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S.Tomé, 16/02/2016

Exmo. Senhor
Representante Residente do PNUD

S.Tomé

N/Refª PFGEF-STP/001/2016

Assunto: Endosso sobre o SGP em São Tomé e Príncipe

PRO/301/GEF
(SGP)

Como é do conhecimento de V. Exª o GEF foi criado em 1991 e em 1992 foi lançado o Small Grants Programme (SGP), seguindo o princípio de que soluções ambientais mundiais geralmente possuem maior viabilidade se as comunidades locais estiverem ativamente envolvidas e os benefícios forem direcionados ao nível local.

O GEF em geral financia grandes projetos ambientais. Por isso, foi criado o SGP como uma oportunidade para as Organizações Não Governamentais e as Organizações da Sociedade Civil locais de trabalharem em projetos menores, mas onde as comunidades sejam as protagonistas.

Infelizmente, desde a sua criação, São Tomé e Príncipe nunca beneficiou deste programa de Pequenas Subvenções do GEF, pondo em causa a realização de muitas ações de proteção do ambiente.

É neste contexto e na base do pedido formulado pela FONG, venho na minha qualidade de Ponto Focal GEF de São Tomé e Príncipe confirmar que este Programa está de acordo com as prioridades do Governo e em alinhamento com as iniciativas das ONGs nacionais.

Sem mais assunto, apresento a V. Exª os meus sinceros cumprimentos.

ANTONIO
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0 - OS EMAILS COM O Ponto Focal DO GEF NA REGIÃO ENA

1- PREPARAR O PROCESSO PARA ENVIO URGENTE AO GEF.

2- CONTACTAR O Ponto Focal NA REGIÃO PARA APOIAR O PROCESSO.



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REPÚBLICA DEMOCRÁTICA  DE SÃO TOMÉ E PRÍNCIPE
FEDERAÇÃO DAS ONG's EM SÃO TOMÉ E PRÍNCIPE

Exmo. Senhor
Lourenço Monteiro de Jesus
Ponto Focal Operacional GEF São Tomé e
Príncipe

São Tomé

Ref.: /FONG-STP/ 2016

ASSUNTO: Implementação do “Small Grants Programme” em São Tomé e Príncipe,
financiado pelo GEF

Prezado Sr. Monteiro,

Na sequência da nossa participação no *atelier* alargado GEF que teve lugar em Libreville no passado mês de Maio, assim como da reunião celebrada posteriormente com representantes da Rede.Bio, vimos por este meio manifestar o interesse da Federação das ONGs em São Tomé e Príncipe (FONG- STP) que seja implementado no país o programa denominado “Small Grants Programme”, financiado pelo GEF.

Como é do seu conhecimento, a FONG conta, entre os seus membros, com ONGs relevantes que trabalham num amplo elenco de temáticas relacionadas com o meio ambiente e que estão vocacionadas para serem parceiros sólidos em qualquer iniciativa que tenha como objectivo a protecção ambiental.

Essas ONG que fazem parte da Rede.Bio, e outras que ainda não estão associadas a esta rede, constituem uma base institucional estável e com capacidade de execução de acções e projectos, que poderão contribuir para alcançar os objectivos do Governo nas áreas de interesse do GEF no nosso país.

Assim, solicitamos os seus bons préstimos para endossar esta disponibilidade e interesse das Organizações da Sociedade Civil santomense e transmitir aos representantes do Programa das Nações Unidas para o Desenvolvimento (PNUD) um pedido para que seja

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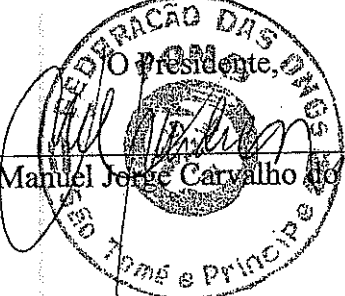
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iniciado o processo conducente à implementação do referido "Small Grants Programme" em benefício do Meio Ambiente local e global.

Aguardamos a sua resposta e ficamos inteiramente ao seu dispor caso precisar de informações complementares.

Queira aceitar, Sr. Monteiro, os nossos melhores cumprimentos,

Federação das Organizações Não Governamentais em São Tomé e Príncipe, aos 11 de Fevereiro de 2016.


O Presidente,
(Manuel Jorge Carvalho do Rio)

C/c: Ministro das Infra-estruturas, Recursos Naturais e Ambiente, Sr. Carlos Manuel Vila Nova

Jose Salema

From: Akiko Yamamoto
Sent: Wednesday, February 3, 2016 1:24 PM
To: Jose Salema
Cc: Charles Nyandiga; Alice Ruhweza; Lebogang Motlana; Gerd Trogemann
Subject: RE: SMALL GRANT PROGRAMME IN STP

Dear Jose,

Good luck with your application to the SGP! I hope the Govt of STP (and NGOs in STP) will start benefitting from the UNDP-Small Grants Programme soon one way or another!

Best regards,
Akiko

From: Jose Salema
Sent: Wednesday, February 03, 2016 4:22 PM
To: Akiko Yamamoto <akiko.yamamoto@undp.org>
Cc: Charles Nyandiga <charles.nyandiga@undp.org>; Alice Ruhweza <alice.ruhweza@undp.org>; Lebogang Motlana <lebogang.motlana@undp.org>; Gerd Trogemann <gerd.trogemann@undp.org>
Subject: Re: SMALL GRANT PROGRAMME IN STP

Dear Akiko,

Greetings from STP,

Thank you so much for the update, as it confirms the information provided by the government.

We have to accelerate the work with the CSOs and the Government in this regards.

Friendly regards, jose
From Jose's iphone

On 03 Feb 2016, at 10:29, Akiko Yamamoto <akiko.yamamoto@undp.org> wrote:

Dear Charles,

GEF-6 STAR allocation to STP is \$10.33mil for your information.

Regards,
Akiko

From: Charles Nyandiga
Sent: Tuesday, February 02, 2016 11:03 PM
To: Jose Salema <jose.salema@one.un.org>; Alice Ruhweza <alice.ruhweza@undp.org>
Cc: Lebogang Motlana <lebogang.motlana@undp.org>; Gerd Trogemann <gerd.trogemann@undp.org>; Akiko Yamamoto <akiko.yamamoto@undp.org>
Subject: RE: SMALL GRANT PROGRAMME IN STP

Dear Jose,

I took a while to respond because I wanted to sufficiently consult on your enquiry within the SGP team. As I understand it, we can only for sure start up an SGP programme when countries make formal requests to join the SGP global programme and funds are made available in the operational phase. If this is received, then a new country programme can be started only if the SGP Steering Committee has decided positively on the application, and especially having discussed on the ways of providing the resources needed for it.

In the OP4/OP5 global project document for SGP, a few countries in Africa were listed among the new country programmes that were to be started. However, due to the fact that the necessary applications were not received and also because around the mid of 2013, funding shortage was experienced which led to the GEF CEO and the SGP Steering committee recommending that no start up for new country programmes could proceed. The new proposed country programmes in OP5 were kept on hold. Sao Tome & Principe was not alone in this unfortunate situation but other countries like Sudan were equally affected.

Similarly, as per the recently GEF Council approved SGP paper on implementation of the OP6 programme, there will be no new country programmes expected unless additional resources are available. In this context, it is important to find out what is the STAR allocation of Sao Tome & Principe in OP6? If it is more than \$15 million, perhaps the STAR funds could be requested to support a ST&P SGP country programme. *we can not do it*

Therefore, if Sao Tome & Principe wishes to have a CSO' led programme like that of GEF SGP, then it actually can proceed with setting up an SGP-like country programme by developing the FSP PIF for such, using country STAR funds. ST&P can use the SGP Operational Guidelines and we can help it set up the system even though its funding is through a stand-alone FSP just like the upgraded country programmes. SGP in consultations with UNDP CO can, perhaps, find a way that while the ST&P country programmes may strictly not be under the global SGP, it can be considered, and given guidance, as part of an expanded family of SGP country programmes as long as they adopt fully the SGP Operational Guidelines.

However, if the above are not tenable, ST&P may apply to the SGP programme during the upcoming GEF 7 expected to be rolled in by 2019. The preparation for this should start as early as possible by doing the following:

- ✓ Application by the Government of ST&P through the UNDP Country Office
- ✓ A letter from the UNDP Country Office to SGP Global Steering committee forwarding and recommending the applications and making a case for the SGP programme.

Thank you very much and I hope the explanations and options provided for a way forward may be practical for ST&P.

Charles

From: Jose Salema

Sent: Wednesday, January 27, 2016 11:21 AM

To: Alice Ruhweza <alice.ruhweza@undp.org>; Charles Nyandiga <charles.nyandiga@undp.org>

Cc: Lebogang Motlana <lebogang.motlana@undp.org>; Gerd Trogemann <gerd.trogemann@undp.org>;

Akiko Yamamoto <akiko.yamamoto@undp.org>
Subject: RE: SMALL GRANT PROGRAMME IN STP

Dear Alice and Charles,

Thank you for prompt follow up. It is highly appreciated. .

I am have now something to move on if I have understood well Chares guidance.

STP was not registered for the SGF. In order to get inclusion on the OP5 and now on the OP6 some diligences are still to be done. The Co will receive further guidance in this regards, as soon Charles and the team would be able to provide.

With that I am able to move while waiting for Charles and Alice in this regards.

Again allow me the opportunity to thank you all for quick dispensation on the issue.

With friendly regards, Jose

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From: Alice Ruhweza
Sent: Wednesday, January 27, 2016 4:01 PM
To: Charles Nyandiga <charles.nyandiga@undp.org>
Cc: Lebogang Motlana <lebogang.motlana@undp.org>; Jose Salema <jose.salema@one.un.org>; Gerd Trogemann <gerd.trogemann@undp.org>; Akiko Yamamoto <akiko.yamamoto@undp.org>
Subject: Re: SMALL GRANT PROGRAMME IN STP

Thank you Charles. Much appreciated.

Sent from my iPhone 6 Plus Phablet

On 27 Jan 2016, at 6:58 PM, Charles Nyandiga <charles.nyandiga@undp.org> wrote:

Dear All,

We have already received this query on ST&P and its inclusion in the SGP programme during the OP5 and now in OP6. We are discussing this item internally and I intend to respond comprehensively within this week. Currently, we are in a team retreat which somewhat has delayed my response.

Please be patient as this issue is with us already.

Best,

Charles

From: Alice Ruhweza
Sent: Wednesday, January 27, 2016 10:54 AM
To: Lebogang Motlana <lebogang.motlana@undp.org>
Cc: Jose Salema <jose.salema@one.un.org>; Gerd Trogemann <gerd.trogemann@undp.org>; Akiko Yamamoto <akiko.yamamoto@undp.org>; Charles Nyandiga <charles.nyandiga@undp.org>
Subject: Re: SMALL GRANT PROGRAMME IN STP

Dear Lebo,
Thanks for the note.
I am not aware of any reason why São Tomé cannot access the SGP.
Let me check with the small grants programme and get back to Jose right away.

Best regards
Alice Ruhweza

Sent from my iPhone 6 Plus Phablet

On 27 Jan 2016, at 6:46 PM, Lebogang Motlana <lebogang.motlana@undp.org> wrote:

Dear Jose,

I have read through all the emails and your attachment. Indeed mSTP is not included in the list of countries for the SGP the question that you rightly pose is what are the conditions for your inclusion. To this end I am herewith requesting Alice Ruhweza, the GEF team leader at the RSC and Akiko Yamamoto to shed some light so that you may proceed to undertake whatever is necessary for STPs inclusion in the programme.

Best regards

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Date: Wednesday, January 27, 2016 at 3:34 PM
To: Matlotleng Motlana <lebogang.motlana@undp.org>, Gerd Trogemann <gerd.trogemann@undp.org>
Subject: FW: SMALL GRANT PROGRAMME IN STP

Dear Lebo and Gerd,

Greetings from ST&P,

I found myself writing this email to the two of you as I would like to have a response from my simple queries on the above subject. Unfortunately, it is taking an inordinate amount of time as you can see from the exchanges below.

Being used to prompt answers from the team, and understanding the period where we are all engaged in year closing, year starting and consequent planning, there is little time available in a day, however I am looking for simple answers. Yes there are funds and you need to do this or that, or no there is no possibility for the CO to assess the SGF opportunities. Maybe there is something I don't know and I should be informed about so I can stop asking questions.

I hope I have your attention as I have to be ready to answer the Government when the issue comes next, and that was just postponed for next week, when discussion on the next cycle UNDAF would take place. Your kind support in this regard is highly appreciated.

With friendly regards, Jose

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From: Jose Salema

Sent: Monday, January 25, 2016 12:12 PM

To: Charles Nyandiga <charles.nyandiga@undp.org>; Linda Maguire <linda.maguire@undp.org>

Cc: Ayele Wansi Satchivi <pepe.s.wansi@undp.org>; Aissata De <aissata.de@undp.org>; Rania El Azem <rania.elazem@undp.org>; Helina Tadesse <helina.tadesse@undp.org>; Laurent-Mascar Ngoma <laurent.ngoma@undp.org>; Henry Rene Diouf <henry.rene.diouf@undp.org>; Gerd Trogemann <gerd.trogemann@undp.org>; Silke Hollander <silke.hollander@undp.org>; Antonio Viegas <antonio.viegas@undp.org>; Saliou Toure <saliou.toure@undp.org>

Subject: RE: SMALL GRANT PROGRAMME IN STP

Dear Charles and Assiata,

Greetings from ST&P,

I am following up on the exchanges below. Is there any position or information I should be aware on the above mentioned subject before meeting the government within two days?

During the WE I had confirmation from a number of the ST&P NGOs that participated last year May 2015 in Libreville SGP workshop, where it was mentioned that there funds available and allocated for the Country. Please attached material from the mentioned workshop. I am also copying Saliou who had attended the workshop.

After the workshop we were getting ready to assess how we could have brought Mr. Ricardo Dominguez from Cabo Verde CO to assist the CO to build together with the local NGO Federation and the Government Focal Point a possible bid, however, due to lack of communication on the subject we have not pursued effectively the process.

Based on those facts I would like to receive **definitive information** – as requested in November by the CO- , so I can pass around or engage and further work on it.

Looking forward to hear from you as soon as possible.

With friendly regards, Jose

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From: Charles Nyandiga
Sent: Thursday, January 21, 2016 3:25 PM
To: Linda Maguire <linda.maguire@undp.org>
Cc: Jose Salema <jose.salema@one.un.org>; Ayele Wansi Satchivi <pepe.s.wansi@undp.org>; Aissata De <aissata.de@undp.org>; Rania El Azem <rania.elazem@undp.org>; Helina Tadesse <helina.tadesse@undp.org>; Laurent-Mascar Ngoma <laurent.ngoma@undp.org>; Henry Rene Diouf <henry.rene.diouf@undp.org>; Gerd Trogemann <gerd.trogemann@undp.org>; Silke Hollander <silke.hollander@undp.org>; Antonio Viegas <antonio.viegas@undp.org>
Subject: Re: SMALL GRANT PROGRAMME IN STP

Dear All,
I am reporting back after my HL. Let's discuss this then and I can fill you in from SGP side.
Charles

Sent from my iPhone

On Jan 21, 2016, at 9:09 AM, Linda Maguire <linda.maguire@undp.org> wrote:

Dear colleagues,

Can I suggest that since Charles is here in NY the COT (Aissata and team) give him a call or meet with him quickly to discuss?

Best,

Linda

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Sent: Thursday, January 21, 2016 8:17 AM
To: Ayele Wansi Satchivi <pepe.s.wansi@undp.org>
Cc: Charles Nyandiga <charles.nyandiga@undp.org>;

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<linda.maguire@undp.org>; Antonio Viegas
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Subject: Re: SMALL GRANT PROGRAMME IN STP

Dear Ayele,

Thank you for the follow up with Charles.

However, just two days ago the Government focal point during the COP 21 restitution to the public service, criticized UNDP and the NGOs for not taking advantage of the availability of Small Grants financing.

You can see now into the predicament the CO is. Any support from Charles or HQs in clarifying the situation. Specifically are there funds or not? Or what should be done to access such funds.

Looking forward to hear from you or Charles.

Friendly regards, jose
From Jose's iphone

On 21 Jan 2016, at 12:58, Ayele Wansi Satchivi
<pepe.s.wansi@undp.org> wrote:

Dear Charles,

I am following up on messages from the RC of Sao Tome about the Small Grants financing. Sao Tome is not in the list of eligible countries (<https://sgp.undp.org/>)

However the country faces critical issues on environment and they have a strategy to increase the climate resilience of the RAP economy and communities to current and future climate risks which will facilitate their eligibility to the grants programme. UNDP is very committed for this and need your help.

Could you please let them know what is required to be incorporated to the list of countries?

With many thanks for your kind guidance.

Best regards,
Pepe

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From: Gerd Trogemann
Sent: Wednesday, January 13, 2016
8:18 PM
To: Ayele Wansi Satchivi
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Cc: Silke Hollander
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Subject: Fwd: SMALL GRANT
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Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: Jose Salema
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Date: January 13,
2016 at 19:24:44
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Cc: Linda Maguire
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**Subject: FW:
SMALL GRANT
PROGRAMME IN
STP**

Dear Charles,

Please accept my belated best wishes of a successful new year.

Charles, I am following up on an earlier email from our colleague Laurent to you on the subject of Small Grants financing. The CO sees the opportunity to engage further the National CSOs on climate changes and mitigation through such possibility.

Please let me know what the CO needs to do to enable Small Grants programming.

Looking forward to hear from you.

With friendly regards,
Jose

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From: Laurent-Mascar Ngoma
Sent: 3 de fevereiro de 2015 20:13
To: Henry Rene Diouf <henry.rene.diouf@undp.org>
Subject: FW: SMALL GRANT PROGRAMME IN STP
Importance: High

Dear Henry
Hi,
Please can you assist in following up this email I sent to Charles sometimes last year just after our COP. I would like to know if he received the email and if the content is still valid that we can proceed from the CO as discussed during the COP.
Thanks and best regards
Laurent

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From: Laurent-Mascar Ngoma
Sent: 16 November 2014 19:37
To: Charles Nyandiga
Cc: Antonio Viegas; Jose Salema

**Subject: SMALL GRANT
PROGRAMME IN STP**
Importance: High

Dear Charles,
Hi

I hope you are already back to NY. Following up on the discussions we had with you during the CO on the eligibility of STP to the GEF Small Grant programme, I am sending you this email to clarify that what I need to send to the GEFSGP a letter from the UNDP CO RR presenting the need of the country to have this programme running in order to provide financial and technical support to projects that conserve and restore the environment while enhancing people's well-being and livelihoods in STP as the SGP states it clearly that it will demonstrate that community action can maintain the fine balance between human needs and environmental imperatives. Dear Charles, this will be a real added value in the work of UNDP supporting Community based activities through NGOS, CSO and others. I am still in Accra on my way to STP. Once in the office on Tuesday this will be one of the priority action for you to assist the CO to establish the programme.