

SGP The GEF
Small Grants
Programme



COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS
LOCAL ACTIONS FOR GLOBAL
ENVIRONMENT BENEFITS



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The GEF UNDP Small Grants Programme was launched in 1992 by the Global Environment Facility (GEF) through the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and other executing agencies to assist developing countries in fulfilling protection of the global environment through local actions.

The programme is sourced with the belief that global environmental problems can be addressed effectively, if local people are involved in decision making at all levels within projects and have control over resources. It demonstrates that with small amount of funding, the communities at the grassroots level can make significant difference in their livelihoods and the environment. The GEF UNDP SGP is currently working in 114 countries worldwide. In India, SGP is seen as a flagship programme of GEF UNDP amongst the civil society fraternity.

The programme started in India in 1996. The UNDP and the Ministry of Environment and Forest (MoEF), Government of India (GoI) administer the Small Grants Programme (SGP). It is being implemented in India by the Centre for Environment Education (CEE) as the National Host Institution (NHI) since September 2000. CEE is a national level institution supported by the MoEF, GoI as a Centre of Excellence, and is affiliated to the Nehru Foundation for Development, Ahmedabad.



Thematic Areas

Small Grants Programme provides funding support to NGOs and CBOs for activities that address and provide sustainable solutions to local & global environmental problems, through a transparent, participatory and country-driven approach in the GEF thematic areas.

Biodiversity Conservation



Projects supported are those that address promotion of conservation, management and sustainable use of species and genetic resources in eco systems (arid, semi-arid, coastal, marine, freshwater, forest and mountain ecosystems) agro-forestry and equitable sharing of benefits from such use. They also address livelihoods for the locals.

Climate Change



Projects should contribute to removing the cultural, institutional, technical and economic barriers to energy conservation, energy efficiency, promote sustainable transport systems and the adoption of renewable energy by optimizing costs. Link to national priorities in climate change.

Protection of International Waters



Projects involving communities close to threatened water bodies and trans boundary threats to their ecosystems. Priority is placed on the prevention and to control ecological degradation of critical habitats (such as wetlands, shallow waters and reefs), unsustainable use of marine resources resulting from over-fishing, excessive withdrawal of fresh water and overutilization of resources.

Prevention of Land Degradation



The projects that involve integrated land resource management with an emphasis on arresting desertification, deforestation, loss of soil fertility, water scarcity and promotion of enhancement of community based livelihoods.

Phasing out of Persistent Organic Pollutants (POPs)

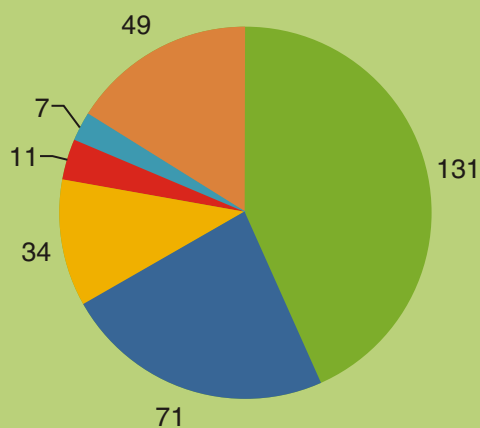


The eligible activities under this focal area include community based initiatives to eliminate the causes of land and marine-based sources of persistent organic pollution, particularly nutrients, chemical wastes, pesticides solid and industrial waste dumping by promoting reuse, recycling and reduce policy and an effective management.



SGP Projects: Thematic Areas (Number of Projects)

- Biodiversity
- Climate Change
- Land Degradation
- POPs
- International Waters
- Multi Focal



Criterion for financial support

SGP supports field based, participatory process approach. Organizations and projects will be given preference to the extent that they :

- Promote innovative community based initiatives to reduce local environmental threats.
- Build local capacity to implement sustainable development strategies creating 'local ownerships and institutional capabilities'.
- Demonstrate high replicability, co-financing and scaling-potential.
- Foster public awareness on environmental issues as an integral part of the project.
- Address livelihood, equality and gender concerns and sensitivities.
- Involve women, marginalized populations and isolated tribal communities as equal partners in programme implementation.
- Create an impact, influence policies and partnership at the National, State and District levels in the country.
- Generate local knowledge and involvement of communities in planning, implementing and monitoring of projects.
- Encourage sustainability and demonstrate people's participation, democracy, flexibility, partnership and transparency in their approach during implementation of activities in projects.



SGP will consider grants of up to Rs. 15 lakhs for each project. In special cases, where co-financing and partnership commitments are more, higher budgets may be considered, if the project activities justify the same.



Time period for executing project

The duration of the project may vary between 18 to 30 months.

Who can submit a proposal?

- Non Government Organizations (NGOs)
- Community Based Organizations (CBOs)

The Organization should be registered for **more than three years** and have three year's **audited accounts**.

The following are required to be sent along with the proposal

- Annual Report, indicative of the activities performed during the year, contribution from partners and projects.
- Copy of the Registration Certificate.
- Organization Structure, list of key professional/staff and their areas of expertise.
- Audited financial reports of the last 3 years.
- Demonstrated capacity in implementation and management of resources and in the GEF related areas.

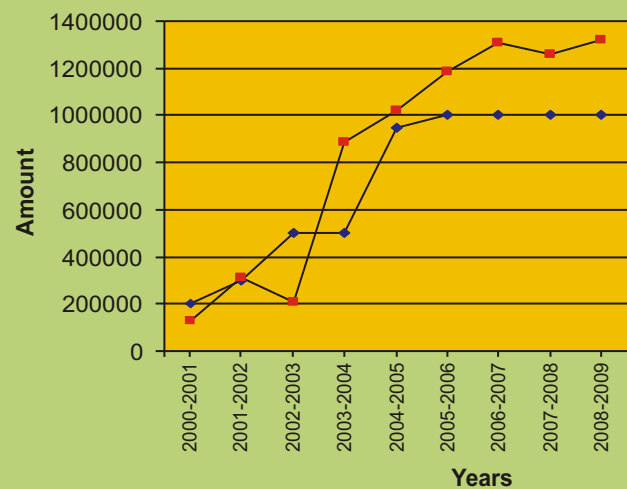


Participation

- Contact CEE Regional Cell/National Coordinator Office or visit the **website (www.sgpindia.org)** to get details and submit a concept paper.
- Based on feedback on the concept paper, organizations submit a detailed proposal in the prescribed format available at **www.sgpindia.org**
- All proposals are placed before Regional Committees for their consideration.
- Proposals, processed on the basis of the feedback of the Regional Committees, are placed for the comments and review of the National Coordinator and then submitted for the approval to the National Steering Committee (NSC) of SGP.
- Decisions of the NSC are communicated to the participating organizations in the program.



Grants Sanctioned vs. Co-financing



- ◆ Total Grants Sanctioned in US \$
- Total Co-financing (cash + kind) in US \$



Network

SGP works in all the states and union territories of India through a local network of CEE National Secretariat, 7 Regional Offices and 23 Field Offices across the country. SGP India has sanctioned 299 projects with an outreach to more than 1250 villages and reaching out to a population of 1,000,000 people. In SGP the emphasis is more on low cost; low external inputs and easy to manage technologies by the local communities. It encourages better credibility and creativity to sustain local actions for global environment benefits.

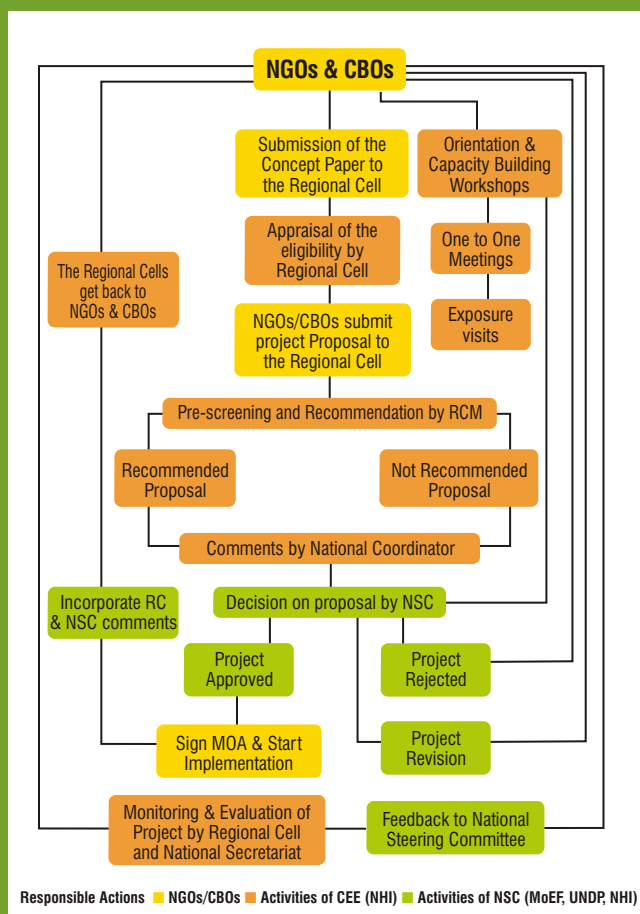
SGP encourages working with poor, remote, unreached, marginalized, tribal communities.

SGP has a decentralized, transparent and responsive decision making process which awards grants under the strategic direction of a voluntary and proactive national steering committee in India.

SGP India manages nearly 3% of the total world-wide projects with 1.5% of total resource allocation and nearly equal co-financing in cash and kind.

SGP gets both financial and technical support from National, State and District Governments, Private Sector and Panchyats, UNDP core grants, Academic and Research Institutions at all levels in India.

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