

GIM Advisory 3.0

Funding of the Green India Mission

1. The Context.

- 1.1. The Green India Mission (GIM) has been conceived as a multi-stakeholder, multi-sectoral and multi-departmental mission for the “greening” of India in the context of climate change adaptation and mitigation, meant to enhance ecosystem services, NTFPs, livelihood of local communities, conservation and restoration of biodiversity etc. The Mission document states that operational guidelines and an implementation manual will be issued by the MoEF addressing key themes and interventions to facilitate the implementation of the Mission. The development of these guidelines is a phase-wise task and built over time, through advisories on various issues by involving various stakeholders. Further refinement of these guidelines will be made through experience in the preparatory phase, and will be reflected in the final operational guidelines/manual for the GIM.
- 1.2. First Advisory 1.1 on method of selection of landscapes/ operational units has been circulated to the states on 21st November 2011. Second Advisory 2.1 targeting on operations to be undertaken in selected landscapes / working units through preparation of bridge plan and the strategic plan, has also been circulated on 30th December 2011. These guidelines provide opportunity to the states for taking up few pilot implementations and for introducing innovative initiatives in the selected area. Linkage with the State action plan on climate change also needs to be ensured by the respective states.
- 1.3. As already stated in Advisory 1.1, during the current year 2011-12, a bridge plan will be implemented which will also include detailed budget, institutional strengthening / revamping, capacity building of government officials, communities, NGO's etc., making available alternative sources of energy, micro-plan preparation, value addition including grading packaging and storage facility, Soil & Moisture Conservation (which do not create financial commitment for subsequent years) and building monitoring and evaluation framework through a wide consultative process with stakeholders in the state beside setting up of GIM Secretariat / GIM Cell in States, identification of landscapes, preparation of one year bridging plan and 5/10 years perspective plans, nursery planning, entry point / livelihood activities, awareness program. Entry Point Activities (EPA) should be taken up for confidence building at the community level to establish the credibility of the Mission. An immediate action on these aspects will energize the community for involvement in the Mission.

1.4. While preparing State Action Plans, involvement of local community in the planning and management through participatory consultative process is essential so that they own the program and contribute for effective implementation of the Mission. This would need time to establish understanding with the community, for which help of social workers / NGOs may be taken.

2. Financial Resources for the Green India Mission.

2.1. Total estimated mission cost is Rs. 46000 crores for treatment of 10 million ha. over next 10 years. This is an indicative cost for the country and there would be variance according to state specific situation, including wage rates, specificity of interventions etc. Green India Mission document could be consulted for details. The Mission expects that the state action plans (bridge plan / strategic plan) to bring such specificity in the costs and interventions when these plans are drawn up.

2.2. The resources for the implementation are expected to be mobilized from various sources as indicated below-

2.2.1. Additional Financial Resources to be provided for implementation during next two plan periods in the budget of Ministry of Environment & Forests- Rs. 1000 crores annually under new budget head of GIM, under discussion with Planning Commission.

2.2.2. Annual Funds expected through convergence of the following schemes in the selected landscapes

- MG NREGS – 2.5% of the NREGA Scheme ie. Rs 1500 crores
- CAMPA Fund - Rs. 300 crores
- National Afforestation Program- Rs. 80 crore
- Integrated Forest Management scheme- Rs. 20 crore
- Ministry of New and Renewable Energy Resources- Rs. 200 crore
- XIIIth Finance Commission Grant – Rs. 200 Crore
- Integrated Watershed Management Programme- Rs. 200 Crore.

2.2.3. Additional Funding for the Mission activities from the following sources-

- National Clean Energy Fund- Rs. 500 crore.
- Additional Rs. 500 crore per annum during the Mission period is proposed to be met from CAMPA for the amount deposited for NPV for the activities compatible with Green India Mission and in accordance with the orders of Hon'ble Supreme Court in this regard with the concurrence of Hon'ble Supreme Court.

2.2.4. The above totals to Rs. 4500 crores per year. Gaps, if any, would be met from external support / other schemes not covered in the list.

3. Funding the Bridge Plan for 2011-12:

3.1. Ministry of Finance has provided Rs. 50 crores from National Clean Energy Fund out of Rs. 200 crores announced in the Union Budget for 2011-12 for the preparatory activities of the Mission. The breakup of proposed utilization of Rs.50 Crore provide for the preparatory year 2011-12 which will, inter alia include the cost of undertaking the process activities, staffing the Mission Secretariat in Ministry of Environment & Forests, incremental staff and overheads for the GIM in each state/ UT including preparation and implementation of bridging plan for the year 2011-12, and preparation of 5/10 years perspective plan starting from 2012-13 (See para 1.3 above).

3.2. Tentative Breakup of Rs 50 crores allocated to the State / UT / MoEF under GIM for preparatory activities during 2011-12 is provided below. All figures given below are indicative only.

| Sr. No | Purpose | Allocation for 2012-13 | | Activities/ Actions to be taken |
|--------|--|---|-------------------|--|
| | | Number | Amount (Rs. Lakh) | |
| 1. | Workshops to discuss, prepare one year bridging plan and 5/10 years perspective plan for GIM | Workshops in 25 States / UT * Rs. 4 lakh per State / UT | 100 | State Level Workshop by including all stakeholders (one), Workshops in the villages falling under identified landscape/ working units to mobilise the local people in the GIM programme by explaining the purpose of the GIM and taking their feedback on various aspects. |
| 2. | Preparatory action for intervention in selected landscapes (1-2 per states) | 25 landscapes* Rs. 60 lakh | 1500 | Selection of landscape, establishment of Central nursery and other advance preparations, planning at the landscape/ village level by involving communities |
| 3. | Entry Point/ Livelihood Support Activities for confidence building at the community level and to take care of drivers of degradation | 25 landscapes *10 Gram sabha* Rs 10 lakh | 2500 | EPA / Livelihood activities are to be identified in the workshops held in the villages falling under identified landscape/ working units by involving facilitators/ co-ordinators. Focus should be on creation of community assets/ livelihood assets. |
| 4. | Setting up of Centre for Sustainable Forestry and Natural Resource Management at Delhi | Lump-sum | 30 | MoEF Level |
| 5. | Awareness and Outreach | 25 states/UTs *Rs. 5 lakh + for MoEF | 125 | State / MoEF level |
| 6. | Monitoring and Evaluation 6.1 FSI 6.2 State/ External Agency/ | | 170 | For monitoring by FSI/ State / External Agency |

| | Community level | 25* Rs.5 lakh | 125 | |
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| 7. | Mission Organisation for three months- State/ Central | Central/ States/ UTs (Each State / UT - Rs. 11 lakh) | 450 | 1. MoEF: Salary of Mission Directorate Officials and other expenditure 2. For States: Supporting staff, consultants etc. in the office of Nodal Officer, GIM; Office Equipment (Non-recurring- vehicle, computers, furniture); Office Expenditure/ overheads (Recurring); Documentation/ Publication etc. |
| 8. | Grand Total | | 5000 | |

4. GIM governing structure, as suggested in the Mission document, consisting of all relevant departments need to be constituted for convergence of the funds from various schemes for the Green India Mission.
5. Timeline given already are Dec. 31st 2011 for Bridge Plan, and Feb 28th, 2012 for presentation of Perspective Plan for 5/10 years. If states do not come up immediately with Bridge Plan for 2011-12, the funds may be disbursed on a demand basis (first come first serve basis).
6. This is a document under formulation and suggestions are welcome.