



Project title	Enabling Implementation of Forest Sector Reform in Georgia to Reduce GHG Emissions from Forest Degradation			
Result areas Buildings, cities, industries and appliances; Forestry and land use	Sector Public	Total financing, USD 173.15 mln Euro	GCF financing, USD 32 mln Euro	Financial instrument Grant
Description of specific climate change problem and how the project will address it	<p>Due to the diversity of agro-climatic zones in Georgia and distribution of tree varieties, it is challenging to draw uniform conclusions on forests' vulnerability. The main climate signal is continued trend of increased temperature, which has resulted in various impacts to the forest ecosystems, such as greater occurrence of pests and diseases in some areas, altitudinal shift in forest lines, increased fire hazard and occurrence of droughts. These observed impacts are already expected to intensify further exacerbating forest degradation and the loss in carbon absorption capacity. Without action, the degradation of Georgian forests will continue to prevail under business as usual practices. There is a need to promote the transition to sustainable forest management nationally. However, as project is mitigation reducing CO₂ emissions and enhancing CO₂ absorption capacity of Georgian forests</p>			
Alignment with key country priorities and stakeholders engaged	<u>Alignment with country priorities</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Economic Development Strategy of Georgia 2020 • NDC • Forest Code • Strategy of the Forestry sector 		<u>Stakeholder engagement</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 25 planning workshops - separate consultation workshop with NGOs - field trip and stakeholder consultations in the target regions. 	

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Activities

Component 1: Sustainable Forest Management

Activity 1.1 Development and implementation of sustainable forest management plans (FMPs):

Activity 1.2 Strengthening of forest supervision

Activity 1.3. Provision of sustainably produced fuelwood by NFA

Activity 1.4 Enhancement of enabling environment for the nation-wide implementation of sustainable forest management (SFM)

Activity 1.5 Improvement of monitoring and measurement, reporting and verification (MRV) systems for the forest sector

Component 2: Market development for energy efficiency and alternative fuels

Activity 2.1 EE-AF supply chain development

Activity 2.2 Implementing consumer financing instruments for EE-AF solutions

Activity 2.3 Creating consumer awareness about EE-AF solutions and provision of technical advisory services for fuelwood users

Activity 2.4 Enabling policies and regulations

Expected outcomes

The project will enable the Government of Georgia to implement its **transformational forest sector reform agenda** to put the entire nation's forests under the SFM framework. It will do so by supporting establishment of a nation-wide SFM system under Component 1 and in parallel, under Component 2, promoting market development for energy efficient (EE) and alternative fuels (AF) to address main driver of Georgia's forest degradation, the unsustainable fuelwood consumption by rural population.

Paradigm shift potential

Potential for scaling up and replication

Potential for knowledge sharing and learning

Contribution to the creation of an enabling environment

Contribution to the regulatory framework and policies

Contribution to climate-resilient development pathways consistent with relevant national climate change adaptation strategies and plans