

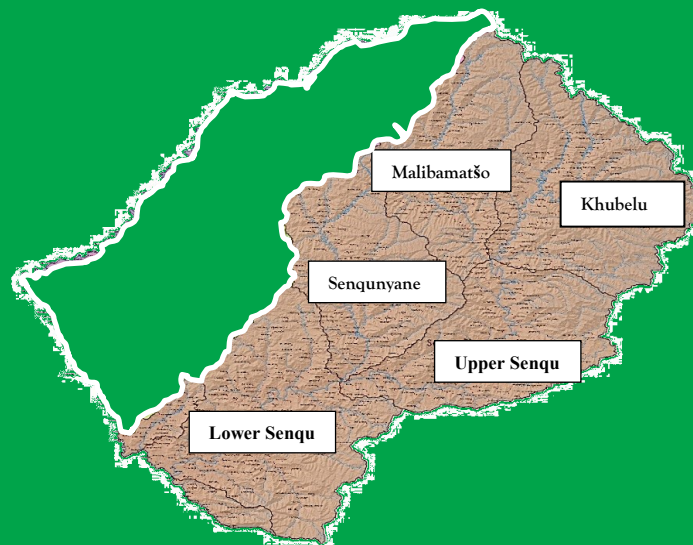
Project Financing

The GEF SGP funding covers the incremental costs related to projects. Incremental costs are additional costs associated with transforming a project with national benefits into one with global environmental benefits. The GEF is a co-financier operating on a 1:1 partnership arrangement in financing of projects. The Programme provides small grants, up to USD 50 000.00, directly to CSOs other recognized community entities for environmental projects. Contribution by grantees may be in cash and/or in kind and can be raised through partnerships with donors, government, academic institutions, private sector, business sector and other stakeholders.

The National Steering Committee

The National Steering Committee comprises representatives from the following institutions:

1. The Ministry of Tourism, Environment and Culture which hosts the GEF National Focal Points
2. National Focal Points for Multilateral Environmental Agreements
3. Ministry of Finance
4. Academic and Research Institutions
5. Civil Society Organizations
6. Private Sector
7. United Nations Development Programme on behalf of the GEF Implementing Agencies



GEF Small Grants Programme—Lesotho

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Global Environmental Benefits Secured through Community-based Initiatives and Actions



What is The GEF Small Grants Programme?

The Global Environment Facility (GEF) Small Grants Programme (SGP) is a corporate programme of the GEF, implemented by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and it is executed by the United Nations Office for Project Services (UNOPS). Grants are made directly to Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) including national and local Non Governmental Organizations with priority for Community Based Organizations, Farmers Associations, Scientific Community, Women Groups and Youth and Children Organizations and other recognized community entities.

The SGP recognizes the key role CSOs play as a resource and constituency for environment and development concerns. These entities should be involved directly or indirectly in natural resources management and other activities that support livelihoods, empower communities and most importantly contribute towards environmental protection.

GEF SGP's Goal in Operational Phase 6 (OP6)

"Effectively support creation of environmental benefits and safeguarding of the global environment through community and local solutions that complement and add value to national and global level action".

What's our story?

SGP in Lesotho started financing projects in 2008 and has succeeded in funding and providing technical support for more than 50 projects implemented by more than 40 CSOs country wide. The grant making has generated lessons that will inform grant making in OP6. For OP6, SGP has adopted a landscape/seascape approach to better focus grant-making and promote strategic programming and clustering of small grant projects with the aim to achieve greater impact and lead to synergies and opportunities for scaling up.

Our priority landscape in OP6?

Following a consultative process, the Senqu River Basin is prioritized for SGP intervention in OP6. This is in recognition of the ecosystem features:

- ♦ *global significance* in terms of the GEF SGP focal areas,
- ♦ *opportunities for community action* and integrated *approaches*,
- ♦ *potential for synergy* with GEF full size projects and other programmes and government initiatives in the landscape.

However, **up to 30%** of available grants will be availed for strategic projects outside the priority landscape.

Eligible Activities?

SGP grant-making in OP6 will be guided by 4 "strategic initiatives" which are multi-focal in character. These are presented in the diagram on the next page.

SGP OP6 Strategic Initiatives and Typologies of Projects

1. Community landscape/seascape conservation

- ♦ *Conservation agriculture*
- ♦ *Sustainable Land management*
- ♦ *Sustainable forest management*
- ♦ *Wetlands management*
- ♦ *Biodiversity conservations*

2. Climate smart innovative agro-ecology

3. Low carbon energy access co-benefits

- ♦ *Promotion of renewable energy technologies*
- ♦ *Water harvesting & recycling*
- ♦ *Promotion of biomass efficient stoves*
- ♦ *Harnessing Solar energy for lighting*

4. Local to global chemical management coalitions

- ♦ *Awareness & education on pesticide use & management*
- ♦ *Solid waste management*
- ♦ *Education & awareness of potential heavy metals from mine spoils & effluent*
- ♦ *Education & awareness of chemical waste*

Grantmaker* activities

5. Promoting Social Inclusion

- ♦ *Gender Mainstreaming*
- ♦ *Youth involvement*
- ♦ *Indigenous peoples fellowships*

6. CSO-government policy and planning dialogue platforms

- ♦ *Participation of community councils in dialogue platforms*
- ♦ *Participation & engagement of CSOs as grantees & partners*

7. Global Reach for Citizen Practice Based Knowledge Programme

- ♦ *Digital Library of Community Innovations*
- ♦ *South-South Community Innovation Exchange*

Projects should address threats to one or more focal areas of the GEF SGP namely, *Biodiversity Conservation, Climate Change Mitigation, Sustainable Land Management and Sustainable Forest Management, Protection of Wetlands and Water Sources, and Reduction of Harmful Effects of Chemicals*, within the scope of the OP6 Strategic Initiatives highlighted above and within the Orange River Basin as the prioritized landscape for SGP intervention in OP6. Detailed information on types of projects can be found in the Country Programme Strategy which defines the scope of the GEF SGP Country Programme in OP6. The Strategy can be obtained from the GEF SGP Secretariat at the address provided on the back panel of this Brochure. For more information on the GEF SGP you can visit www.sgp.undp.org