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# UNDP/GEF SGP - SOS SAHEL innovative partnership for the dissemination of agroecology

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**Mobilize the Great Green Wall Stakeholders**

# The Small Grants Programme (SGP)

- A corporate programme of the **GEF**, implemented by the **UNDP**.
- **Financial and technical support** to local civil society and community-based organizations (**CSOs and CBOs**)
- Develop and implement **innovative local actions** that address global environmental issues, while also improving livelihoods and reducing poverty.
- Implemented through a **decentralized governance and delivery mechanism** at the country level with GEF resources, along with co-financing from communities, governments, and other donors.

# A tool to support local innovation

- Since 1992, SGP has supported :
  - over **26,000 community-based projects**
  - currently active in 128 countries
- **Up to US\$50,000 per grant** directly to CSOs and local communities
- Innovative and community-driven ideas that can then be replicated and scaled up.
- **Over \$700 Million** in total Grants and equal amount of co-financing.

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management  
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Waters  
Chemicals and  
Waste management

# SGP-SOS SAHEL innovative partnership for agroecology

- **The promotion of agro-ecological production methods** is one of the areas of work of the SGP land degradation portfolio dedicated to **land restoration** and **prevention of land degradation** promotion of sustainable **land and forest management**
- Partnership launched during the COP13 of the UNCCD in 2017,
- Supported sustainable agriculture in 7 countries in the Sahel  
(Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Djibouti, Ethiopia, Mali, Niger and Senegal)
- Achieve **better synergy and efficiency** in scaling up community-driven innovative initiatives
- **Joining forces** of an **institutionalized decentralized grants distribution mechanism** and **technical expertise**
- Almost 1 million USD for improving agroecology, and enhancing capacity and knowledge on best practices

# SGP Ethiopia

- A total of 247 projects implemented since June 2006
- A total grant of **USD 6.6 million** transferred to the grass root Communities
- Close collaboration with the Ethiopian government through the **SGP National Steering Committee**
- **Landscape approach** has been followed to widen the impacts

# SGP – SOS SAHEL Partnership at national level

- **Country Coordination Team (CCT)** managing the projects as per the agreed frameworks at the National and local levels :
  - Joint work plan and regular meetings
  - SOS SAHEL Coordinator attending regular SGP National Steering Committee Meetings
  - Joint call for project proposals and selection criteria for proposals developed
  - Joint regular base **projects monitoring** including the local governments
  - Joint **knowledge management**; documentation of best practices, showcases and stories
- SGP – SOS SAHEL innovative partnership through agro-ecological approaches was implemented by two Local NGOs (SEDA and EBCCF) in the Central Rift Valley



# Environment, Biodiversity and Climate Change Forum (EBCCF)

## Climate Smart Agriculture through Small Scale Irrigation and Alternative Livelihoods

Implemented from January 2020 – December 2021

Small scale irrigation



*Women benefited from vegetables and fruits by irrigation*



*Small ruminant animal fattening*



# Sustainable Environment and Development Action (SEDA)

Promoting sustainable NRM and climate smart agricultural practices, through integrated watershed development activities

**Water Harvesting** : 5 community ponds of 7,500 m<sup>3</sup> dug and rehabilitated ; served 15,000 heads of livestock and 12,300 people



Community Ponds for Rainwater Harvesting for Livestock, Agroforestry and Human Use



## Fuel Efficient Stoves

- The fuel saving Mirt stoves distributed for 127 households
- Reduced biomass consumption by 50%



## IGAS

The self-help women groups engaged in different income generating activities, so that their livelihoods have been improved



## Degraded land rehabilitation



# Technical and social benefits for the local groups

- Improve provision of ecosystem services & the livelihoods of the poor and vulnerable communities
- Built up sense of **ownership of the local community** that ensure environmental sustainability
- **Empower local communities** for decision making process
- **Enhanced capacity of local government experts** and communities in capturing lesson learned and disseminate of best practices

## Autonomy of the groups

- Working with legally established CBOs and CSOs
- Responsible to identify and prioritize activities to address the prevailing problems
- **Governed by their own bylaws**

# Recommendations

- Look at each the small grant on a **long term perspective**
  - Build on community participation and **sense of ownership**
  - **Align project activities** with the local communities and government development priorities
  - Encourage communities **co-finance** (in cash and/or in kind) for project implementation
  - Conduct **joint monitoring with local government**
  - Establish robust **long term knowledge management system**
- Look at SGP – SOS SAHEL **strategic partnership on a long term perspective**

**Thank you for your attention**



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