



The UNDP/GEF Small Grants Programme

2013 Report for SGP Guyana



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Cover photo: UNDP Resident Representative, some members of the SGP National Steering Committee, the National Coordinator for SGP Guyana and the 2013 SGP Grantees pose for a photo. Second from right is Ms. Dionne Frank, Chair, SGP National Steering Committee; Third from right is Mr. Ian Kissoon, National Coordinator, SGP Guyana; Sixth from right is Ms. Khadija Musa, UNDP Resident Representative.

1.0 Executive Summary

The year 2013 for SGP Guyana was an eventful one. During the first quarter, the Country Programme Strategy (CPS) was developed, adopted by the National Steering Committee (NSC), and approved by SGP's Central Programme Management Team (CPMT). Following the approval of the CPS, SGP Guyana was officially launched on April 26, 2013. On the same date, SGP Guyana received its Year 2 (July 2012 – June 2013) Grant Allocation under the SGP Fifth Operational Phase (OP5) in the amount of US\$350,000.00 from SGP core resources. By the end of 2013, SGP Guyana committed 90% of its allocation through the approval of eight grants. The total value of the grants approved amounted to US\$606,077 with SGP contributing US\$313,189 while co-financing amounted to US\$292,888; a co-financing ratio of approximately 1:1.

The projects fell under the SGP focal areas of Biodiversity Conservation, Sustainable Forest Management, Climate Change and Chemicals. The grantees comprised a women's group, a youth group, five Indigenous Peoples group and one farmer's group. The projects will be implemented across six of the ten administrative regions in Guyana, benefitting both coastal and hinterland communities.

Implementing SGP in Guyana has not been without its challenges. The two major challenges were the lack/limited capacity of organizations to prepare project documents, and the gaps in communication with remote communities due to lack/limited communication infrastructure. These challenges contributed to a lengthy project development cycle owing to poor quality of submissions by organizations which required numerous revisions, and the delays in communicating and receiving revised submissions/requests for additional information from applicants. Strategies employed to address these challenges included simplifying and locally adapting application forms, conducting project identification and development sessions with applicants, and working through umbrella organizations to facilitate exchange of information with remote communities.

Going forward in 2014, SGP Guyana will intensify efforts to build the capacity of potential applicants through targeted and tailored training. SGP will also work to bridge the communication gap by increasing collaboration with its expanding network of local partners and stakeholders, including the recently established SGP Guyana NGO/Grantee Network. Through these initiatives, SGP hopes to address the two main challenges thereby increasing the quality of submissions, the geographic spread of projects, and the variety of projects relevant to the SGP focal areas.

2.0 Introduction

The GEF Small Grants Programme (SGP) is funded by the Global Environment Facility (GEF), implemented by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), and executed by the United Nations Office for Project Services (UNOPS).

The SGP provides grants directly to Civil Society Organizations (CSOs), including Community-Based Organizations (CBOs) and Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) to design and implement projects that will bring environmental and livelihood benefits to communities. Priority is given to poor and vulnerable communities in the GEF focal areas of:

- Biodiversity Conservation
- Climate Change Mitigation
- Sustainable Forest Management (SFM) and Prevention of Land Degradation
- Reduction and/or Elimination of Persistent Organic Pollutants (Chemicals)
- Protection of International Waters

In addition, SGP seeks to generate sustainable livelihoods, reduce poverty, and create community empowerment.

SGP was officially launched in Guyana on April 26, 2013. The main purpose of this annual report is to document the experiences, challenges and lessons learnt during the first year of implementation of SGP in Guyana.



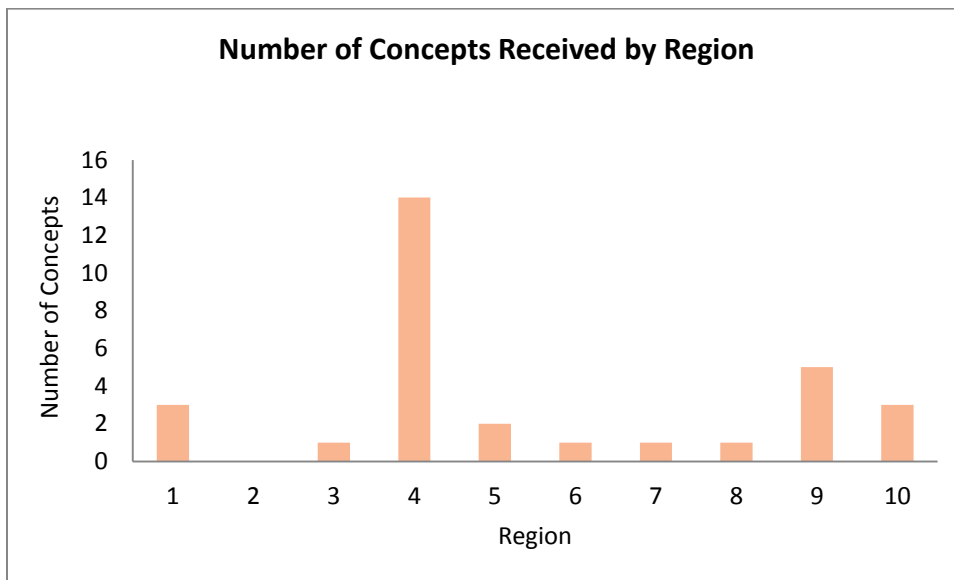
Photo on left: Chair of the SGP NSC, Ms. Dionne Frank delivers remarks at the launch of SGP. Seated at the head table from left to right are Mr. Robert Persaud, Minister of Natural Resources and the Environment, Ms. Chisa Mikami, UNDP Resident Representative (ag), and Mr. Ian Kissoon, SGP National Coordinator. Photo on right: Honourable Minister Persaud delivering the feature address at the launch.

3.0 Project Portfolio

Concepts

At the launch of SGP in Guyana on April 26, 2013, a call for project concepts was announced and the call was also published in the Stabroek and Guyana Chronicle Newspapers. By the beginning of June 2013, SGP received twenty concepts for evaluation by the NSC. However, only two or 10% of these concepts were selected by the NSC for further processing. The NSC requested the remaining concepts to be revised and resubmitted by the applicants.

SGP Guyana continued to receive and accept concepts throughout the year and at the end of the year, a total of thirty-one concepts were received (refer to Annex A). With the exception of Region Two, concepts were received from all regions (see graph below) suggesting that the awareness of SGP is gradually spreading across the country. However, most of the concepts came from Region Four; notably though, half were from areas outside the city – East Coast Demerara and the Linden Soesdyke area.



Project Proposals

Moving projects from the concept to the proposal stage where the proposal is complete and ready for evaluation by the NSC was time-consuming. The two major challenges were the lack/limited capacity of organizations to prepare project documents, and the gaps in communication with remote communities due to lack/limited communication infrastructure. These challenges contributed to a delay in project proposal appraisal owing to poor quality of submissions by organizations which required numerous revisions, and the delays in communicating and receiving revised submissions/requests for additional information from applicants. Strategies employed to address these challenges included simplifying and locally adapting application forms, conducting project identification and development sessions with applicants, and working through umbrella organizations to facilitate exchange of information with remote communities. Nevertheless, nine project proposals were presented to the NSC for evaluation.

Grant Commitment

The NSC held two proposal evaluation sessions from which eight projects were approved valued at US\$606,077.00 of which SGP is contributing US\$313,188.50. SGP's commitment represents 90% of its US\$350,000 allocation for the reporting period. A profile of the approved projects is presented below:

Grantee	Project Title	Project Description	Total value of Project (US\$)	Funding provided by SGP (US\$)
1. North Rupununi District Development Board	Strengthening capacity to support local implementation of fisheries monitoring and management in the North Rupununi Wetlands	The project seeks to develop the capacities of 16 Amerindian communities to manage the Arapaima fish and fisheries of the North Rupununi via capacity building, arapaima surveys, conservation education and awareness, consultations and development of management plans.	78,115.00	49,325.00
2. South Rupununi Conservation Society	Training of Ranger-Researchers in the South Rupununi, in collaboration with the "Ongoing Protection of Red Siskins in South Rupununi" CLP Project	The project seeks to protect the Red Siskin bird through capacity development of individuals from the six Amerindian communities where the bird exists in the areas of bird research, tour guiding , ranger training/monitoring, and conservation awareness.	70,491.00	34,146.00
3. Global Youth Movement- Guyana	Community and Farmers Environment, Health and Recycling Project	The project seeks to address the improper disposal of PET plastics and burning of solid waste in Region 5, and the improper use, storage and management of farming chemicals which contributes to soil degradation, and to reduce the use of mercury in gold mining and jewellery production	115,907.50	50,000.00
4. Guyanese Women in Development	Community led Mangrove Restoration: Towards Sustainable Management of Guyana's Mangrove Forest	The project seeks to address climate change by replanting 2km mangroves (carbon sequestration through reforestation) at Mon Repos, Victoria and potentially Buxton on the ECD, and No. 43 Village – Wellington Park in Corentyne. The project also includes community monitoring, awareness and income generating activities.	100,000.00	50,000.00

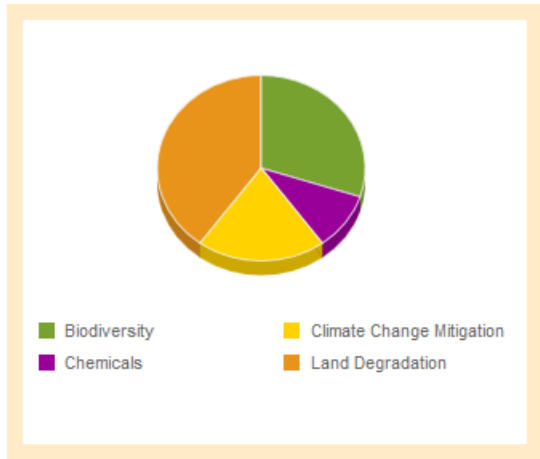
5. Guyana Agriculture Producer's Association	Capacity Building and Protected Agriculture Demonstration for Farmers in Guyana	The project seeks to address climate change impacts on the agricultural sector by building capacity amongst poor, rural and vulnerable vegetable farmers in Regions 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 by providing training and setting up demonstration facilities in Hydroponics and Grow Box/ Shade Houses.	103,415.00	50,000.00
6. Kanuku Mountains Community Representative Group	Building climate change resilience amongst the 21 communities of the KMPA	The project seeks to develop the capacities of the KMCRG and the 21 Amerindian communities of the Kanuku Mountains Protected Area (KMPA) on climate change and the role forest play in mitigating climate change.	88,849.50	49,479.50
7. South Central People's Development Association	Safeguarding Katoonarib's bush island forests through savannah farming	The project seeks to demonstrate savannah farming as an alternative to shifting cultivation which contributes to deforestation and climate change.	44,198.00	25,238.00
8. Aishalton Village Council	Reducing deforestation in Aishalton Village through savannah farming	The project seeks to plant upland rice in the savannah as opposed to clearing forests to plant rice which contributes to deforestation and climate change	0.00	5,000.00
			606,077.00	313,188.50

Status of Approved Projects

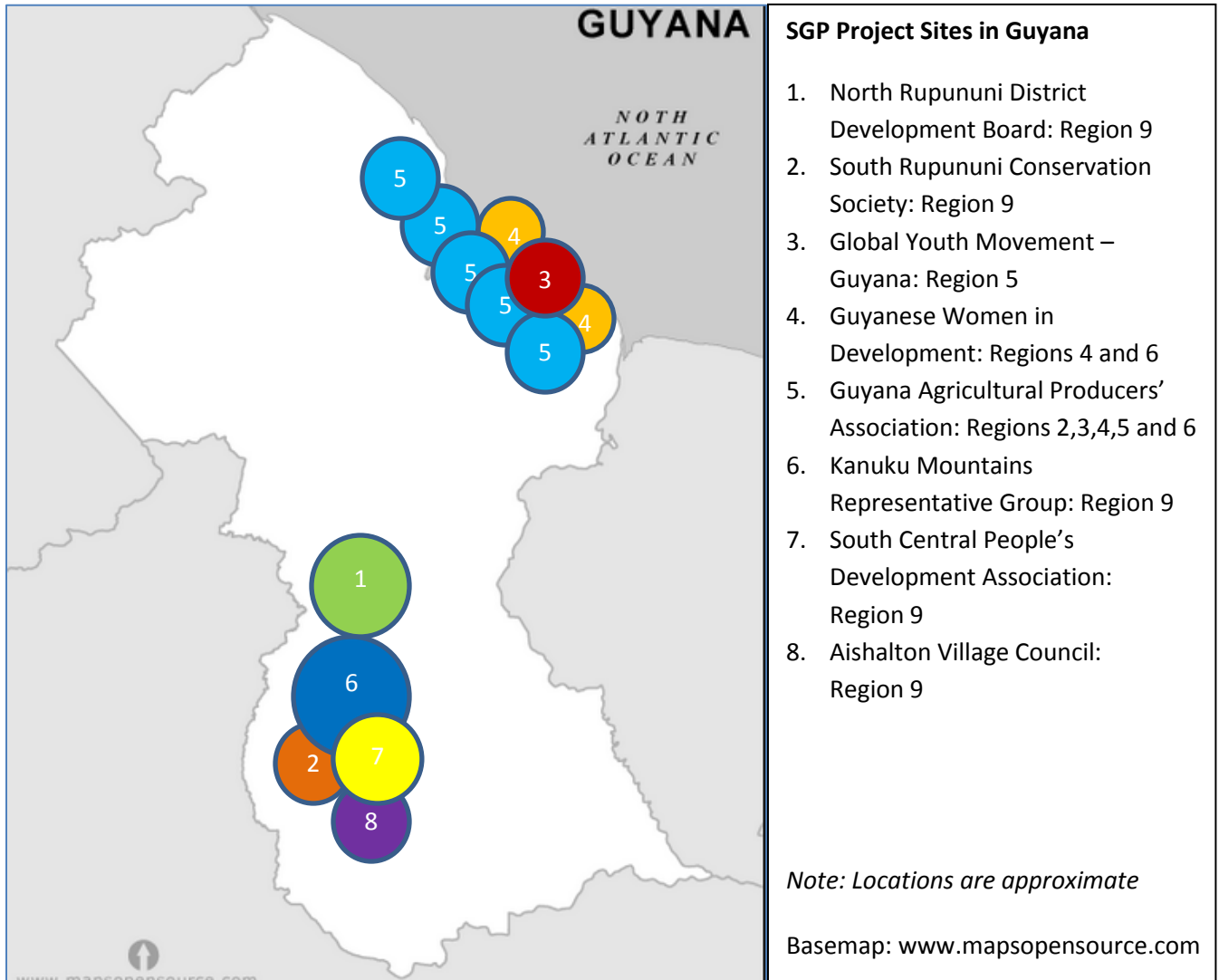
The first disbursement for two of the approved projects has been effected and these projects are under implementation. These are the North Rupununi District Development Board which received their first tranche payment in November, and the South Rupununi Conservation Society which received theirs in December 2013. The other projects, five of which were approved in December, will commence implementation in 2014.

The main challenge of moving projects from the approval to the implementation stage is the process to open bank accounts. UNDP CO requires grantees to open a dedicated bank account for UNDP/SGP funds to avoid comingling of UNDP/SGP funds with that of the organization's funds. This process is time-consuming taking a minimum of one month as the bank conducts due diligence of the grantee's organization before the account is created. The SGP Office has been engaging senior management of the banks in an effort to streamline and expedite the process. Nevertheless, the due diligence checks remain time-consuming.

Country Portfolio by Focal Area



Geographic spread of SGP Projects



4.0 National Steering Committee (NSC)

The eleven-member NSC was appointed in September 2012. The membership remained the same during 2013 (refer to Annex B for the list of Members and Alternates served during 2013) and four NSC meetings were convened under the Chairmanship of Ms. Dionne Frank. The NSC met to make decisions concerning the implementation of the country programme, review project concepts and proposals, approve projects, and upheld objectivity and transparency in the execution of their TORs. The NSC Members also participated in project site visits, attended SGP events and capacity building sessions, and disseminated SGP information at various fora. In terms of capacity building in 2014, the NSC would like to receive training in project appraisal and the SGP focal areas, particularly as it relates to the UN Conventions and Guyana's obligations to these Conventions.



NSC Members engaged in CPS brainstorming session



NSC Meeting in progress



NSC Members on Project Site Visits. In photo on the left, Mr. Bisassar Chintamanie of the Guyana School of Agriculture and Dr. Maxine Parris-Aaron of the Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture (IICA) visit vegetable farmers at Blairmont, Region Five while in photo on the right, Mr. Chintamanie demonstrates how to collect a soil sample to farmers during site visit in Region Nine.



Some of the NSC Members receiving Certificates of Appreciation for their valuable contribution to SGP Guyana during 2013 from UNDP Deputy Resident Representative Ms. Chisa Mikami. In photo from left to right are Mr. Jermaine Clark of the Environmental Protection Agency, Ms. Luanna Goldie-Scott of Volunteer Youth Corps Inc., and Mr. Peter Persaud of The Amerindian Action Movement of Guyana.

5.0 Capacity Development

Organizations that have indicated an interest in applying for a SGP Grant and those whose concepts have been selected for further processing are invited to a proposal development session conducted by the NC. The potential applicants are taught about the SGP focal areas, the process for applying for a SGP Grant, and the steps in identifying and formulating a project concept and proposal. Participants found the sessions very useful and this has helped increased the quality of their submissions. Nevertheless, capacity building efforts need to be intensified in 2014 as many organizations lack the skills to plan and implement projects. SGP plans to conduct workshops on the SGP focal areas and project planning and management.



Proposal development session with Global Youth Movement – Guyana, Kanuku Mountains Community Representative Group, Helpers Club, and Circle of Sisters

Proposal development session with Stratcampbell Group, Mahaicony, Region Five.

In addition to building the capacity of organizations prior to project approval, the SGP Office has also been conducting capacity development sessions with its grantees. These orientation sessions covers areas such as procurement, accountability, technical and financial reporting, and branding all in keeping with the principles and requirements of UNDP and SGP. This session is a measure being put in place to ensure efficient and effective implementation of projects.



Orientation Session with the eight grantees

Apart from building the capacity of applicants, SGP also conducted a training session with the NSC on the application of the Vulnerability Reduction Assessment (VRA) tool for assessing climate change adaptation projects. In 2014, the capacity of the NSC will be further strengthen in the SGP focal areas, UN conventions and project appraisal.



VRA session facilitated by Ms. Hyacinth Douglas, NC, SGP Jamaica with Members of the NSC and UNDP colleagues

6.0 Knowledge Management

Knowledge management is a key component of SGP and during 2013, a number of KM products was produced by the SGP Office. These included:

- Country Programme Strategy (CPS)
- SGP brochure
- SGP quick-display banner
- Presentations on SGP
- Project concept template with guidelines
- Project proposal template with guidelines,
- Implementation guidelines for grantees including templates for payment voucher, cash book and bank reconciliation
- Terms of Reference (TORs) for the SGP Guyana NGO/Grantee Network
- Annual Report

Media coverage of SGP events including print and television publications were compiled by the SGP Office. In addition, the SGP produced write-ups on SGP events for publication on the SGP global and UNDP CO websites.

Grantee NGO Network

The SGP Office formally established a NGO/Grantee Network. The purpose of the NGO/Grantee Network is to support the work of the GEF and the SGP country programme through knowledge sharing, resource mobilization and policy advocacy. To achieve this purpose, the Network will undertake the following activities:

- I. Generate awareness of SGP at the local, regional and international levels.
- II. Provide support to fellow grantees through sharing of experiences and lessons learned/best practices, resources and technical expertise/tools.
- III. Guide new SGP grant applicants on the process and with preparation of project concepts and proposals.
- IV. Promote the achievements/impacts of the SGP country programme and grantees at meetings, workshops, conferences, seminars and other fora where policy is being discussed, deliberated or negotiated.
- V. Liase with government stakeholders, development partners, and local and international NGOs for technical and financial assistance and resources.
- VI. Connect SGP local grantees with SGP grantee networks regionally and globally.

7.0 Outreach and Resource Mobilization

The SGP Office sought to generate awareness of SGP by distributing brochures at strategic meetings and conferences, and also making presentations. Presentations were delivered to the Multi-Stakeholder Steering Committee of the Low Carbon Development Strategy at the Office of Climate Change/Office of the President, the Youth Forum at the Caribbean Week of Agriculture conference, and workshop for Toshias at the Justice Institute. The SGP Office also participated at the Business Forum held in Region Nine.



NC presenting SGP to the Multi-Stakeholder Steering Committee of the Low Carbon Development Strategy at the Office of Climate Change/Office of the President.

Apart from disseminating information on SGP, the NC sought out opportunities for collaboration with other partners and then led initiatives to bring the partners and potential grantees together. One such initiative is fostering a working relationship with Partners of the America, an Inter-American Development Bank/Japanese Trust Fund funded project which seeks to provide sustainable livelihoods for low-income households in rural and coastal communities. Under this collaboration, two organizations (Stratcampbell and The Orchid Foundation) applying for SGP grants will receive training, technical resources and materials free of cost towards their project. This is one way the SGP is helping to identify co-financing for organizations that are unable to do so by themselves.

The SGP Office also reached out to the Ministry of Agriculture's Rural Enterprise Agriculture Development (READ) Project and this has resulted in co-financing of US\$20,000 towards the Guyana Agriculture Producers Association (GAPA)'s SGP project. Another initiative with the Ministry of Agriculture is with the Fisheries Department which will be providing technical resources and support free of cost to the Mora Fishermen Coop Society for their proposed project.

8.0 Administration

The SGP Office operated with one staff, the NC, during 2013. This proved challenging at times when administrative aspects of the office consumed significant amount of time that could have otherwise spent on developing the technical aspects of the SGP programme. Nevertheless, the SGP Office fulfilled its mandate in 2013 with eight projects being approved and implemented, 90% of its allocation being committed, partnerships established, SGP awareness generated, and knowledge management products developed and systems established. The SGP Office was able to achieve these deliverables without exceeding the approved Country Operating Budget (COB) for 2013, thus keeping management costs at absolute minimum as required. The Financial Reporting for 2013 has been prepared and submitted to the Associate Portfolio Manager.

Going forward in 2014 with projects being implemented, there would be need to hire the Programme Assistant (PA) for the SGP Office.

9.0 Conclusion

The year 2013 for SGP Guyana was an eventful one which saw the Country Programme Strategy (CPS) being approved, SGP officially launched in the country, and 90% of its Year 2 (July 2012 – June 2013) Grant Allocation under the SGP Fifth Operational Phase (OP5) committed through the approval of eight grants. The total value of the grants approved amounted to US\$606,077 with SGP contributing US\$313,189 while co-financing amounted to US\$292,888; a co-financing ratio of approximately 1:1.

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10.0 Annex A

GEF Small Grants Programme Project Concepts Database

Project ID	Potential Grantee	Project Title	Project Description	Proposed Grant Amount (US\$)	Amount Requested from SGP (US\$)	Co-financing / in-kind contribution (US\$)
PC13-001	Upper Berbice Forest & Agricultural Producers Association	Upper Berbice Pasture Development Project	The project seeks to develop pasture land for cattle grazing and has identified Yarakuri Savannahs as an alternate to clearing forested land for the pasture. The land will be fenced, drip irrigation installed and grass planted. The project will directly benefit 150 cattle farmers, reduce conflicts over grazing animals and improve sanitation around the community.	\$ 100,000	\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000
PC13-002	ECO1	Building Grassroots Action for a Greener Lifestyle	The project seeks to educate and create environmental awareness via a multi-media campaign that targets 30 youth groups in various parts of the country.	\$ 34,110	\$ 29,400	\$ 4,710
PC13-003	South Central People's Development Association	Safeguarding Katoonarib's bush island forests through farming in the savannah	The project seeks to promote savannah farming in Katoonarib Village as an alternative to shifting cultivation which is increasing deforestation.	\$ 44,298	\$ 25,238	\$ 19,060
PC13-004	Linden Care Foundation	Introducing Garbage Separation In Linden Households	The project seeks to address improper garbage disposal in Linden community of 40,000 residents by implementing an education campaign on proper disposal and recycling of garbage, and establishing and operating a small-sized recycling plant and medium-sized incinerator.	\$ 40,800	\$ 20,800	\$ 20,000

PC13-005	Iwokrama	Supporting development of conservation leaders for monitoring and management of integrated ecosystems management of the Iwokrama Forest and North Rupununi Wetlands	The project seeks to develop the capacity of 16 Amerindian communities to make informed decisions regarding sustainable forest and resource management of the Iwokrama Forest and the North Rupununi through the updating and signing of the Collaborative Management Agreement.	\$ 145,475	\$ 49,505	\$ 95,970
PC13-006	North Rupununi District Development Board	Strengthening capacity to support local implementation of fisheries monitoring and management in the North Rupununi Wetlands	The project seeks to develop the capacities of 16 Amerindian communities to manage the Arapaima fish via training of young people, hiring of local researchers, dissemination of environmental messages through community radio programmes, and publication of newsletters.	\$ 205,705	\$ 49,905	\$ 155,800
PC13-007	Kaburi Community Investments Limited	Sustainable Management of Kaburi Village Forest Resources through training and Field demonstrations and practicals	The Amerindian Village of Kaburi would like to train community members to sustainably manage timber harvesting. Training will be supported by the Faculty of Agriculture and Forestry, University of Guyana.	\$ 87,500	\$ 43,750	\$ 43,750
PC13-008	Strathcampbell Primary Parent Teacher Association	Strathcampbell Community Greenhouse & Learning Center	The project seeks to establish a school greenhouse that would be used to teach new agricultural methods, increase supply of vegetables, and improve livelihoods in the community via increased agriculture productivity	\$ 5,970	\$ 4,691	\$ 1,279

PC13-009	Caribbean Youth Environment Network	Youth-led integrated approach for sustainable development and livelihoods: Building resilience through adaptive and behavioral change	The project seeks to increase awareness of the effects of climate change, the importance of community-based adaptation and the advantages of alternative/innovative crop propagation. Beneficiaries would include the community of Dora and students from 8 academic institutions.	\$ 48,587	\$ 45,247	\$ 3,340
PC13-010	Kaleidoscope In Defined Shapes	We Can A Make a Difference	The project seeks to educate nursery and primary school students on climate change, biodiversity and POPs through media houses and booklet publication.	\$ 26,499	\$ 19,498	\$ 7,001
PC13-011	Amerindian Peoples Association	Enabling awareness, understanding and inputs into governing legislation regarding Indigenous rights, biodiversity and the environment	The project seeks to develop the capacities of 30 Amerindian communities in understanding the provisions of the CBD, Mining Act, REDD+ initiatives and enhancing their negotiation and governance skills.	\$ 45,134	\$ 45,134	\$ -
PC13-012	The Orchid Foundation	Hydroponics cultivation	The project seeks to equip 50 single parent and school dropouts with skills to earn a livelihood and reduce poverty in the community	\$ 33,000	\$ 24,000	\$ 9,000
PC13-013	Plaisance/Sparendaa m/Goedverwagting Development Association	Empowering the vulnerable out of poverty while saving our communities environmentally	The project seeks to tackle garbage issues in the communities and reduce poverty by acquiring garbage bins and a canter truck to collect garbage, establishing a poultry farm, providing gardening tools and sensitizing communities on proper waste disposal.	\$ 50,000	\$ 25,000	\$ 25,000

PC13-014	Orealla Village	Restoration of the Solar Photovoltaic (PV) System to provide electricity for Orealla Fruit Cheese Production	The project seeks to install solar panels at an existing fruit cheese factory. This will restore the operations of the factory and will benefit 12 women directly.	\$ 20,075	\$ 17,500	\$ 2,575
PC13-015	South Rupununi Conservation Society	Training of Ranger-Researchers in the South Rupununi	The project seeks to train 12 individuals from 6 Amerindian communities in bird research, tour guiding and monitoring rangers.	\$ 39,020	\$ 22,070	\$ 16,950
PC13-016	Kwakwani Natural Resources Organization	Low-cost Rural Housing Project For Families in Flood-Prone Area in Kwakwani, Berbice River, GUYANA	The project seeks to build low-cost "green" houses on higher ground for families constantly affected by flooding.	\$ 120,000	\$ 50,000	\$ 70,000
PC13-017	Kanuku Mountains Community Representative Group	Building climate change resilience amongst the 21 communities of the KMPA	The project seeks to develop the capacities of the KMCRG and the 21 Amerindian communities of the Kanuku Mountains Protected Area on climate change and forest conservation.	\$ 92,500	\$ 41,800	\$ 50,700
PC13-018	Yarrowkabra Coal Burners Association	Yarrowkabra Sorrel Cultivation	The project seeks to reduce poverty in the community particularly amongst women and single-parent families by providing training and technical assistance to cultivate sorrel.	\$ 35,000	\$ 27,500	\$ 7,500
PC13-019	Global Youth Movement-Guyana	Community and Farmers Environment, Health and Recycling Project	The project seeks to reduce the use of POPs and educate farmers, communities, housewives and students on proper disposal of garbage.	\$ 110,408	\$ 47,460	\$ 62,947

PC13-020	Private Sector Commission	Enhancing the role of the private sector in Guyana's effort to build a low-carbon and green economy	The project seeks to raise awareness within the business community and consumers alike on "greening" businesses and products.	\$ 73,000	\$ 49,500	\$ 23,500
PC13-021	Merundoi Inc.	Enhancing Climate Change Awareness and Education in Guyana	The project seeks to build the capacity of the Guyanese to take actions to mitigate and adapt to climate change using Behaviour Change Communication strategy.	\$ 64,100	\$ 49,250	\$ 14,850
PC13-022	Mora Fishermen Coop Society	Mora Fish Farm	The project seeks to create and maintain the sustainable production and harvesting of freshwater fish in the Moruca River.	\$ 90,000	\$ 45,000	\$ 45,000
PC13-023	Guyana Agriculture Producer's Association	Capacity Building and Protected Agriculture Demonstration for Farmers in Guyana	The project seeks to introduce climate resilient agricultural practices through demonstraion and capacity building for rural,vulnerable and resource poor communities across five regions.	\$ 120,000	\$ 50,000	\$ 70,000
PC13-024	Aishalton Village Council	Reducing deforestation in Aishalton Village through savannah farming	The project seeks to increase food production and improve savannah farming as an alternative to shifting cultivation which is increasing deforestation.	\$ 30,408	\$ 18,856	\$ 11,553
PC13-025	Guyanese Women in Development	Community led mangrove restoration - towards sustainable management of Guyana's mangrove forest	The project seeks to contribute to abating climate change (carbon sequestration through reforestation and forest preservation) and mitigating its effects using mangrove sea defenses, through the restoration of two kilometers of mangroves along the coastline.	\$ 100,000	\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000

PC13-026	The Mangrove Reserve Producers Cooperative Society	The Mangrove Reserve Producers Business Plan Implementation Project	The project seeks to develop the tourism potential of the mangrove reserve by enhancing and marketing the tourism product and building the capacity of local tour guides.	\$ 30,000	\$ 15,000	\$ 15,000
PC13-027	Waikrebi Village Council	Sustainable logging	Acquisition of cargo boat and engine to transport timber	\$ 17,000	\$ 15,000	\$ 2,000
PC13-028	Low Wood Endeavour Forest & Agricultural Producers Association (LWEFAPA)	Replanting of Deforested Areas	The project seeks to replant deforested/unutilized plots of land with manicole palm	\$ 38,000	\$ 19,000	\$ 19,000
PC13-029	Kuru Kururu- Crops & Live Stock Farmers Association	Rain Water Harvesting for Organic Pineapple Production with Biodegradable Plastic Mulch and Drip Irrigation in Laluni Region 4	This project seeks to address the need of the farming community by demonstrating that water harvesting techniques can be used with appropriate irrigation and crop production practices to mitigate the effects of climate change and to address sustainable crop production.	\$ 100,000	\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000
PC13-030	Saint Cuthbert's Village	Promoting Sustainable Utilization of Bamboo through Community Participation in Sustainable Forest Management	The project seeks to use bamboo to provide stable and sustainable incomes and employment, contributing to poverty alleviation and conserving forest functions and upland environment in Saint Cuthbert's Village	\$ 75,000	\$ 50,000	\$ 25,000
PC13-031	Citrus Grove Community Development Council	Prevent deforestation	The project seeks to cultivate cash crops and replanting of timber trees	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
				\$ 2,021,588	\$1,050,103	\$ 971,485

Annex B: List of NSC Members and Alternates during 2013

NSC Member	Title	NSC Alternate	Title
Ms. Dionne Frank (Chair)	Member, Women Across Differences and Head, Department of Sociology, UG	Ms. Diana Da Silva - Glasgow	Researcher, Institute of Development Studies, UG
Dr. Indarjit Ramdass (Deputy Chair)	Executive Director, Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and GEF Operational Focal Point	Ms. Juliana Persaud	Senior Environmental Officer, Protected Areas Unit, EPA
Ms. Khadija Musa	UNDP Resident Representative		
Mr. Damian Fernandes	Commissioner, Protected Areas Commission	Ms. Denise Fraser	Deputy Commissioner, PAC
Ms. Abena Moore	Deputy Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Local Government and Regional Development	Mr. Bodhan Nipan	Expenditure Planning and Management Analyst, MLG&RD
Mr. Adrianus Vlugman	Senior Advisor, Sustainable Development & Environmental Health, PAHO	Dr. Zolia Fletcher-Payton	Consultant, Health Surveillance & Disease
Dr. Maxine Parris-Aaron	Agricultural Health Specialist, Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture (IICA)	Mr. Arnold De Mendonca	Sustainable Rural Development Specialist, IICA
Mr. Peter Persaud	President, The Amerindian Action Movement of Guyana		
Mr. Rene Edwards	Capacity Building & Communications Coordinator, Conservation International - Guyana		
Ms. Luanna Goldie Scott	Chief Executive Officer, Volunteer Youth Corps Inc		
Mr. Bissasar Chintamanie	Lecturer/Farm Manager, Guyana School of Agriculture		