



SGP The GEF
Small Grants
Programme



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Local Action for
Global Impact



ABOUT THE GEF SMALL GRANTS PROGRAMME

“The flagship of GEF Projects in Nigeria”

The GEF Small Grants has delivered on all SDG Goals practically working with the CSOs, communities, government and other stakeholders.

Established in 1992, the year of the Rio Earth Summit, the Global Environment Facility (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. 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 across the following thematic areas: Biodiversity, Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation, Land Degradation and Sustainable Forest Management, International Waters and Chemicals and Capacity Development. The GEF SGP has worked with over 130 Civil Society Organizations to implement over 190 community environmental initiatives in over 200 communities in 29 states, with over 8 million USD in cash and over 7 million USD in kind co-financing.

COUNTRY PROGRAMME SNAPSHOT

2009
Start Year

216
Number of GEF Properties

US\$ 8,404,997
GEF Grants Amount

US\$ 69,500
Co-Financing in Cash

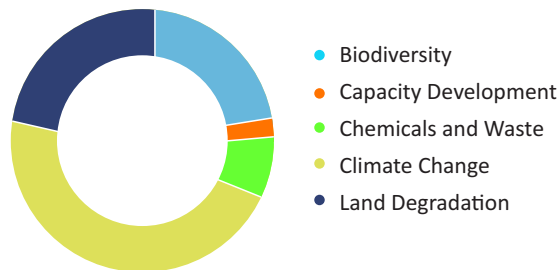
US\$ 7,559,574
Co-Financing in Kind

US\$ 466,250
Non-GEF Grant Amount

12
Number of Non GEF Projects

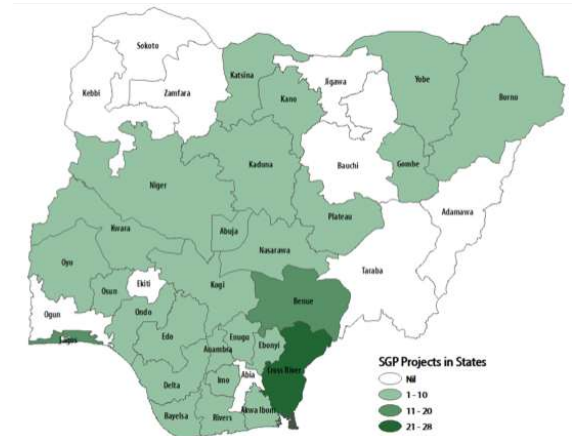
228
Total Number of Projects

COUNTRY PORTFOLIO BY AREA OF WORK



SGP PROJECTS BY STATES

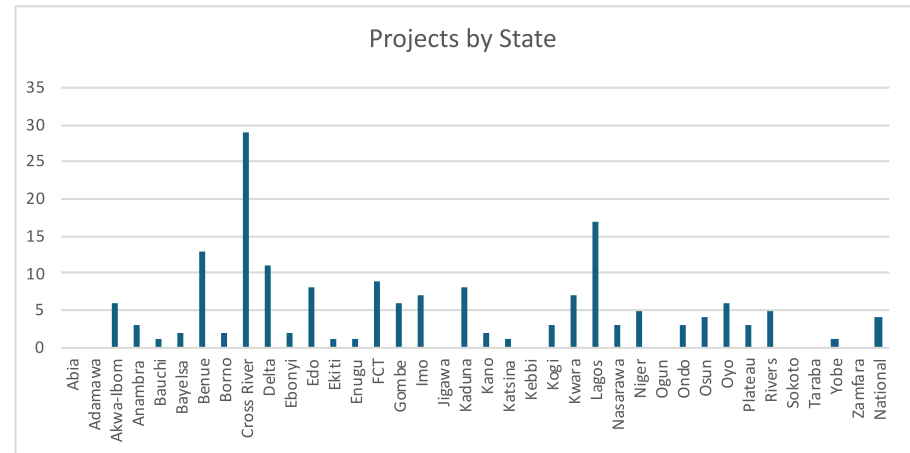
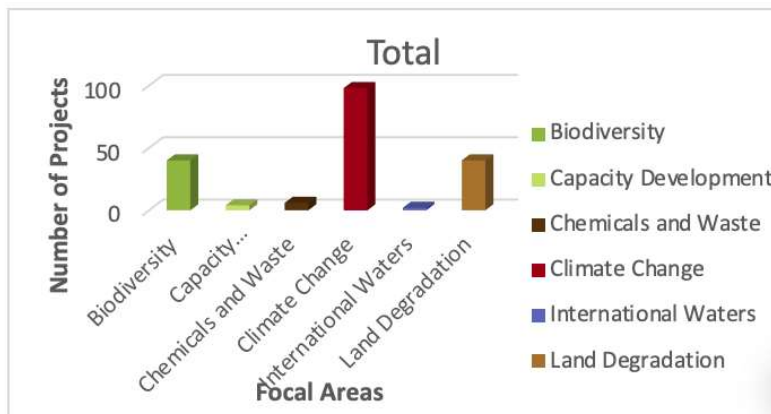
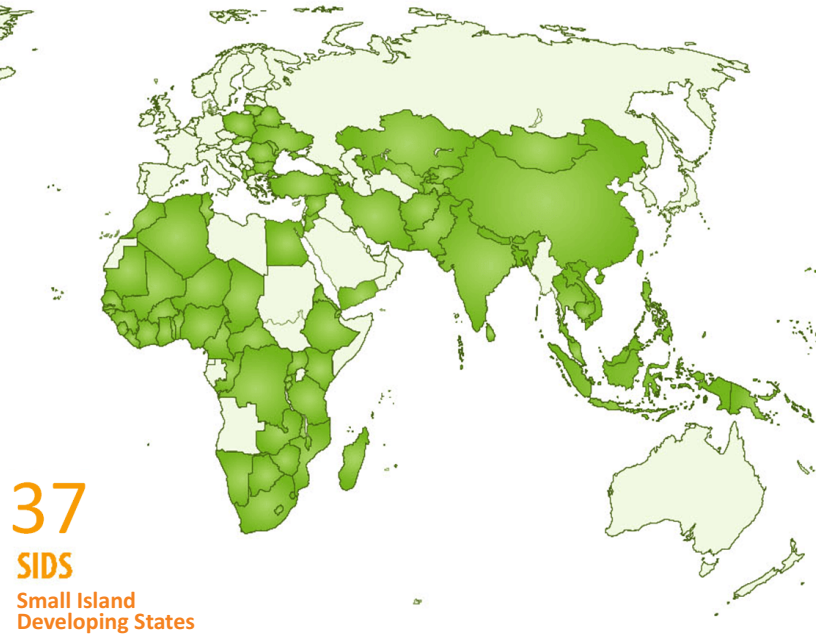
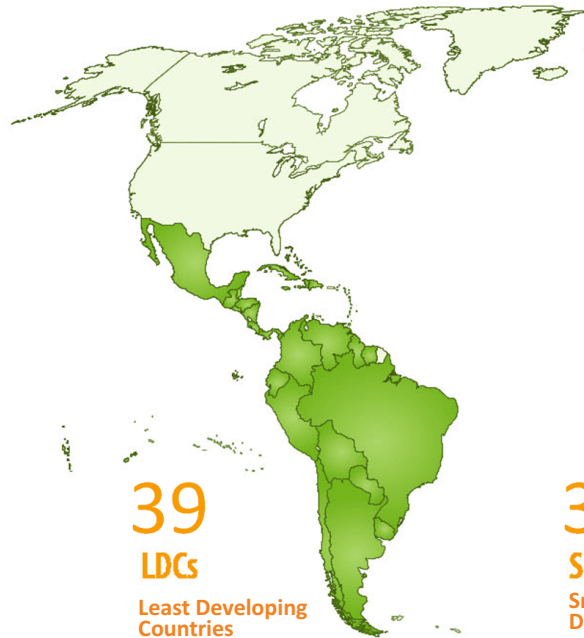
Start-up Year: 2009
Total Number of Projects: 228
NGO Partners: > 150
Number of communities: 220
Number of States: 30 states



Source: Quality assured data from SGP's annual monitoring process,2024

Global SGP Countries by Numbers.

COVERAGE 127 ACTIVE COUNTRIES 112 COUNTRIES IN THE SGP GLOBAL PROGRAMME 15 UPGRADED COUNTRIES



BIODIVERSITY



- Over **800** indigenous plant species currently being conserved in communities in many states, including Osun, Cross River, Ekiti, and Akwa Ibom States amongst others.
- in-situ conservation of the critically endangered Scatter's Guenon monkey, endemic to southern Nigeria and internationally rated **No. 4** in the **2006** IUCN global Red Data list of endangered species of fauna.
Protection of over **1,000,000** hectares and restoration of **2,000** hectares of forest lands, respectively.
- Established of over **30 Community** Forest Management Committees. Trained and empowered over 35 community forest guards. Built capacity for forest protection and enhancement of indigenous knowledge for biodiversity and revived interest in traditional medicinal values of plants species.
- Target landscapes/seascapes under improved community conservation and sustainable use
- Positively influenced Indigenous and Community Conserved Areas [ICCA]

CLIMATE CHANGE



- Provide support to over **80** climate change mitigation and adaptation projects
- Established over **80** eco clubs in secondary schools, trained teachers and empowered at over **6,000** students in all 80 state schools in Abuja to become Climate Champions.
- Provided off-grid electricity to communities in Edo state.
- Irrigation of farmlands and reforestation in Bauch state through the Pitcher Irrigation Technology.
- Rainwater harvesting to reduce stress of water and impact of drought in Edo State.
- Tree planting to regenerate forests, which act as sinks for **CO2** in several states
- -Trained communities to produce and provide Fuel-efficient stoves, which has led to a reduction of firewood consumption by about 80% in several states; positively impacted over 100,000 households; and achieved energy access co-benefits (ecosystem effects, income, health and others)

LAND DEGRADATION



- Supported over **30** projects to address: Erosion; loss of farmlands to boost food production, build capacity for modern farming techniques.
- Established Skills Acquisition Centre for women and youth on alternative livelihood activities to discourage unsustainable land exploitation.
- Over **6,000** hectares of land were brought under improved management practices.
- Over **15,000** community members are demonstrating sustainable land and forest management practices.
- Over **5,000** farmer leaders were involved in successful demonstrations of agro-ecological practices.
- Over **3,000** hectares were restored through improved forest management practices.
- Over **50,000** community members with improved actions and practices that reduce negative impacts on land uses.

CHEMICAL

Trained and empowered climate champions in secondary schools, and over **500** youths to develop innovative solutions towards addressing community plastic waste management problems.



INTERNATIONAL WATER

- Over **2,000 kg** of harmful chemicals have been saved from release into international waters through only one of SGP projects alone.
- **500** hectares of river and lake basins converted, and 500 hectares of seascapes covered under improved community conservation and sustainable management systems



CAPACITY BUILDING



- Over **85%** of beneficiaries CSOs now have the capacity for Proposal Development, Project Implementation, Report Writing, Knowledge Sharing, Advocacy, Mentoring, Community Engagement etc.
- Built the capacity of over **1,000** physically challenged, vulnerable and marginalized for livelihood enhancement.
- Over **4,000** school children have benefitted from SGP projects.
- SGP ensures active participation of communities from project design to completion to promote ownership and sustainability.

SOCIO-ECONOMIC IMPACT:

Over **5,000** community members are being lifted out of poverty. All SGP Projects have supported alternative livelihood activities that helped to reduce pressure on the environment and also enhance the quality of lives of the target communities, including widows and aged.

POLICY IMPACT:



- Establishment of byelaws that helped to protect the environment and enforce conservation principles through traditional arrangements in over **20** communities.
- Lagos State has adopted the results of the Saw Dust project leading to the establishment of a comprehensive environmental management system for sawmills in Lagos
- Lagos also declared year “2013 the Year of Adoption of LPG in Lagos”.
- SGP has built the capacity of over **40%** of her grantees to carry out advocacy activities and about 5 states have adopted SGP project results to support policy development.
- Support the presentation and adoption of over four memos at different national council on Environment fora.
- Support capacity building of the Nigerian Youth Biodiversity Network for effective engagement to support National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan (NBSAP)
- Coordinated the participation of CSOs in the development of Nigeria's NDC



HOW THE GEF SMALL GRANTS IS CONTRIBUTING TO GEF MANDATE AND NATIONAL PRIORITIES

- SGP has supported over 50 “bottom-up” Community Initiatives influencing local and national law.
- Lagos State declared 2013 as the year of adoption of Liquefied Petroleum Gas. Today almost all restaurants in central Lagos have stopped the use of firewood to cook.
- Government of Lagos state declared a wholistic saw dust waste disposal management strategy to reduce the menace after the award-winning project supported by SGP.
- Edo state mandated all local government to adopt solar off grid electricity.
- Mainstreaming gender and the physically challenged, over 65% of SGP beneficiaries are women, creating awareness and building capacity to manage environmental challenges.
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- Building capacity of over 5,000 farmers, women and youths to promote alternatives to plastics, to address plastic waste. The initiative won the global Equator Initiative award in 2019 and during the 13th National Council on Environment, it was agreed that all the states in the federation where the leaf can grow should promote the cultivation of the leaf. This is promoting sustainable agriculture, creating jobs for youth, women and cocoa farmers and social cohesion.
- Promotion of the cultivation of moringa plant: A collaborative effort of over 15 institutions is addressing food security and land degradation by planting moringa in degraded lands. It includes the extraction of ethanol from moringa plants to be used as patented bio gel for cooking in place of firewood. Scaling up will create millions of jobs, enhance food security and address land degradation. This project was a finalist winner of the UNDP Equator award in 2018.
- Building Capacity of over 120 CSOs for project design, proposal writing, project implementation, resource mobilisation, media engagement, knowledge management, mentoring, community/government engagement, access to other development grants,
- SGP has reached more remote communities than any other development assistance in Nigeria.
- Coordinated national Community Based REDD+

AWARDS

SGP projects and grantees have won over 30 national and international awards and recognitions. Some of which are:



- 2019 UNDP Equator award by EMADET NGO in Osun State and Two Equator Award Finalists to BDCP and Life builders in, Akwa Ibom and Oyo States respectively for SGP supported projects.
- SGP National Coordinator's Award for Excellence by 2Feet Africa, an online magazine that promotes the resilience, innovation and potentials of Africans and celebrating their histories, cultures and heritage.
- -SGP national Coordinator's Award as Rallying Point for Conservation in Nigeria by the Society for Conservation Biology (Nigeria Chapter)
- UNEP International SEED Award: Sawdust Entrepreneurial Initiative among Oko-baba Communities in Lagos: An SGP Grantee and a Sawmillers' association introduced the recycling of waste sawdust into briquettes as a cheap and clean alternative fuel for stoves.
- Birdlife International Alice Bhukoli Award awarded to Nigerian Conservation Foundation (NCF) for a project supported by SGP and Shell Petroleum Development Company.
- Community Peace Building Award by the Institute for Peace and Conflict Resolution, Federal Government of Nigeria and the United Nations Development Programme awarded to Women Environmental Programme.
- Three Ashoka Fellowships won by our grantees for implementing SGP projects.
- River Prize Finalist Award to SGP Grantee, River Ethiope Trust Foundation.
- Kekeli Award for promoting Renewable Energy in communities won by Environmental Rights Action/Friends of the Earth Nigeria.
- Conservation Merit award to Dr. Edem Eniang of Biodiversity Preservation Centre.
- Environment-friendly Peace Ambassador Award.
- Parachute for the planet Award in Washington DC by Students of Technical School, Garki Abuja



Animal Feeds Production



SGP Grantees on Field Visit to Solar Cold Room at Sagbokoji

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