



Global Environment Facility

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Organization

The Global Environment Facility (GEF) was established in October 1991, and restructured on the eve of the 1992 Rio Earth Summit to forge international cooperation and finance actions to address critical threats to the global environment. The global environmental focal areas of GEF are biodiversity, climate change, international waters, ozone depletion, and other cross-cutting issues such as land degradation.

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Both developed and developing countries are donors to the GEF Trust Fund. The World Bank, since 1994, has been serving as GEF Trustee and administering the GEF Trust Fund. GEF receives contributions from 40 donor countries. At the last replenishment, 30 countries pledged a record US\$ 4.43 billion for the GEF-6 period 2014 to 2018.

GEF has developed the “GEF2020: Strategy for GEF”. According to the strategy, GEF will pursue five strategic priorities: address the drivers of environmental degradation; deliver integrated solutions; enhance resilience and adaptation; ensure complementarity and synergies, especially in climate finance; and focus on choosing the right influencing model.

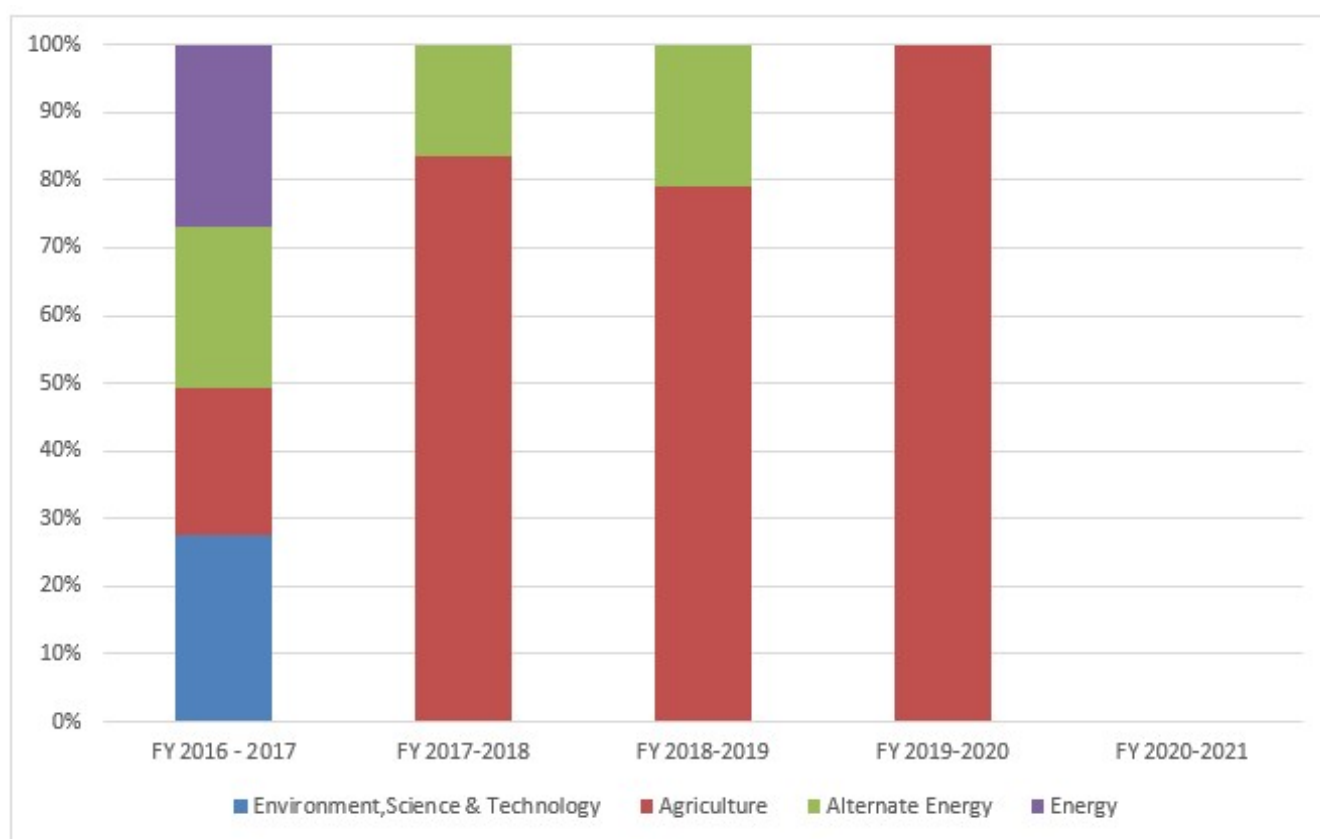
Nepal is a member of the GEF constituency comprised of Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, the Maldives, Nepal, and Sri Lanka. Nepal has nominated the Finance Secretary as Political Focal Point, and the Joint Secretary of the Ministry of Finance's International Economic Cooperation Coordination Division as Operational Focal Point.

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Major Support by Sector

The major sectors of GEF during the five-year period are:

1. Agriculture
2. Alternative Energy
3. Forests
4. Energy
5. Environment, Science and Technology



Source: Aid Management Information System

Disbursement during FYs 2016/17 to 2020/21 (in US\$)

in FY 2020/21, at US\$ 1.8 million. Likewise no disbursement took place in fiscal year 2020/21. The annual average disbursement from GEF stands at US \$ 0.8 million.

During the last five year period GEF has agreed to provide Nepal US \$ 13.9 million. However, no commitment of GEF support took place in fiscal year 2017/18 and fiscal year 2019/20. Exceptionally a negative resource flow commitment of US \$ 0.67 million.

Fiscal Year	Agreement Amount	Disbursement
2016/17	-676,516	1,879,163
2017/18		1,422,362
2018/19	28,000	687,022
2019/20		108,925
2020/21	14,597,248	

Source: Aid Management Information System

Note: The Agreement Amount is not comparable with disbursement because disbursement here accounts for disbursement of each fiscal year only, whereas Agreement Amount refers to the project cost over the period (not only for single fiscal year but also beyond).

Country Partnership Strategy

The Country Programme Strategy (CPS) 2015-2018 includes four main strategic initiatives: community landscape conservation; reclamation of degraded public and community lands through community based innovative activities; conservation of biodiversity and ecosystems; and climate change mitigation and adaptation, including the promotion of innovative climate-smart agriculture, and low carbon energy access co-benefits. The CPS specifically identifies the goals, strategic objectives and outcomes that GEF-SGP Nepal proposes to achieve over this operational phase.

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References

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