

COMMUNITY ACTION GLOBAL IMPACT



GEF SMALL GRANTS PROGRAMME
GEF-7 STRATEGY & REGIONAL STATUS

GEF ECW 2019

COMMUNITY ACTION GLOBAL IMPACT

SGP Overview

Overview

- Local solutions to global environmental problems
- Supports community-based initiatives and actions
- Since 1992, GEF Corporate Program, implemented by UNDP



KEY FACTS



**21,600
PROJECTS**

on global environmental issues.



**UP TO
\$50,000
PER GRANT**

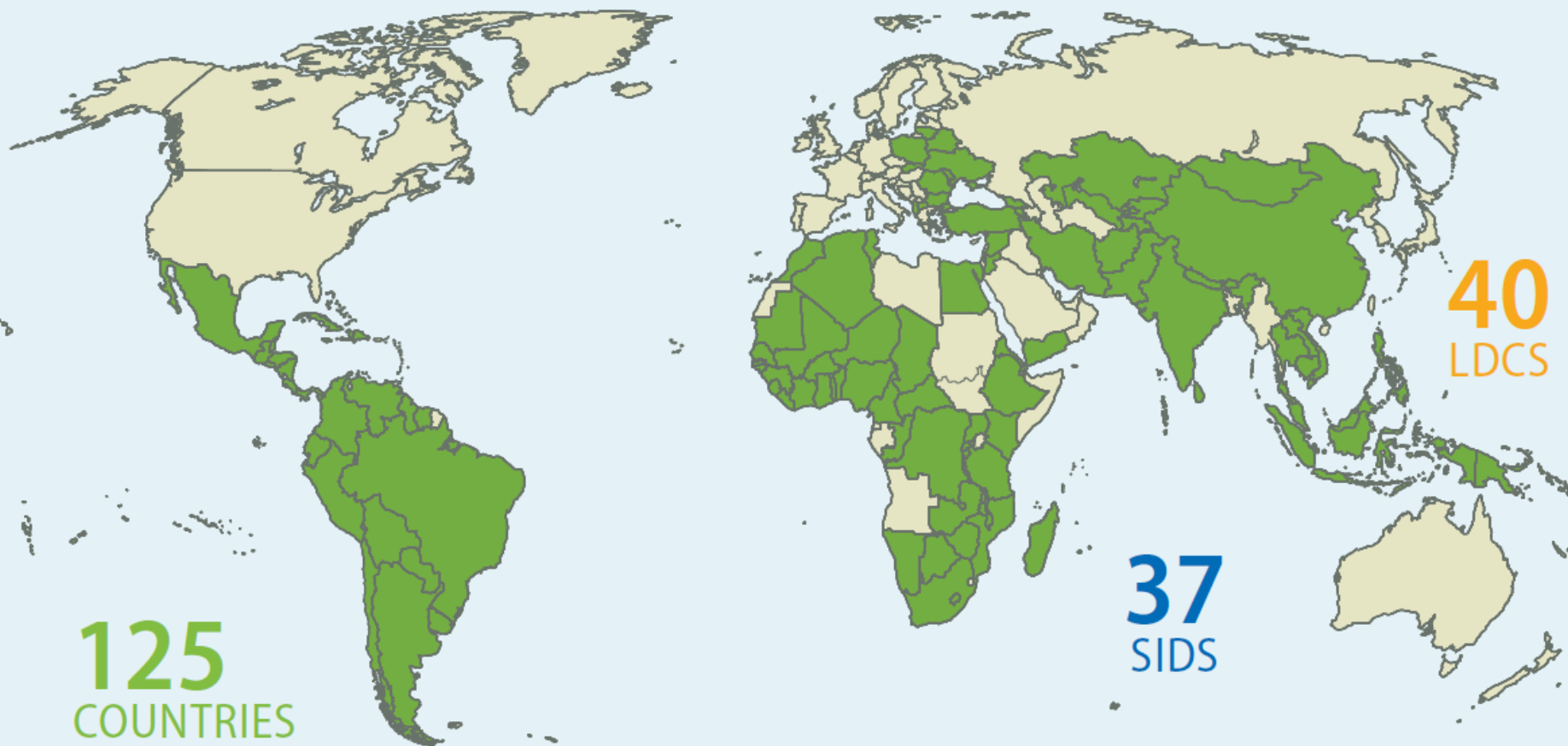
directly to CSOs and local communities for innovative and community-driven ideas that can then be replicated and scaled up.



**US\$582
MILLION**

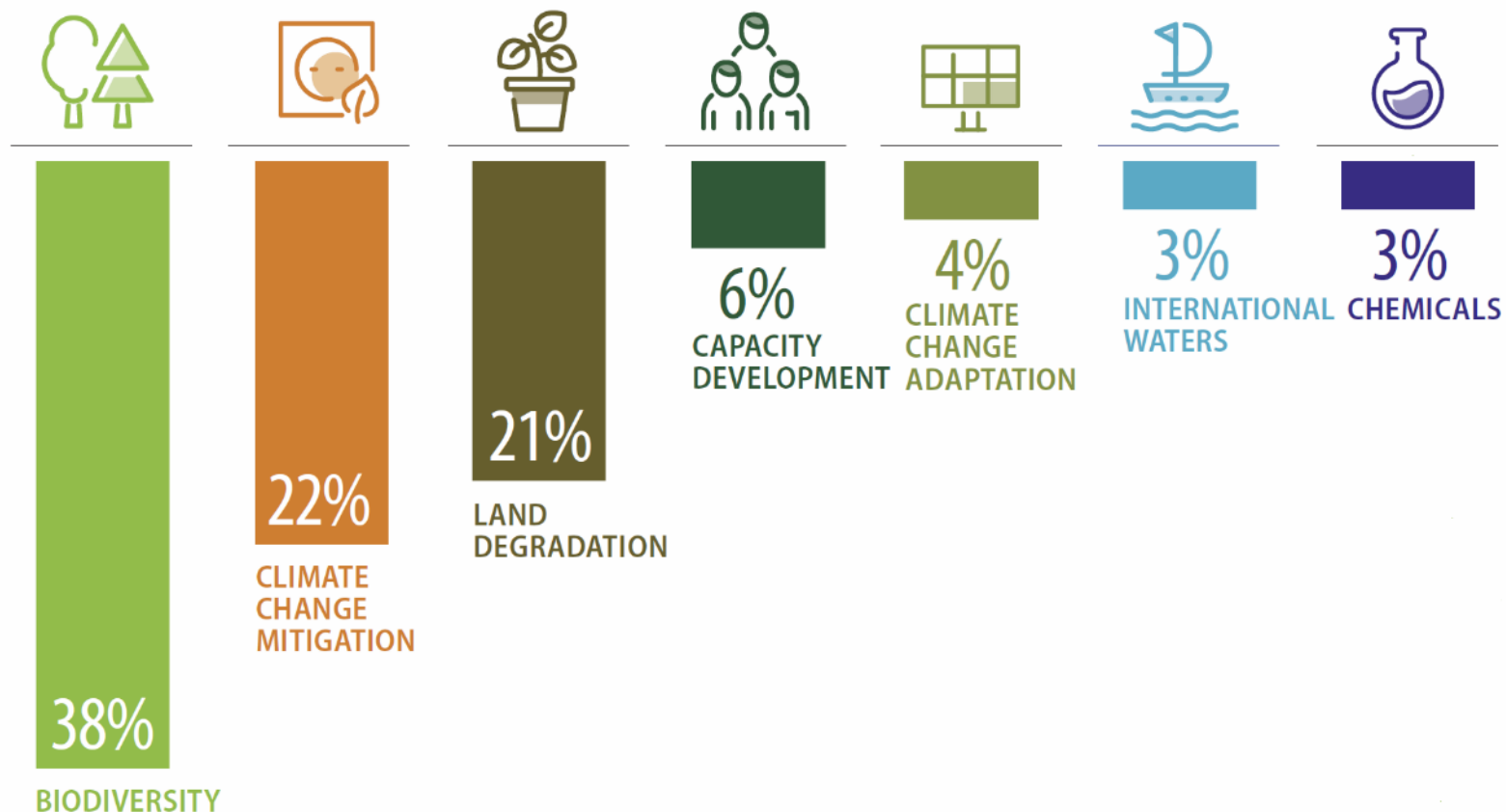
in total Grants and equal amount of cofinance.

Where we work



What we do

FOCAL AREA DISTRIBUTION



SGP Grants

- **Planning Grants:**
up to \$5000
- **Regular Grants:**
up to \$50,000
- **Strategic Grants:**
up to \$150,000
- **Global/Regional Grants:** \$250k to 500k
- **Innovation Programme**



KEY STEPS IN THE APPLICATION PROCESS



The project proponent – a national CBO or CSO – contacts the SGP National Coordinator to receive project application guidelines and forms. Refer to the SGP website's, under section "Where We Work" for information and contacts at the country-level.



The proponent organization prepares a brief project concept note and submits it to the SGP Country Programme.



If the project is found eligible, the project proponent prepares a project proposal. In some cases, this step may be supported by a planning grant.



Project proposals are reviewed by the National Steering Committee (NSC).

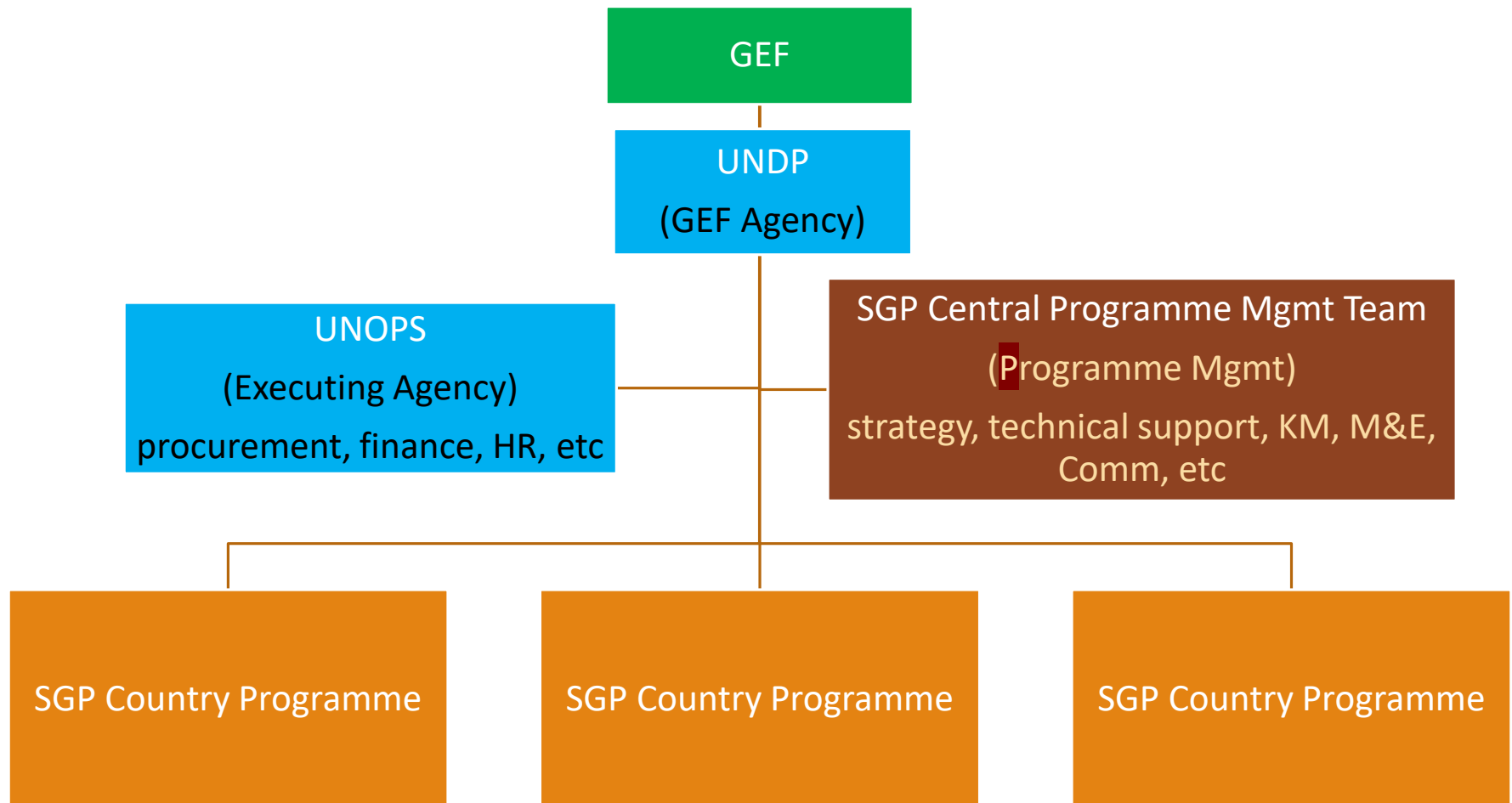


The NSC reviews the proposal and either accepts, rejects, or returns it to the proponent with recommendations for formulating and refining the project.

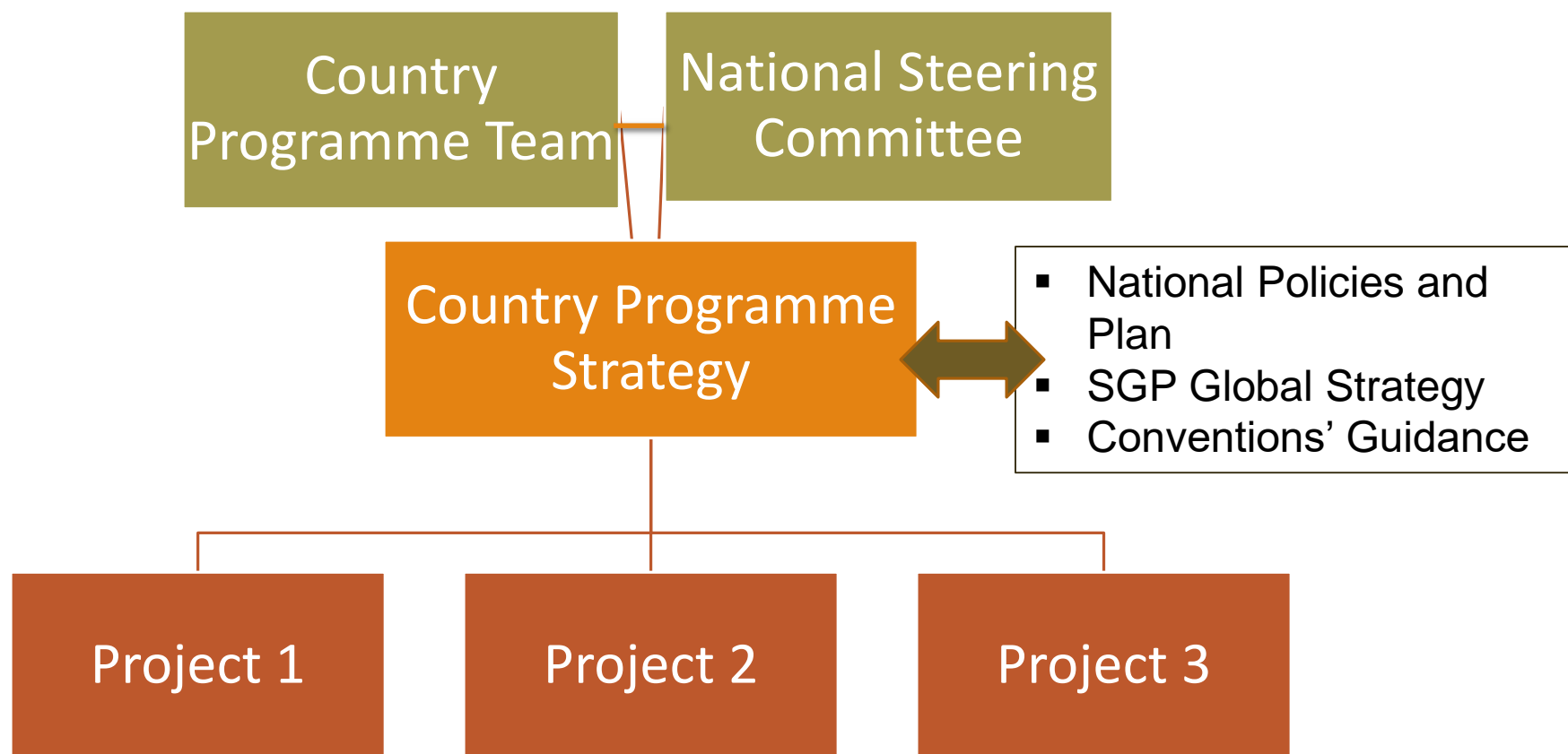


Approved projects sign grant agreement. SGP grants are usually paid in three installments, based on successful implementation and reporting.

SGP Global Structure



SGP Country Structure



SGP Results 2017-2018: Biodiversity and Climate Change



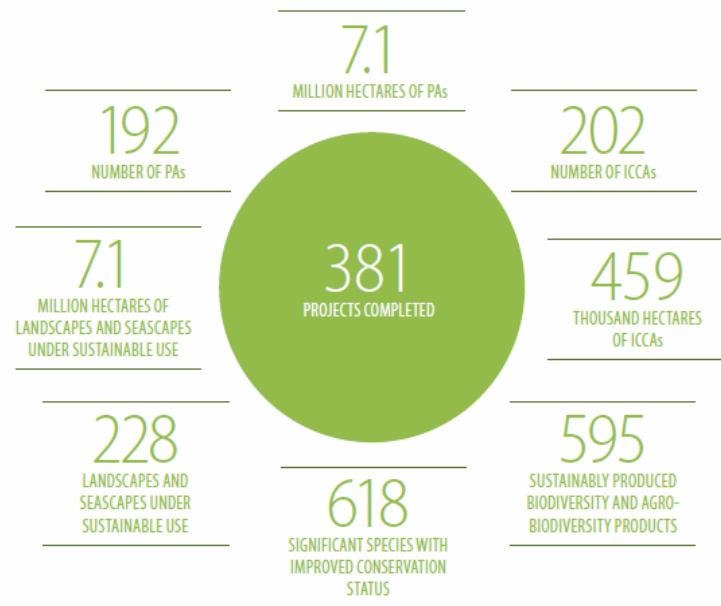
PROGRESS TOWARDS FOCAL AREA OBJECTIVES

BIODIVERSITY

SGP's Biodiversity portfolio continued to support improvements in the sustainability of protected areas (PAs) and indigenous and community conservation areas and territories (ICCAs), and mainstreaming biodiversity conservation and sustainable use through protection and transmission of traditional knowledge and genetic resources.

RESULTS DURING THE REPORTING YEAR

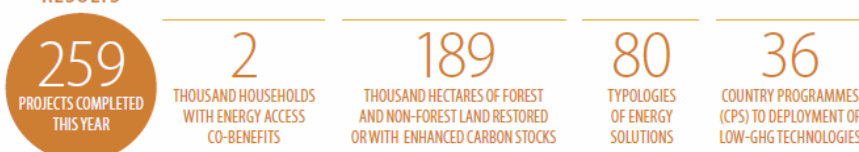
(JULY 1, 2017 - JUNE 30, 2018)



CLIMATE CHANGE

SGP's climate change portfolio continued to support decarbonization and low-carbon energy transformation at the community level through introduction of low-GHG technologies and low-carbon transport initiatives. These technologies included micro-hydro, wind, solar and biomass energy, and results were accomplished through integrated approaches to decarbonization that ensured access of communities to renewable energy.

RESULTS



SGP Results 2017-2018: International Waters and Land Degradation



INTERNATIONAL WATERS

SGP's international waters portfolio supports sustainable management of transboundary waterbodies through regionally connected community-based activities.

RESULTS

27
PROJECTS COMPLETED
THIS YEAR

13
NUMBER OF
SEASCAPES AND INLAND
FRESHWATER LANDSCAPES
SUPPORTED

79
TONS OF
LAND-BASED
POLLUTION
REDUCED

37
THOUSAND HECTARES OF
MARINE AND COASTAL
AREAS UNDER SUSTAINABLE
MANAGEMENT

26
THOUSAND HECTARES
OF SEASCAPES
UNDER SUSTAINABLE
MANAGEMENT



LAND DEGRADATION

SGP's sustainable land management portfolio supports reversal and prevention of desertification and land degradation, while mitigating the effects of drought. Activities supported targeted rural communities who are highly dependent on agro-ecosystems and forest ecosystems for their livelihoods.

RESULTS

207
PROJECTS COMPLETED
THIS YEAR

25
THOUSAND
COMMUNITY MEMBERS WITH
IMPROVED ACTIONS
AND PRACTICES

174
THOUSAND
COMMUNITY MEMBERS
DEMONSTRATING
SUSTAINABLE
LAND MANAGEMENT

56
THOUSAND HECTARES
OF LAND BROUGHT
UNDER IMPROVED
MANAGEMENT
PRACTICES

6,146
FARMER
LEADERS
DEMONSTRATING
OF AGRO-ECOLOGICAL
PRACTICE

999
FARMER NETWORKS
DISSEMINATING
IMPROVED
AGRO-ECOLOGY
PRACTICES

SGP Results 2017-2018: Chemicals/waste



CHEMICALS AND WASTE

SGP's chemicals and waste management portfolio supports reduction and elimination of the release of harmful chemicals into the environment.

RESULTS

36
PROJECTS COMPLETED
THIS YEAR

3

MERCURY
MANAGEMENT
PROJECTS
COMPLETED

60

THOUSAND
KILOGRAMS
OF PESTICIDES
AVOIDED

75

THOUSAND
KILOGRAMS OF SOLID
WASTE REDUCED

26

THOUSAND
KILOGRAMS OF
E-WASTE COLLECTED
OR RECYCLED

22

THOUSAND
KILOGRAMS
HARMFUL CHEMICALS
AVOIDED

2018 SGP Results: Grantmaker Plus



GRANTMAKER PLUS

Grantmaker plus strategies were employed by SGP to enhance overall effectiveness of its portfolio. This was done by promoting interventions that build systemic capacity for civil society and community action to address global environmental challenges.

KEY ACTIVITIES UNDERTAKEN BY SGP COUNTRY PROGRAMMES INCLUDE:



67%
PROMOTED PEER-TO-PEER
EXCHANGES



72%
STRENGTHENED GRANTEE
NETWORKS



74%
CONNECTED GRANTEES WITH
GOVERNMENT SERVICES



71%
CONNECTED GRANTEES
WITH NGOs/INGOs



42%
CONNECTED GRANTEES WITH
PRIVATE SECTOR COMPANIES



58
SOUTH-SOUTH EXCHANGES
ACROSS COUNTRIES



70%
CONNECTED GRANTEES WITH THE
ACADEMIA OR RESEARCH CENTERS



128
DIALOGUE PLATFORMS
INITIATED



66%
ORGANIZED TRAINING FOR SGP GRANTEES ON DIFFERENT
SUBJECTS TO IMPROVE PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION



42%
CONNECTED GRANTEES WITH DEVELOPMENT
AGENCIES/PRACTITIONERS

2018 SGP Results: Social Inclusion



SOCIAL INCLUSION

SGP undertakes targeted efforts to support greater social inclusion of marginalized groups, including women, indigenous peoples, youth and persons with disabilities.



93%
PROJECTS COMPLETED
WERE GENDER RESPONSIVE



34%
PROJECTS WERE LED
BY WOMEN



91%
COUNTRIES HAVE A GENDER
FOCAL POINT IN NSC



22%
PROJECTS COMPLETED
WITH INDIGENOUS PEOPLES



40%
COUNTRIES HAVE AN INDIGENOUS
PEOPLES FOCAL POINT IN NSC



39
DISABLED PERSONS ORGANIZATIONS
CONTRIBUTED TO SUSTAINABLE STRATEGIES



1,657
INDIGENOUS LEADERS
WITH IMPROVED CAPACITIES



45%
PROJECTS WITH
YOUTH PARTICIPATION

COMMUNITY ACTION GLOBAL IMPACT

GEF-7 Strategy & Approach

A SGP Story

Chernobyl: Death to Life



SGP Approach



Technologies, tools &
management arrangements



Partnerships, connections and
networking

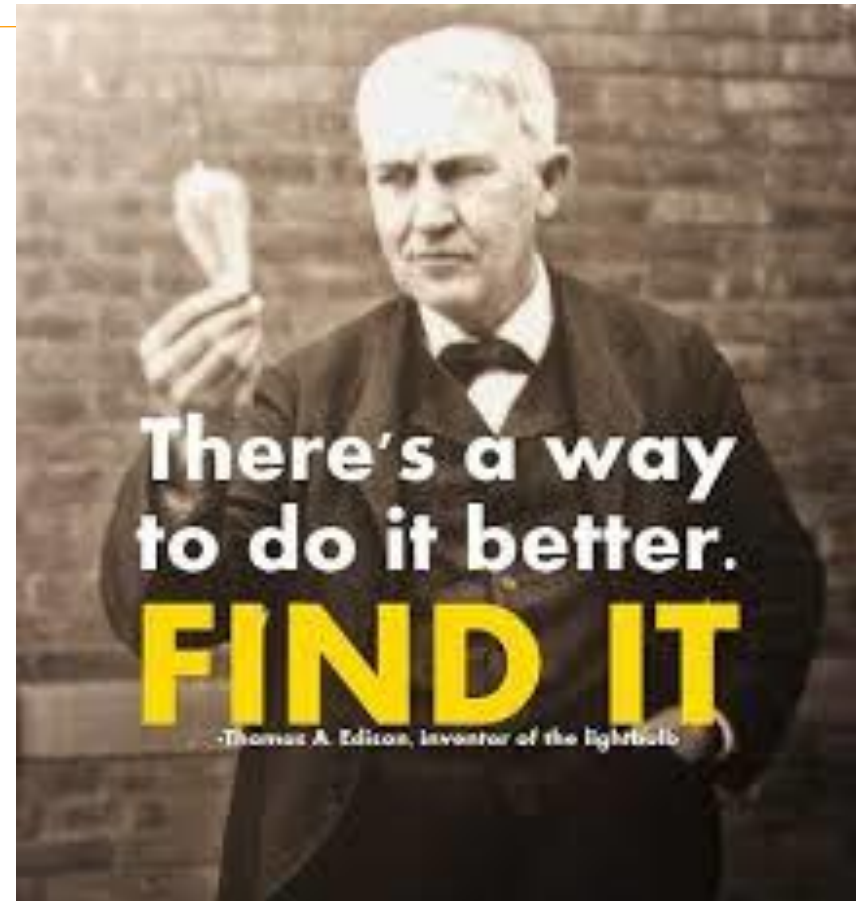


Impact: policy influence,
diffusion of practices

GEF-7 SGP Value Proposition

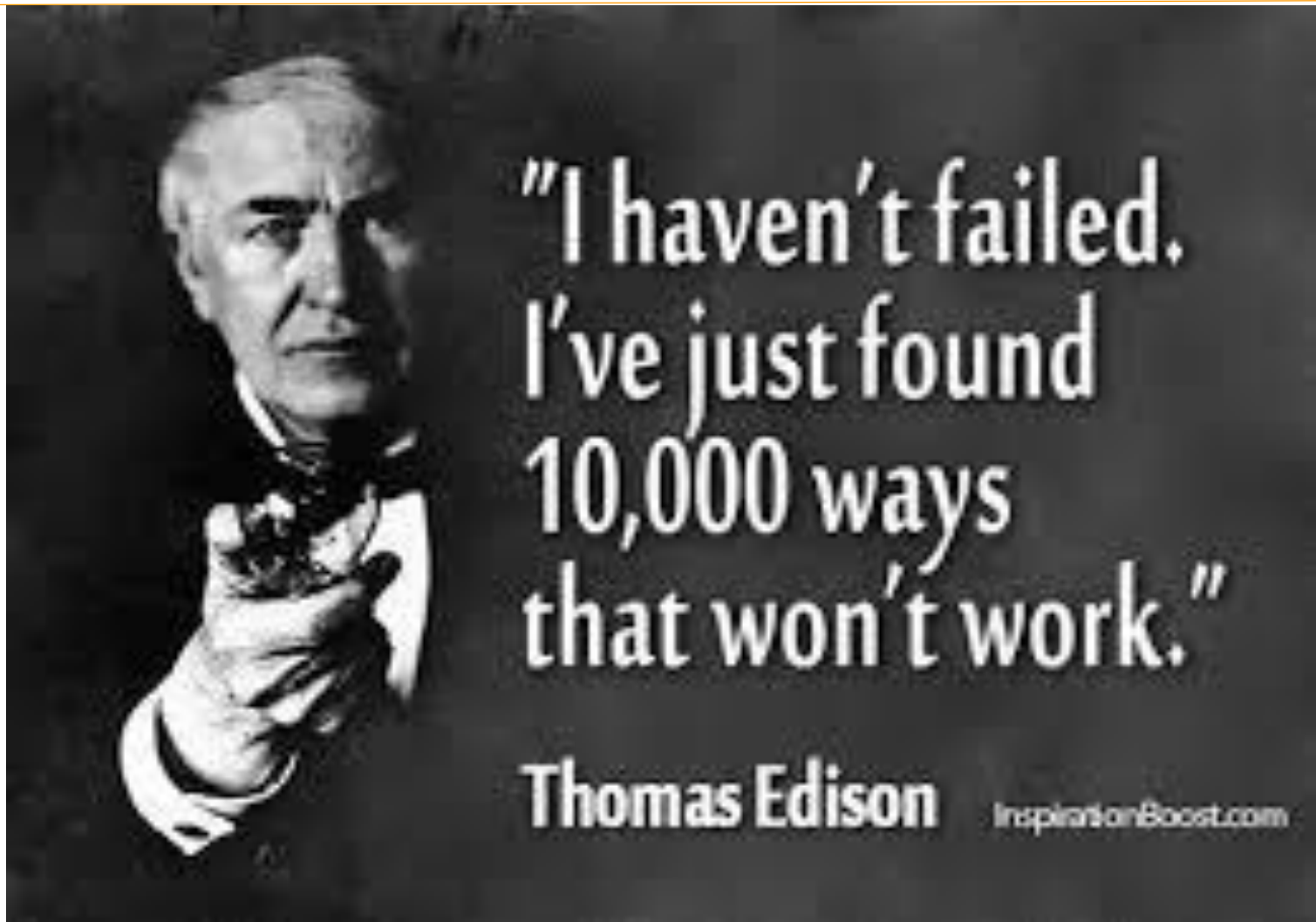
INNOVATION INCLUSION IMPACT

- Incubator of Innovative solutions or experiment lab of GEF
- Risk taker
- Human/partnerships connector
- Strategic platform for community-based actions for synergy, scaling up, and sustainability.



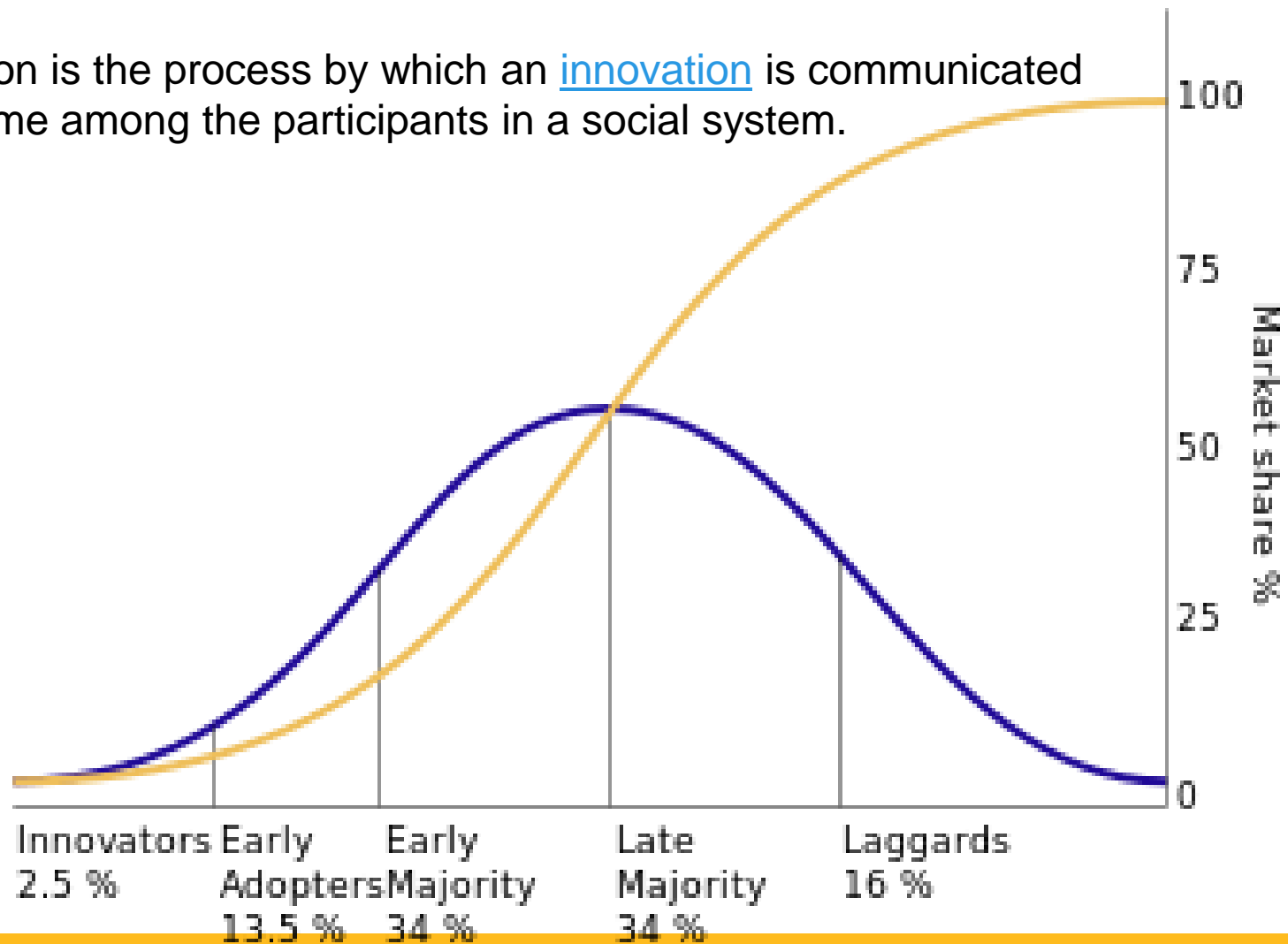
Thomas Edison

Innovation comes from trials and learning



Theory of Diffusion of Innovation, by Everette Rodgers

Diffusion is the process by which an [innovation](#) is communicated over time among the participants in a social system.



Scaling Up Community-based Initiatives: Various Modalities

Policies/Projects designed by building on SGP solution/approach

SGP serving as delivery mechanism of larger projects/programs

Local to Global connections, networks and influence



GEF-7: Integrated Strategic Initiatives

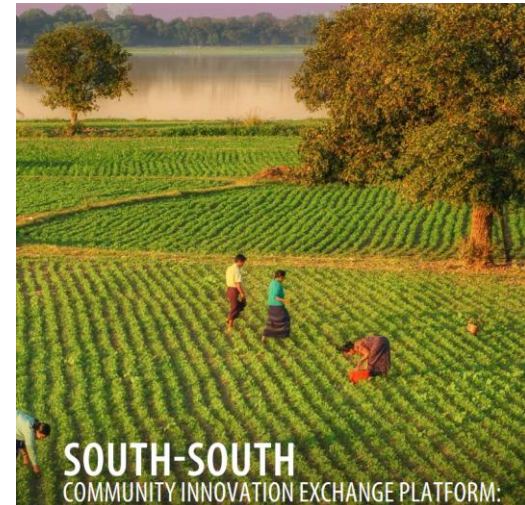


Landscape and Seascape as Overarching Approach:

1. Sustainable Agriculture and Fisheries - Food Security
2. Low-Carbon Energy Access Co-benefits
3. Community-based Threatened Ecosystems and Species Conservation: Land and Water
4. Local to Global Coalitions in Chemicals and Waste Management
5. Catalyzing Sustainable Urban Solutions

Grantmaker Plus Initiatives

- CSO-Government-Private Sector Policy Dialogues
- Social Inclusion – Leaving No One Behind
- Citizen Based Global Knowledge Platforms



GEF-7 Finance

Access to Core & STAR Resources

SGP CORE Resources:

- Equal access to all countries
- Provision to reallocate at final year if countries are unspent.

SGP STAR Resources:

- Eligible and interested countries may allocate STAR resources to participate in GEF-7 SGP
 - **10% of STAR allocation, while not exceeding \$2m for Global Programme.**
 - **Not exceeding \$5m for Upgraded Countries Programme**
- Upgraded countries criteria remains the same as GEF-6.
 - **New UCP – only Malaysia**

COMMUNITY ACTION GLOBAL IMPACT

Europe and Central Asia Regional Status

Region	Number of Projects	Grant Amount	Co-financing in Cash	Co-financing in Kind
Europe and the CIS	2875	70 209 845 USD	71 803 623 USD	35 722 304 USD

Country	Number of Projects	Grant Amount	Co-financing in Cash	Co-financing in Kind
ALBANIA	254	3 505 911 USD	1 172 556 USD	715 734 USD
ARMENIA	96	3 754 115 USD	3 541 701 USD	1 507 899 USD
BELARUS, REPUBLIC OF	160	6 393 125 USD	6 679 691 USD	1 399 161 USD
BULGARIA	121	3 949 348 USD	3 965 018 USD	1 541 422 USD
GEORGIA, REPUBLIC OF	75	1 921 754 USD	1 196 142 USD	994 673 USD
KAZAKHSTAN	364	7 740 419 USD	5 073 131 USD	4 632 300 USD
KYRGYZSTAN	298	4 816 043 USD	2 119 791 USD	2 724 669 USD
LITHUANIA, REPUBLIC OF	104	2 611 280 USD	6 108 566 USD	3 884 123 USD
MACEDONIA, THE FORMER YUGOSLAV REPUBLIC OF	134	2 478 694 USD	1 866 673 USD	987 907 USD
MOLDOVA, REPUBLIC OF	45	1 470 338 USD	1 153 799 USD	701 037 USD
POLAND	385	6 767 281 USD	19 931 470 USD	4 518 701 USD
ROMANIA	95	3 145 566 USD	1 963 567 USD	1 335 397 USD
SLOVAK REPUBLIC	76	1 973 000 USD	2 113 123 USD	552 783 USD
TAJIKISTAN	85	1 787 225 USD	999 360 USD	1 079 350 USD
TURKEY	305	6 446 057 USD	5 816 420 USD	4 317 036 USD
UKRAINE	180	8 553 231 USD	4 200 977 USD	3 551 101 USD

Potential New Countries

Country	LDC/SIDS
Bosnia and Herzegovina	No
Montenegro	No
Azerbaijan	No
Turkmenistan	No
Russia	No

KEY RESULTS OF PARTICIPATING COUNTRIES (2017-2018)

78 projects were completed and 161 ongoing projects in last GEF fiscal year (July 2017- June 2018)

BIODIVERSITY

Biodiversity: Projects completed - OP5 & OP6	30
Number of Protected areas (PAs)	34
Hectares of PAs	273,866
Hectares of target landscapes/seascapes under sustainable use	204,005

CLIMATE CHANGE

Climate Change Mitigation: Projects completed - OP5 & OP6	23
Typologies of energy access solutions with scaling up/replication	10
Households achieving energy access co-benefits (ecosystem effects, income, health)	1,088

KEY RESULTS OF PARTICIPATING COUNTRIES (2017-2018)

LAND DEGRADATION

Land degradation: Projects completed - OP5 & OP6	12
Community members with improved agricultural, land and water management practices	22,333
Hectares brought under improved agricultural, land and water management practices	1,236
Farmer leaders with successful demonstrations of agro-ecological practices	91
Farmer organizations/networks disseminating climate smart agro-ecological practices	198

INTERNATIONAL WATERS

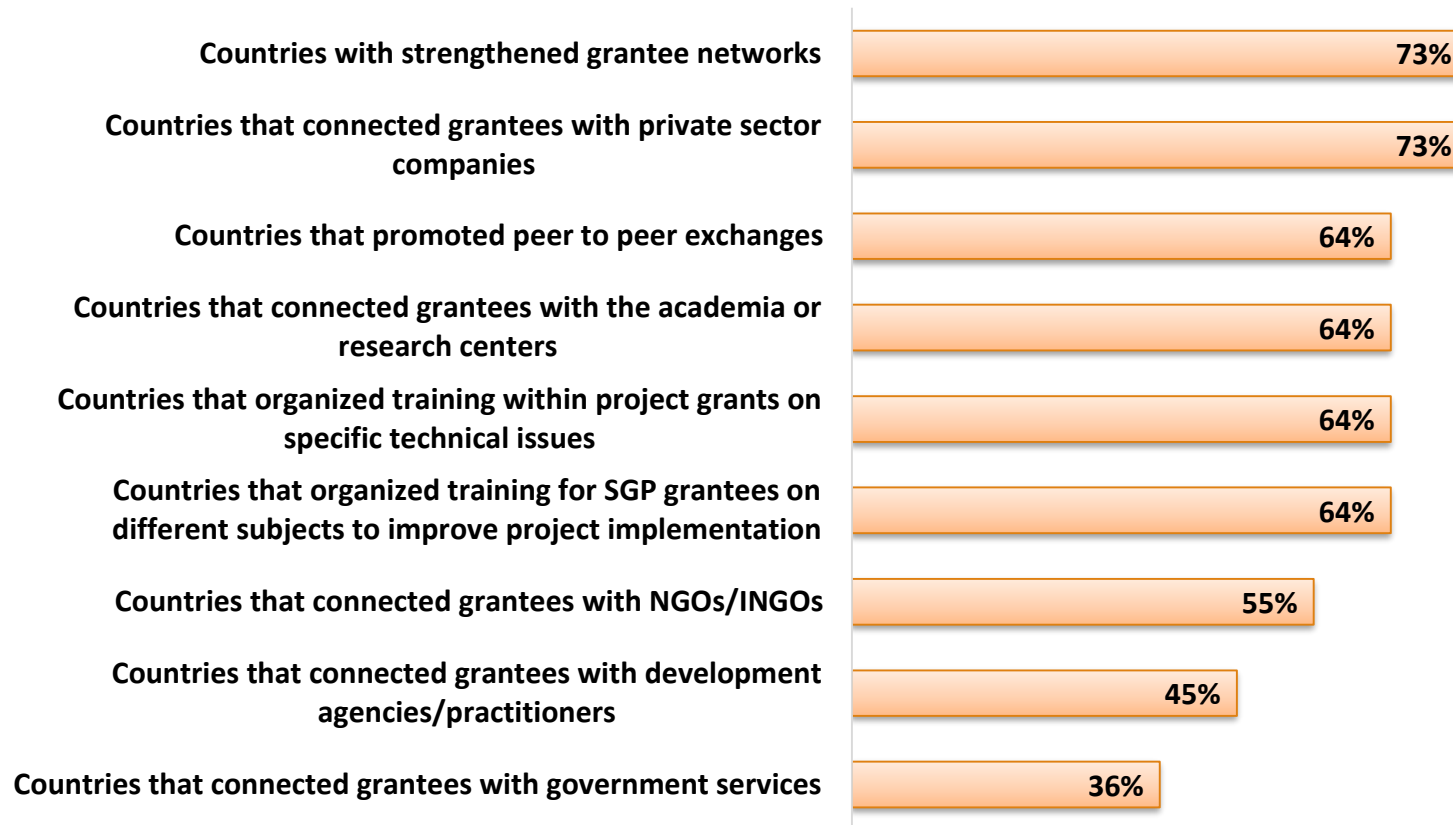
Tons of land-based pollution reduced/prevented from entering waterbodies	9
--	---

CHEMICALS AND WASTE

Chemicals and Waste (including Mercury): Projects completed - OP5 & OP6	5
Kilograms of pesticides reduced/prevented	7,300
Kilograms of solid waste prevented/reduced (such as plastics, agricultural waste)	48,658
Kilograms of e-waste collected/recycled	25
National networks on chemicals and waste management established/strengthened	5

Capacity building- a key focus

Capacity Development Strategies used by SGP Europe and CIS Country Programmes

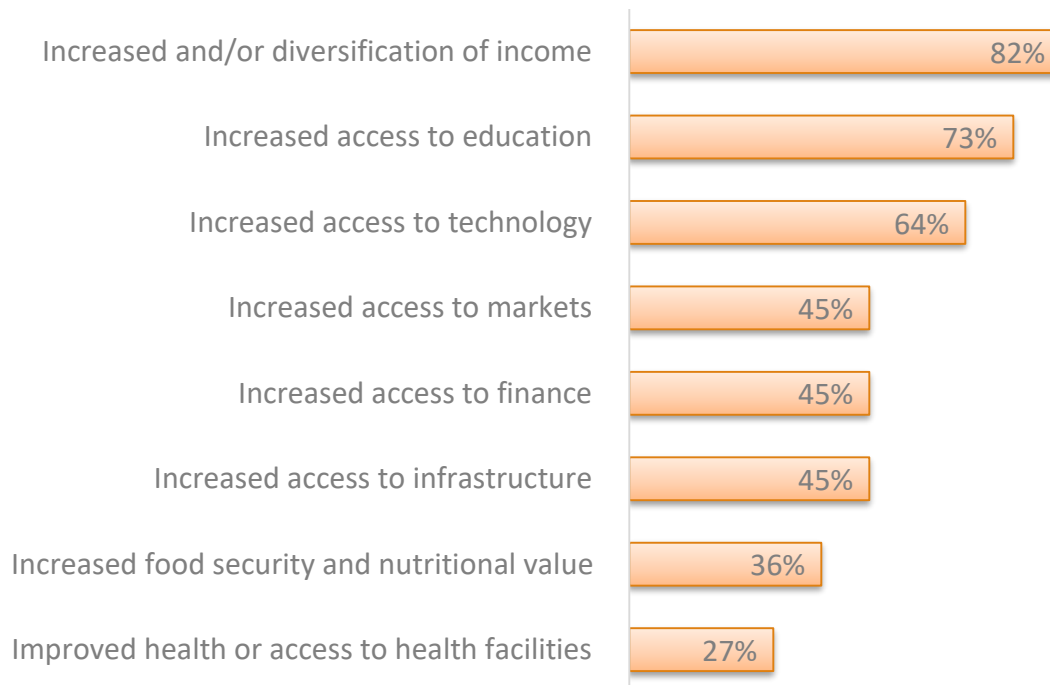


** Percentages based on 11 SGP Europe and CIS programmes that reported this year*

Broader adoption

UPSCALING, REPLICATION AND POLICY INFLUENCE	
Upscaled and replicated	20 (26%)
Policy influence	9 (12%)
Improving livelihoods of communities	36 (46%)

Strategies employed to improve Livelihoods by SGP Europe and CIS Country Programmes

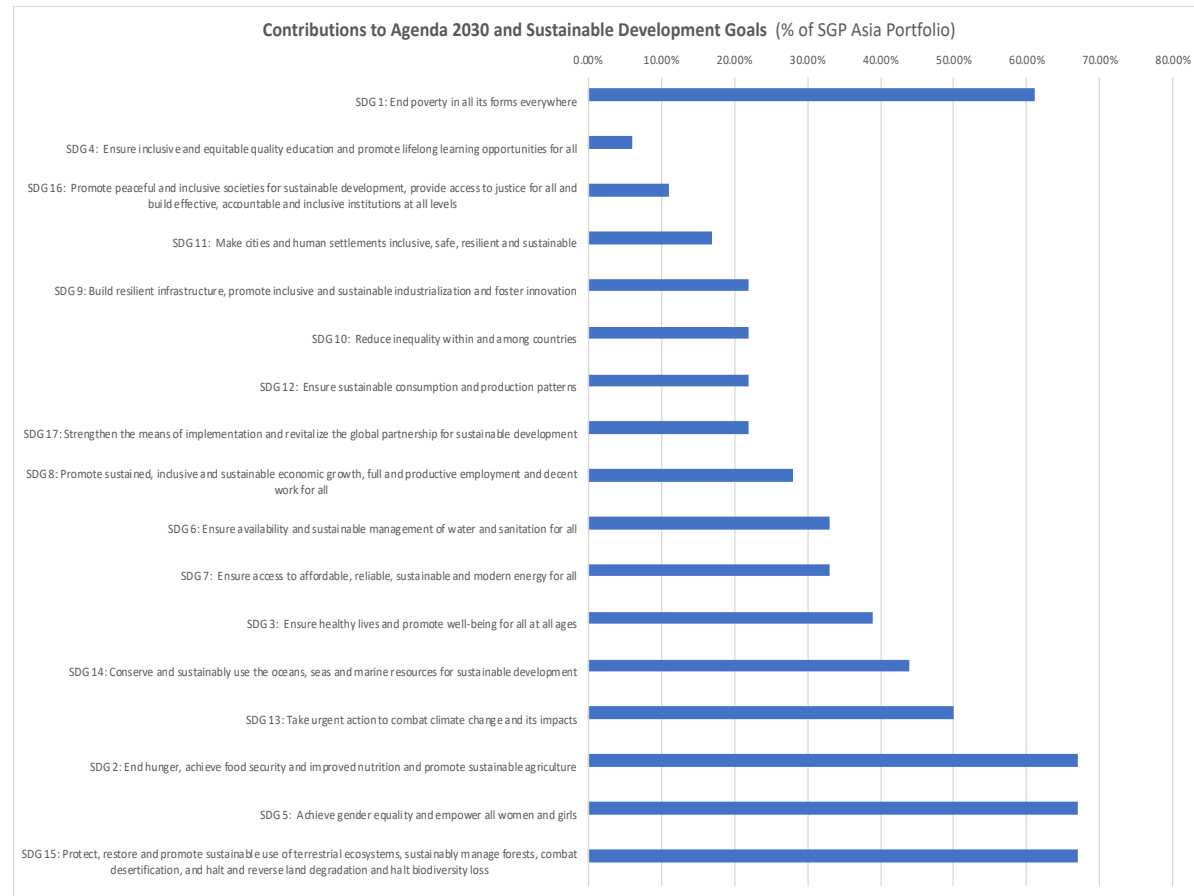


** Percentages based on 11 SGP Europe and CIS programmes that reported this year*

Alignment with SDGs

Aligned to All SDGs. Highest alignment on:

- SDG 2: End hunger, achieve food security and improved nutrition and promote sustainable agriculture
- SDG 5: Achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls
- SDG 15: Protect, restore and promote sustainable use of terrestrial ecosystems, sustainably manage forests, combat desertification, and halt and reverse land degradation and halt biodiversity loss



COMMUNITY ACTION GLOBAL IMPACT

Country Status

ALBANIA

From humble wool to works of art

Bringing together the creativity of mainstream designers with the basic training of the farmers for processing of wool in small quantities

Providing economic incentives for preserving local agrobiodiversity

Empowering local women and providing a strong emancipating impetus through cultivating long term contacts with women NGOs

Adopting a development approach for the community that goes beyond the scope of the project



Armenia



SGP The GEF
Small Grants
Programme

Through UNDP GEF SGP funding ISSD NGO has initiated waste sorting and recycling in almost 200 organizations (including Nation Assembly, Ministry of Environment of Armenia, Yerevan Municipality and others) in the capital city Yerevan and 4 regions.

Key results:

- 190,000 individuals have benefited from “Recycle it!” project
- 40,000kg of waste has been sorted and recycled
- 5,000 individuals have taken part in environmental trainings
- New business opportunities have been initiated in waste management and circular economy is being promoted
- Public and private partnerships have been developed



Most significant achievements of SGP Belarus for OP6

- 76 ha of lands prevented from degradation
- 14 PAs are sustainably managed
- 169 300 ha of forest lands restored
- Sustainable management practices are implemented on 31 505 ha of river/lake basins
- 18 355 kg of Persistent Organic Pollutants (POPs) and hazardous chemicals are disposed in environmentally sound manner
- **In GEF OP6 co-financing of SGP projects was almost twice bigger than SGP grants allocation.**



Belarus

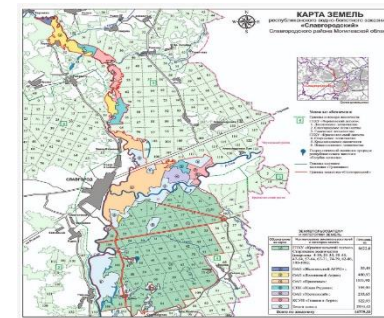
OP6 the most successful projects

BLR/SGP/OP6/Y2/CORE/BD/16/01

“Landscape approach to sustainable development of the specially protected territories”.

Grant Amount: 50,000.00 USD

Main project's result: Slaūharad National Wetland Reserve has been established – **a first National Reserve in Belarus created due to the SGP supported project.**



BLR/SGP/OP6/Y2/CORE/MF/16/01

“Workshop for local initiatives for the development of micro-regions”

Grant Amount: 49,990.00 USD:

Main project's results:

The first regional CSO/NGO/CBO and authorities partnership for local sustainable development in Mogilev region has been created.

SGP funds supported 11 local micro - initiatives on local development on the project's territory

Based on the project results, two new EU projects on the project's territory were developed and supported for the total amount of more than 1,5 mln. USD



Georgia

In OP6 SGP Georgia supported 33 local initiatives, in total 887,151 USD was utilized both CORE and STAR funding

22 project are still on-going

Key results of OP6:

- **over 6 ha of Land** is sustainably managed by communities in high mountainous areas, **more than 5000 trees** were planted in degraded areas.
- **3 Kindergarten, 5 households** and Batumu Municipality use low emission technologies – **CO2 level is decreased** by 2.2 tones annually
- 1 local **Environmental Action Plan** and **2 CSO-Government Dialogues established** to have local communities more actively involved in environmental decision making process and in formation of state policies



North Macedonia

An impressive Chemicals management initiative implemented:

- an educational outreach program with activities for students to learn about POPs and the environment launched.
- Collection hubs in schools in 16 municipalities set up to encourage students to bring PET waste bottles from home and dispose of.
- Transportation companies pick up the waste and transport it to recycling facilities.

Key Results

- 31,200 students were involved in collecting plastic bottles
- On annual base app 18t PET bottles were collected and sold, generating an income as a resource for the schools (the fund from the PET plastic bottles sold, were divided with 30% for NGOs and 70% for schools).
- The project reached around 110,000 citizens with public awareness campaign on POPs and PET waste management.
- To bring PET waste bottles from home to school has become a habit for almost all students in the targeted schools.



Creating an e-waste collection network by launching the “Clean city with recycled e-waste” campaign

This project created a unique platform for the collection and recycling of e-Waste.

Key results:

- 80 institutions directly involved in actions for collecting of e-waste;
- An electronic map of e-waste collection points developed;
- The necessary infrastructure created for selective collection of e-Waste;
- Up to now 3000 tones of e-waste collected;
- Developed 2 thematic platforms for communication and enhancing dialogue on e-waste. An extensive network of collaborating NGOs created.
- At least 10,000 students trained and directly involved in the project;



Kazakhstan

SGP Kazakhstan in OP6:

7 landscapes in steppe and desert ecosystems are strengthened according to landscape strategies developed through close discussion with LCs and key stakeholders

35 NGOs/CBOs projects are funded to support local farmers, vulnerable groups, women, youth etc.

15 projects are leading by women,
9 projects -special focus on women empowerment
2 project with special focus on social adaptation of disabled people (through agropractices implementation),
6 projects closely work with youth (“young blogger” school, volunteering, school forestry etc.)

More than 16,000 hectares of the degraded lands are sustainably managed

11 “green” technologies (LED systems, EE stoves, solar water heaters, solar systems for lighting, phytodiodes for growing plants in greenhouses, automated heat control systems, insulation approaches in condominium etc.) are implemented



A snow leopard cub is lying in a snowy environment, looking directly at the camera. The cub's mouth is slightly open, revealing its pink tongue. The background is a bright, snowy landscape with some bare branches visible.



Uzbekistan



In Uzbekistan in OP6 the big focus was placed on promotion of conservation agriculture practices = no till + mulching + crop rotation.

Currently the projects embrace 6 out of 12 provinces of the country. The technology results in:

1. Quantity and quality of machinery ↓ – ↓ power, ↓ price
2. Fuel and GHG emissions ↓
3. Labour ↓
4. Time ↓
5. Cost benefit ratio ↓
6. Time for other crops + areas ↑
7. Ability of farmers to capitalize ↑
8. Productivity over time ↑
9. Money in farmer's pocket ↑
10. Soil fertility and ecosystem functions ↑

Due to the above technology implemented, Uzbekistan can benefit up to 500 mln USD additionally every year



The results of “Green Energy in Gissar”



Local Action Global Impact

THANK YOU
