



Global Environment Facility/ Small Grants Programme

Programme Area:

Environment

Project Number:

Pal 50-43835

Award Number:

X

Duration:

Launched in the PA since
1998

Partner:

NGOs, CBOs, Concerned
ministers and local
authorities.

Budget:

In 2006: US\$ 657,353

In 2005: US\$ 567,353

Donor:

UNDP, UNEP, WB

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Project Description:

To promote environmental sound actions through partnerships with the NGOs and CBOs in five main focal areas in biodiversity conservation, climate change mitigation, international water protection, POPs and sustainable land management.

Objectives:

1. Increasing the community reach of the programme to address global environmental problems in vulnerable communities.
2. Implementing a well- designed project portfolios that incorporate new GEF focal areas and themes.
3. Strengthening country programme.
4. Enhancing sustainability of the SGP funded projects.
5. Demonstrating local and global benefits of the programme.

Locations:

Gaza and West Bank

Products (as of end – May 2006):

- 20 community projects have been supported focused mainly on agro-biodiversity, energy efficiency, solar water heating, international waters protection and sustainable land management.
- WED 06 national and community campaign has been supported.
- RBM grantees capacity building workshops has been planned for 60 NGOs and CBOs project managers in Gaza and West Bank.
- 10 projects' documentation were published and disseminated.
- Preparatory steps were taken to review the Country Programme Strategy for the GEF/ SGP in the Palestinian Authority.
- Arab regional collaboration was established.

Outputs:

- Reached valuable farmers and fishermen communities in the recently evaluated settlements in Mawassi Rafah and Khan younis

- Enhanced capacity of SGP grantees to incorporate principles of the RBM into project's design, implementation and monitoring/evaluation.
- Leveraged commitment of the community, civil society and government official on the crucial actions on the theme of the WED 06 on "desertification".
- Introduced efficient energy saving methods.
- Utilized sustainable practices in water management, traffic modalities, medicinal plants, and smokeless ovens..
- Demonstrated environmental sound water heating technologies through utilizing solar energy.