**MID-TERM EVALUATION MANAGEMENT RESPONSE**

**Project Title**: Sustainable Energy Financing Mechanism for Solar PV in Forest Villages in Turkey

**Outcome Evaluation Completion Date**: July 2019

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| **Key issues and****Recommendations** | **Management****Response** | **Tracking** |  |
| **Key Actions**  | **Timeframe**  | **Responsible****Unit (s)** | **Status** | **Comments** |
| **Recommendation 1:** To improve implementation (and meet GHG emission reduction targets), the ORKÖY-PV Project as a ***first priority*** should seek a 24-month extension from UNDP and GEF to be able to utilize its remaining resources of US$3.314 million to maximize the number of solar PV installations using GEF grant funding in an effort to reach the objective level target of 30 MW of installed solar PV capacity. | A maximum 24-months extension is already considered and necessary actions to be taken by the project management unit to submit a request for extension to GEF in order to finalize all remaining activities and ensure longer-term sustainability of the project. The necessity of the extension is also discussed with the beneficiary and the decision for the extension by the steering committee will be taken in the next steering committee meeting. | Necessary documents and applications will be prepared and sent to the related bodies of UNDP and GEF to extend the project duration. | October 2019 | Project Management Unit | Ongoing  |  |
| **Recommendation 2:** To correct Project design, make amendments to the ORKÖY-PV Project’s PRF that reflect a revised ORKÖY-PV strategy and proposed solar PV rollout plan that is based on a new Theory of Change. This revised PRF should be finalized in close consultation with the SEFM Unit in ORKÖY. | A strategy revision report has already been prepared in July 2019 by International Strategy Revision consultant. New results framework for the project has been suggested by the MTR and Strategy Revision consultants and will be submitted to the beneficiary at the next steering committee meeting.  | Project results framework will be revised according to the suggested RF and will be reflected to the project activities. The project management unit will implement an adaptive management in order to reach the end-of project targets. In addition, the project budget will be revised in order to utilize the remaining budget to cover the extension period of the project.  | End of project implementation  | Project Management Unit  | Ongoing |  |
| **Recommendation 3:** To improve the monitoring and evaluation of the Project, ORKÖY-PV Project staff should bolster its efforts as a ***high priority*** to monitor the quality of rooftop solar PV installations, highlighting the sustainability issues related to poor quality installations and deteriorating solar PV system performance and using an international consultant to bring to ORKÖY global experience of solar PV MRV systems.  | Existing MRV plans from other rooftop solar programs will be assessed and best option that is coherent with the ORKÖY mechanism will be adopted for this project. The quality of these plans, most importantly, should be sufficiently robust to bring confidence to potential climate financers of the quantities of GHG emission reductions being generated by the MRV system. With this incremental strengthening of the MRV system, workshops led by the consultant will be considered in order to bring the global experience of solar PV MRV systems.  | With regards to quality standards and certification schemes of Output 3.5, the Project will follow EU quality standards and certification schemes. Also, the services of a consultant will be considered who is familiar with the schemes and who could quickly advise ORKÖY and other relevant stakeholders on the most efficient means of disseminating these schemes. | End of project implementation | Project Management Unit | Ongoing |  |
| **Recommendation 4:** Recommendations and proposals for future directions underlining main objectives includes commencing outreach to international and domestic development banks after 2020 to initiate a process of familiarizing banks with possible opportunities to “co-finance” a market transformation of solar PV generation in forest villages in Turkey, appointing a MRV manager as part of the ORKÖY team, and developing an ITMO trade model for carbon markets after 2021. | By 2020, lessons learned from the demonstration projects of Component 2 could be shared. By 2021, further lessons can be learned from replication projects of Component 3 that will involve the performance of the initial stages of the ORKÖY financing mechanism for solar PV installations in forest villages. Disseminating this information to the financial sector can commence the process of familiarizing banks with possible opportunities to “co-finance” a market transformation of solar PV generation in forest villages in Turkey. | Annual meetings with the finance institutions will be held to disseminate the lessons learnt, best cases and data gathered through MRV system that will be established by ORKÖY. | End of project implementation | Project Management Unit | Ongoing |  |