

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 have 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 Organisations and Community-Based Organisations), Academia and Research Institutions (established by and act of parliament).
- CSO's must be legally registered in Botswana.
- Outline how the project objectives and activities would have a concrete impact and contribute towards the achievements of the goals under SGP focal areas.
- Outline how the project addresses an identified environmental problem or utilizing the opportunities presented by the environment so as to enhance people's wellbeing and livelihoods.

GRANTS

GEF/SGP provides grants ranging from USD 5,000.00 to USD 50,000.00 to enable Civil Society Organisations (CSO's), Academia and Research Institutions to tackle global environmental challenges and tap in to opportunities for local sustainable development needs. The grants types are as follows:

- Planning Grants- maximum of USD 5,000
- Full size Grants- maximum of USD 50,000
- Strategic Projects- maximum of USD 150,000
- Capacity Development Grant- 10% of total grant per Operational Phase

FOCAL AREAS

- Climate Change
- Land Degradation
- Persistent Organic Pullutants and Chemicals
- International Waters
- Biodiversity
- Capacity Development
- Sustainable Forest Management

OPERATIONAL PHASE 6 STRATEGIC INITIATIVES

- 1 Community Landcape Conservation
- 2 Climate Smart Innovative Agro-Ecology
- 3 Low Carbon Energy Access Co-Benefits
- 4 Local To Global Chemical Management Coalitions

Grants Marker+ Role

In addition to grant-making 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 Fellowship)
- Global Reach For Citizen Practice Based Knowledge Programme (Digital Library Of Community Innovations, South-South Community Innovation Exchange)

PROCESS FOR ACCESSING FUNDS

1 STAGE

- Call for proposal advertised on the UNDP procurement website and spread out in the local newspapers for a duration of two weeks.
- Prescreening of submitted proposals by National Coordinator (NC) & Programme Assistant (PA).
- Acknowledgement letters sent to the proponents within 1.5 weeks after after call closure.

2 STAGE

- Technical Advisory Group sitting to consider the proposals and recommend to National Steering Committee.
- National Steering Committee convening to evaluate and assess the proposal and recommend to UNDP & UNOPS.
- Feedback letters to the proponents sent within 2 weeks.
- Preparation of MoA for approved projects.
- Signing of MoA's by UNDP CO and project proponents.

3 STAGE

- Uploading the approved project on the SGP intranet by NC and PA.
- Initial funds paid as 1st disbursement (50% of the total amount) upon signing of the MoA by both parties.
- Disbursement of second (40%) and third and final (10%) disbursements of funds upon satisfactorily accounting for the funds through reports and original receipts/invoices.
- Project implementation and management
- Data collection , collating and analyzing for developing and sharing project results.
- Project closure.

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