



United Nations Development Programme

GEF Small Grants Programme



Information Sheet 1 Overview of SGP – Namibia

What is the SGP?

SGP is the Small Grants Programme of the Global Environment Facility (GEF). In Namibia, the SGP is implemented through the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP). The **goal** of the SGP is to help find solutions to environmental problems worldwide.

The SGP provides funding to community-based projects in developing countries that:

- conserve the environment, while
- improving the livelihoods of rural communities and alleviating poverty, through
- sustainable activities, including income generating projects.

The SGP aims to help communities help themselves, by supporting projects that benefit the community and help to reduce damage to the natural environment.

Who can apply?

- Community Based Organizations (CBOs) and Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs)

What types of applications can be considered for funding?

Projects **MUST** correspond to one of the following **GEF focal areas**:

- conservation of biodiversity of national/global importance,
- climate change mitigation,
- protection of international waters,
- combating of land degradation,
- prevention of persistent organic pollutants (POPs)

For more information on the GEF, see attached: "GEF Focal Areas and Operational Program"

Your proposal must clearly say how the project will impact these GEF focal areas.

What types of activities cannot be considered for funding?

- Purchases of property or vehicles
- Capital expenses
- Basic NGO operating or personnel expenses (e.g. salaries, office operating costs, etc.)

SGP funds are **not** substitutes for traditional sources of development funding. SGP financing will only be additional to the funds required for development, and are solely for the purpose of obtaining global environmental benefits.

What is the size of the grants?

- SGP gives grants of up to **US\$50,000**.

What is the maximum length of projects?

- Projects can last up to 2 years.