**Global Environment Facility Small Grants Programme (GEF SGP)- Jordan**

**Seventh Operational Phase (OP7)**

**SGP Grants Eligibility Criteria:**

* The applied organization is a non-governmental organization and/or community-based organization.
* The submitted project proposal falls within one of the program thematic areas mentioned in the call announcement.
* The submitted project proposal is in line with SGP OP7 country program strategy.
* The project impact on community livelihood and the environment is shown in the application form.
* The necessity of obtaining other cash or in-kind contributions from donor institutions or community associations as supplementary or parallel support.
* Networking and cooperation with GEF projects implemented by the United Nations Development Program (UNDP) or other programs.
* The amount of the requested grant does not exceed 50,000 US dollars for the project proposal.

**Initiatives to be Supported by SGP:**

**1- Projects to improve the quality of life and the sustainability of natural and cultural resources, including but not limited to the following:**

* Encouraging ecotourism in or around natural reserves.
* Biodiversity conservation projects.
* Projects to stimulate community participation / awareness of cultural and environmental issues with inheritance value.
* Projects to support efforts to preserve endangered plant species.
* Projects to combat land degradation and encourage afforestation and reforestation.
* Integrated management projects of water resources.

**2- Creative agricultural solutions related to climate, including but not limited to the following:**

* Water harvesting.
* Introducing organic farming practices.
* Encouraging responsible agricultural practices in the highland region, where groundwater is overexploited without a clear strategy for preserving it.

**3- Low-carbon energy solutions, including but not limited to, the following:**

* Social marketing campaigns related to saving energy and using environmentally friendly alternatives.
* Reducing the community's dependence on cutting forests for wood.
* Linking alternative energy sources, such as reducing logging, reducing poverty, creating job opportunities, and others.

**4- The Small Grants Program will focus on communities that are affected by chemicals as users or consumers. Therefore, the program stimulates non-governmental organization and/ or community-based organization to submit project proposals that address the following issues related to water basins:**

* Strategies and policies for managing hazardous waste and chemicals.
* Finding alternative job opportunities for jobs dealing with hazardous chemicals.
* Industrial facilities with environmental regulations and standards.