



CALL FOR PROPOSALS

Capacity Development for GEF SGP Grantees in the SGP Priority Landscape for Operational Phase Six and Seven (OP 6 and OP 7)

1. Background

The mountain communities are among the most disadvantaged of the world, while at the same time playing an important role in the sustainable development of our planet. The GEF SGP interventions in Lesotho for OP 6 are focussing in the mountain region. As such the region is inhabited by-and-large by rural mountain communities with relatively low literacy rates and with low capacities to implement and manage projects. Thus it is important that these communities are mentored in order empower them and to build their capacity in project management and proper reporting. The mentorship is done in pursuit of achieving goal of leaving no one behind and including all including the most vulnerable and more often than not, overlooked sectors of the community, for greater impact.

Therefore, the SGP invites proposals from qualified civil society organizations to carryout capacity development activities for the SGP OP 6 and OP 7 grantees, in the priority landscape.

2. Objective

To strengthen the involvement of local communities in environment and natural resources management through empowering them and building their capacity to implement and manage environmental protection projects for sustainable livelihoods.

3. Scope of the Assignment and Duration

Based on the above captioned objective, the civil society organization is expected to deliver the following:

- Knowledge fairs, training, workshops (including planning and reporting, project implementation and management, financial management and record keeping, leadership and conflict resolution – for most training listed here provision for such training has been made only facilitation of acquiring appropriate service providers and ensuring quality delivery is required)
- Overall mentoring and guidance for grantees over a period of two years
- Training, piloting and testing of community-based M&E techniques.
- Networking and consultations for learning exchange.
- Portfolio review of lessons learned across the entire portfolio of OP 6 and OP 7 projects in the Mokhotlong, Qacha's Nek and other districts.
- This grant will need to review all projects currently being implemented, use the case study questionnaire to capture the information and produce a synthesis.



4. Criteria for Selection of Eligible Organizations

SGP will consider proposals from qualified locally registered civil society organizations with strong commitment to empowerment of local communities.

5. Qualifications and Experience

- Qualified locally registered non-governmental or community based organizations with a strong commitment to empowerment of local communities
- Familiarity with and experience in coordinating community development work within a rural setting
- Familiarity with the Senqu/Orange River Basin
- Based and with operations in Mokhotlong or Qacha's Nek and with good standing with local authorities and the local communities in general
- Not currently implementing an SGP funded project
- Familiarity with UNDP or SGP programming or work is an advantage

6. Contractual modalities

The GEF Small Grants Programme modality will be used whereby a memorandum of agreement (MOA) will be signed to facilitate disbursement of the grant as per UNDP/GEF SGP Policies and Procedures. The National Steering Committee will provide guidance and quality assurance.

7. Proposal Submission

Proposals following the format provided and a detailed and costed work plan should be submitted by **17:00 hours, 10 October, 2019**, and should be sent to registry.ls@undp.org and clearly marked with a subject line: SGP Capacity Development Grant

8. Evaluation Criteria


Relevant experience and track record of the civil society organization

9. Annexes to the Terms of Reference

- Proposal Template
- SGP OP 6 Brochure

9. For Queries and More Information

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