

# Access Modalities to GEF Funding from UNEP

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## Presentation Outline:-

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### **Overall UNEP – country portfolio (88)**

- Current countries NC/BURs (*Regional/Numbers*)
- Status of transitioning to BTRs

### **BTR Portfolio Overview & Status**

- **Implementation Status**
- **UNEP - BTR Proposal Submission Types**
  - Umbrella ( combined)/*non-expedited*
  - Stand-alone (single-country submissions)/*expedited*
  - Illustration of timelines for expedited proposal

### **Next Steps BTRs**

# Countries under UNEP's Climate Reporting Portfolio

NC, BUR & BTR  
**88**  
Countries



# UNEP REGIONAL DISTRIBUTION & BTR TRANSITIONING STATUS



## Latin America and the Caribbean

Dominica  
Grenada  
Guyana  
Haiti  
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines  
Suriname

Antigua and Barbuda  
Bahamas  
Saint Kitts and Nevis  
Saint Lucia

Argentina  
Dominican Republic  
Ecuador

## Africa

Angola  
Benin  
Chad  
Equatorial Guinea  
Eritrea  
Guinea  
Mozambique

Republic of the Congo  
Sao Tome and Principe  
Senegal  
Somalia  
South Sudan  
Uganda

Burundi  
Cameroon  
Eswatini  
Central African  
Comoros  
Ghana  
Kenya  
Cote d'Ivoire  
DR Congo  
Djibouti  
Guinea-Bissau  
Mauritania

Madagascar  
Mali  
Mauritius  
Sierra Leone  
South Africa  
Rwanda  
Tanzania  
Seychelles  
The Gambia

Burkina Faso  
Gabon  
Lesotho  
Liberia  
Malawi

Niger  
Zambia  
Zimbabwe

## Europe

Azerbaijan

Moldova

## Asia and Pacific

Afghanistan  
Bahrain  
Bhutan  
Korea DPR  
Kuwait  
Myanmar  
Nauru  
Niue

Oman  
Papua New Guinea  
Qatar  
Turkmenistan  
Tuvalu  
Palau  
Yemen

Fiji  
Iraq  
Kiribati  
Kyrgyzstan  
Laos  
Maldives  
Bangladesh

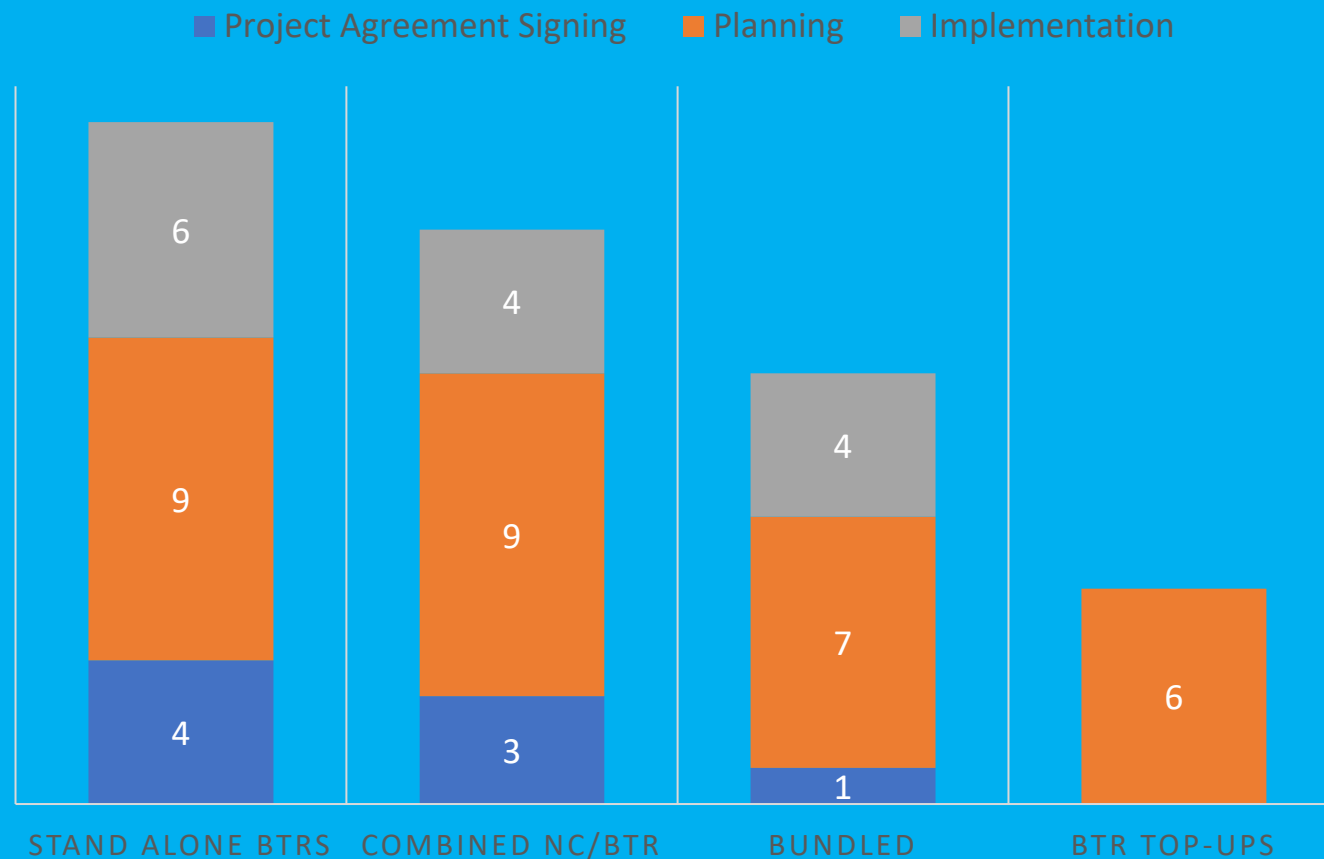
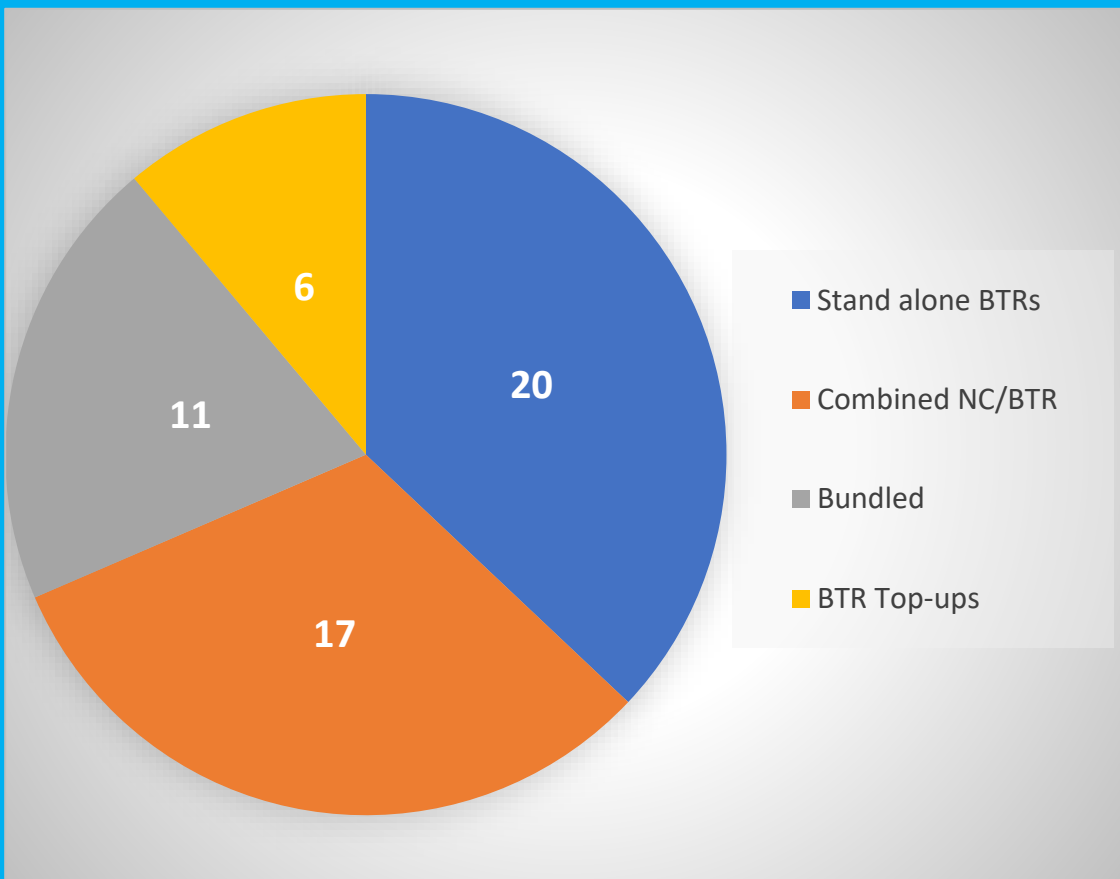
Nepal  
Pakistan  
Solomon Islands  
Uzbekistan  
Vietnam  
Mongolia

Cambodia  
Malaysia

Vanuatu

# BTR Overview/Implementation Status

## BTR PROJECT STATUS



## BTR Overview/BTR Proposal Submission Types

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- ❑ Stand-Alone (single-country submissions) -**Expedited Process**
  - Takes between 3-6 months
  - Has a fully developed implementation plan
  - Individual country submissions approved on a rolling basis
  - Example: Moldova; Malaysia; Vietnam BTR projects
  
- ❑ Umbrella Programmes ( Multiple Countries Projects) – **Non - Expedited Process**
  - Takes not more than 12 months
  - Requires GEF council approval
  - In parallel , to the approval process, each country is supported to prepare an implementation plan
  - Example: BTR/NC Umbrella Programmes (GEF ID 10973 – 43 countries)

# Illustration of timelines – for Single Country/Medium Size Project (MSP) Proposal - Expedited



Action from Country:  
- Start drafting proposal and submit Letter of endorsement

UNEP shares guidance notes and EA proposal template with country

UNEP supports EA proposal review & finalization in consultation with country

EA Proposal circulated for UNEP's internal clearance and submitted to the GEF

GEF reviews/provides comments on the proposal

GEF's approval & Letter of commitment -

1-2 months

1-2 months

1 week

1-2 month

1-2 months

UNEP drafts MSP proposal & requests Letters of Endorsements from countries.

UNEP finalizes the MSP proposal including additional information from countries

Action from Countries : - Letter of endorsement

In Parallel UNEP guides countries to prepare an amended implementation plan/workplan and budget that reflects the additional activities to cover the scope of the BTR.

GEF commitment letter received after 1 month of approval: -

It takes about 2/3 months to have UNEP-Country project agreement signed; cash transferred to support project implementation.

Country responsible for setting up project bank account & teams/ implementation structure

## Next Steps

### Expediting NCs/ BURs Transition to NCs/BTRs

- Countries alerted of BTRs/NCs GEF's approval and funds availability
- Countries requested to expedite finalization of NCs/BURs
- National processes for signing new BTR1 project agreements triggered
- National project teams being guided to prepare BTR1 project implementation plans

### Supporting Additional Countries on BTR Funding

- Single country proposals: - BTRs, Combined BTR/NCs and Bundled 2BTRs & NC.
- One-step Medium Size Project ( not more than 2M) – to accommodate BTR top ups ( @ US\$ 250,000) for few countries with valid NC/BUR project with UNEP



Thank you

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