

**GLOBAL ENVIRONMENT FACILITY/SMALL GRANT PROGRAMME
(GEF/SGP) SRI LANKA**

**COMMUNITY BASED REDD+ PROGRAMME SRI LANKA
SRI LANKA UN-REDD PROGRAMME**

**KNOWLEDGE MANAGEMENT AND CAPACITY BUILDING OF
CSOs/CBOs**



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PROJECT DESCRIPTION

1.0 Project Rationale and Need for Knowledge Management and Capacity Building (KM) Initiatives

Grant makers and their grantees share common concerns: How to make better use of limited resources in the face of growing need; and how to stay the course and reach established goals in a volatile, changing environment. The donors expect greater accountability from the grantees, both financially and programmatically (What they do and how it is done), and greater Return on Investment (organizational effectiveness).

Increasingly, grant maker and grantee organizations alike are utilizing the same strategy to address aforementioned concerns: enhancing organizational effectiveness. A grantee is more likely to reach its programmatic goals if the grant is well managed. Knowledge Management and Capacity Building initiatives are stand-alone strategic projects that support the work of other focal areas (grantees in this situation) at the portfolio level, focusing on capacity development activities. Thus, they contribute in meeting the objectives of country programme strategy of the funding body.

The terms “Capacity Building” refers to activities that strengthen an organization and help it better fulfill its mission. Capacity building can occur in virtually every organizational aspect, including programs, management, operations, technology, human resources, governance, financial management, fund development, and communications. Grant makers who invest in building the capacity of grantees do so to enhance programs and performance and, ultimately, create more value. Growing numbers of funders clearly believe that investing in capacity building is an effective way to leverage the impact of their philanthropic resources. Capacity building efforts include referrals, peer reviewed publications, one-on-one consulting training, new equipment and staff accrument, and facility purchase and renovation.

Efficient management and utilization of a grant requires sound administration, strong governance, and a persistent rededication to achieving results. A vital mission, relevant programs that meet objectives of grant makers and grantees, capable and motivated leadership and team members, unambiguous communication and accountability, and efficient operations and solid finances are necessary to make a project successful.

GEF Small Grants Programme

Established in 1992, SGP provides direct financial and technical support to NGO's/CBO's/ and CSO's for activities that conserve and restore the environment, while enhancing people's well-being and livelihoods. SGP works with communities to reconcile global environmental priorities with local community needs. Activities within GEF priorities are supported, including biodiversity conservation, abatement of climate change, protection of international waters, prevention of land degradation, and elimination of persistent organic pollutants. All SGP projects are facilitated by the country programme office.

Community based REDD+ (CBR+) – the process and the challenge

Community-Based REDD+ (CBR+), is a partnership between the UN-REDD Programme and the UNDP-GEF Small Grants Programme (SGP) established in recognition of the strong role indigenous people play in sustaining and utilizing forest. REDD+ strategies and plans are developed at the national levels, by national governments. However, REDD+ project will be implemented on the ground directly affecting and involving the people living in or near the forests, who still rely on natural resources for making a living. CBR+ is designed to directly empower such indigenous peoples and local communities to engage in the design, implementation and monitoring of REDD+ readiness activities, and to develop experiences, lessons and recommendations at the local level, that can feed into national REDD+ processes.

The empowerment is not just increasing the economic strength of individuals and communities but encompassing socio-cultural system on the indigenous people by increasing their spiritual and social strength. Thereby operation with great fineness is crucial as the planned projects should be built on and strengthens indigenous knowledge and practices. While ensuring the conservation of natural forest cover and biodiversity, it is also necessary to respect the right of communities to their traditional livelihood and natural resource management for equitable sharing of benefits from REDD+ within the community.

Goals of Proposed Knowledge Management and Capacity Building Initiative

- Ensuring high quality results and measurable impacts from implemented GEF/ SGP funded CBR+ projects.

3.0 Objectives

- 1) Support GEF /SGP funded CBR+ **project implementation** and **monitoring** to ensure desired results and impacts from grantee projects.
- 2) Enable **mainstreaming and replication** of implemented best practices through knowledge production and sharing on a wide platform