

Project Financing

The GEF Small Grants funding covers the incremental costs related to projects. Incremental costs are additional costs associated with transforming a project with national benefits into one with global environmental benefits. The GEF is a co-financier operating on a 1:1 partnership arrangement in financing of projects. The Programme provides small grants, up to USD 50 000.00, directly to NGOs, CBOs and other recognized community entities for environmental projects. Contribution by grantees may be in cash or in kind and can be raised through partnerships with donors, government, academic institutions, private sector, business sector and other stakeholders.

Members of the National Steering Committee

The National Steering Committee comprises nine members from the following institutions:

1. Ministry of Tourism, Environment and Culture
2. United Nations Development Programme
3. National University of Lesotho
4. Lesotho Council of Non-Governmental Organizations
5. Transformation Resources Centre
6. Participatory Ecological Land Use management (PELUM-Lesotho)
7. Rural Self-help Development Association
8. Boseele Farmers Association
9. Mohloli Business Chamber

For more information about the GEF Small Grants Programme-Lesotho, please contact the National Coordinator
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What is The GEF Small Grants Programme (SGP)?

It is a corporate programme of the Global Environment Facility (GEF), implemented by the United Nations Development Programme on behalf of the GEF Implementing and Executing Agencies. The SGP is country-driven and operates in a decentralized and flexible manner by establishing a Country Programme that is led by a National Steering Committee with the majority of members from the civil society. The Programme provides financial and technical support to projects in developing countries that conserve and restore the natural world while enhancing well-being and livelihoods of people.

Five-year Vision for the Country Programme

"To protect the natural heritage of Lesotho through empowerment of local grass-root level communities to engage in viable partnerships for undertaking environmental management projects that generate sustainable livelihood benefits and preserve the integrity of ecosystems of global significance."





Who can Apply for Funding?

Grants are made directly to Non-Governmental Organizations and Community Based Organizations and other recognized community entities, in recognition of the key role they play as a resource and constituency for environment and development concerns. These entities should be involved directly or indirectly in natural resources management and other activities that generate income, empower communities and contribute towards environmental protection. Guidelines for project development and selection process are obtainable from the GEF SGP Country Office at the address provided.

Eligible Activities

Eligible activities include:

- Community-based assessment and planning,
- Pilot demonstrations,
- Capacity development,
- Applied research & policy analysis,
- Awareness raising and education,
- Dissemination of project results and lessons learned, networking and policy dialogue

Areas of Focus for the GEF-SGP and Examples of Problems Associated with them	Examples of Projects to Address the Problems	
<p>Biodiversity</p>  <p>Biodiversity loss due to eg. overharvesting</p>	 <p>Plant propagation in nurseries</p>	<p>Rehabilitation of endemic species through or example establishment of botanical gardens and nurseries; Development of integrated management plans for communities</p>
<p>Climate Change</p>  <p>Climate Change due to eg. Biomass depletion resulting in reduction of carbon sinks</p>	 <p>Solar energy</p>	<p>Adoption of renewable energy technologies such as solar and biogas; rainwater harvesting techniques; promotion of drought resistant crop varieties</p>
<p>International Waters</p>  <p>Pollution and threatening of International Waters e.g through poor agricultural and waste disposal practices; and loss of wetlands leading to poor water quantity and quality</p>	 <p>Integrated Catchment Management</p>	<p>Integrated freshwater management, wetland rehabilitation</p>
<p>Land Degradation</p>  <p>Land Degradation due to e.g bad land husbandry practices</p>	 <p>Range Management</p>	<p>Rehabilitation of degraded land, Range management, planting of indigenous multi-purpose tree species.</p>
<p>Persistent Organic Pollutants</p>  <p>Persistent Organic Pollutants due to eg. Illegal dumping and burning of waste, poor management of chemicals such as pesticides</p>	 <p>Sorting and recycling of waste</p>	<p>Promotion of clean and environmentally sound alternative technologies, products, and management practices for the reduction of POPs release e.g waste recycling and organic farming</p>

Projects should address threats to one or more focal areas of the GEF-SGP. Detailed information on types of projects can be found in the Country Programme Strategy which defines the scope of the GEF-SGP Country Programme. The Strategy can be obtained from the GEF-SGP Office at the address provided. For more information and examples of projects in other countries visit www.undp.org/sgp or sgp.undp.org