

Summary Status of GRIF Projects

Project	Partner Entity	GRIF Project Cost	Objectives	Implementation/Status
Amaila Falls Hydroelectric Project	IDB	US\$ 80M*	<p>The Amaila Falls Hydropower Project is the flagship of Guyana's Low Carbon Development Strategy. Amaila will deliver a steady source of clean, renewable energy that is affordable and reliable and is envisioned to meet Guyana's domestic energy needs while removing dependency on fossil fuels. The project involves (i) a hydropower plant at the confluence of the Amaila and Kuribrong rivers; (ii) an electrical interconnection facility, consisting of about 270km of high-voltage redundant transmission lines and two sub-stations.</p> <p>Projected benefits include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expected US\$3.5B in savings to Consumers over 20yrs. • Improved reliability and generation of clean energy which will encourage economic growth & development by improving regional competitiveness, private sector investment, foreign direct investment. • Expected elimination of at least 92% of the country's energy-related greenhouse gas emissions. • Conversion of reliance on thermal generation to renewable energy. 	<p>GRIF Project Document being drafted in parallel with on-going Project due diligence by IDB</p> <p>ESIA received IDB Senior Management sign-off</p> <p>Engineering, Procurement and Construction Agreement signed</p> <p>Mandate letter executed between AFH and IDB</p>
Institutional Strengthening	IDB	US\$ 7M	<p>The overall objective of the project is to enhance national institutional capacity in Guyana to address the impacts of Climate Change, ensure the effective implementation of the LCDS, and meet its commitments under interim REDD+ partnerships. These commitments include avoided deforestation measures that translate into the avoidance of CO₂ emissions.</p> <p>The specific objectives of the project are: (i) to strengthen the technical and administrative capacity of the principal institutions responsible for implementing Guyana's Low Carbon Development Strategy, namely the Office of Climate Change (OCC), the Project Management Office (PMO) and the Guyana Forestry Commission (GFC); and (ii) develop and implement an MRV system on a national level.</p>	<p>PCN approved by GRIF Steering Committee</p> <p>Full Project Document approved by GRIF Steering Committee</p> <p>Agreement signed by Minister of Finance and IDB</p> <p>Project being implemented</p>

Amerindian Land Titling	UNDP	US\$ 7.5M	<p>The objective of this project is to facilitate and fast track the Amerindian Land Titling process. It seeks to a) Have land titles issued and demarcation process completed for all Amerindian villages that submit requests, including those that request extensions, b) Strengthen existing mechanisms to deal with unresolved land issues, c) improve the communication and outreach efforts of the Ministry of Amerindian Affairs.</p>	<p>UNDP's Local Project Appraisal Committee reviewed and discussed Full Project Document. UNDP to review comments by MoAA and send to PMO for posting to GRIF website</p> <p>Projected GRIF Approval: December 2012</p>
Amerindian Development Fund	UNDP	US\$ 6M	<p>The Amerindian Development Fund will be established to provide funding to support the socio-economic development of Amerindian communities and villages, through the implementation of their Community Development Plans (CDPs).</p>	<p>PCN/Initiation Plan approved by GRIF Steering Committee</p> <p>PCN/Initiation Plan signed by Minister of Finance, Minister of Amerindian Affairs and UNDP at the National Toshaos Conference</p> <p>Project being implemented</p> <p>UNDP advertised for 4 project related positions to support the execution of the project</p> <p>First phase of interviews completed. Final approval of candidates to be issued</p> <p>PCN/Initiation Plan will see 15% of the 180 Community Development Plans funded in the first phase, while the full Project Proposal is developed concurrently</p> <p>Amount currently approved: US\$ 1,883,628</p>
Micro and Small Enterprise Development and Building Alternative Livelihoods for Vulnerable Groups	IDB	US\$ 10M	<p>This project aims to address two of the major bottlenecks that constrain the development of MSEs and the ability of vulnerable groups to build alternative livelihoods in Guyana, which are i) limited access to finance and ii) limited technical and business skills.</p> <p>Access to finance will be addressed through a collateral guarantee facility which will be used to guarantee part of the collateral of a loan, thereby enabling an MSE to obtain a loan at an affordable rate; an interest support facility which will help with interest payments; and a low carbon grant scheme to assist vulnerable persons with viable business propositions. Lack of skills will be addressed through a training voucher scheme which will enable MSEs to obtain the skills they require at existing training institutions. Sector specific training will also be provided.</p>	<p>PCN approved by GRIF Steering Committee</p> <p>Full Project Document posted to GRIF website for public comments</p> <p>Public comment review period ended</p> <p>Project Document approved by GRIF Steering Committee</p> <p>Project to be approved by the IDB Board in 1st Quarter 2013</p>

				(The full project is for US\$10M; the first phase will see US\$5M approved)
Cunha Canal Rehabilitation Project	World Bank	US\$ 2M	<p>The Cunha Canal Rehabilitation Project is a part of Guyana's LCDS adaptation initiatives. The Cunha Canal Rehabilitation Project is an important intervention addressing the focus area of adapting to climate change. The works will improve the ability of the Government of Guyana to manage water resources in the East Demerara Water Conservancy (EDWC).</p> <p>The proposed physical works for the Cunha Canal will include the widening of the canal, the rehabilitation of the former outlet structure, rerouting the canal to re-establish its original alignment and construction of a bridge on the East Bank of Demerara Public Road where the canal intercepts the road. Rehabilitation of the Canal will increase its discharge capacity and contribute to reducing the risks of the embankment overtopping and flooding of areas along the East Bank of the Demerara.</p>	<p>PCN approved by GRIF Steering Committee</p> <p>Full Project Proposal being completed</p> <p>Projected GRIF Approval: 1st Quarter 2013</p>
Biodiversity Research Centre	World Bank	US\$ 4M	<p>This project will see investment in human resources, infrastructure, facilities and equipment to develop a self-sustaining scientific research centre at the University of Guyana (UG). The international Centre for biodiversity research and low carbon development will be dedicated to researching Guyana's biodiversity and assessing its economic value and how this can be maximized. The Centre will work with emerging global institutes to ensure that Guyana is integrated with international advances in relevant fields.</p>	<p>Project to follow on from current World Bank project 'University of Guyana (UG) Science and Technology Support Project'</p> <p>World Bank has recently concluded a technical study</p>

*represents the GRIF equity portion of the Project cost.

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