

GRIF Projects Summary

Project	Partner Entity	GRIF Project Cost	Objectives	Implementation/Status
Institutional Strengthening	IDB	US\$ 7M	<p>The overall objective of the project is to enhance national institutional capacity in Guyana to address the impacts of Climate Change, ensure the effective implementation of the LCDS, and meet its commitments under interim REDD+ partnerships. These commitments include avoided deforestation measures that translate into the avoidance of CO₂ emissions.</p> <p>The specific objectives of the project are: (i) to strengthen the technical and administrative capacity of the principal institutions responsible for implementing Guyana's Low Carbon Development Strategy, namely the Office of Climate Change (OCC), the Project Management Office (PMO) and the Guyana Forestry Commission (GFC); and (ii) develop and implement an MRV system on a national level.</p>	<p>16th June 2011: PCN approved by GRIF Steering Committee</p> <p>7th November 2011: Full Project Document approved by GRIF Steering Committee</p> <p>30th June 2012: Agreement signed by Minister of Finance and IDB</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Project being implemented</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Funds disbursed and activities are ongoing</p>
Amerindian Land Titling	UNDP	US\$ 7.5M	<p>The objective of this project is to facilitate and fast track the Amerindian Land Titling process. It seeks to a) Have land titles issued and demarcation process completed for all Amerindian villages that submit requests, including those that request extensions, b) Strengthen existing mechanisms to deal with unresolved land issues, c) improve the communication and outreach efforts of the Ministry of Amerindian Affairs.</p>	<p>15th August 2012: UNDP's Local Project Appraisal Committee reviewed and discussed Full Project Document</p> <p>Project document finalized by GoG and UNDP and is proceeding in the approval process</p>
Amerindian Development Fund	UNDP	US\$ 6M	<p>The Amerindian Development Fund will be established to provide funding to support the socio-economic development of Amerindian communities and villages, through the implementation of their Community Development Plans (CDPs).</p>	<p>5th June 2012: PCN/Initiation Plan approved by GRIF Steering Committee</p> <p>9th August 2012: PCN/Initiation Plan signed by Minister of Finance, Minister of Amerindian Affairs and UNDP at the National Tshaos Conference</p> <p>PCN/Initiation Plan will see 15% of the 180 Community Development Plans funded in the first phase, while the full Project Proposal is developed concurrently</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Project being implemented</p> <p style="text-align: center;">The 27 initial communities have been identified by MoAA and UNDP using a stratified random sampling method that ensures at least one village from each region is represented and at least one project from each sector is represented</p>

				<p>22nd – 23rd March 2013: inception workshop held by MoAA and UNDP for initial communities/villages</p> <p>MoAA and UNDP conducted missions to all regions, visiting communities to conduct capacity building, provide technical assistance and sign agreements with communities/villages for CDP funding and implementation</p> <p>17th – 24th April 2013: Region 1- agreements signed with 7 communities</p> <p>15th – 22nd May 2013: Region 9 – agreements signed with 6 communities</p> <p>31st May – 2nd June 2013 – agreements signed with 2 communities</p> <p>3rd – 5th June 2013: Region 7 – agreements signed with 2 communities</p> <p>17th – 19th June 2013: Regions 2, 4 and 10 - agreements signed with 2 communities</p> <p>25th -26th June 2013: Regions 5 and 6 - agreements signed with 2 communities</p> <p>4th – 8th July 2013: Regions 3 and 4 - agreements signed with 2 communities</p> <p>The first tranche of funds has been disbursed to 19 communities in the amount of G\$ 73,002,679</p> <p>Amount currently approved: US\$ 1,883,628</p>
<p>Micro and Small Enterprise Development and Building Alternative Livelihoods for Vulnerable Groups</p>	IDB	US\$ 10M	<p>This project aims to address two of the major bottlenecks that constrain the development of MSEs and the ability of vulnerable groups to build alternative livelihoods in Guyana, which are i) limited access to finance and ii) limited technical and business skills.</p> <p>Access to finance will be addressed through a credit guarantee facility which will be used to guarantee part of the collateral of a loan, thereby enabling an MSE to obtain a loan at an affordable rate; an interest support facility which will help with interest payments; and a low carbon grant scheme to assist vulnerable persons with viable business propositions. Lack of skills will be addressed through a training voucher scheme which will enable MSEs to obtain the skills they require at existing training institutions. Sector specific training will also be provided.</p>	<p>13th October 2011: PCN approved by GRIF Steering Committee</p> <p>16th October 2012: Full Project Document posted to GRIF website for public comments</p> <p>14th November 2012: Public comment review period ended. No comments received</p> <p>30th November 2012: Project Document approved by GRIF Steering Committee</p> <p>27th February 2013: Project Document</p>

				<p>approved by the IDB Board</p> <p>25th March 2013: Agreement for project implementation signed between the GoG and IDB</p> <p>Project Team being expanded to include procurement, strategy and MIS functions</p> <p>Formal submission to IDB of conditions prior to disbursement to be made in August 2013 by Executing Agency, Small Business Bureau</p> <p>Project implementation: 3rd quarter 2013</p> <p>(The full project is for US\$10, the first phase has been approved for US\$5M)</p>
Cunha Canal Rehabilitation Project	World Bank	US\$ 2M	<p>The Cunha Canal Rehabilitation Project is a part of Guyana's LCDS adaptation initiatives. The Cunha Canal Rehabilitation Project is an important intervention addressing the focus area of adapting to climate change. The works will improve the ability of the Government of Guyana to manage water resources in the East Demerara Water Conservancy (EDWC).</p> <p>The proposed physical works for the Cunha Canal will include the widening of the canal, the rehabilitation of the former outlet structure, rerouting the canal to re-establish its original alignment and construction of a bridge on the East Bank of Demerara Public Road where the canal intercepts the road. Rehabilitation of the Canal will increase its discharge capacity and contribute to reducing the risks of the embankment overtopping and flooding of areas along the East Bank of the Demerara.</p>	<p>5th June 2012: PCN approved by GRIF Steering Committee</p> <p>Full Project Proposal being completed</p> <p>20-21st November 2012: World Bank conducted mission to Guyana</p> <p>27th Jan – 1st Feb 2013: World Bank conducted a technical mission to Guyana</p> <p>24th – 28th Jun 2013: Planned World Bank Mission to Guyana</p> <p>The Conservancy Adaptation Project (CAP) findings will provide key data and analytic inputs for the project</p>
Biodiversity Research Centre	World Bank	US\$ 4M	<p>This project will see investment in human resources, infrastructure, facilities and equipment to develop a self-sustaining scientific research centre at the University of Guyana (UG). The international Centre for biodiversity research and low carbon development will be dedicated to researching Guyana's biodiversity and assessing its economic value and how this can be maximized. The Centre will work with emerging global institutes to ensure that Guyana is integrated with international advances in relevant fields.</p>	<p>Project to follow on from current World Bank project 'University of Guyana (UG) Science and Technology Support Project'</p> <p>A workshop with local and international stakeholders and experts was held in June 2011 and a detailed report was produced</p> <p>Expression of Interests (EoIs) for feasibility study requested.</p> <p>Eol period closed and evaluation submitted to World Bank for guidance on next steps.</p>