

## CALL FOR PROJECT CONCEPTS

### GEF Small Grants Programme (GEF SGP) Jamaica (7<sup>th</sup> Operational Phase: July 2020-June 2024)

**I. Background:** The GEF Small Grants Programme (GEF SGP), implemented by the UNDP, provides financial and technical support to communities and CSOs to meet the overall objective of “global environmental benefits secured through community-based initiatives and actions”. SGP funds “small grants” up to a maximum of **US\$50,000**. A 1:1 matching co-financing (cash and kind) is required. These “larger” projects allow for scaling up and cover many communities within a critical landscape or seascape. The GEF SGP has expanded to provide assistance to 132 countries. We believe that community-driven and civil society-led initiatives can generate environmental benefits, while supporting sustainable livelihoods, community resilience building and local empowerment. This is one of the most effective ways to address global environmental challenges. SGP **Jamaica** became a member in **June 2003** and started financing projects in **June 2005**. Since then, GEF SGP **Jamaica** has succeeded in funding and providing support for over **150** projects.

#### **II. Objectives:**

OP7 Projects will enable eligible national stakeholders in Jamaica to carry out the following:

- ✓ Create greater impact and closer links between local efforts and global environmental benefits (GEBs) by supporting more extensive geographical coverage and/or thematic consolidation for policy improvement.
- ✓ Make effective use of the built-up capacity of local NGOs, CBOs and communities for replication of successful technologies and approaches.
- ✓ Improve the capacity of the SGP and its partners to leverage larger funds from potential partners and donors.
- ✓ Strengthen the sustainability and replicability of SGP projects.
- ✓ Pilot innovative market mechanisms and financial instruments (i.e. such as Payments for Ecosystem Services (PES); environmentally friendly loans; revolving funds; and/or sustainable financing for clean energy technologies).
- ✓ Accumulate national and global experience in the development and implementation of projects of larger coverage enabling SGP to link more effectively with the MSP and FSP modalities of the GEF, as well as that of other donors and governments.
- ✓ Strategically position civil society participation and leadership in new and innovative policies and programmes with non-GEF funding (i.e. wide implementation of community-based adaptation (CBA), ecosystem-based adaptation (EBA), community-based REDD+, sustainable energy for all (SE4ALL), strengthening direct access to funding mechanisms such as the Adaptation Fund and the Green Climate Fund).

OP7 Focal Areas & Strategic Initiatives	OP7 Indicators
<p><b>Biodiversity Conservation:</b> Community-based Conservation of Threatened Ecosystems and Species Improve management effectiveness of protected areas through ICCAs and shared governance with private sector and government.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Improve community-led biodiversity friendly practices and approaches, including promoting blue economy (e.g. agriculture, fisheries, forestry, tourism, infrastructure, etc.)</li> <li>2) Enhance community led actions for protection of threatened species</li> </ol>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hectares of landscapes under improved management to benefit biodiversity.</li> <li>• Hectares of Marine protected areas under improved management effectiveness.</li> <li>• Hectares of marine habitat under improved practices to benefit biodiversity (excluding protected areas).</li> </ul>
<p><b>Land Degradation &amp; Sustainable Forest Management:</b> Sustainable Agriculture and Fisheries, and Food Security</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Increase efficiency and effectiveness of overall food production and value chain, including in vulnerable ecosystems (mountains, SIDS, etc.).</li> <li>2) Increase diversification and livelihood improvement</li> <li>3) Remove deforestation from supply chain and expanded restoration of degraded lands</li> </ol>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hectares of landscapes under sustainable land management in production systems.</li> <li>• Hectares of degraded agricultural lands restored.</li> <li>• Linkages and partnerships for sustainable food production practices (such as diversification and sustainable intensification) and supply chain management (esp. SMEs).</li> <li>• Number of farmers supported towards the achievement of national Land Degradation Neutrality (LDN) targets.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Climate Change (Mitigation):</b> Low-carbon Energy Access Co-benefits Support implementation of Paris Agreement and the NDCs</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Promote renewable and energy efficient technologies providing socio-economic benefits and improving livelihoods.</li> </ol>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Kw of installed renewable energy capacity from local technologies (e.g., on types of renewable energy technology biomass, small hydro, solar).</li> <li>• Number of households achieving energy access, with co-benefits estimated and valued.</li> </ul>
<p><b>CSO-Government-Private Sector Policy and Planning Dialogue Platforms</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Promote/enhance community voices and participation in global and national policy, strategy development related to global environment and sustainable development issues</li> </ol>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Number of CSO-government-private sector dialogues convened to support community voice and representation in national/sub-national policy development.</li> <li>• Number of representatives from social inclusion group (women, youth, persons with disability, farmers, other marginalized groups) supported with meaningful participation in dialogue platforms.</li> <li>• Number of Public-Private Partnership on key global environmental issues promoted.</li> <li>• Number of high-level policy changes attributed to increased community representation through the CSO-government-private sector dialogues.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Enhancing Social Inclusion</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Promote targeted initiatives</li> <li>2. Mainstream social inclusion in all projects (e.g. women/girls, indigenous peoples, youth, and persons with disabilities)</li> </ol>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Number of projects led by women and/or mainstream concrete mechanisms for increased participation of women.</li> <li>• Number of SGP projects that demonstrate appropriate models of engaging youth.</li> <li>• Number of SGP projects that demonstrate models of engaging persons with disability.</li> <li>• Number of projects contributing to closing gender gaps related to access to and control over natural resources.</li> <li>• Number of projects that improve the participation and decision-making of women in natural resource governance.</li> <li>• Number of projects that target socio-economic benefits and services for women.</li> </ul>

#### Criteria for Selection

- Projects with tangible co-financing will be of priority.
- Projects should demonstrate collaborations and partnerships with other agencies, as well as broad community participation.
- Demonstrated ability to manage project processes.
- Projects should be aligned to National Policies/Priorities (i.e., Vision 2030 Jamaica, NDCs), SDGs and the UN Conventions to which Jamaica is a signatory
- Projects should have cross-cutting results in poverty reduction, livelihoods, capacity development and gender with special focus on women and youth involvement

Please email project concepts in word format (**no pdf**) to: [gefsgp.jam@undp.org](mailto:gefsgp.jam@undp.org)

Concepts must be completed using the templates provided as concepts that are not completed using the GEF SGP template **will not be considered**

**Only shortlisted applicants will be contacted**

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visit our website at: <http://sgp.undp.org>

**DEADLINE FOR PROJECT CONCEPT SUBMISSION IS: Friday, April 5, 2024 @ 5:00 p.m.**

#### **PROJECT DEVELOPMENT SESSION**

**NB:** To support groups in developing their project concept, the GEF SGP Secretariat will be hosting a project development session – see details below. **Please RSVP by March 13, 2024**, by completing this [google form](#) or respond to [gefsgp.jam@undp.org](mailto:gefsgp.jam@undp.org)

Topic: GEF SGP Jamaica Project Development Session  
Time: Mar 18, 2024, 09:00 AM Bogota

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