LOCAL ACTION
GLOBAL IMPACT
KEY FACTS
SINCE INCEPTION (1992)

26,429 PROJECTS on global environmental issues.

US$724.9 MILLION in project funding.

19,137 CIVIL SOCIETY organizations supported.
**GEOGRAPHIC COVERAGE**

SGP has historically supported a total of 136 countries, while it is currently active in 128 countries. This includes 37 Small Island Developing States (SIDS) and 41 Least Developing Countries (LDCs).

- **128** Active Countries
- **37** SIDS
- **40** LDCs

**THEMATIC COVERAGE (2016-2020)**

SGP’s portfolio takes an integrated approach and has multi-focal areas impact. These figures only indicate the primary focal area of SGP projects.

- **40%** Biodiversity
- **21%** Climate Change
- **20%** Land Degradation
- **4%** Chemicals and Waste
- **4%** Climate Change Adaptation
- **3%** International Waters
Since 1992, the Global Environment Facility’s (GEF) Small Grants Programme (SGP), implemented by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), has been supporting civil society organizations and community-based organizations around the world to take action to address global environment and sustainable development challenges.

ABOUT SGP

- **INNOVATION**: SGP is an incubator of innovative solutions to safeguard the global environment;

- **SOCIAL INCLUSION**: SGP invests in social inclusion to maximize global environmental benefits and to empower most vulnerable and marginalized populations, including indigenous peoples, women, youth, and persons with disabilities;

- **IMPACT**: SGP is a strategic and evidence-based platform for community-based actions that can be scaled up, are sustainable and in synergy with other initiatives for greater impact.
**STRATEGIC INITIATIVES (2020-2024)**

**Community-based conservation of threatened ecosystems and species**
This initiative aims to improve conservation and sustainable use of threatened ecosystems and species in priority landscapes and seascapes, including the management of protected areas and corridors, integrated river-basins, and large marine ecosystems with active involvement of communities. The initiative also aims to mainstream biodiversity in key production sectors such as agriculture, forestry, fisheries, and infrastructure.

**Sustainable agriculture and fisheries, and food security**
Aimed at testing and promoting community-based climate resilient agriculture, fisheries and food practices that improve productivity and increase ecological connectivity, including support for supply chains to target biodiversity-based products; agrobiodiversity and small-holder farmers; conservation of landraces and genetic resources; agroecological production methods; and organic agriculture, fair trade, and other relevant certifications schemes.

**Low-carbon energy access co-benefits**
In line with larger frameworks such as the Sustainable Development Goals and the National Determined Contributions, the objective of this initiative is to demonstrate and scale up viable low carbon technologies, including renewable energies and energy efficient technologies and approaches that improve community energy access by working with the private sector and the government.

**Catalyzing sustainable urban solutions**
In partnership with private sector and government, this pilot initiative will support the promotion of appropriate integrated community-oriented sustainable urban solutions that align with and contribute to the GEF Sustainable Cities Impact Program.

**Local to global coalitions for chemicals and waste management**
The coalition supports communities in the forefront of threats related to chemicals and waste either as users or consumers with a focus on mercury management in the artisanal and small scale gold mining sector; plastics, solid waste management and circular economy; chemicals in sustainable agriculture.

**CROSS-CUTTING ISSUES**

**CSO-Government-Private Sector Policy and Planning Dialogue Platforms**
These platforms aim to ensure that community voices and participation are promoted and enhanced in the development of global and national strategies related to global environment and sustainable development issues.

**Promote Knowledge Sharing and South-South Community Innovation Platform**
Promote replication and upscaling of good practices within and between SGP participating countries on global environmental issues and solutions across countries and regions.
KEY RESULTS (2016-2020)

**BIODIVERSITY**
- 1,311 protected areas positively influenced by effective management
- 43 million hectares of protected areas positively influenced by effective management

**CLIMATE CHANGE**
- 134,941 households with energy access co-benefits

**LAND DEGRADATION**
- 486,138 hectares of land with improved management practices
- 543,121 community members with sustainable land and forest management practices

**INTERNATIONAL WATERS**
- 80,034 tons of land-based pollution reduced

**CHEMICALS**
- 237 tons of pesticides properly disposed

**CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT**
- 86,021 people with improved capacity
- 3,433 CSOs
- 3,191 CBOS

**SCALING UP**
- 14% of projects scaled up
- 10% of projects influenced policy

**SOCIAL INCLUSION**
- 33% women-led projects
- 44% youth involvement
- 23% indigenous peoples
- 140 organizations of persons with disabilities

**GRANT MODALITIES**
- Planning grant up to $5,000
- Regular grant up to $50,000
- Strategic grant up to $150,000
SGP works as a decentralized grant facility at the country level. SGP grants are made directly to community-based organizations (CBOs) and civil society organizations (CSOs) in recognition of the key role they play in conserving the global environment and achieving sustainable development.

**HOW WE WORK?**

- COUNTRY PROGRAMME TEAM
- NATIONAL STEERING COMMITTEE
- COUNTRY PROGRAMME STRATEGY
- PROJECT 1
- PROJECT 2
- PROJECT 3

**LINK TO:**
- NATIONAL POLICIES AND PLAN (SDGS, ETC)
- SGP GLOBAL STRATEGY
- CONVENTIONS’ GUIDANCE

**KEY STEPS IN THE APPLICATION PROCESS**

1. The project proponent – a national CBO or CSO – contacts the SGP National Coordinator to receive project application guidelines and forms. Refer to the SGP website’s, under section “Where We Work” for information and contacts at the country-level.

2. The proponent organization prepares a brief project concept note and submits it to the SGP Country Programme.

3. If the project is found eligible, the project proponent prepares a project proposal. In some cases, this step may be supported by a planning grant.

4. Project proposals are reviewed by the National Steering Committee (NSC).

5. The NSC reviews the proposal and either accepts, rejects, or returns it to the proponent with recommendations for formulating and refining the project.

6. Approved projects sign grant agreement. SGP grants are usually paid in three installments, based on successful implementation and reporting.

**NOTE:** SGP allows flexibility and customization at the country level to allow the programme to respond to the local context. Please contact the National Coordinator in your country to find out how to apply. SGP does not charge a fee at any stage of the selection process.
PARTNERSHIPS

SGP acts as a global community-action platform with multi-stakeholder partnerships at every level.

SGP collaborates with many organizations worldwide at global, regional, and country levels and leverage resources for greater impact. SGP also works closely with teams at the GEF, UNDP and other GEF Agencies to bring communities at the center of global environment and sustainable development. Below are a few examples of the current global partners:

Supported by:

- Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation
- Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety
- SOS Sahel
- Japan Biodiversity Fund

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