to ease Green Climate Fund investments](#) 12 July 2019, Mavrovo

[The first Green Climate Fund Readiness Project starts in Skopje](#) 28 March 2019, Skopje

### FOLLOW-UP

Building on the progress achieved under the first Readiness project, the GCF approved its second Readiness project for North Macedonia entitled **“Strengthening country capacities for climate change adaptation and mitigation and finalization of Country Work Programme for the Republic of North Macedonia”**. Since June 2020 it has been implemented by FAO under the leadership of the NDA, with focus on strengthening the country capacities for climate change adaptation and mitigation and finalization of a Country Work Programme for the GCF. [Read more.](#)

**CONTACTS:** Cabinet of the Deputy President in Charge of Economic Affairs and Co-ordination of Economic Sectors, Government of the Republic of North Macedonia - NDA for the GCF  
Daniel.Josifovski@gs.gov.mk; Sandra.andovska@gs.gov.mk

Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) - Delivery Partner  
Carmen.arguellolopez@fao.org; Igor.Slavkoski@fao.org