

15 September 2020

Dear Mr. Dimanche,

Subject: 7th Operational Phase (OP7) GEF Small Grants Programme Core Funds Grant Allocation

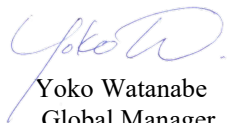
In accordance with the OP7 SGP Project Document, I am pleased to inform you that we are hereby issuing a grant allocation of **US\$ 250,000** for the SGP **Haiti** to implement grant making from the OP7 SGP Core resources.

Please note that you and the National Steering Committee are required to adhere to the priorities and approaches identified and approved under the OP7 Country Programme Strategy (CPS). In line with the approved CPS, please also reflect on the SGP's COVID-19 guidance note as well as relevant policies and strategies of UNDP, GEF, government and others, and coordinate closely with all stakeholders in providing relevant support to the local communities at this challenging time. We take this opportunity to congratulate you for facilitating the development of a robust OP7 CPS with the NSC and stakeholders, and this letter serves as the formal written approval of the OP7 CPS. Concerned Regional Focal Point at the SGP Central Programme Management Team will be available to provide further technical guidance as relevant.

Kindly note that this is the first grant allocation for OP7. Subject to quality delivery of the first grant allocation and further availability of SGP core funds for the OP7 phase, similar amount of additional grant allocation for the second fiscal year (July 2021- June 2022) is envisioned to the SGP country programmes. SGP Country Programmes may have further opportunity to receive additional OP7 Core resources during the third and fourth fiscal years, based on satisfactory performance of the grants delivery and implementation in the early years with special consideration to SIDS/LDCs, while countries with significant STAR resources may prioritize the utilization of OP7 STAR funds. The allocation of such additional resources will be based on assessment of demonstrated capacity and evidence for grant commitment, delivery and programmatic results, timely SGP database and AMR reporting, leveraging cofinancing and partnerships, etc... Please refer to Annex 1 for detailed information and guidance on programming SGP resources.

We count on your commitment and efforts, as well as the coordination with and guidance and support of the respective NSC members, including the UNDP Country Office and the GEF Operational Focal Point, and many country stakeholders and partners for the successful implementation of the OP7 SGP Country Programme Strategy with concrete benefits for the global environment and local livelihood, with special focus on social inclusion of the vulnerable population.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the relevant RFP directly. We have copied this letter to the UNDP Resident Representative for their kind information and support. Please also share this letter with the NSC members for their information. We wish you a very successful implementation and cooperation of SGP OP7.



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ANNEX 1

- Please record projects according to the following Operational Phase Grant Years, depending on when the project is approved by the National Steering Committee (NSC):
 - OP7 Year 1: 1 July 2020 - 30 June 2021
- Please mark on the database that projects are funded by GEF Core for monitoring purposes. In addition to entering new projects information, please check information of the past projects and ensure that they are also accurate and up-to-date, including completion dates. Ensure strategic and cost effective grant making based on the agreed Country Programme Strategy.
- The National Steering Committee (NSC) approval date and the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) signature date of each grant approved should be recorded in the database. Timely and correct reporting of grant approvals and MOA signings are key responsibilities of the National/Sub-Regional Coordinator (NC) and Program Assistant.
- Update the database within 2 working days following approval by the NSC of new grants. Please be sure that you identify the project as not yet active, until the relevant MOA is duly signed by the UNDP Resident Representative (RR). Please also upload the signed MOAs in the database as soon as they are signed by the RR. When the MOAs are signed, the project database entry must be updated as active/operational. This will allow us to monitor the grant commitment and disbursement more accurately and where warranted, to take remedial actions in a timely fashion.
- For project numbering, please follow the regular code for projects under OP7 Core grant allocation.
- Raise co-financing (both cash and in-kind) at the project level with an objective of reaching an average 1:1 ratio, for all the projects. Information on project level co-financing should be entered in the relevant sections of the SGP database. It is noted that not all projects may be able to reach the desired cofinancing ratio due to lower capacity, and this should be considered as average. Active resource mobilization at the programme level can also cover shortfalls in meeting the ratio at project levels.