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GEF Support for Programmatic Approach in West Africa

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The Energy Component of the GEF Strategic Program for West Africa

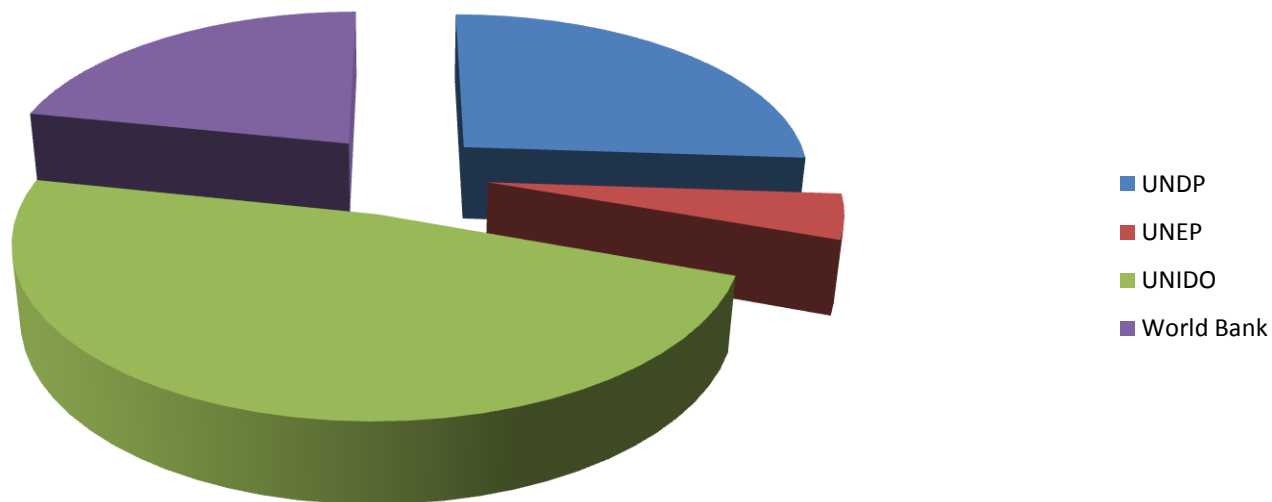
- GEF Council endorsement: November 2008.
- Objective
 - ✓ to promote practical, action-oriented projects
 - ✓ to scale up investments in renewable energy and energy efficiency in the region.
- All West Africa countries + Burundi and Chad
- 27 projects selected
- 22 projects developed and approved
- \$40 million of GEF funding + \$468 million of co-financing



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Strategic Program for West Africa

The SPWA projects by GEF Agency



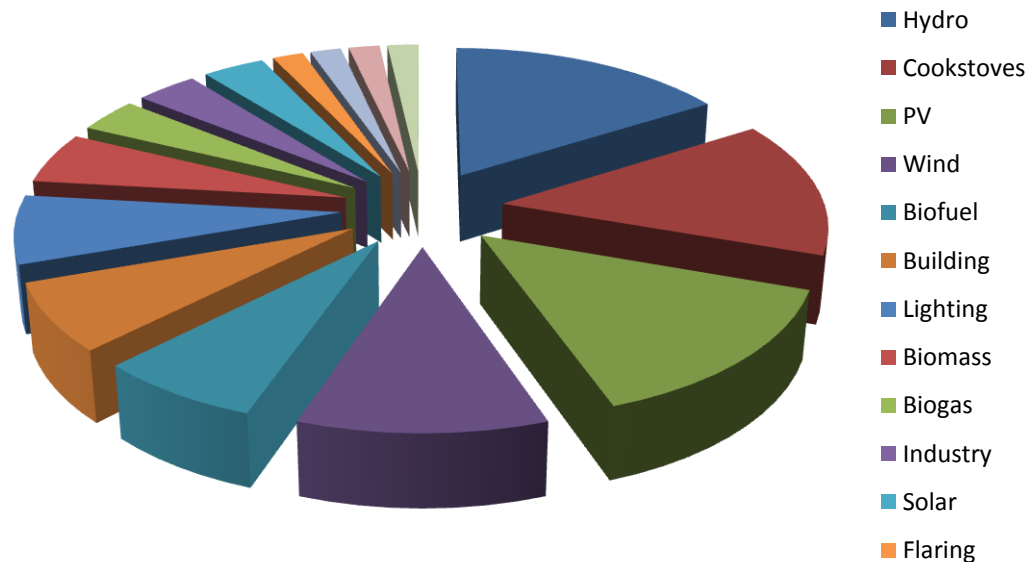
- All projects approved (March 2009 - June 2010)
- Implementation started late (Jan 2011 - Nov 2012)
- World Bank projects started earlier



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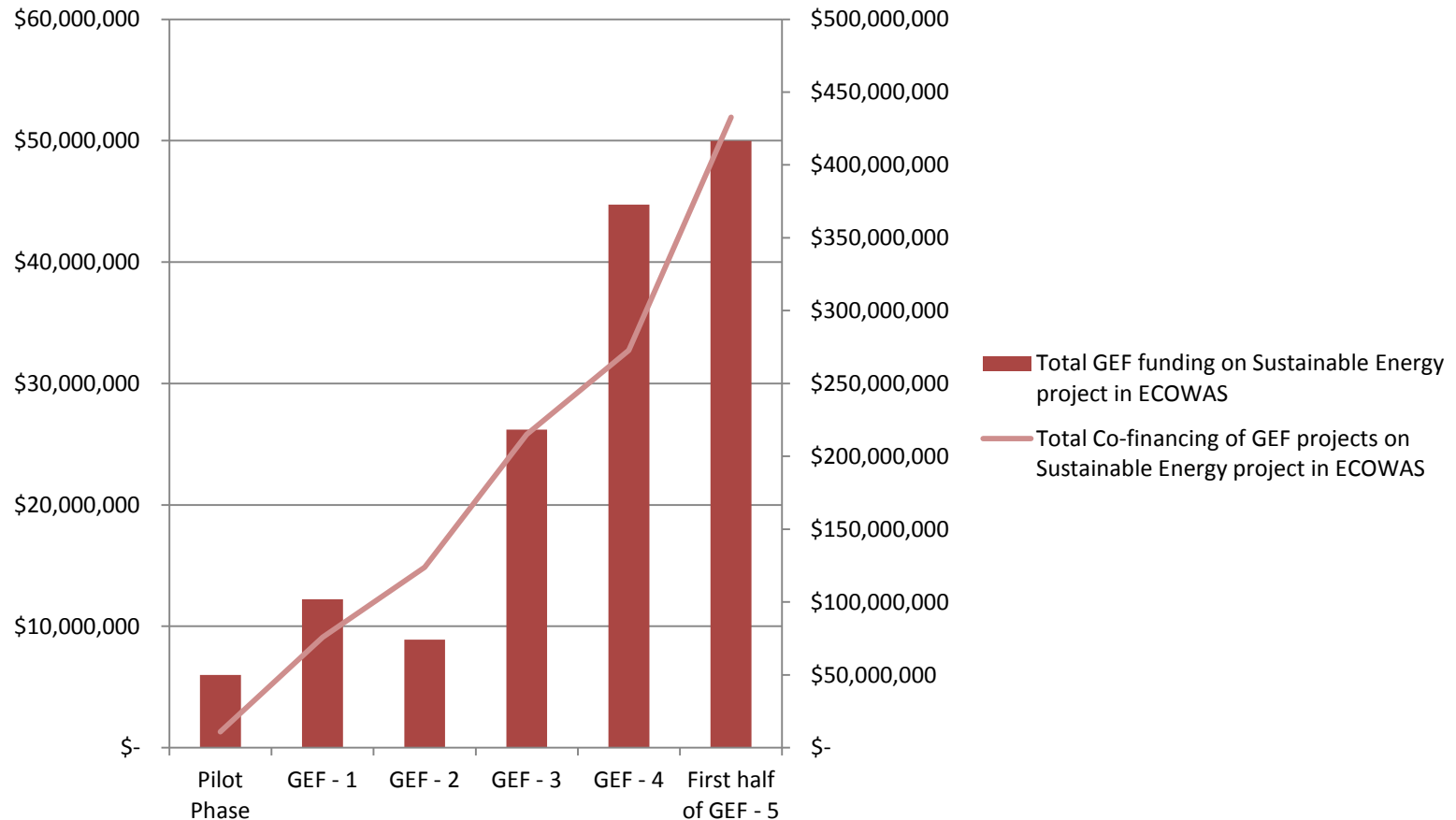
GEF support to sustainable energy programs in West Africa

- Over the last 20 years the GEF funded:
 - ✓ 44 projects
 - ✓ \$148 million GEF funding + \$1.13 billion co-financing
- Wide range of technologies and processes supported



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An increasing support to sustainable energy in the ECOWAS region



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The key role of programs

- GEF4 : a jump in GEF funding for Energy in the region
 - ✓ the Strategic Programme for West Africa
 - ✓ = 90% of GEF4 sustainable energy funding for ECOWAS
- First half of GEF5:
 - ✓ all GEF5 energy related projects for ECOWAS are regional projects or programs.
- Bundling projects in the region
 - ✓ attract agencies
 - ✓ attract private sector investments



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To go further

- Experience gained in SPWA:
 - ✓ Working faster in implementing projects and programs?
 - ✓ Lessons learned for future programs/projects?
- Concrete implementation of the proposed ECOWAS policies
 - ✓ Ideas of programs for the future GEF6 strategy?
 - ✓ Propositions to use remaining GEF5 allocations (\$15-20 million)



Suggestions for future projects and programs

- Going beyond demonstration and pilot projects
 - ✓ Transformational projects
 - ✓ Financially and economically sustainable mechanisms
 - ✓ Lasting impact beyond the project life time



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Suggestions for future projects and programs

- Attracting more private investments (reducing risks)
 - ✓ Stable and standardized contractual and regulatory arrangement (e.g. PPA, IPP...)
 - ✓ Informing investors on the investing environment status
 - ✓ Guaranteeing schemes
- Scaling up firewood efficiency (comprehensive Regional approach)
 - ✓ The emergence of various local manufacturers
 - ✓ Innovative financing schemes for consumers
 - ✓ The development of local based retailing
 - ✓ The development of local reparation networks
 - ✓ Locally adapted dissemination campaigns
- Regional strategies for the development of West African manufacturing capacities of sustainable energy technologies



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