



MAP and SIDS COMMUNITY BASED ADAPTATION

Consultancy Advertisement

Country Level Review (Grenada)

Background:

Climate change continues to be one of the greatest challenges facing our planet and humanity today, and local communities and Small Island Developing States (SIDS) continue to be at the frontline of its impacts. Drought and rising temperatures, excessive precipitation and flooding, sea level rise and salt-water intrusion, coastal erosion, loss of agricultural crops, degradation of coral reefs due to coral bleaching, increase instances of pests and diseases, and unpredictable storms and weather events are just some of the challenges experienced by SIDS. These variations in climate not only affect the environment and resilience of natural ecosystems, but also has ripple effects on every sector of the economy and society including economic stability, agriculture and food security, water access and sanitation, health and wellbeing, education, tourism and livelihoods.

SIDS often experience acceleration and/or intensification of climate change impacts due to their small land areas, susceptibility to natural disasters, geographical isolation, limited natural resources and sensitive ecosystems. Many of these natural resources are often already facing other anthropogenic pressures such as overexploitation, overharvesting, pollution, deforestation and degradation. In addition, many SIDS also struggle with fragile economies, political instability, high import bills and heavy dependence on external aid. Many countries do not have the resources to combat climate change on their own, and further degradation of natural resources and ecosystems will increase poverty, hunger and economic and social inequalities. Thus, climate change can significantly limit progress towards achieving the sustainable development.

With these challenges in mind, in 2009 the GEF Small Grants Programme (SGP) entered into a partnership with the Australian Overseas Aid Programme, now assimilated with the Australian's Government Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT). With US\$12.4 million in funding from DFAT, the objective of the partnership is to improve the resilience of local communities in 42 countries, including 37 SIDS.

The specific objectives of the CBA are to:

1. Increase the capacity of CBO's and NGO's to implement community-based adaptation measures.
2. Increase the adaptive capacity of communities and reduce vulnerability to climate change impacts.
3. Provide lessons for policy making and communicate specific targeted actions to policy makers and national level projects.

CBA Project Outcomes:

Outcome 1: Necessary capacity strengthened among the NGOs and CBOs for designing and implementing community-based adaptation measures.

Outcome 2: Adaptation to climate change mainstreamed at the community level.

Outcome 3: Relevant national and sub-national policies and development programmes revised based on lessons from SIDS CBA initiatives.

Outcome 4: Up scaling practices and sharing knowledge for increased up take of community-based adaptation experiences from SIDS CBA documented for replication purposes

Objectives of the CBA Review:

The objectives of the review are to assess the achievements of CBA project against the project outcomes, and to draw lessons that can both improve the sustainability of benefits from the project, and aid in the overall enhancement of GEF SGP programming.

The review will:

1. Utilize the CBA Country Programme Strategy and the CBA Annual Monitoring Report (CBA AMR) to guide the evaluation of projects funded under the MAP/SIDS CBA Programme.
2. Generate a report addressing the CBA project goals and outcomes (with specific reference to VRA scores and results). This report should be presented in English.
3. Document best practices, challenges and lessons learnt.
4. Identify areas for improvement in project design, implementation, M&E, partnerships and sustainability.
5. Create knowledge sharing opportunities among grantees, NSC members and key stakeholders such as National Climate change focal points, government ministries and agencies, UNDP and other UN Agencies, the Australian High Commission, donors and other partners.

Review Approach:

The evaluator is expected to frame the evaluation effort using the criteria of **relevance, effectiveness, efficiency, sustainability, and impact**. Attention should also be paid to: social inclusion aspects of the programme (gender, persons with disabilities, indigenous peoples), private sector engagement and policy influence

Activities should include:

1. Review of the CBA Country Programme Strategy and CBA AMR.

2. Review and analysis of grantee project proposal, documents and reports.
3. Site visits, meetings and interviews with grantees, project beneficiaries and other stakeholders.
4. Facilitate a one-day CBA review meeting with key stakeholders and grantees to share the results of the review and to enable transfer of knowledge between CBA grantees.
5. Preparation of a national CBA report which will be utilized in the global CBA evaluation.

The reviewer is expected to follow a participatory and consultative approach ensuring close engagement with the SGP National Office (National Coordinator and Programme Assistant) for the coordination and implementation of the review meetings and activities with CBA grantees.

Competencies Required for this Consultancy

- Demonstrated capacity for strategic thinking and analysis
- Proven experiences in working with community-led initiatives as well as experience in community and stakeholder participatory processes.
- Expertise on global environment and sustainable development issues
- Proven capacity to produce high quality qualitative research and ability to absorb, analyze and synthesize large amounts of complex information within tight deadlines.
- Strong presentation and facilitation skills.
- Exceptional writing skills of policy and communication materials for a variety of audiences, including the civil society and policymakers.
- Excellent writing, presentation, communication and facilitation skills.
- Knowledge of UNDP and GEF Small grants is encouraged
- Technical knowledge in community level adaptation and the targeted focal sector (s) is encouraged
- Climate change adaptation experience with community projects is encouraged

Implementation Arrangements and Timeframe:

Period of services (if applicable): The period of engagement for this consultancy will be October 1- 31, 2019. The final report should be submitted no later than October, 31, 2019.

Please submit letters of interest which should include budget and methodology via email to: Kadjah.edwards@undp.org Kadjah Edwards, National Coordinator, GEF Small Grants Programme, Grenada.

Letters of interest should be received by the SGP National Coordinator no later than Sept 30th, 2019.

A total of 5 projects will be evaluated.

| Number of projects | Location of project |
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| 2 | (St. Paul's, River Road) St. George's |
| 1 | Clozier, St. Johns |
| 1 | Petite Martinique |
| 1 | Grenville, St. Andrews |