1. GEF’s Approach to Civil Society Engagement and Small Grants Programme (SGP)

2. Country Support Program (CSP)

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GEF’s Approach to Civil Society Engagement

GEF Small Grants Programme
GEF’s history of Engagement with Civil Society

- **1993**
  - GEF Small Grants Programme
  - Consultations

- **2017**
  - Updated Vision To Enhance CSO Engagement
  - Policies on Stakeholder Engagement/ Gender Equality/ ESS
  - Country Support Program
  - Public Involvement Policy
  - GEF CSO Network

**Country Support Program**

**Updated Vision To Enhance CSO Engagement**

**Policies on Stakeholder Engagement/ Gender Equality/ ESS**

**Public Involvement Policy**

**GEF CSO Network**

**GEF’s history of Engagement with Civil Society**
CSOs Roles

- Project executors/co-executors
- Leverage co-financing
- Provide expert local knowledge
- Participate in monitoring of project impacts and outcomes
- Advocacy and influencing policy
- GEF Agencies
Updated Vision to Enhance Engagement with Civil Society
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<th>Country Level – Program and Project design and Execution</th>
<th>Global/Regional learning and Exchange with other stakeholders</th>
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<td>Consultations on GEF Program and Project design and FPIC (Indigenous Peoples) – As per Policies and Guidelines</td>
<td>CSP Expanded Constituency Workshops: Dedicated sessions on stakeholder and civil society engagement.</td>
<td>Council meetings: CSOs represented to bring the voices from the field to provide inputs in each agenda item</td>
<td>Policy and Strategy Formulation: CSOs are consulted when a policy, guideline or strategy is being formulated</td>
<td>South to South Knowledge Exchange: • Art of Knowledge Exchange (AKE) for CSOs • Clinic on AKE</td>
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<td>Participation in projects as executors/co-executors/ leveraging co-financing</td>
<td>GEF CSO Network: Assembles CSOs working in the GEF’s relevant areas.</td>
<td>GEF Consultations with CSOs: prior to Council meetings: Selected Topic.</td>
<td>Participation in working groups: GGP, Public Involvement, KM Advisory Group</td>
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<td>GEF Small Grants Programme: Dedicated funding window</td>
<td>Civil Society Forum and GEF Assembly: Every four years.</td>
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Since 1992, GEF Corporate Program, implemented by UNDP

Only GEF window for CSOs and communities

Grant mechanism

Supports community-based innovative local solutions
SGP country coverage

Number of Country Programmes by GEF Cycle (1992-2020)

- Pilot Phase 1992-1996: 33
- GEF-1: 45
- GEF-2: 73
- GEF-3: 101
- GEF-4: 122
- GEF-5: 128
- GEF-6: 125
- GEF-7: 128
“Universal Access”
Low-Carbon Energy Access

Sustainable Agriculture and Food Security

Landscape and Seascape Approaches

Chemicals and Waste Management

Urban Development Catalyzing Sustainable

Beyond Grant Making

Small Grants Programme GEF-7 Strategic Directions

Strategic Initiatives

Beyond Grant Making: Local to Global Coalitions in Chemicals and Waste Management
Size of SGP Grants

- Planning Grants-Maximum $5K
- Regular Grants-Maximum $50K
- Strategic Grants-Maximum $150K
- Global/Regional Grants: $250k to 500k
How does the SGP work?

Country Programme Strategy

- National Policies and Plan
- SGP Global Strategy
- Conventions’ Guidance

Country Programme Team

National Steering Committee

Landscape and Seascape Approaches

Project 1

Project 2

Project 3
GEF Country Support Program
GEF Country Support Program

Objectives

• To provide all recipient countries with assistance and capacity building to make better use of the resources available through the GEF, including support for programming

History

• CSP originated in GEF-2 and has evolved since then

Key CSP activities

• Expanded Constituency Workshops (ECW)
• National Dialogues
• Pre-Council Meetings
• Constituency Meetings
• Stakeholder Empowerment Series (SES)