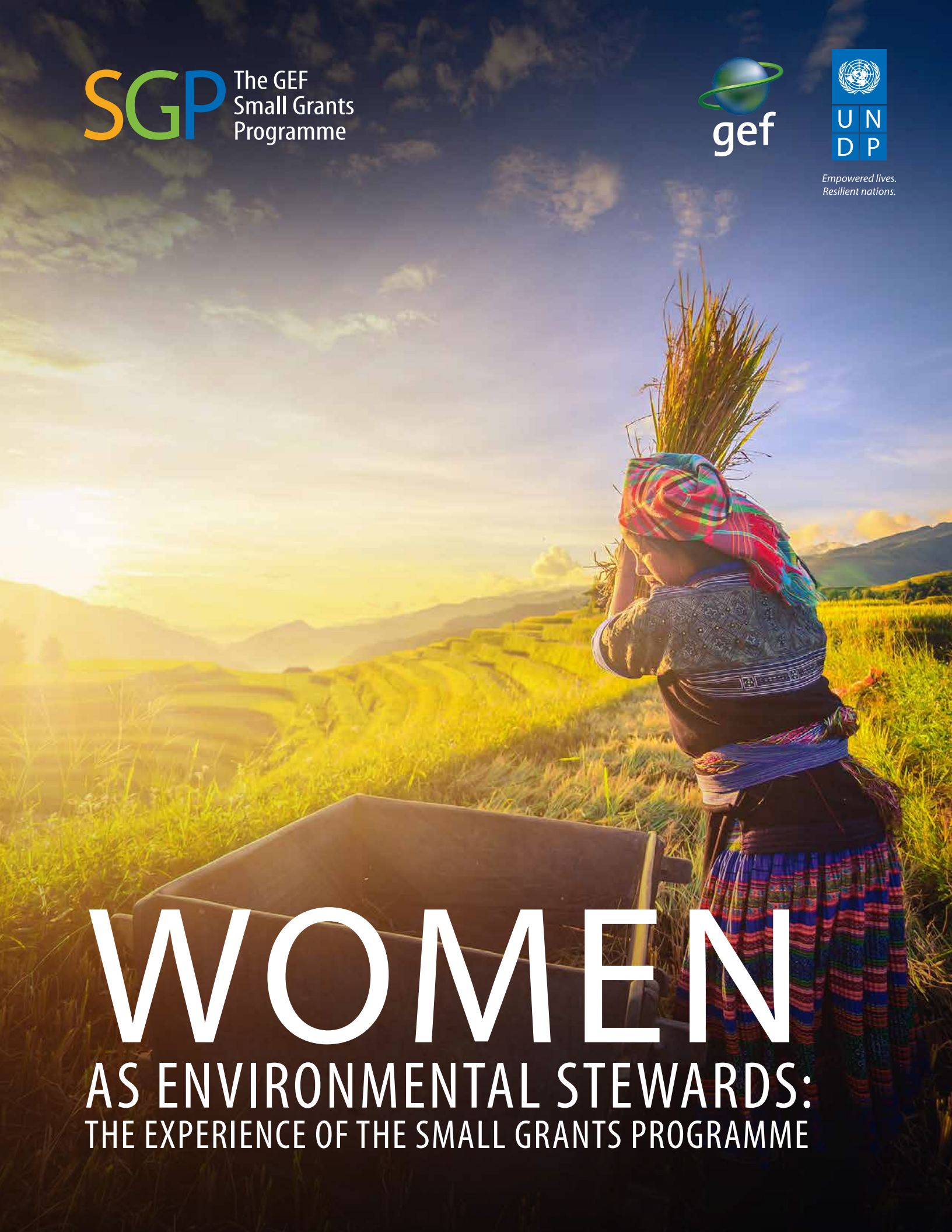




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AS ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDS:
THE EXPERIENCE OF THE SMALL GRANTS PROGRAMME

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Foreword



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Women in developing countries are often the first responders in natural resource management. From collecting water for cooking and cleaning, using land for farming and livestock, gathering food in rivers and on the reef, and collecting fuel in the form of firewood or dung, women all over the globe use and interact with natural resources and ecosystems on a daily basis. They are often the first to notice when deforestation or drought sends them farther afield for firewood and water, or when the reef yields less and less seafood.

Yet gender inequality and social exclusion continue to increase the negative effects of unsustainable and destructive environmental management on women and girls. Persistent gender-discriminatory social and cultural norms such as unequal access to land, water and productive assets, and decision-making persist, despite recent promising policy reforms. Discrimination against women and girls continue to constrain women from equally participating in, contributing to, and benefiting from sustainable natural resource management, as well as sustainable development.

In this publication, the GEF Small Grants Programme, implemented by UNDP, features women as environmental stewards in case studies about biodiversity conservation, climate change, land degradation, international waters and chemicals and waste management. These examples show action from the ground up and demonstrate the importance of investing in women's leadership and technical skills for improved environmental benefits and sustainable development, while challenging traditional gender norms that often prevent women from taking leadership roles or from having access and control over the natural resources they help preserve.

For example, in Colombia and Gambia, a reduction in the amount of molluscs available for harvest led women to change their harvesting practices, protect mangroves, and become leaders in sustainable natural resource management in their communities. In Peru, women were able to revive nearly extinct native varieties of cotton and are now national experts in the field. In Viet Nam, women waste pickers developed a waste management system for Hoi An that transformed the sector and is being scaled up by other municipalities.

These thirteen practical examples of women led projects provide evidence that investing in women pays off not just in producing global environmental benefits and sustainable development, but also by improving the wellbeing and sustainable practices of the communities they live in.

We hope these examples will inspire further innovation from the local to the global level, support the implementation of the GEF's new Policy on Gender Equality and the UNDP Gender Strategy, and boost interest in and resources for gender equality and women empowerment. We also hope that these examples will help contribute to achieve not only the Sustainable Development Goal 5 on Gender Equality but all the others that benefit when women are empowered and have equal opportunities to contribute to society. These stories demonstrate that when women are empowered and have equal opportunities to contribute to sustainable development, it leads to concrete benefits for people and planet.



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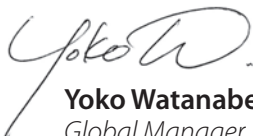
Gender equality is a fundamental human right and an important prerequisite for environmental conservation and the successful implementation of multilateral environmental agreements and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

The GEF Small Grants Programme (SGP), implemented by UNDP, is committed to social inclusion in its work, with a special emphasis on gender equality and women's empowerment. SGP has been proactively working for years to ensure its projects are gender responsive and promote women's leadership and participation. As such, of the 3,182 projects completed between July 2014 and June 2018, 29 percent were led by women.

The 13 projects highlighted in this publication, ranging from women's groups engaged in sustainable oyster harvesting in the Gambia to the conservation of medicinal plants in Morocco, provide concrete cases showing that investing in women is not only good for the environment, but also contributes to sustainable development of their communities. The recent evaluation conducted by the GEF Independent Evaluation Office also recognized the concrete contribution of the SGP in supporting gender equality and women's empowerment.

SGP uses two complementary approaches to achieve its gender equality and women's empowerment objectives. It mainstreams gender in projects by using various mechanisms, including gender analysis, to ensure that its portfolio addresses the needs of both men and women and consequently both benefit from project results. SGP also carries out projects that specifically target and empower women, including actively promoting women-led projects and supporting the development of women's leadership.

I hope the examples in this publication inspire local communities and partners to invest in women as a path towards improved global environment and sustainable development. Together with partners at the global, national and local levels, and in line with GEF and UNDP policies on gender equality, SGP will further enhance its work and contribute to gender equality and women's empowerment by promoting innovation and focusing on results.


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Introduction

Gender equality and women's empowerment are critical objectives of the Small Grants Programme

This publication is based on years of experience promoting gender equality and women's empowerment. It is an

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