

GCF IN BRIEF: ADAPTATION PLANNING



Catalysing action and finance for country adaptation priorities

The Green Climate Fund (GCF) is committed to investing in developing countries' efforts to adapt to the effects of climate change. GCF aims to deliver a 50:50 balance between mitigation and adaptation allocations in its portfolio, and ensure that at least 50 percent of adaptation funding goes to particularly vulnerable countries, including Least Developed Countries (LDCs), Small-Island Developing States (SIDS), and African States.

To help countries access financial support for adaptation planning and implementation in accordance to the recommendation of the 19th Conference of the Parties (COP) to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), the GCF Readiness Programme provides developing countries a one-time grant allocation of up to USD 3 million for the formulation of National Adaptation Plans (NAPs) and/or other adaptation planning processes. Requests can be submitted by a National Designated Authority/focal point (NDAs) following the readiness application process.

This support strengthens national and local adaptation planning processes which are key building blocks of countries' ongoing efforts to bolster public and private decision making based on the best available science and on meaningful stakeholder engagement. It also helps countries develop financing strategies and attract investment in adaptation from a diversity of sources, as well as measure its impact over time. Adaptation planning processes provide a crucial evidence base for the articulation of the climate rationale in the design of project proposals for GCF and other sources of climate finance.

Flexible use of GCF resources for adaptation planning

Countries have the option of accessing the USD 3 million cap through one proposal with one Delivery Partner, or through a set of multiple sequential proposals. A 'phased' approach to accessing the resources can enable countries to 'learn by doing' and thereby benefit from the iterative nature of adaptation. NDAs also have the flexibility to involve multiple Delivery Partners in different proposals and to thereby access the most relevant expertise for formulation of adaptation planning activities. Delivery Partners for adaptation planning and other GCF Readiness proposals can be implemented by any organization, regardless if they are a GCF Accredited Entity, as long as they undergo a [Financial Management Capacity Assessment](https://g.cf/doclist) (<https://g.cf/doclist>).

Quick Facts

as of November 2019

1. GCF has received adaptation planning proposals from 81 countries for the formulation of National Adaptation Plans and/or adaptation planning processes under the GCF Readiness Programme.
2. GCF has approved 35 proposals, with 13 more in the final stages of approval, totaling 48 proposals with a combined value of USD 116 million. This is an increase of 11 approvals since the beginning of 2019.
3. Since mid-2018, 10 countries requested and received technical assistance to prepare adaptation planning proposals.

Adaptation planning catalyzes finance for implementation

Adaptation planning should include a comprehensive financing strategy to implement priority actions which countries identify in their NAPs. This financing strategy can include a prioritized pipeline of funding proposals, including but not exclusively for submission to GCF.

Menu of Outcomes and Outputs that GCF can support

Outcome 1	Outcome 2	Outcome 3	Outcome 4
Adaptation planning governance and institutional coordination strengthened	Evidence basis used to design adaptation solutions for maximum impact	Private sector engagement in adaptation catalysed	Adaptation finance increased
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Inter and intra-institutional coordination and decision-making mechanisms 2. Stakeholder engagement frameworks and agreements 3. Adaptation impact monitoring, evaluation and learning systems 4. National, sub-national and/or sectoral plans 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Climate hazard impact, vulnerability and risk studies 2. Consolidation and sharing of climate studies 3. Communication to relevant public, private and civil society decision makers and other stakeholders 4. Policy and Regulatory Frameworks 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Policy guidelines and regulations to remove barriers and incentivise adaptation investment, supported by technical assistance to develop financial products for private investment. 2. Private sector actors engaged in national, sectoral and/or sub-national adaptation planning 3. Adaptation planning for climate resilience of individual businesses and supply chains 4. Marketplaces and other means of matching private financiers with solutions 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Financing strategies for specific adaptation priorities 2. Project and programme concept notes 3. Systems for prioritising adaptation project ideas 4. Systems for tracking adaptation finance

What are approved proposals supporting?

- 36 new and/or revised NAPs and other national adaptation planning documents
- 82 new and/or revised sub-national level adaptation plans
- 56 new and/or revised sectoral adaptation plans
- 28 climate hazard impacts, vulnerability and risk assessments
- 30 inter- and intra-institutional coordination and decision-making mechanisms
- 29 stakeholder engagement frameworks and agreements
- 29 financing strategies for specific adaptation priorities
- 72 concept notes targeting a range of climate finance sources including GCF

Flexible support for adaptation planning

The GCF provides technical assistance to countries using a national and/or regional delivery partner to formulate adaptation planning proposals. This support strengthens national and local adaptation planning processes by bolstering capacity. This facility helps countries develop adaptation planning theory of change, articulate country-specific climate rationale and integrate relevant stakeholders in national and sub-national planning.

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FAQs on GCF Readiness Programme for adaptation planning

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GCF Readiness and Preparatory Support Programme

See the [GCF Readiness Guidebook](#):

<https://g.cf/2rwDyDc>

