GLOBAL ENVIRONMENT FACILITY SMALL GRANTS PROGRAMME (GEF/SGP) BOTSWANA
ACCESSING SUPPORT FOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

BACKGROUND
Established in 1992, following the Rio Earth Summit, the Global Environment Facility Small Grants Programme (GEF/SGP) embodies the very essence of sustainable development by “thinking globally acting locally.” The GEF/SGP is a corporate programme of the Global Environment Facility, implemented by United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) on behalf of the World Bank, United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) and UNDP, executed by United Nations Office for Project Services (UNOPS).

KEY FACTS
Since its commencement in 1992, the Botswana Programme has supported 183 projects throughout the country at a tune of USD 5,200,000 with varying successes within different GEF focal areas.

GOALS
Global environmental benefits secured through community-based initiatives and actions.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS
All projects proposals submitted to GEF/SGP should:
- Be proposed and carried out by non-profit oriented institutions such as: Civil Society Organisations (Non-Governmental Organizations and Community-Based Organizations), Academia and Research Institutions (established by and all of parliament).
- CSOs must be legally registered in Botswana.
- Outline how the project objectives and activities would have a concrete impact and contribute to the achievement of the goals under SGP focal area.
- Outline how the project addresses an identified environmental problem or utilizing the opportunities presented by the environment so as to enhance people’s well-being and livelihoods.

GRANTS
GEF/SGP provides grants ranging from USD 8,000.00 to USD 50,000.00 to enable Civil Society Organizations (CSOs), Academia and Research Institutions to tackle global environmental challenges and tap into opportunities for local sustainable development needs. The grants types are as follows:
- Planning Grants - maximum of USD 5,000
- Small Grants - maximum of USD 50,000
- Strategic Projects - maximum of USD 150,000
- Capacity Development Grants - 10% of total grant per Operational Phase

FOCAL AREAS
- Climate Change
- Land Degradation
- Persistent Organic Pollutants and Chemicals
- International Water
- Biodiversity
- Capacity Development
- Sustainable Forest Management

OPERATIONAL PHASE 6
STRATEGIC INITIATIVES
1. Community Landscape Conservation
2. Climate Smart Innovative Agro-Ecology
3. Low Carbon Energy Access Co-Benefits
4. Local To Global Chemical Management Coalitions

GRANTS MARKET Role
In addition to grantmaking activities, SGP will undertake activities to enhance the overall effectiveness of SGP portfolio through:
- CSO-government Policy And Planning Dialogue Platforms
- Promoting Social Inclusion (Gender Mainstreaming, Youth Involvement, Indigenous/ Vulnerable People Participation)
- GlobalReach For Citizen Practice Based Knowledge Programme (Digital Library Of Community Innovations, South-South Community Innovation Exchange)

PROCESS FOR ACCESSING FUNDS
1. Call for proposal advertised on the UNDP procurement website and spread out in the local newspapers for a duration of two weeks.
2. Pre-screening of submitted proposal by National Coordinator (NC) & Programme Assistant (PA).
3. Acknowledgement letters sent to the proponents within 15 weeks after after call closure.
4. Technical Advisory Group sitting to consider the proposals and recommend to National Steering Committee.
5. National Steering Committee convening to evaluate and assess the proposal and recommend to UNDP & UNOPS.
6. Feedback letters to the proponents sent within 2 weeks.
7. Preparation of MoA for approved projects.
8. Signing of MoAs by UNDP CO and project proponents.
9. Uploading the approved project on the SGP intranet by NC and PA.
10. Initial funds paid as 1st disbursement (50%) of the total amount upon signing of the MoA by both parties.
11. Disbursement of second (50%) and third and final (10%) disbursements of funds upon satisfactory accounting for the fund through reports and original receipts/invoices.
12. Project implementation and management.
13. Data collection, collating and analysing for developing and sharing project results.

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