

**SGP** The GEF  
Small Grants  
Programme



**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%

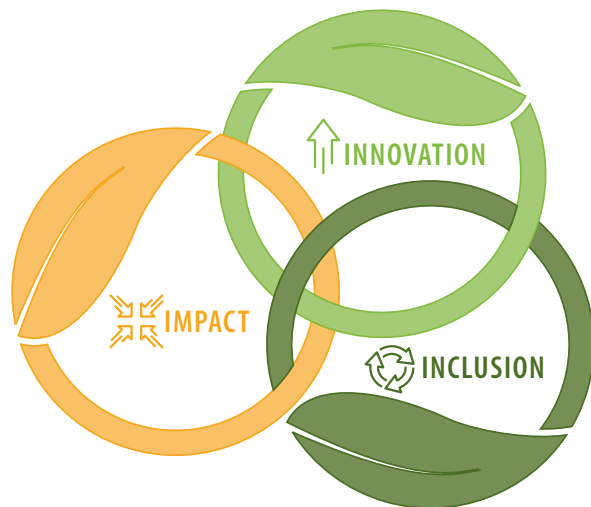
INTERNATIONAL  
WATERS

# GEF SMALL GRANTS PROGRAMME

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



REGULAR GRANT  
UP TO \$50,000

PLANING GRANT  
UP TO \$5,000

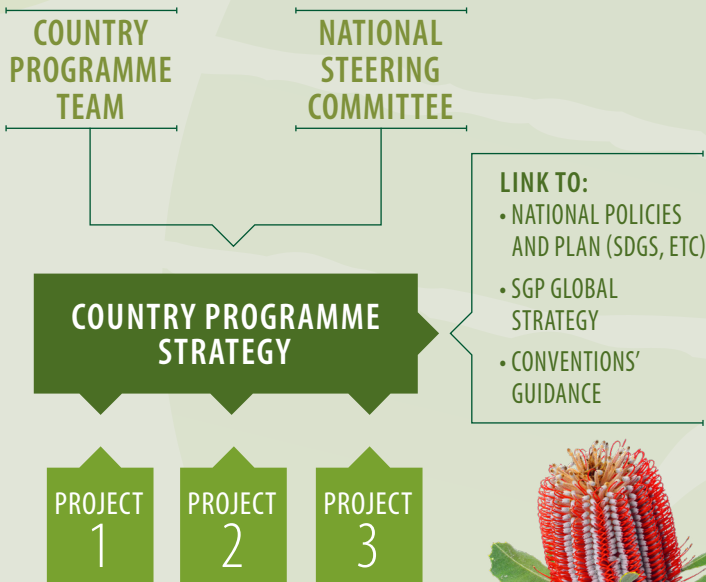
STRATEGIC GRANT  
UP TO \$150,000



# HOW TO APPLY

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?



## KEY STEPS IN THE APPLICATION PROCESS



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.



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



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.



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



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



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:



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