







# **SAMOA Pathway Side Event** An introduction to:

The GEF Small Grants Programme (SGP)

Implemented by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)

#### WHAT IS THE SMALL GRANTS PROGRAMME?

Corporate GEF programme implemented by the UNDP to provide financial and technical support to communities and Civil Society Organisations (CSOs) to meet the overall objective of:

"Global environmental benefits secured through community-based initiatives and actions"







## FOCAL AREAS (FAs)

SFM

**Sustainable Forest Management** – this FA endeavours to increase forest and non-timber resources whilst mitigating CC impacts within productive landscapes, as well as ensuring sustainable livelihoods.



**Biodiversity** – this FA seeks to protect the variety of biodiverse ecosystems in Samoa, particularly forest, mangrove and marine ecosystems, whilst promoting sustainable livelihoods for local communities.



**International Waters** – addresses sustainable development challenges faced by countries sharing transboundary surface, groundwater and marine systems, such as land-based pollution and ocean dumping.



Climate Change – GEF SGP help communities mitigate the negative effects of CC and also provide information/concrete examples on CC impacts and mitigative measures which are location specific and community managed.



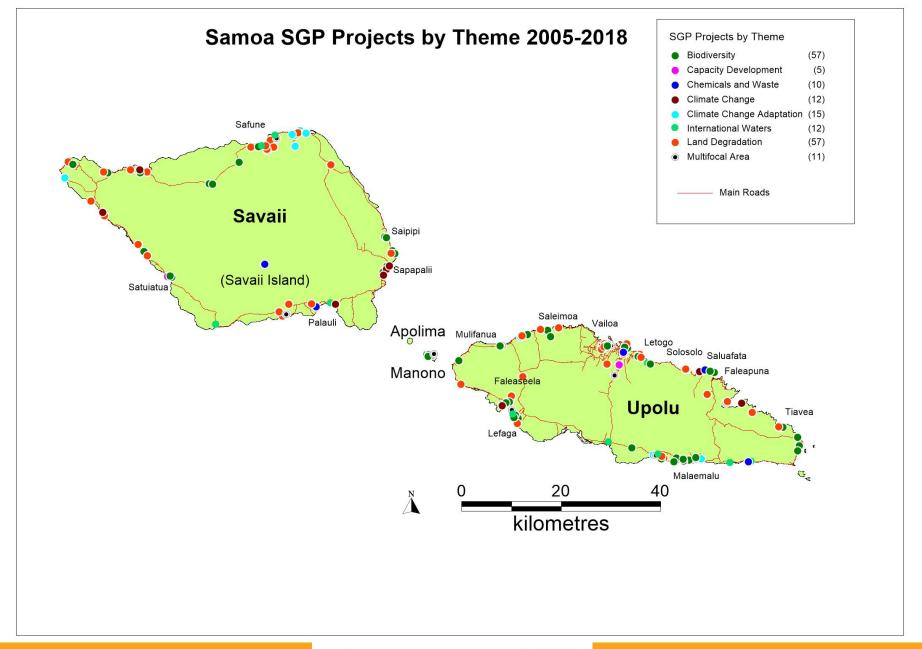
**Chemicals** – this FA aims to promote alternative waste disposal practices to reduce burning of waste, minimising the adverse effects on human health and the local/global environment.



**Land Degradation** – deforestation remains the main priority in this FA for Samoa, aiming to improve agro-ecosystems and forest landscapes where deterioration of ecosystem goods/services undermines livelihoods.



**Capacity Development** – includes projects to empower CSOs to network with partners and/or engage in policy dialogue, develop project management skills, as well as conduct community-based monitoring and evaluation.



#### GEF-7 STRATEGIC INITIATIVES

#### LANDSCAPE AND SEASCAPE AS OVERARCHING APPROACH

- 1) Sustainable Agriculture and Fisheries
- 2) Low-Carbon Energy Access Co-Benefits
- 3) Community-Based Threatened Ecosystems and Species Conservation: Land and Water
- 4) Local to Global Coalitions for Chemicals and Waste Management
- 5) Catalyzing Sustainable Urban Solutions

### **GRANTMAKERS PLUS**

To promote an enabling environment to scale up the impacts of SGP Strategic Initiatives, nationally and globally, through networking and knowledge exchange.

It includes the following initiatives:

- 1) CSO-Government-Private Sector Dialogues
- 2) Social Inclusion Leaving **NO ONE** Behind
- 3) Citizen Based Global Knowledge Platforms

### RENEWABLE ENERGY

GEF-7 Strategic Initiative: Low-carbon energy access co-benefits

#### Approach:

To provide access to affordable modern energy services, as well as access to finance for small-and medium-size enterprises, while safeguarding environmental and social benefits.

To provide bottom-up, inexpensive, and innovative energy solutions to reduce the carbon footprint

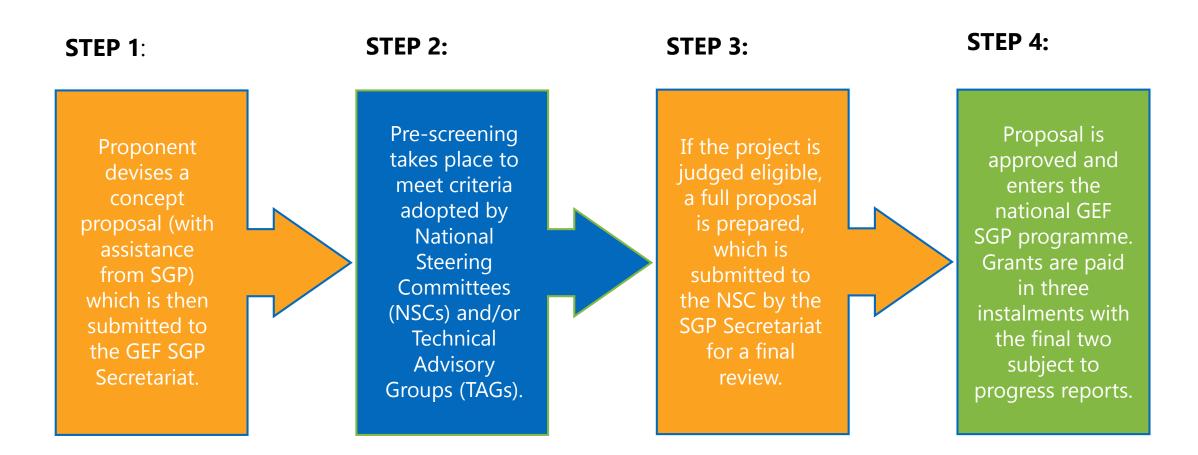
#### Cost-effective **renewable energy** initiatives:

- solar panels
- solar heaters
- micro hydropower plants
- biodigestors
- biomass generators



**Keyhole Gardens – Moamoa:** a UNDP GEF SGP funded project which now wishes to upscale and produce biogas from agricultural and food waste (plant material and manure) in the near future. This will be used to produce electricity for the KHG Centre in Moamoa, Apia.

### **APPLICATION PROCESS**











# THANK YOU

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