

STEPS

1 Understand the steps to access

The process to secure funding/financial support involves several actors including the national government, project proponents (either a government entity or private sector actor), [GEF Implementing Agencies](#), and others (see section on "Decision-making information" above. Entities seeking GEF funding work with the GEF Implementing Agency of their choice to submit project proposals. The selection of the project and the GEF Implementing Agency is formalized through a letter of endorsement issued by the country's [Operational Focal Points](#) (See Decision-making Information).

The process to secure funding varies depending on whether the activities relate to Full-sized Projects (GEF Project Financing of more than USD 2 million), Medium-sized Projects (GEF Project Financing of less than or equivalent to USD 2 million), or Programs (consisting of various distinct projects that could be either full or medium-sized). You can find additional information on project access below. Click [here](#) for a more detailed explanation of the

rules governing the cycles for GEF-financed Projects and Programs. Relevant templates and forms can be found [here](#).

Additionally, the GEF offers a Project Preparation Grant (PPG) to support project preparation costs. The amount of funding available is proportional to the size of the project. This support can be requested. More information about the PPG is available [here](#).

Actions: Project proposals approved. GEF funding received

Actors: National government; project proponents (either a government entity or private sector actor); GEF Partner Agency; others

2 Access preparatory support for national dialogues and reports

The GEF aims to help developing countries and economies in transition to contribute to the overall objective of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) and the goal of the Country Support Program (CSP) is to strengthen the capacity of the GEF recipient countries to access GEF resources and participate in the GEF partnership to generate global environment benefits.

As part of its Country Support Program (CSP) the GEF provides resources so that countries can carry out multi-stakeholder exercises that help to prioritize actions that can be financed with GEF funding and other sources.

Actions: Preparatory support for national dialogues and reports accessed

Actors: National government; project proponents (government entity); GEF Partner Agency; others

1 Preparing National Dialogues

National Dialogues cover country priorities in all of the GEF focal areas - biodiversity, climate change, international waters, chemicals & waste, and land degradation. GEF Operational Focal Point can receive support in preparing a National Dialogue request, which includes proposed objectives, activities, dates, budget, potential participants. Information on how to receive support can be found [here](#).

Actions: National Dialogue request submitted

Actors: GEF Operational Focal Point

2 Preparing National Reports

The GEF also provides support for what it calls "Enabling Activities (EAs)," which are activities to support the preparation of national reports to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) as per their obligations in accordance to 2/CP.17. Enabling activities often provide a basic level of information to enable policy and strategic decisions or help identify priority activities within a country. Information on how to receive support for enabling activities can be found [here](#).

Actions: National Reports to the UNFCCC fulfills 2/CP.17 obligations

Actors: GEF accredited national government entities

3 Partner with a GEF Agency

Relevant country institutions and partners must partner with a GEF Agency to prepare the basic project concept or program framework. The

selection of the GEF Implementing Agency is formalized through a letter of endorsement issued by the country's Operational Focal Point (See Decision-making Information).

Click [here](#) for the list of GEF Agencies.

The complete list of Operational Focal Points, including name, position, government agency, complete address, phone, fax and e-mail, can be accessed [here](#).

Actions: Country institutions and partners successfully partnered with GEF Agency

Actors: GEF Partner Agency; Operational Focal Point; Country institutions and partners

4 Develop strong concept notes and project proposals

The GEF offers a Project Preparation Grant (PPG) to support project preparation costs. The amount of funding available is proportional to the size of the project.

This support can be requested after PIF approval by the Council for a Full-Sized Project or after PIF approval by the CEO for a Medium-Sized Project. For child projects under a program, PPGs can be individually requested after or when the Council

approves the Program Framework Document (PFD).

All relevant templates and field by field explanations for different types of projects can be found [here](#).

Actions: Strong concept notes and project proposals developed and submitted under support of the GEF Project Preparation Grant

Actors: CEO Secretariat; GEF Council; National government entities

5 Submit a Funding proposal

The GEF Implementing Agency, along with the project proponents, should first have a Project Identification Form (PIF) for projects and/or a Project Framework Document (PFD) for Programs approved by both the GEF Secretariat and Council or only GEF Secretariat for Medium-sized projects.

Once approved, the GEF Agency and project proponents develop the project concept into a complete project proposal, which includes developing the technical, risk mitigation, and business details.

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Actors: GEF Agency; GEF Secretariat and Council; National accredited entities; others

6 Involve the private sector

The GEF works to mainstream private sector engagement across GEF focal area strategies and integrated approach pilots. The GEF does this through the [Non-Grant Instrument \(NGI\)](#) to support innovative financing models.

In June 2019, the GEF launched [a call for proposals](#) to its Implementing Agencies to receive project proposals and investment opportunities for the use of non-grant instruments under the Non-Grant Instrument funding window. A new call for proposals is expected to be launched early 2020.

In addition to the NGI, GEF-7 added a second pillar to its strategy: Mobilizing the private sector as an agent for market transformation. More information on GEF strategy to involve the private sector can be found [here](#).

Actions: Private sector involved in project implementation

Actors: Private sector; GEF Partner Agencies; Accredited entities