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PROGRESS SUMMARY

PIMS 10594-GEF SGP 8th Operational Phase Part I-Kiribati (Proj. No. 1004258)

Under the eighth operational phase of the Global Environment Facility Small Grants Programme in Kiribati, the programme's National Steering Committee approved eleven community grants on 11 July 2026. The grants support community-led action on climate change mitigation, land degradation and chemicals and waste management across Kiribati. Five projects install solar power systems for community facilities and household water pumping, reducing reliance on diesel generation and costly grid electricity. Four improve access to safe freshwater through rehabilitation of freshwater sources, household water supply, rainwater storage and desalination. Three establish community waste management, recycling and composting systems and one introduces hydroponic gardening to improve household food security.

Another project aims to improve landfill management to address coastal erosion and waste disposal. All grants are implemented by community-based and faith-based organisations over periods of between four and twenty-four months.

As of 22 September 2026, grant agreements have been prepared for nine of the eleven approved projects, representing USD 332,128.51. Six agreements totalling USD 203,608.94 have been finalised and submitted for internal review and clearance. A further three, totalling USD 107,569.83, are complete in substance and await confirmation of recipient bank account details. The communities are finalising with their bank with support from the programme's national coordinator in Kiribati. Agreements for the remaining two grants are pending receipt of outstanding information from the recipient organisations.

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