



RIMBA PPG Inception Workshop

Co-funding guidance

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Background



- RIMBA agreed co-funding: USD 37.8 Million, of which 50% as cash and 50% in-kinds
- To be delivered 'over life of project'
- PPG to secure co-finance confirmation letters
- True co-funding contributes directly in implementing the workplan & achieving the project objective
- Co-funding handled by EAs & partners – not via UNEP accounts
- No audit on co-funding; but UNEP monitors annually





What counts as co-funding



Cash:

- Cash monies provided to project as seed funds or other grants;
- Travel costs of training participants, paid on behalf of the GEF project
- Paying for project staff, management or overhead costs
- Conducting activities of the GEF project workplan – e.g. providing training, studies, workshops
- Conducting project procurement on investments such as e.g. RE schemes



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In-kinds:

- Time dedicated to the project by institution staff
- Accommodation and facilities made available (e.g. office, workshop)
- Transport facilities provided free of charge
- Administrative support and materials
- Giving access to recent reports, tools, deliverables etc to benefit GEF project (e.g. a feasibility study on RE which was anyway already planned under RIMBA, or access to a monitoring database)





Strategy to raise co-funding



1. **Conduct external fund raising / trustfunds**
2. **Own annual institutional budgeting process (APBN)**
3. **Seek partnership with agencies or projects / compare workplan activities, investment sites & outputs:**
 - Institutions having overlapping activities with RIMBA
 - Governance-, investment- or capacity building programs related to forest, land, water, agriculture
 - In or around pilot sites of the GEF-project having: community development programs, forest preservation/conservation programs, REDD pilots, others
 - Private sector or government agencies - like water or power companies, who are using ES generated by the pilot sites
 - Eco-tourism agencies active or potentially interested in sites
 - On going or soon to start programs



Summary co-funding



1. These are resources without which the project Workplan and objectives can not be met!
2. Expected to continue raising co-finance during project implementation, integrate in project budgets, and report annually
3. Important vehicle for establishing project partnerships – both national, regional and at pilot-sites
4. In kind co-finance must be accounted for with the same diligence as cash financial resources → *prepare standard co-finance tracking table and unit rates (e.g. on staff input)*





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