

THE GEF SMALL GRANTS PROGRAMME

ANNUAL MONITORING REPORT 2019-2020

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RESULTS REPORT 2019-2020

INTRODUCTION

The Small Grants Programme (SGP) is funded by the Global Environment Facility (GEF) and implemented by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP). It empowers local civil-society and community-based organizations (CSOs and CBOs), including women, Indigenous Peoples, youth, and persons with disabilities, to design and lead actions that address global environmental issues. The programme implements effective and efficient projects that aim to achieve global environmental benefits while improving livelihoods and reducing poverty, as well as promoting gender equality and empowerment of women. The SGP is delivered at country level through a decentralized mechanism.

The SGP is a GEF Corporate Programme, with dedicated GEF resources and co-financing from communities, governments, and other donors. As such, it plays an important role in meeting the objectives of the multilateral environment agreements that the GEF serves. The SGP also contributes to the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) of the Agenda 2030, by ensuring social inclusion and local stakeholder involvement in initiatives that promote multi-sectoral and integrated solutions to environmental challenges.

Since its inception in 1992, the SGP has implemented 25,117 projects in 133 countries, providing grants totalling US\$684.8 million. Currently, the SGP is active in 126 countries.

The Seventh Operational Phase of the SGP, with GEF-7 and other finance, officially started in July 2020 with the signing of the project document. In Operational Phase 7 the SGP will focus on promoting and supporting scalable local initiatives to tackle global environmental issues in priority landscapes and seascapes. It will support projects that serve as incubators of innovation, potentially broadening the replication of best practices and approaches through larger projects that are supported by the GEF, UNDP and other partners. These objectives will be achieved through the SGP's core approaches on inclusion, innovation and impact.

METHODOLOGY

This report presents the results of the SGP for the period from 1 July 2019 to 30 June 2020, based on the information from 126 SGP Country Programmes. A conservative methodological approach is used for results calculations using only GEF-funded projects that were completed during the reporting year.

1,171 GEF funded projects were completed in this reporting period and the results are presented in this summary document. The full report can be accessed on the SGP website at www.sgp.undp.org.



PORTFOLIO

1 JULY 2019 – 30 JUNE 2020

986
NEW
PROJECTS

1,171
COMPLETED
PROJECTS

2,812
ONGOING
PROJECTS



FUNDING

ACTIVE PORTFOLIO OF GRANT
PROJECTS FUNDED BY GEF

US\$89
MILLIONS IN
PROJECTS FUNDING

US\$85
MILLIONS IN PROJECT
LEVEL CO-FINANCING

COVERAGE



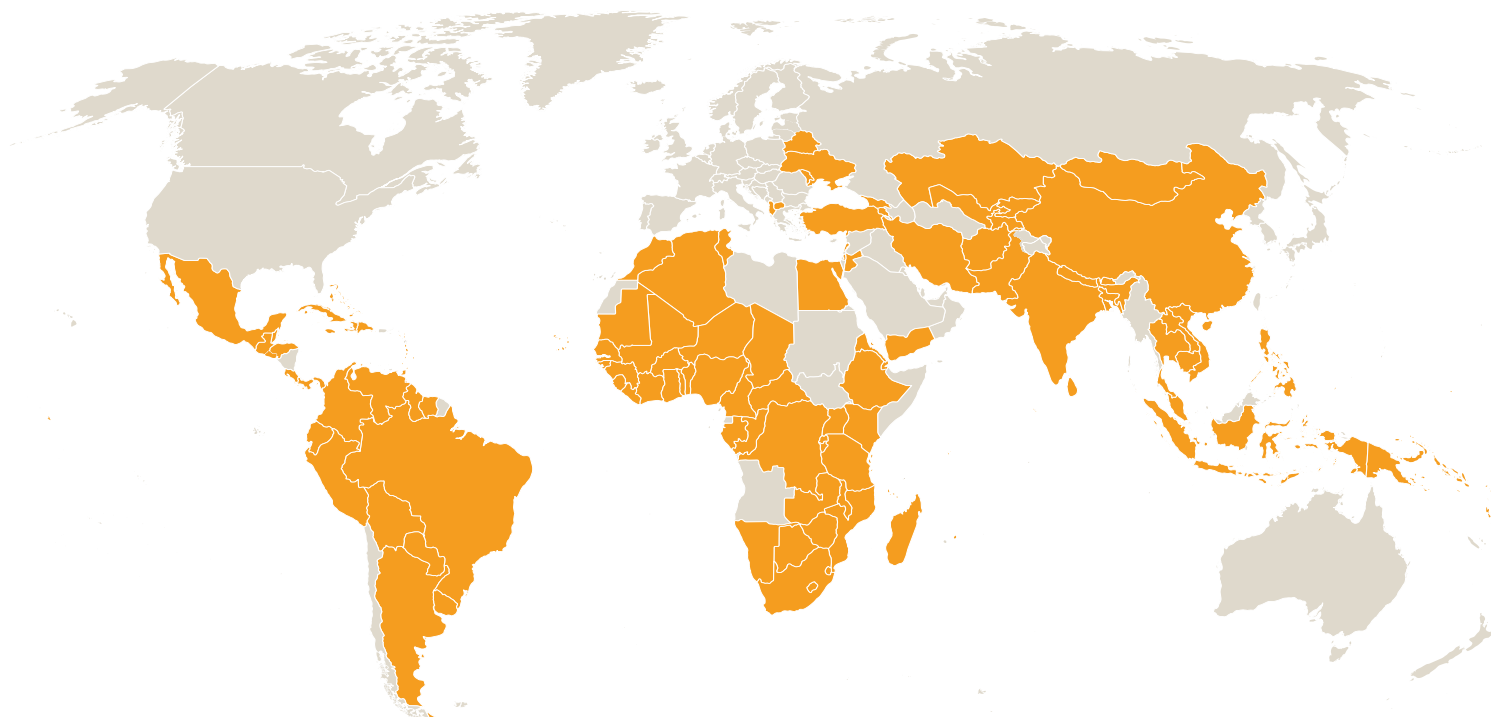
126
COUNTRIES



37
SIDS

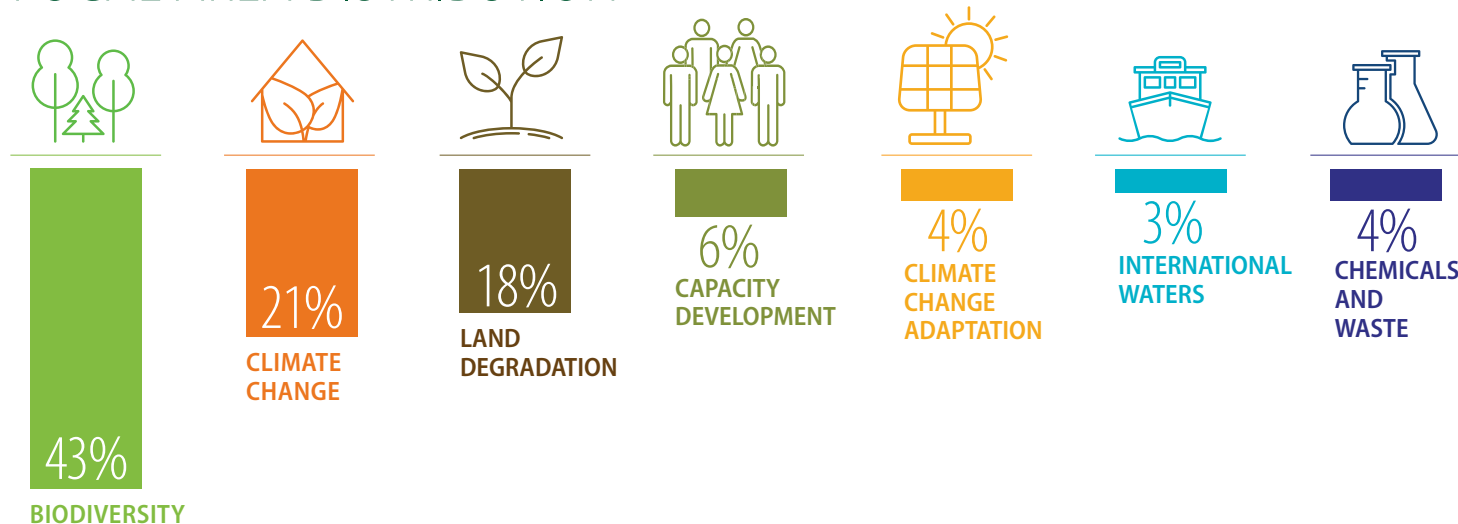


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LDCS



SGP is active in **126 countries**, with **111 countries** being supported by the SGP Global Programme, and **15 SGP upgraded country programs**. Least Developed Countries (LDCs) and Small Island Developing States (SIDS) currently account for **62% of SGP Global country programs**.

FOCAL AREA DISTRIBUTION*



* While most SGP projects benefit multi-focal area results, for reporting purposes we have reported based on the primary focal area of each project.

PROGRESS TOWARDS FOCAL AREA OBJECTIVES

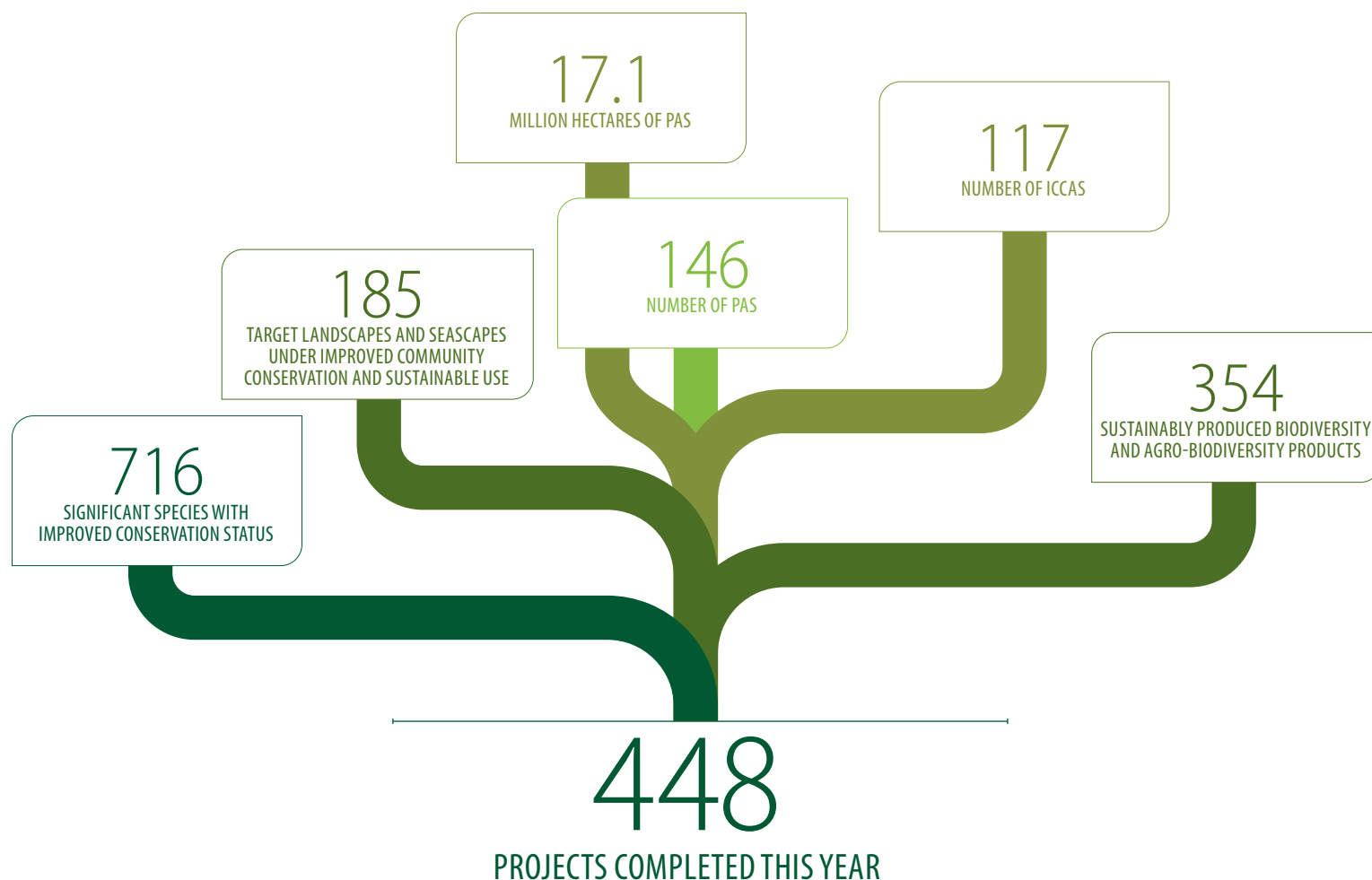
In alignment with the overall GEF programming, the SGP focuses its efforts on targeted strategic initiatives that promote integrated approaches in addressing global environmental issues by covering all GEF focal areas. Most SGP projects continue to have multiple benefits with relevance to more than one focal area, however for reporting purposes projects were categorized under its primary focal area.

BIODIVERSITY



Under the Biodiversity focal area, the SGP supports improvements in management effectiveness of protected area (PAs) systems and mainstreaming biodiversity conservation and sustainable use into production landscapes and seascapes, and other related sectors.

Support towards creation and management of Indigenous Peoples' and Community-Conserved Areas and Territories (ICCAs) is a key part of the SGP's biodiversity portfolio.



SPOTLIGHT ON SOUTH AFRICA

In **South Africa**, the SGP supported the Community Based Organisation *Dzomo la Mupo* ("Voice of Mother Earth") to implement a project aimed at integrating indigenous knowledge systems in biodiversity conservation. The CBO works on strengthening ecological governance by reviving indigenous food systems and seeds, facilitating and encouraging intergenerational learning, and raising awareness on the value of indigenous knowledge systems. The protection of sacred natural sites plays a vital role in indigenous living as places of vital ecological, cultural and spiritual importance. This has been recognized by the best-practice guidelines produced by the World Commission on Protected Areas of the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN).

With the support of the Limpopo Heritage Resources Agency the *Dzomo la Mupo* advocated for the recognition and protection of 49 sacred indigenous forests by the provincial government. The forests are under tremendous threat from development, especially tourism development, mining and commercial plantations. The project was a scale-up of a previous

project supported by the SGP, where the organization won a court ruling against private developers to protect three sacred sites in the area, namely the Phiphidi waterfall, Lake Fundudzi and Thathe Vondo. With women as the custodians of these sacred forests, the CBO worked with 11 clans of sacred indigenous forests, 12 communities who are safeguarding and rehabilitating rivers, wetlands and recuperating indigenous local foods as well as 12 schools in the area. Through the project, communities mapped these sacred sites to integrate indigenous knowledge systems into the school curriculum, to educate young students on ecological calendar mapping and to share information on land-use change over time, thus facilitating preservation of knowledge across generations. The project also supported rehabilitation of sacred natural sites by replanting of over 920 indigenous trees and sale of more than 3,000 tree seedlings. These results and advocacy efforts were featured widely in the media, generating dialogue amongst key local stakeholders on the protection status of natural sacred sites and addressing threats from commercial development.





CLIMATE CHANGE

The SGP's climate change projects support low-carbon energy transformation at the community level through the introduction of low-greenhouse gas (GHG) technologies, with livelihood co-benefits. These technologies include energy production from micro hydro, wind, solar and biomass.

RESULTS

293

PROJECTS COMPLETED
THIS YEAR

44,106

HOUSEHOLDS BENEFITED
FROM ENERGY ACCESS

58

TYPES OF LOW-CARBON
ENERGY SOLUTIONS
DEMONSTRATED, SCALED-UP
AND REPLICATED

37

COUNTRY PROGRAMMES WITH
DEPLOYMENT OF LOW-GHG
TECHNOLOGIES

SPOTLIGHT ON AFGHANISTAN

In **Afghanistan**, with support from SGP, *Ebtakar Inspiring Entrepreneurs of Afghanistan Organization* (EIEAO) implemented a project to promote renewable energy in Afghanistan through social business that also aimed

to raise awareness on climate change issues. Solar powered food carts were introduced to inspire people to take action towards climate change mitigation by replacing fossil fuel combustion with renewable energy sources.

The project supported 70 women from underprivileged communities in Kabul by offering them employment opportunities during the COVID-19 pandemic. The women were trained to run their food business in 35 solar food carts developed by the project, and each woman earned around \$11 per day through the initiative. The project was then adapted to the changing realities of the pandemic environment, by converting the solar food carts into mobile disinfectant carts which are now being used to distribute soap, masks, sanitizer and water to local communities.

This initiative is also being supported by the government. These solar carts eliminated daily emissions of 805 kilogrammes of carbon dioxide. In addition to inspiring and educating people on using renewable energy to meet their energy demands, the project demonstrated the value of including women into the socio-economic activities and their efforts towards mitigating climate change in Afghanistan.

The project was covered in news media as an example of resilience and COVID-19 adaptation, including by BBC, Al Jazeera, and the Guardian, and received the Waislitz Global Citizens' Choice Award.





LAND DEGRADATION

The projects under land degradation support prevention and restoration of land degradation through the promotion of sustainable land and forest management practices. Activities are oriented towards rural communities that are highly dependent on agriculture and forest ecosystems for their livelihoods.

RESULTS

191

PROJECTS COMPLETED
THIS YEAR

5,119

FARMER LEADERS
DEMONSTRATING
AGRO-ECOLOGICAL
PRACTICES

282

FARMER NETWORKS
DISSEMINATING IMPROVED
AGRO-ECOLOGY PRACTICES

163,081

HECTARES OF LAND BROUGHT
UNDER IMPROVED MANAGEMENT
PRACTICES

99,933

COMMUNITY MEMBERS
DEMONSTRATING SUSTAINABLE
LAND MANAGEMENT

SPOTLIGHT ON TOGO

In **Togo**, the *Tandjour* zone was once considered a key agro-pastoral zone, and was rich in botanical, fauna and fishery resources. Over the last few decades, harvesting of wood for energy has significantly degraded the mountainsides. The organization *Actions Réelles sur l'Enfant et la Femme* ("Concrete action to support children and women", or AREF), with support from SGP, implemented a project to support the establishment of a green belt around the site known as the *Cuesta de Bombouaka* and popularize improved agricultural practices in the community of *Mandagou* of the *Tandjour* zone.

The technical and financial support provided through the project started the process of reversing the trend of degradation and restored more than 70 hectares of mountain slopes and agricultural land. The project also built the capacities of 135 farmers and agricultural producers, including 75 women, on improved agricultural production practices, integrated management of soil and assisted natural regeneration. Their capacities were improved through mechanical solutions such as construction of stone bunds (or ridges), ploughing along contour lines and to correct gully erosion; and biological solutions such as installation of green belts, agroforestry and reforestation.

This resulted in the installation of 7,000 metres of stone bunds, improved agricultural yields, and the planting of 25,000 trees (8,000 *Anacardium occidentale* (cashew), 3,000 *Parkia biglobosa*, 9,000 *Eucalyptus globulus*, 3,000 *Azadirachta indica* (neem), 1,500 *Acacia auriculiformis* and 500 *Anogeissus*

leiocarpus). In addition, 10 hectares of lowlands were developed for rice production benefitting 20 women, 20 beehives were installed, and a youth cooperative to produce honey was established. The project indirectly benefitted 30,000 people of *Tandjour* zone.





SUSTAINABLE FOREST MANAGEMENT

SGP's sustainable forest management portfolio supports sustainable land use, land-use change, and forestry management interventions for both forest and non-forest land use types, to ensure that restoration activities are well suited to the transformed ecosystems.

RESULTS

31

PROJECTS COMPLETED
THIS YEAR

41,238

HECTARES OF FOREST AND NON-FOREST
LANDS RESTORED OR WITH ENHANCED
CARBON STOCKS

SPOTLIGHT ON VANUATU



In **Vanuatu**, the *Williams Memorial Missionary Training Institute* undertook a project with support from SGP to rehabilitate degraded forest areas within a buffer zone of protected area, featuring a natural wild stand of native Kauri tree on Erromango Island in the south of the archipelago. One of the primary goals of the project was to promote and ensure reforestation in the east of the island with increased tree coverage in the community area, and preventing harvesting of wild sandalwood within the National Forest Reserve on the island.

The project involved all the community members including youth and

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