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# Accessing the GEF & GEF Project Cycle

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# GEF Project Requirements

- Country-driven
- GEF Focal Area Strategies
- Identifiable global benefits
- Participation
- Consistency with global Conventions
- Scientific and technical merit
- Financially sustainable and cost-effectiveness
- Monitoring, evaluation, and lessons learned
- Endorsed by the OFP
- Catalytic and leveraging role



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# How we fund?

## GEF's Grant Schemes

GEF project types by Grant Size:

- Full-Sized Projects (FSPs): GEF grant > \$2 million
- Medium-Sized Projects (MSPs): GEF grant  $\leq$  \$2 million
- Enabling Activities (EAs): GEF grant is capped by respective focal area threshold:
  - ✓ **Biodiversity** (NBSAP up to \$250K, 6<sup>th</sup> National Report to CBD up to US\$30K, 3<sup>rd</sup> National Report on Cartagena Protocol up to US\$20K)
  - ✓ **Climate Change** (National communications up to \$500K, BUR up to US\$ 352K)
  - ✓ **Land Degradation** up to \$150,000
  - ✓ **Chemical and Waste** (MIA \$200K; Persistent Organic Pollutants NIP \$250K; and ASGM NAP=\$500K)
- Programmatic Approach (PA)
- Small Grants Program (max \$50,000)

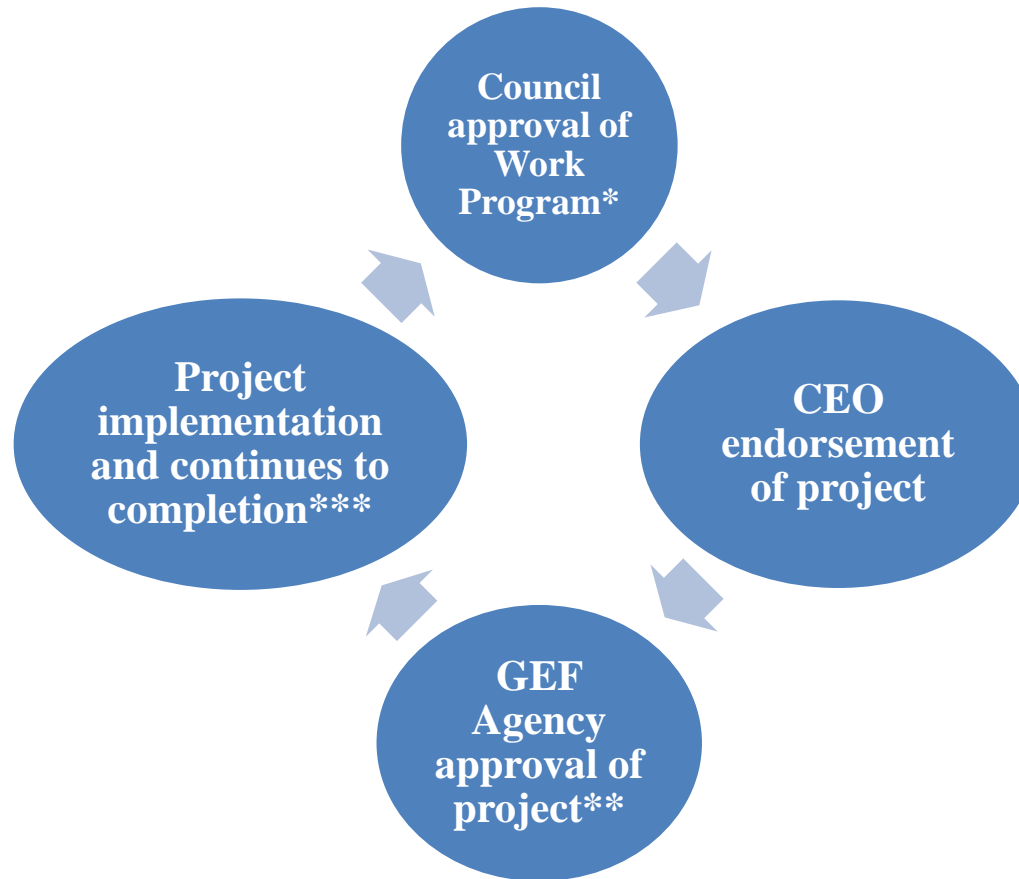
MIA=Minamata Convention Initial Assessment

ASGM NAP = “Artisanal and Small Scale Gold Mining” National Action Plan



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# GEF Project Cycle



\* Work Program consists of PIFs cleared by the CEO

\*\* GEF Agency approval of project signifies start of project implementation

\*\*\* Project completion follows terminal evaluation and financial closure



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# Medium-sized Project Cycle

## ➤ One-step approach, preferred:

- Final MSP request and project document submit to the Secretariat for CEO approval, on a rolling basis.
- As needed, a PPG of up to \$50,000 can be requested with MSP submission.

## ➤ Two-step approach, only if required:

- Submission of a PIF with PPG request, if needed
- Submission of a final MSP document plus a MSP Approval Request for CEO approval



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# Enabling Activities Project Cycle

Enabling Activities follow two paths:

**Direct Access** (follow direct access policy – applies the World Bank Operations Policies and Procedures):

- Country applies directly to the Secretariat for funding

**Regular procedures** :

- Country works with a GEF Partner Agency to access funding.



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# Programmatic Approach Cycle

The new programmatic approach: approved by Council approval in the October 2014 Council meeting.

Steps include:

- Council approval of a Program Framework Document (PFD) included in a work program;
- CEO endorsement of fully prepared child projects under the program



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# Features of a Program

- Key document: [Program Framework Document \(PFD\)](#).
- All child projects under the Program have to be submitted for CEO endorsement by a deadline (or [Program Commitment Deadline](#)) agreed by relevant stakeholders during the preparation of the program concept or PFD.
- Child projects can apply for project preparation funding through submission of a PPG Request.



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# Acronyms

FSP = Full-Sized Project

MSP = Medium-Sized Project

EA = Enabling Activities

PA = Programmatic Approach

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PIFs = Project Identification Form/concept of a project

PFD = Program Framework Document

PPG = Project Preparation Grant



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Thank you for your attention!  
Questions?



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