

PROJECT SCOPE

Priorities for biomass: All biomass

Intervention areas: Biodiversity conservation and restoration measures

Enterprise types: Campsites, craft shops, honey production, thatch grass, marula and mangetti oil ventures

Impact spheres: Livelihoods and Environment

Grant sizes: **USD 10 000 – USD 46 000**

Project duration: 2 years

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SMALL GRANTS FACILITY

Investment Area
Nature-based Enterprises



WHAT ARE NATURE-BASED ENTERPRISES?

Nature-based enterprises are ventures that can be exploited to support biodiversity utilisation, conservation, and equitable benefit sharing from derived resources.

Broadly these activities support the harvesting, storing, processing, packaging, transporting and marketing or sustainably-harvested and biodiversity-friendly products.

PURPOSE OF THIS INVESTMENT WINDOW

This investment area will focus on financially supporting - through grant funding - community-level or locally-owned small to medium nature-based enterprises.

It will also involve supporting the strengthening of value chains and market access - local, regional and international - for such natural resource-based products/services which are identified as being commercially viable. These may include products that are in high demand in regional and international markets such as marula oil, bush harvesting, mangetti nut oil, timber products and ecotourism.

LANDSCAPE MANAGEMENT APPROACHES TO BE FINANCED

Proposals that qualify as green businesses that have the dual potential of conservation and income generation to the local communities.

Sustainable income generating activities for the local communities should feature forest conservation projects.

Forest conservation income generating activities can be clustered into 3 categories:

1. enterprises that depend on the continued existence of the forest;
2. plant/tree based enterprises that may or may not depend on the forest;
3. enterprises that are completely independent of the forest



ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- Grant can be limited to one Community Based Organization (CBO);
- Communal conservancies, community forests, community groups, farmer's associations, women's groups, youth groups and informal community groups (subject to certain conditions) are all eligible for applying to this facility;
- Any infrastructure development must comply with the Environmental Management Act;
- Interventions need to be linked to rural areas;
- Demonstrate sound financial management experience;
- Experience in managing grant funds;
- Well established accounting and financial reporting systems, auditing requirements;
- Adherence to the implementation of Environment Social Safeguard system; and
- Demonstrate gender mainstreaming and youth empowerment.

