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1. Mainstream biodiversity conservation and sustainable use into production landscapes and sectors through community initiatives and actions.
2. Maintain or improve flow of agro-ecosystem and forest ecosystem services to sustain livelihoods of local communities.
3. Promoting the demonstration, development and transfer of low carbon technologies at the community level.

Key National Results and Accomplishments

As a GEF corporate programme, SGP aligns its operational phase strategies to that of the GEF, and provides a series of demonstration projects for further scaling up, replication and mainstreaming. The Programme is aligned to attainment of global planning frameworks such as: GEF Vision 2020, United Nations 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development Goals, UNDP's Strategic Plan (2014-2017). At the regional level, the Programme is aligned to: the African Union Agenda 2063 and SADC Vision 2050. At the National level, the Programme contributes to the attainment of Vision 2036, National Development Plan 11, United Nations Sustainable Development Framework (UNSDF) 2017-2021, UNDP Country Programme Document (CPD) 2017-2021.

Established in 1992, following the Rio Earth Summit, the Global Environment Facility Small Grants Programme (GEF/SGP) is a corporate programme of the Global Environment Facility. The GEF/SGP is 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).

The programme provides grants and technical support to communities through Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) comprising of Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) and Community Based Organizations (CBOs), Academia and Research Institutions. The grants enable communities to tackle global environmental challenges and tap on opportunities through community-based initiatives and actions for long lasting local solutions. The community-based initiatives and actions bestow stewardship, generate benefits and instill a sense of ownership of the resources hence contribute to sustainable management.

Background



BOTSWANA



OP6 RESOURCES (US\$)

- a. Core Funds
USD 400,000.00
- b. OP5 Remaining Balance
USD 0.00
- c. Star Funds
USD TBD
- d. Other Funds To Be Mobilized
USD 150,000.00

4. Support transboundary water body management with community-based initiatives.
5. Promote and support phase out of POPs and chemicals of global concern at community level.
6. Enhance and strengthen capacities of CSOs to engage in consultative processes, apply knowledge management to ensure adequate information flows, implement convention guidelines, and monitor and evaluate environmental impacts and trends.

Key Lessons Learnt By The SGP Country Programme

- The GEF/SGP has realized that the people centred approach to conservation bridges the poverty-environment gap and enhances sustainable management of natural resources.
- The initiatives in all focal areas create opportunities for diversifying livelihoods with potential for business ventures leading to sustainability.
- Women in particular have been found to venture into innovative sustainable initiatives that generate income, improve livelihoods and enhance skills while increasing the resource base and food security for households.
- In project implementation, GEF/SGP brings CSOs and government together in programme oversight and decision making hence effectively fosters partnerships.

Situation Analysis For The SGP Country Programme In OP6

In complementing government efforts, SGP will continue to strategically support CSOs in the rural areas to tackle the environmental challenges and tap into opportunities with potential to improve livelihoods through community-led initiatives. In attaining its goal, the Programme will continue to establish, forge and strengthen partnerships with; various Government Departments, Parastatals and Private Sector through their Corporate Social Investment (CSI) so as to augment the support for the grantees. Furthermore, the Programme will continue building partnerships with on-going and proposed initiatives by UNDP, other international donors and embassies. The Programme will also explore potential that exists with international funding modalities not yet tapped into such as; Green Climate Fund and Adaptation Fund so as to augment its financial envelope

SGP Country Programme Niche

The Programme has identified a niche in working with communities at grass root level as a unique opportunity for addressing and bridging the poverty and environment gap through sustainable management of natural resources. Through its support, the Programme have established a niche in promoting social inclusion through working with groups such as; women, youths, People Living With Disability (PLWD) and other vulnerable groups such as Basarwa (San People).

Furthermore, the Programme has taken advantage of the Community Based Natural Resources Management (CBNRM) drive to reach a wider audience and marginalized communities in wildlife rich areas. Therefore, complementing government efforts to ensure that communities reap benefits from the natural resources within their localities. GEF/SGP upholds principles of; 'learning by doing', mentoring, coaching and hand holding of grantees in for effective and efficient project implementation.

Opportunities for Communities and CSO's Involvement

The Programme through OP6 strategic initiatives, will complement government efforts in the attainment of resolutions, decisions and dispensations of the multi-lateral agreements and frameworks. These include amongst others; Convention of

Biological Diversity, UN Convention to Combat Desertification, Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pesticides (POPs), UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) and its Kyoto protocol, UN Sustainable Development Goals (8 notably; Goal 1: No poverty; Goal 2: Zero hunger; Goal 4: Gender equality; Goal 6: clean water and sanitation; Goal 7: Affordable and clean energy; Goal 11: Sustainable Cities and Communities; Goal 13: Climate action; Goal 14: Life below water; Goal 15: Life on land and Goal 17: Partnerships for the Goals.

Moreover, SGP OP6 strategic initiative on CSO-government dialogue present opportunities for CSOs to prepare and actively participate through consultative processes in international events including coming up with country positions Conference of Parties such as; CITES, UNFCCC, UNCBD and UNCCD COPs.

OP6 Strategies

In OP6 implementation, the GEF/SGP globally have adopted the landscape approach. This will allow SGP to better focus grant-making and promote strategic programming and clustering of small grant projects, with the aim of achieving landscape-scale impacts. In Botswana, following consultations with all relevant stakeholders; Central District; within the boundaries delineated for the Makgadikgadi Framework Management Plan (Figure 1 below) was selected. This landscape was selected based on aspects of selection of landscape such as; scale of the landscape, ecosystem features, social groups, economic activities, threats, opportunities, potential for synergies, entry points for SGP, practical considerations and availability of resources from grant making. The landscape will receive 70% of the grants resources allocated for OP6 and the remaining 30% of the resources will be used for supporting initiatives outside the landscape.

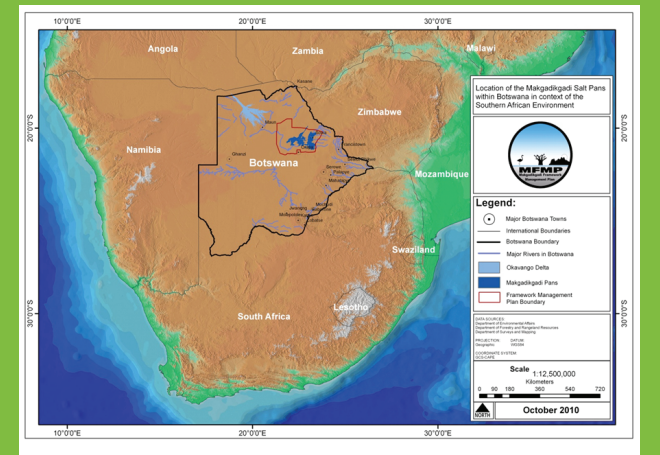


Figure 1: Location of the Makgadikgadi Pans in Botswana and southern Africa

Sources: Department of Environmental Affairs and Centre for Applied Research, 2010

Strategies for enhancing synergy between different initiatives to achieve greater impact at landscape level

In OP6, the GEF/SGP will continue to forge synergies with all relevant stakeholders especially the communities. In this regard, Makgadikgadi Wetlands Management Committee (MWMC) presents an entry point to engage with the local communities within the Makgadikgadi Wetland Area. MWMC is a structure set by the Makgadikgadi Framework Management Plan. This structure allows non-state actor participation in implementing the MFMP, with the greatest membership being local community representatives from the 32 village.

Expected Results Framework

In attaining its overall goal, the SGP Botswana will support projects aligned to the Expected Results Framework (Table 1) below;

Table 1: Consistency with SGP OP 6 global programme components

OP6 Global Project Components	CPS Output	Indicators & Targets	Activities	Means of Verification
Community landscape conservation 1.1 SGP country programmes improve conservation and sustainable use, and management of important terrestrial and coastal/marine ecosystems through implementation of community based landscape/seascape approaches in approximately 50 countries.	Improved conservation for sustainable use and management of Makgadikgadi ecosystems.	Area of land under improved community conservation (area of coverage 10,000km2)	Promotion of sustainable use of biodiversity hotspots (areas of highest conservation priority) within the boundaries of Makgadikgadi. Replication of community based fire management approaches for management of wild fires; Promote participation of communities in utilisation of pans, archaeological sites and birds for ecotourism ventures; Promote human wildlife co-existence	Quarterly reports by beneficiaries. Annual Monitoring Reports (AMR) by GEF-SGP Mission reports for project site visits and workshops. CPS Review
	Enhanced sustainable use of natural resources within the boundaries of Makgadikgadi.	No. of legally registered biological hot spots under protection and sustainable utilization (at least 1)	Assist the communities with development of management plans for the biological hotspots. Facilitate the registration process with the relevant authorities	
	Enhanced access to socio-economic benefits for local communities.	No. of CSO's supported. (at least 5)	Promote veld product development and value addition to improve livelihoods; Promote sustainable fishing value chain activities. Training of communities in governance and leadership skills, proposal development, project management, business, financial management and knowledge management to enhance sustainable and profitable resource utilisation;	
Innovative climate-smart agro-ecology. 2.1 Agro-ecology practices incorporating measures to reduce CO2 emissions and enhancing resilience to climate change tried and tested in protected area buffer zones and forest corridors and disseminated widely in at least 30 priority countries.	Agro ecology practices incorporated to enhance resilience to climate change for farming communities.	No. of Agro ecology practices piloted. (at least 2)	Introduction of agro-ecological practices in farming systems such as; Conservation Agriculture, agroforestry, crop rotation, composting, aquaculture coupled with aquaponics etc.	Annual Monitoring Report Quarterly progress reports Annual Monitoring Reports for SGP.
		No. of hectares under agro-ecological practices in farming (at least 1 ha per farmer).	Capacity building initiatives targeting women and youths on agro-ecological practices.	Project site visits reports Seminar/training report
		No. Farmers practicing agro-ecological practices in farming (at least 15).	Piloting of new crop farming techniques to enhance resilience to climate change impacts. Integrated farming systems promoted and piloted.	CPS Review
Energy access co-benefits 3.1 Low carbon community energy access solutions successfully deployed in 50 countries with alignment and integration of these approaches within larger frameworks such as SE4ALL initiated in at least 12 countries.	Enhanced Access to low carbon energy solutions by communities.	No. of farmers undertaking improved rangeland management practices within the communal rangelands. (at least 5 farmers)	Promotion of water harvesting techniques for domestic and farming use. Training of communities on sustainable rangeland management. Piloting of community based rangeland management and livestock husbandry practices.	
		No. of households piloting low carbon energy solutions at community level. (At least 15 households)	Promote alternative livelihoods strategies such as; bee keeping, guinea fowl farming, horticulture targeting vulnerable groups.	Quarterly reports by beneficiaries. Annual Monitoring Reports Workshop/training report CPS Review
		No. of CSOs engaged in waste collection and disposal (At least 3).	Facilitate capacity building workshops on the use of renewable energy sources and technologies for communities. Piloting of alternative renewable energy sources and technologies e.g. Solar energy projects for heating, cooking and lighting; biogas digester; energy efficiency projects etc.	
Local to global chemical coalitions. 4.1 Innovative community-based tools and approaches demonstrated, deployed and transferred, with support from newly organized or existing coalitions in at least 20 countries for managing harmful chemicals and waste in a sound manner.	Enhanced community based chemical and waste management practices.	No. of CSO piloting innovative tools for domestic and agrochemicals management (At least 3).	Promote awareness raising, knowledge and technical capacity for waste management, POPs and hazardous pesticides. Establish community based waste sorting, collection and recycling for environmentally sound waste management. Design of products and processes that minimise the use and generation of hazardous substances and waste. Explore, pilot and replicate the use of new, appropriate and best available technologies for on-site sanitation facilities; Introduction of alternative environmental friendly vector control approaches; Promote integrated pesticide management in farming communities.	Quarterly reports by beneficiaries. Annual Monitoring Reports Project site visits reports Seminar/training report CPS Review
		At least one CSO - Government dialogue supported.	Support active participation of CSOs in the CSO-Government dialogue platforms.	Grantee progress reports Annual Monitoring Report Project site monitoring reports Country Programme Strategy Review Global database
		No. of CSOs empowered to contribute towards implementation of MEAs, national policies and legal frameworks (at least 3).	Facilitate CSOs to register as members of national and global networks. (e.g. NGO Council-national and GEF CSO Network - global) Enhance capacity of CSOs through training to contribute to implementation of MEAs, national policies, planning and legal frameworks.	
Social inclusion (gender, youth & vulnerable groups). 6.1 Gender mainstreaming considerations applied by all SGP country programmes; Gender training utilized by SGP staff, grantees, NSC members, partners. 6.2 Involvement of youth, remote area dwellers and disabled is further supported in SGP projects and guidelines and best practices are widely shared with countries.	Enhanced gender mainstreaming in environmental management.	Equitable representation of men and women in project governance structures (at least 40% women representation). At least one women CSO project supported.	Strengthen and advocate for gender mainstreaming in project development and implementation. Support projects that create opportunities for active participation of vulnerable groups such as women, youths, PLWDs and remote area dwellers.	Database of project members Project site visits reports Training/seminar reports. AMR CPS review
	Enhanced inclusiveness of vulnerable groups in environmental management.	Equitable representation of vulnerable groups project governance structures (at least 40% representation). Vulnerable group CSO project supported (At least 1 – youth, At least 1 – PLWDs, At least 1 – remote area dwellers).	Training of communities in governance and leadership skills, proposal development, project management, business, financial management and knowledge management to enhance sustainable and profitable resource utilisation;	
	Enhanced contribution to knowledge management on community innovations. Inter-community access to information.	No. of knowledge products (At least 1 p.a. from projects). (At least 1 p.a. produced from partnerships with academia and research institutions). Knowledge Products Database developed (by 2018). At least one national knowledge fair conducted.	Facilitate training for communities on data collection, documenting and storage. Document use of indigenous knowledge system in sustainable harvesting, processing and management of natural resources; Partner with the academia to better document, monitor and evaluate progress of projects over time. Document and share best practices on natural resources management. Promotion of inter-community engagement platforms at district and national levels.	repository A digital and printed collection of knowledge products. AMR Project site visits reports AMR CPS review
Contribution to global knowledge management platforms. 7.1 South-South Community Innovation Exchange Platform promotes south-south exchanges on global environmental issues in at least 20 countries.				