

SGP-7

GEF Small Grants Programme in the Philippines Seventh Operational Phase

Introduction

The Small Grants Programme Operational Phase 7 (SGP-7) in the Philippines promotes a landscape approach through multi-stakeholder interventions, which mutually reinforce one another, to result in landscape-level outcomes. The main objective of the project is to build socio-ecological and economic resilience in four selected landscapes and seascapes on the Eastern Seaboard of the Philippines - (1) Catubig Watershed in Samar Island, (2) Aurora Province in the Sierra Madre, (3) Siargao Island Protected Landscape/Seascape and along the West Philippine Sea (4) Calamianes Group of Islands in Northern Palawan. The project shall make use of community-based activities in its interventions to enhance environmental benefits and sustainable development on the local, national, and global scale. The following are the five desired outcomes of this project:

1. Ecosystem services and biodiversity within the four targeted landscapes and seascapes are enhanced through multi-functional land-use systems;
2. The sustainability of production systems in the target landscapes is strengthened through integrated agro-ecological practices;
3. Livelihoods of communities in the target landscapes and seascapes are improved by developing eco-friendly, climate-adaptive small-scale community enterprises with clear market linkages;
4. Multi-stakeholder governance platforms strengthened/in place for improved governance of target landscapes and seascapes for effective participatory decision-making to enhance socio-ecological landscape resiliency;
5. Knowledge from community level engagement and innovative conservation practices is systematically assessed and shared for replication and upscaling across the landscapes, across the country, and to the global SGP network.

Implemented by the United Nations Development Programme-Global Environment Facility (UNDP-GEF) in partnership with the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) and other stakeholders, the SGP-7 is the first-ever small grant entrusted into the hands of a Non-Government Organization (NGO), in particular to the Foundation for the Philippine Environment (FPE). The FPE shall function as the National Implementing Partner (NIP) to spearhead the implementation of the project. This includes the effective use of resources and the delivery of outputs and outcomes in five years. The UNDP, as the Implementing Agency, is accountable to the GEF for the implementation of SGP-7. The UNDP shall provide the overall program oversight and ensure that the project is being carried out in accordance with agreed standards and provisions. Aside from these, the UNDP is also responsible for the Project Assurance Role of the National Steering Committee (NSC).

Consistent with the Project Document (ProDoc), the SGP-7 will commence with the submission of an Inception Report, which shall detail the methodologies, targets, roles of the key stakeholders, project activities, and the corresponding timeframes. Integral to the preparation of the report is the conduct of inception workshops which will be organized at the national and site levels by the FPE to orient key players about the project. In line with this, the FPE has organized the National Inception Workshop on the 13th and 14th of September 2022 to kick-off the creation of the Inception Report.

National Inception Workshop

GEF Small Grants Program in the Philippines

Seventh Operational Phase (SGP-7)

13-14 September 2022
Luxent Hotel, Timog Avenue, Diliman, Quezon City

Objectives

The National Inception Workshop primarily aims to inform the participants about the start of the project. During which the project's overall concept, objectives, and expected results shall be discussed to enable the stakeholders to fully understand and take ownership of the project. Specifically, the workshop seeks to:

1. Familiarize key stakeholders on the SGP-7 Project Document (ProDoc), including the detailed project strategies. Changes that took place since the project idea was initially conceptualized will also be discussed to alert the stakeholders about the possible implications these changes may cause on the project's implementation later on;
2. Review and validate the project's Results Framework (logical framework or logframe), imparting additional details, as needed, including the finalization of the Multi-Year Work Plan with precise and measurable performance indicators;
3. Discuss the governance and institutional arrangements of the project, outline the roles and responsibilities of the GEF OFP and other stakeholders in the reporting, monitoring, and evaluation of the grants at the site and project levels, and identify the national, regional, and local institutions to be represented;
4. Discuss and provide a detailed overview of the following:
 - Reporting system, as required by the UNDP-GEF, including the annual, mid-term and terminal evaluations;
 - The UNDP's Social and Environmental Compliance Review and Stakeholder Response Mechanism (Accountability Mechanism) and other important policies and procedures of the UNDP and GEF; and
5. Review and update responsibilities for the implementation of overseeing project elements, including the Risk Log, Social and Environment Safeguards Report, Project Grievance Mechanism, Gender Framework, and Knowledge Management Strategy and other relevant management strategies.

Expected Outputs

Below are the expected outputs from the National Inception Workshop:

1. Informed stakeholders of the detailed project strategy and the changes, if necessary, in the overall context due to the influencing factors that arose since the project idea was first conceptualized;
2. A validated Project Results Framework, including baseline data, indicators, targets, means of verification, assumptions, and outputs; and reviewed, validated, and fine-tuned activities, including the Multi-Year Work Plan and 2022 Annual Work Plan;
3. Discussed the governance and institutional arrangements in the implementation of the SGP-7 as well as roles and responsibilities of the GEF OFP and other stakeholders in the reporting and M&E of the grants at the site and project levels and identified institutions to be involved;
4. Discussed the overview of the reporting system requirements and other important components of the ProDoc;
5. Inception Workshop Report, summarizing the agreements reached and next steps identified in the series of inception workshop activities conducted.

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PROGRAM OF ACTIVITIES

Time	Activity
DAY 1, 13 SEPTEMBER 2022	
08:30–09:00	Registration of Participants
09:00–09:45	<p>Opening Program National Anthem Opening Prayer</p> <p>Welcome Remarks Dr. Angela Nina R. Ingle, Chair, Foundation for the Philippine Environment</p> <p>Message Dr. Selva Ramachandran, Resident Representative, United Nations Development Programme – Philippines</p> <p>Representative from the Global Environment Facility (GEF) Secretariat</p> <p>Introduction of the Keynote Speaker Atty. Analiza Rebueta-Teh, Undersecretary, Finance, Information Systems, and Climate Change and GEF-Philippines Operational Focal Point Department of Environment and Natural Resources</p> <p>Keynote Message Ma. Antonia Yulo-Loyzaga, Secretary, Department of Environment and Natural Resources</p> <p>Overview of the National Inception Workshop Ms. Natividad Bernardino, Director, Biodiversity Management Bureau, Department of Environment and Natural Resources</p>
09:45–10:00	Group Photo and Break Side Event: Press Conference
10:00–10:25	<p>Plenary Presentation 1 The Small Grants Programme: The Global Perspective and Overall Introduction to UNDP Local Action, Upgrading Country Programme and Community-based Landscape Approach Mr. Hugo Remaury, Regional Technical Advisor, Bureau for Policy and Programme Support, United Nations Development Programme</p>
10:25–10:50	<p>Plenary Presentation 2 The Small Grants Programme in the Philippines (Approach, Key Results and Implementation Modalities) Dr. Al O. Orolfo, Director, Foreign Assisted and Special Projects Services, Department of Environment and Natural Resources</p>
10:50–11:15	<p>Plenary Presentation 3 Overview of the Seventh Operational Phase of the GEF-SGP in the Philippines Mr. Errol A. Gatumbato, National Coordinator, SGP-7 Project Management Unit</p>
11:15–11:40	<p>Plenary Presentation 4 Project Governance Structure and Institutional Arrangements Mr. Jerome L. Montemayor, Interim Executive Director, Foundation for the Philippine Environment</p>

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11:40–12:00	Plenary Discussion
12:00–13:00	Lunch Break
13:00–13:30	Plenary Presentation 5 UNDP and SGP-7 Safeguard Management Plans <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Social and Environment Safeguard Plan and Project Risk Log • Gender Action Plan • Stakeholder Engagement Plan • Indigenous Peoples Planning Framework Ms. Thess Espino-Yap, Programme Analyst, Climate Action Programme, United Nations Development Programme
13:30–14:00	Plenary Presentation 6 UNDP DRR Initiatives and SGP-7 Complementation Mr. Sanny Jegillos, Regional Practice Coordinator (Disaster), United Nations Development Program Bangkok Regional Hub Ms. Floradema Eleazar, Team Leader, Climate Action Programme, United Nations Development Programme
14:00–14:20	Plenary Discussion 2
14:20–14:50	Plenary Presentation 7 Project Results Framework Ms. Cynthia Layusa, Regional Coordinator, SGP-7 Project Management Unit
14:50–16:00	Workshop 1 Review and Affirmation/Updating of the Project Results Framework
16:00–16:55	Plenary Discussion 3 Presentation of Workshop 1 Outputs
16:55–17:00	Synthesis of Day 1
DAY 2, 14 SEPTEMBER 2022	
09:00–09:10	Recap of Day 1
09:10–10:10	Workshop 2 Revisiting and Updating of the Multi-Year Work Plan and Annual Work Plan
10:10–11:00	Plenary Discussion 4 Presentation of Workshop 2 Outputs
11:00–11:30	Plenary Presentation 8 Overview of Monitoring and Evaluation Arrangements and Co-Financing Mr. Errol A. Gatumbato, National Coordinator, SGP-7 Project Management Unit
11:30–12:00	Plenary Discussion 5
12:00–12:15	Workshop Synthesis Ms. Cynthia Layusa, Regional, Coordinator, SGP-7 Project Management Unit
12:15–12:30	Closing Message Mr. Jerome L. Montemayor, Interim Executive Director, Foundation for the Philippine Environment