

SGP ARGENTINA

The GEF Small Grants Program

COMMUNITY ACTIONS GLOBAL IMPACT

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The 2013 1st Summons for the Small Grants Program (SGP) of the Global Environment Fund was successfully completed

Certificates were handed over to projects from many provinces, and the State Secretary of Environment and Sustainable Development acknowledged the importance of SGP, admitting the value and positive impact of the program, as well as the success of this first edition of the operational phase of the GEF5 Argentina.

The Small Grants Program of Argentina successfully completed the selection process of the 2013 first Summons - which supports Nongovernmental and Community Organizations and helps them to carry out projects that contribute to environmental conservation and community development in the Northeast region of Argentina (NEA). Twenty seven initiatives were approved this time, which according to the National Managing Committee of SGP Argentina, will help to improve the conditions of communities and natural environments in the provinces of Chaco, Corrientes, Formosa, Misiones, Entre Rios and North Santa Fe.

Certificates were handed over to the approved projects in the Northeast provinces. They were under the hand of Mr. Martin Santiago, UNDP Resident Representative and Resident Coordinator of the UN in Argentina, and were delivered in the presence of national and provincial authorities, UNDP staff and the Argentinean coordination of SGP. Mr. Juan José Mussi, State Secretary of Environment and Sustainable Development, talked about “the importance of the SGP, whose support initiatives contribute to the care of Mother Earth”. He also stood out the work of SGP in articulation with the Argentine government and the ones of the provinces where the program is implemented.

The SGP-Argentina is an initiative of the Global Environment Fund (GEF) on the agreement of the Argentine Government. It is executed by the United Nations Development Program (UNDP). In the operation phase number 5 (OP5) of the GEF the priorities are climate change mitigation, biodiversity conservation, protection of international waters, reduction of the impact of persistent organic pollutants, sustainable management of native forests and the prevention of land degradation. This phase also aims to create sustainable development in the communities.

To ensure transparency of the summons, the National Managing Committee of SGP-Argentina intervenes throughout the selection process. The United Nations Development Program (UNDP), the State Secretary of Environment and Sustainable Development (SAYDS), the State Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MREyC), the Nature for the Future Foundation (FUNAFU), the Foundation for Development in Peace and Justice (FUNDAPAZ), the Argentine Business Council for Sustainable Development (CEADS), the Forest Bank Foundation, the Foundation Growth with Equity, the National Institute of Agricultural Technology and Tapir Specialist Group of the International Union for Conservation of Nature are part of this Committee.

Next call for OP-5 SGP projects is December 2013.



Approved Projects

<u>Title of the Project</u>	<u>Executing organizations</u>
Swampland's Guardians	Fundación Biodiversidad Argentina
Creation of a watershed farming production by a joint brand to preserve ecosystem services in the Municipality of Andresito (Misiones).	Fundación Vida Silvestre Argentina
Silviculture and pastoral sustainable management in northern Santa Fe	Asociación Cooperadora EEA INTA Reconquista
Biodynamic agriculture "La Abundancia"	Fundación Dinero Social
Rational use of natural resources for crafts in West Formosa	Equipo para la Promoción y el Acompañamiento Solidario - EPRASOL
Water care, eradication of latrines and renewable energy in "Picada Norte" (creek protection)	Asociación Civil Taba Isiriri - Pueblos del Arroyo
Water for agricultural producers in Piray	Asoc. Civil Productores Independientes de Piray - P.I.P.
Sustainable agricultural technological development in diversity contexts	Fundación Padre José Marx SVD
Revaluation of the forest "Nochero" as a producer of goods and services through a productive activity	Asociación para el Desarrollo Rural
Program "Liebig Recycle Works". Waste Treatment Plant of Liebig.	Cooperativa de Trabajo Reciclaje Liebig LTDA.
Sustainable management of native forests in Santa Fe	Asociación Civil Mesa Foresto-Industrial del Norte de Santa Fe (MFI)
Climate change mitigation from the use of methane, other gases and wastes produced in the effluent treatment plant of manioc starch for the production of thermal energy and biofertilizers	Cooperativa Agrícola Mixta Montecarlo Limitada
Organization Strengthening and Sustainable Production with producers of the Association "Río del Norte" in Posta Cambio Zalazar	Asociación Civil Río del Norte
Improvement of water supply for drinking and irrigation of ecological orchards in rural communities	Asociación Civil Bomberos Voluntarios Las Breñas
Protection of natural resources and strengthening of sustainable family farming, supporting the preservation of native seeds	INDES (instituto de desarrollo social y promoción humana)
Multipurpose Forestry Plantations	Asociación Civil Manos Solidarias
Rescue and increase in value of Opuntia ficus indica (tuna) in family farmers of the southwestern Chaco in Argentina	Asociación civil "Siempre Unidos Minifundios de Corzuela"
Reception and Conditioning Plant of Empty Agrochemical Containers	Asociación Civil Comisión Técnica de Tabaco de la Provincia de Misiones
Silvo-pastoral systems for goat production in the forest of Santa Fe	UOCB - Unión de Familias Organizadas de la Cuña Boscosa y los Bajos Submeridionales
Minimization of the impact on biodiversity by carrying out sustainable tourism practices in Guarani communities of San Ignacio, at Misiones.	Fundación Temaikèn
Reduction of organic waste and manure to produce earthworm compost for the recovery of degraded soils	Cooperativa de Trabajo Productora de Las Misiones Ltda.
Pastureland biodiversity as an axis for the development of sustainable tourism	Aves Argentinas - Asoc. Ornitológica del Plata
Mitigation of conflict between Yaguarete and Cattle on a farm bordering a protected area in the province of Misiones	Fundación Red Yaguareté
Drinking water and waste management in the neighborhood of Santa Lucia, in Posadas, Misiones	Cooperativa de Agua Potable y otros Servicios Públicos Juan Manuel de Rosas
Farm's integral management	Cooperativa Agropecuaria Taragui Ltda.
Sustainable use of native forest firewood, for efficient use of stoves and ovens of family farmers	Asociación civil "Siempre Unidos Minifundios de Corzuela"
FERTILIZER EFA 1313: Sustainable Family Farming	Asociación Civil Familia Escuela Agrícola 1313

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Established in 1992, the year of the Rio Earth Summit, the GEF Small Grants Programme embodies the very essence of sustainable development by "thinking globally acting locally". By providing financial and technical support to projects that conserve and restore the environment while enhancing people's well-being and livelihoods, SGP demonstrates that community action can maintain the fine balance between human needs and environmental imperatives.

SGP recognizes that environmental degradation such as the destruction of ecosystems and the species that depend upon them, increasing levels of carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gases in our atmosphere, pollution of international waters, land degradation and the spread of persistent organic pollutants are life-threatening challenges that endanger us all. However, poor and vulnerable communities –SGP's primary stakeholders- are most at risk because they depend on access to natural resources for their livelihoods and often live in fragile ecosystems.

The programme provides grants of up to \$50,000 directly to local communities including indigenous people, community-based organizations and other non-governmental groups for projects in Biodiversity, Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation, Land Degradation and Sustainable Forest Management, International Waters and Chemicals.

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