

## Project Fact Sheet 05/2010:

# SGP

## GEF-Small Grant Programme, Lao PDR

### Project Description

**The Global Environment Facility's (GEF) Small Grants Programme (SGP) aims to deliver global environmental benefits in the GEF Focal Areas** of biodiversity conservation, climate change mitigation, protection of international waters, prevention of land degradation (primarily desertification and deforestation), and elimination of persistent organic pollutants through community-based approaches.

Small Grant programme (SGP) launched in 1992 and is funded by GEF and implemented by the United Development Programme (UNDP) on behalf of the GEF partnership. At present, 101 countries participate in SGP.

SGP supports civil society and community based organizations in developing countries to implement activities towards biodiversity conservation, climate change mitigation, protection of international waters, prevention of land degradation and elimination of persistent organic pollutants through community based approaches in a sustainable way. The maximum grant amount per project is US\$50,000, but averages around US\$20,000. Grants are channeled directly to CBOs and NGOs.

GEF-SGP in Lao PDR was approved by the Government of Lao PDR (GoL) in September 2008. The programme was formally launched in September 2009 with the nomination of a National Steering Committee, the development of a National Strategy, and the initiation of grant making processes. Since its launching, GEF-SGP awarded 17 small grants projects to Community-based Organizations, Not-for-Profit Associations and Mass Organization

The SGP has been receiving project concept note/proposals from civil society organizations and has been launching small grants projects which contribute to conservation of biodiversity, mitigation of climate change, protection of international waters, prevention of land degradation and elimination of persistent organic pollutants.

### Project Document

- SGP Country Programme Strategy (GEF-SGP) and (SGP-CBA) both English and Lao version in PDF format

- Eligibility Guideline both English and Lao version in PDF format
- Project Concept Note Template (GEF-SGP) and (SGP-CBA)
- MAP-CBA Project Document

All can be downloading from <http://www.undplao.org/whatwedo/small%20grants.php>

### **Main activities**

- SGP-CBA Country Programme Strategy development
- Call for Concept Notes (GEF-SGP) and (MAP-CBA)
- Projects Screening and approval (NSCs' Meeting and Pre-visit to selected proposed projects)
- Continue grant delivery for existing small grants projects

### **Key Results, Reports and Publications**

- List key (interim if project is ongoing) results and years in which they were achieved
- Provide URL to evaluations and/or other (interim) reports if any.
- List publications and provide any relevant media reports or press releases (URLs or uploaded PDFs)

The programme will be formally launched in 2009 with the creation of NSC

### **Location**

Nation wide

### **Total budget**

Since Lao PDR is newly joint member to Global Environmental Facility (GEF) the Total budget for this is US\$ 1,290,000 (\$540k RAF Allocation; \$600k matching core fund from SGP to SGP-Lao PDR and \$150k bonus fund for new country programmes)

### **Thematic Area**

Energy & Environment

### **Millennium Development Goal**

Goal(s) 7: Ensure Environmental Sustainability

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successful of this SGP; it anticipates the integration the principles of sustainable development into country policies and programmes; reverse loss of environmental resources

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