



OP6 INNOVATION PROGRAM ON SOCIAL INCLUSION

PERSON WITH DISABILITIES AND RESPONSIVE DEVELOPMENT

INTRODUCTION

Persons with disabilities – over one billion people worldwide – and their families, are disproportionately affected by the impacts of climate change as well as other global environmental issues. As communities engage in projects to develop sustainably and increase their resilience, persons with disabilities need to participate in their design and implementation. Often facing exclusion and barriers to full participation in society, persons with disabilities may need accommodations to ensure that their perspectives are included in shaping decisions in their communities.

The Global Environment Facility (GEF) Small Grants Programme (SGP), implemented by UNDP, is a programme that builds capacity at the local level to address global environmental challenges and sustainable development in developing countries. Established in 1992, SGP provides financial and technical support to civil society organizations to conserve and restore the environment while enhancing people's well-being and livelihoods. SGP is rooted in the belief that local actions can contribute to addressing global environmental issues, while promoting sustainable local livelihoods and empowering local communities. Building upon its emphasis on social inclusion, the SGP is in a unique position to promote and build capacity for disability-inclusive development and support effective resilience projects.

FOCUS OF THE INNOVATION PROGRAMME

The overall goal of the Innovation Programme on Persons with Disabilities (PwD) will be to demonstrate and generate lessons and good practices on how environment related projects could actively promote participation of PwD and have concrete results on both environment and socio-economic issues.

Lessons from these pilot projects, and the effectiveness of the indicators as a measure of disability inclusion, could then be evaluated and considered in developing new guidelines for the future portfolio within SGP and other UNDP projects, particularly related to climate change resilience and other thematic areas.

Engagement with disabled persons organizations would be essential to ensure that such guidelines are responsive to the heterogeneous perspectives of the disability community and that nothing is developed “about us, without us” for persons with disabilities. The lessons learned from pilot projects could also be shared via global platforms.

The Innovation Program will compose of following components:

Grant-Making at country level: SGP Georgia will support 2-3 community-based projects related to any of the focal area/strategic initiatives with PwD in Georgia. Priority themes on PwD inclusive projects will include¹:

¹ For detail please find GEF SGP Strategy –

https://www.undp.org/content/dam/georgia/docs/prodocs/GE_GEFSGP_OP5_CountryStrategy_eng.pdf

- Climate Change Adaptation and Persons with Disability
- Women's empowerment and Persons with Disability
- Youth and Persons with Disability

Grantmaking will also focus on bringing together cross-sectoral implementation of the SDGs as well as the consideration of the "Sendai Framework" on Disaster Risk Reduction and Recovery (DRR&R). Consideration would be given to pilot how best to include PWD in development planning, monitoring and evaluations.

Eligibility and Criteria

- Applicants for regular SGP Grant may request grant up to \$50,000 to be used over one or two years.
- Proposed projects should be bold, innovative, and transformative, and have potential for replication and scaling up.
- Successful projects should consider strong social inclusion, including gender equality and women's empowerment and youth, in their initiative.
- Projects may be focused around conservation, technology, awareness and others, but all applications should explicitly state the plan for having strong impact and concrete results on global environment as well as livelihood.
- SGP Country Programmes and projects that could bring partnership and leverage additional resources (e.g. cofinancing with INGO, foundation, private sector) at the Program and Project levels are given priorities.

Call for Proposal and Process

Grant-making will follow SGP normal rules and procedures, and adhere to SGP's Operational Guidelines

- At initial stage, interested organizations are asked to provide short project proposals/project concepts not exceeding 2 pages. Project concepts should contain information about: aim, objectives, expected results, planned expenditure, co-financing sources, project sustainability and methodology; including how can the project facilitate participation of PwD in environment related projects and enhance generating good results on both environment and socio-economic issues.
- Each organization can submit project concepts either in Georgian or English languages. Project concepts might be sent via email ana.shubitidze@undp.org or submitted in hard copy to the attention of GEF SGP National Coordinator at Str. Koka Kldiashvili 2, app. 1, 0179 Tbilisi, Georgia, no later than COB of 11 October, 2019. Late applications will not be considered.
- Organizations will be notified about approval of project concepts; notified organization could submit one project proposal either in Georgian or English languages in November, 2019.
- In order to ensure high quality of both project concepts and proposals that they were in line with GEF, global project document and country programme strategy requirements, SGP Georgia office will ensure weekly consultations with interested organizations during the project concepts

and proposal development phase. Consultation will take place every Friday from 15:00 at Str. Koka Kldiashvili 2, app. 1, 0179 Tbilisi, Georgia. Please call in advance and inform National Coordinator about your participation.

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