



SIDS COMMUNITY BASED ADAPTATION

Dominican Republic

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 of 8 community projects, 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.

The review should take a total of 2 months to be completed inclusive of final report submission to the SGP National Coordinator.

Qualifications and Experience:

- Knowledge of UNDP and GEF Small grants is encouraged
- Previous experience with participatory results-based monitoring and evaluation methodologies
- Technical knowledge in community level adaptation and the targeted focal sector (s) is encouraged
- Climate change adaptation experience with community projects is encouraged

Economic Proposal

Item	Amount (USD)
Field Work	
Travel	
Workshop	
Document Redaction	

Presentation of the proposals

The deadline to receive proposal for CBA Review will be until November 29th, 2019

Implementation Arrangements and Timeframe:

The submission of the report should be completed by January 2019.

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Annex a. -Brief description of projects to be evaluated-

Grantee Organization and Project Number	Project Title	Brief Project Summary
<p><u>Fundación Progressio (PROGRESSIO)</u> DOM/SIDS-CBA/13/05</p>	<p>Construcción de una caseta de vigilancia y actividades de educación en la zona de amortiguamiento de la Reserva Científica Ébano Verde</p>	<p>Completar la cobertura de control y vigilancia de la Reserva Científica Ebano Verde a través de construcción de una caseta de vigilancia con personal permanente en un área altamente vulnerable a los incendios forestales y la extracción de madera en una zona de difícil acceso, así como el fortalecimiento de la conciencia ambiental de las comunidades de la zona de amortiguamiento sobre la importancia de preservar los recursos naturales y las incidencias del cambio climático sobre los ecosistemas</p>
<p>Centro de Promocion Campesina Lemba, Inc. DOM/SIDS-CBA/13/06</p>	<p>Desarrollo de Iniciativas de Adaptación a Cambios Climáticos en Cabeza de Toro, El Granado y Guanarate</p>	<p>Desarrollo de iniciativas de adaptación a cambios climáticos en Cabeza de Toro, El Granado y Guanarate en procura del mejoramiento de superficie boscosa y de áreas de recarga o de nacimiento de acuíferos, a través de la plantación de especies arbóreas en zonas deforestadas y en parcelas agrícolas, procurando la mejora del potencial apícolas la generación de recursos económicos en la población beneficiaria y la disminución de factores adversos a los cambios climatológicos.</p>
<p><u>Reef Check Dominicana (RCDR)</u> DOM/SIDS-CBA/13/07</p>	<p>Creación de viveros de corales en la República Dominicana</p>	<p>Creación de viveros de corales como herramienta para preservar y multiplicar corales, especialmente aquellos amenazados por el cambio climático, y para la restauración de arrecifes dañados áreas marinas</p>
<p><u>Asociación de Caficultores Juncalito, Inc.</u> DOM/SIDS-CBA/13/02</p>	<p>Producción de plantas de sombra y de café resistente a la Roya y elaboración de abono orgánico mediante la instalación de viveros y construcción de infraestructuras para producir lombriz-compost.</p>	<p>Reducción las amenada de las enfermedades en las plantaciones de café, asociada al cambio climático, mediante el mejoramiento y sustitucion de plantaciones de café con otra variedad resistente a la enfermedad de la Roya, la cual esta afectando seriamente los cafetales de la zona de Juncalito, Cerro Prieto y Rincón Llano</p>
<p><u>Cooperativa de Productores Orgánicos “Valle de Río Limpio”</u> DOM/SIDS-CBA/13/04</p>	<p>Fortalecimiento de las capacidades de Adaptación al Cambio Climático a los productores de café del Distrito Municipal de Río Limpio</p>	<p>Capacitar a los productores de café de Río Limpio sobre su adaptación al cambio climático poniendo en prácticas las metodologías y técnicas aprendidas en el manejo de sus finca, con la renovación de 600 tareas (37.5 hectareas) de plantaciones de café.</p>

<p>Médicos del Mundo DOM/SIDS-CBA/13/08</p>	<p>Fortalecimiento de redes comunitarias y sistema local de salud pública para la gestión de riesgos socio ambientales, prevención de enfermedades vectoriales y capacidad de respuesta intersectorial en salud frente a eventos climáticos extremos en la Provincia de Independencia, región Enriquillo</p>	<p>Puesta en marcha de una estrategia integral de adaptación y respuesta al Cambio Climático desde una perspectiva de construcción y fortalecimiento de capacidades de redes y sistemas comunitarios como del sistema local de salud pública y autoridades locales municipales para la Gestión Integral de Riesgos en especial de Salud Colectiva y Prevención, Preparación y Respuesta ante eventos climáticos extremos y Emergencias Socio ambientales</p>
<p>Asociación para el Desarrollo de San José de Ocoa, Inc. (ADESJO) DOM/SIDS-CBA/13/01</p>	<p>Establecimiento de un Sistema Comunitario de riego por Micro Aspersión y Goteo, para la Producción de Hortalizas, Vegetales y Frutos Menores</p>	<p>Reducción de la vulnerabilidad a la sequía en tierras destinada a la producción agrícola, mediante en establecimiento de una infraestructura para el almacenamiento de agua, unido a un sistema un sistema de riego eficiente en el uso del agua para irrigar 450 tareas (28 hectareas), para beneficiar a 63 pequeños productores que practican la agricultura migratoria, mediante el establecimiento de parcelas sostenible para producción de alimentos para el autoconsumo, y el mercado nacional</p>
<p><u>Asociacion de pequeños ganaderos San Antoni (ASOPEGASA)</u> DOM/SIDS-CBA/13/03</p>	<p>Almacenamiento de agua para preservar los recursos naturales</p>	<p>Puesta en marcha de una estrategia integral de adaptación y respuesta al Cambio Climático desde una perspectiva local, especialmente de la sequía extrema, a través de la construcción de infraestructura para el almacenamiento de agua de lluvia, para el uso de la ganadería y la agricultura de más de 70 productores de Santiago Rodríguez.</p>