



Fifth Steering Committee **20-21 June 2023**

SOFF Implementation Progress

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As of 2 June 2023

1. Context

On the 30th of March 2023, the Steering Committee approved the funding requests for 26 countries, of which 14 countries are part of the initial priority countries of the UN Early Warnings for All Initiative (see Table 2). After approval, the peer advisors signed Assignment Agreements to kick off the implementation of the readiness activities in the countries. 16 peer advisors and 7 implementing entities are engaged in the implementation of the Readiness phase in these countries. The portfolio of SOFF Readiness phase under implementation is shown below.

Table 1: First batch of countries and respective peer advisors and Implementing Entities supporting the Readiness Phase activities.

Region	Country	Peer	Partner Peer	Implementing Entity
Africa	Burkina Faso	Spain	Nigeria	African Development Bank (AfDB)
	Cabo Verde	Netherlands		United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)
	Chad	Austria		World Food Programme (WFP)
	Congo (DRC)	Switzerland		AfDB
	Ethiopia	Norway	Finland	United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)
	Liberia	Nigeria		AfDB
	Madagascar	Germany		AfDB
	Malawi	Norway	Iceland	UNDP
	Mozambique	South Africa		WFP
	Rwanda	Finland		UNDP
	Senegal	Netherlands		Islamic Development Bank (IsDB)
	South Sudan	Austria		AfDB
	Tanzania	Denmark		UNDP
Asia	Bhutan	Finland		UNEP
	Maldives	Finland	Indonesia	UNEP
	Nepal	Finland		UNEP
LAC	Belize	United Kingdom		Inter-American Development Bank (IDB)
	Ecuador	Switzerland	Argentina	IDB
	Grenada	Spain		
	Guyana	Austria		IDB
Pacific	Fiji	Australia		World Bank
	Kiribati	Australia		UNEP
	Samoa	Australia		World Bank
	Solomon Islands	Australia		UNDP
	Timor-Leste	Finland	Indonesia	UNEP
	Tuvalu	New Zealand		UNEP

2. Readiness phase progress overview

The Readiness phase in the 26 countries shows overall satisfactory progress, with only minor issues within the control of the peer advisors and beneficiary countries. There were no reports of increasing risks or foreseen difficulties impeding the timely delivery of the Readiness phase outputs in this group of 26 countries.

21 countries are fully on track to deliver the Readiness outputs as stated in the Funding Requests. Three countries face delays due to a long process of signing the legal agreements and other related formalities. The peer advisor is expecting to sign the agreements soon. Two additional countries have slight delays in implementation but are expecting to be able to deliver the outputs as planned. 25 out of the 26 countries requested to conduct the Country Hydromet Diagnostics. Figure 1 shows the progress update as reported by the peer advisors.

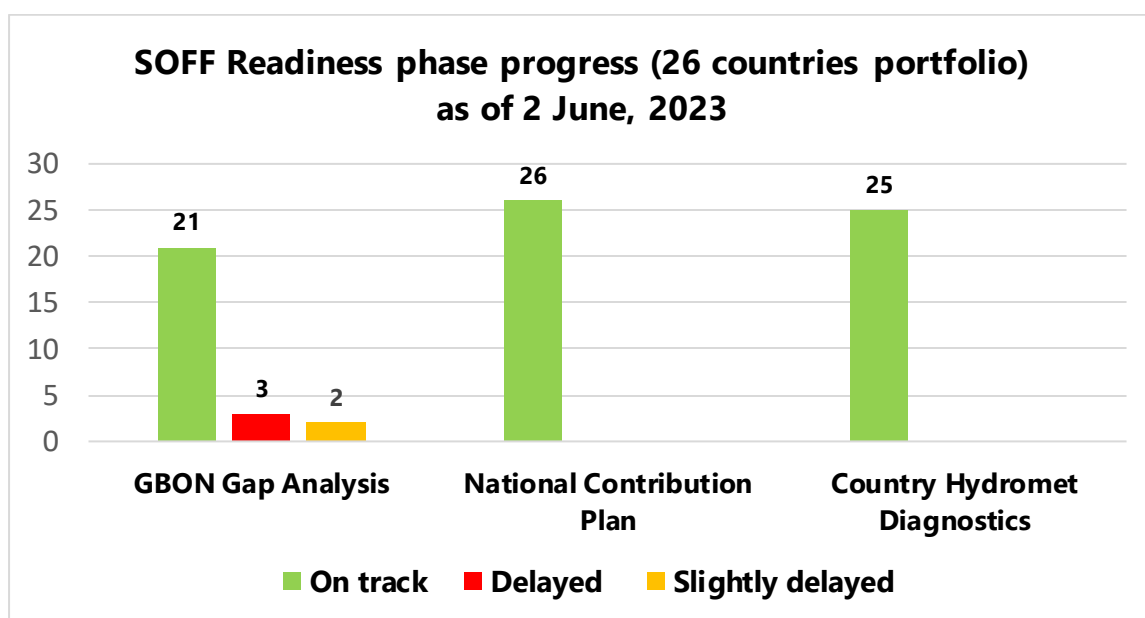


Figure 1. Progress of SOFF Readiness Phase Portfolio.

3. Expected delivery of Readiness phase outputs

Based on the progress reported by the peer advisors and the timelines indicated in the funding requests, 21 countries have planned to complete the Readiness Phase by September 2023 and some of them could potentially already submit an Investment Phase funding request for consideration at the 6th Steering Committee Meeting in November 2023 (see Table 2).

Table 2: SOFF first batch countries implementation progress.

Country	2023									Status as of 2 nd June
	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	
Belize										On Track
Bhutan									On Track	
Burkina Faso										Delayed
Cabo Verde										On Track
Chad									On Track	
Congo (DRC)*										On Track
Ecuador*									On Track	
Ethiopia									On Track	
Fiji										On Track
Grenada										Delayed
Guyana										On Track
Kiribati										On Track
Liberia										Slightly delayed
Madagascar										On Track
Malawi									On Track	
Maldives										On Track
Mozambique	No CHD									On Track
Nepal									On Track	
Rwanda										On Track
Samoa										On Track
Senegal									On Track	
Solomon Islands										On Track
South Sudan										Slightly delayed
Tanzania										On Track
Timor-Leste									On Track	
Tuvalu									Delayed	

*Work will be continued in 2024.

	EW4All Priority Countries		GBON Gap Analysis	On Track	Timely Delivery Expected
			GBON National Contribution Plan	Slightly Delayed	Timely Delivery Possible
			Country Hydromet Diagnostics	Delayed	Timely Delivery Not Likely