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## Adaptation Fund support for SIDS

LEADING ADAPTATION FINANCE, DELIVERING TANGIBLE IMPACT

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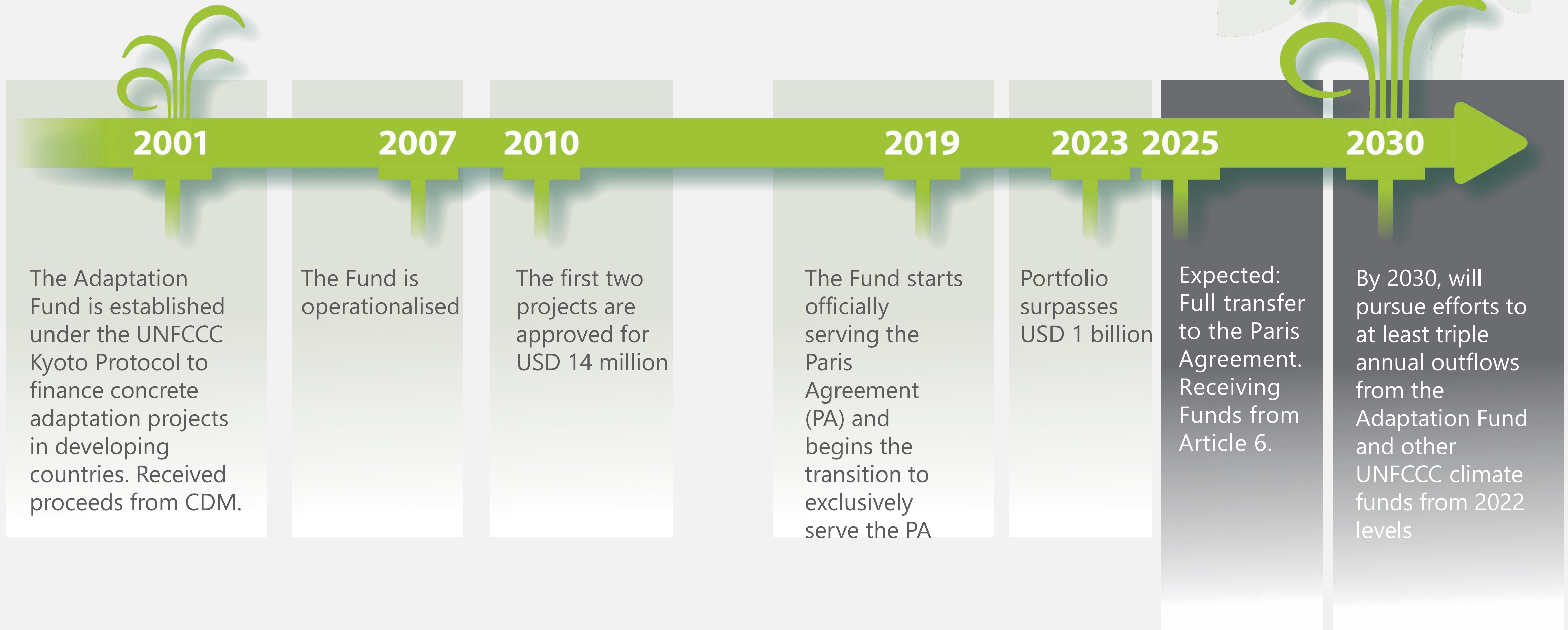
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# Adaptation Fund Growing and Maturing:

## Leader, Innovator and Catalyst for Adaptation Finance





# 2025: Key Programming Updates

- Country cap has increased from 20 million to **USD 40 million**
- Single-country project/programme size has increased from USD 10 million to **USD 25 million**
- Regional project/programme size has increased from USD 14 million to **USD 30 million** (regular and LLA)
- New funding window for **regional Locally-Led Adaptation** projects/ programmes.
- Innovation: Expansion of the **AFCIA Partnership**. CAF, EBRD, IFAD, WB/IBRD, UNDP and UN-Habitat invited to submit new AFCIA proposals.
- New AFCIA regional programme approved. **SPC's Climate Innovation CoLab**.

44<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Adaptation Fund Board, April 2025





# Adaptation Fund Unique Features

## DEDICATED TO ADAPTATION

Multilateral fund dedicated to concrete climate adaptation for the most vulnerable countries and communities, including in LDCs and SIDS

## DIRECT ACCESS

NIEs can directly access financing and manage all aspects of climate adaptation and resilience projects, from design through implementation to monitoring and evaluation

## GRANT FUNDING

Provides grant funding that finances the full cost of adaptation, and has no co-financing requirements

## LOCALLY-LED ADAPTATION

Strategic focus on adaptation action that devolves access and decision-making to national, subnational, and local levels

## INNOVATION FOCUSED

Proactively develops new, more effective ways to adapt, including pilot projects, proof-of-concept initiatives, and de-risking mechanisms

## SUSTAINABLE INTERVENTIONS

Builds local capacities and targets interventions that catalyse impact beyond project/programme lifetime





# Accredited Implementing Entities

As of November 2025

## DESIGNATED AUTHORITIES

142

## ACCREDITED IMPLEMENTING ENTITIES (TOTAL 63)

**NIEs**  
National  
Implementing Entities

39

+

**RIEs**  
Regional  
Implementing Entities

9

+

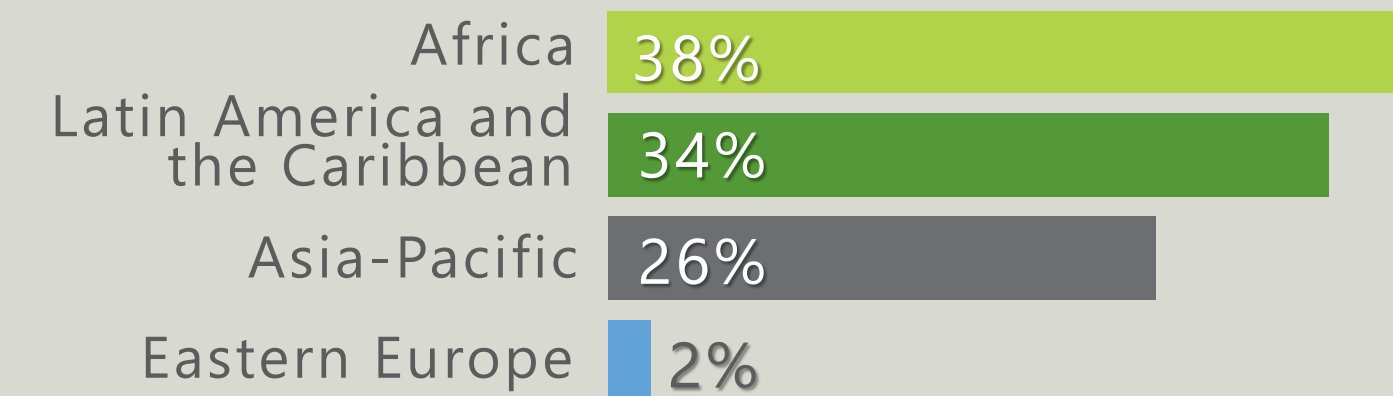
**MIEs**  
Multilateral  
Implementing Entities

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## ACCREDITED IMPLEMENTING ENTITIES BY TYPE



## ACCREDITED NIEs AND RIEs BY REGION



## LDCs AND SIDs AMONG ACCREDITED NIEs





# AF Portfolio: Regional distribution

TOTAL: 212 projects | USD1,456.47 Million

## COMPLETED

Projects: 45  
Approved amount: US\$ 272.7 M

## UNDER IMPLEMENTATION

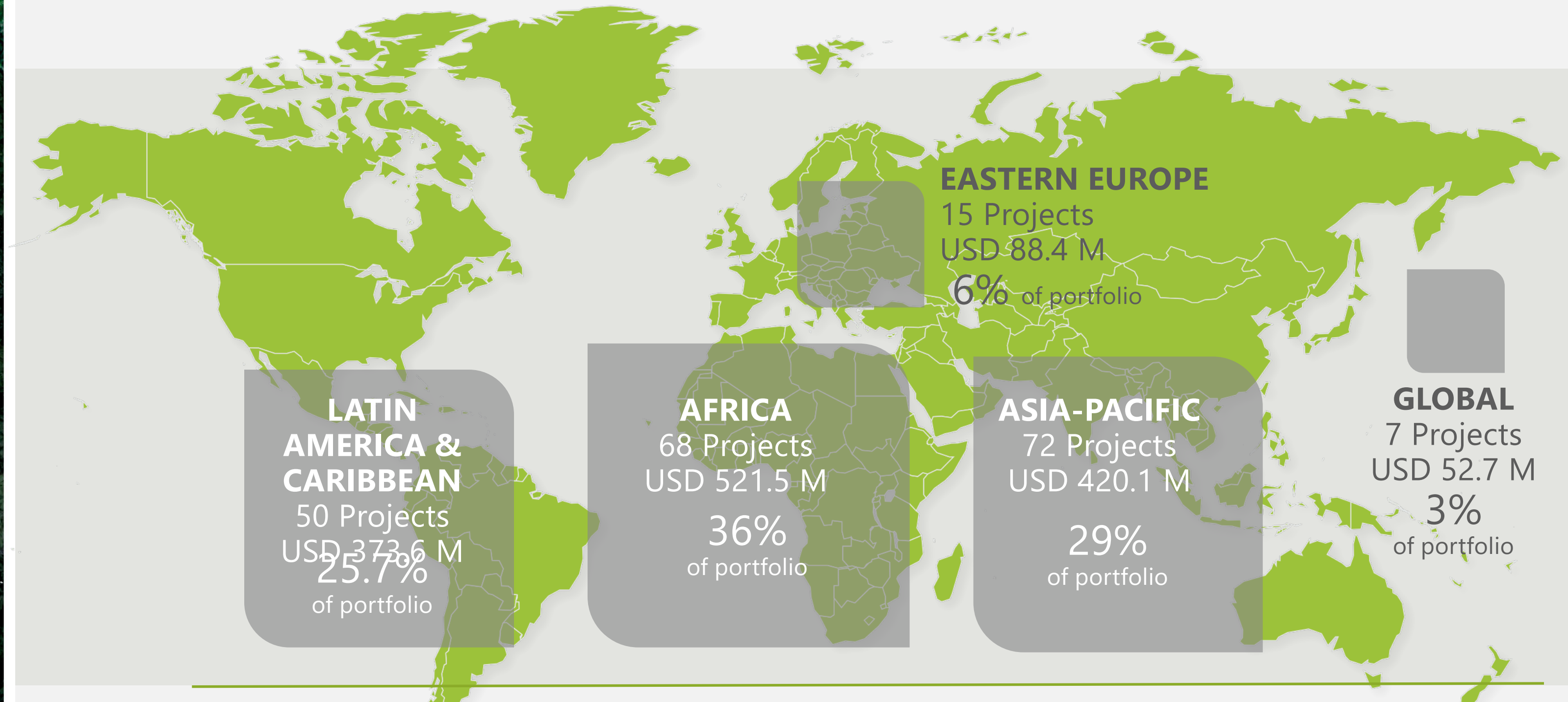
Projects: 112  
Approved amount: US\$ 795.8 M

## NOT YET STARTED

Projects: 55  
Approved amount: US\$ 387.9 M

## TOTAL

Projects: 212  
Approved amount: US\$ 1,456.4 M



## SUPPORT TO LDCs AND SIDs

**LDCs and SIDs**  
account for  
almost half of  
the AF portfolio

**LEAST  
DEVELOPED  
COUNTRIES**  
USD 470 M

32%  
of portfolio

17%  
of portfolio

**SMALL ISLAND  
DEVELOPING  
STATES**  
USD 259 M






# Our Impact

## Aggregated Anticipated Impacts as of June 2025

### IMPACT 1

Reduction in vulnerability of communities and increased adaptive capacity of communities to respond to the impacts of climate change

Indicator	Initial	Target
No. of direct beneficiaries		14.49 million 
No. of indirect beneficiaries		37.18 million 
No. of early warning systems	601	

### IMPACT 2

Strengthened policies that integrate climate resilience strategies into local and national plans

No. of policies introduced or adjusted to address climate change risks

120  


### IMPACT 3

Increased ecosystem resilience in response to climate change-induced stresses

Hectares of natural habitats created, protected, or rehabilitated/restored

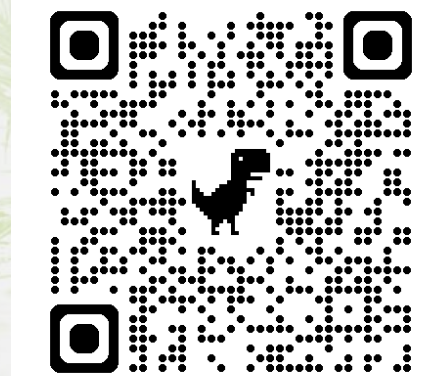
978,590 ha  


Meters of coastline protected

181,000 m  




# Adaptation Fund Funding Windows



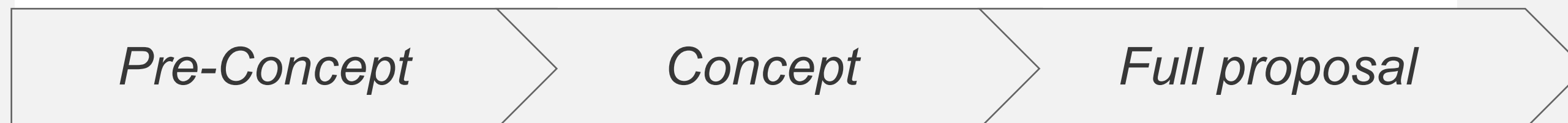
PILLAR	FUNDING WINDOW	ACCREDITED ENTITY TYPE	MAXIMUM FUNDING AMOUNT
<b>ACTION</b>	Single Country	NIE, RIE, MIE	Up to USD 25 Million <i>per Project/Programme (within USD 40 million cap)</i>
	Regional/LLA Regional	RIE, MIE	Up to USD 30 Million <i>per Project/Programme</i>
	LLA Single Country	NIE, RIE, MIE	USD 5 Million <i>per Project/Programme</i>
	LLA Aggregator	Non-accredited	Up to USD 500,000 <i>per Grantee</i>
	Project Scale Up	NIE	USD 100,000 <i>per Grant</i>
<b>INNOVATION</b>	Small (single country)	NIE	USD 250,000 <i>per Project   USD 750,000 with learning</i>
	Large (single country or regional)	NIE, MIE, RIE	USD 5 Million <i>per Project/Programme</i>
	Adaptation Fund Climate Innovation Accelerator	Non-accredited	Up to USD 250,000 <i>per Grantee/Innovator</i>
<b>LEARNING &amp; SHARING</b>	Learning Grants	NIE	USD 500,000 <i>per Grant   USD 750,000 with innovation</i>
<b>READINESS</b>	Readiness Support Package Grant	NIE	USD 150,000 <i>per NIE</i>
	Technical Assistance Grant for the ES & GP	NIE	USD 25,000 <i>per NIE</i>
	Technical Assistance Grant for the GP	NIE	USD 10,000 <i>per NIE</i>



# Project Formulation Grants (Available to NIE, RIE, MIE)

	Less than USD 2M	USD 2M to 5M	USD 5M and above	Locally-led adaptation
Single country projects	\$50,000	\$100,000	\$150,000	\$150,000 +\$100,000*
Regional projects and programmes			\$150,000 (2 countries min.) +\$15,000 per additional country Max \$250,000	\$165,000 (3 countries min.) +\$15,000 per additional country Max \$350,000* <small>*(+ \$100,000 on a case-by-case basis)</small>

*Optional 3-step approach: Only Single-country LLA and all Regional*



Maximum at *Pre-concept* stage is **20% of the maximum total PFG applicable** (only regional and LLA)



# AF Portfolio: sectoral distribution

Investments by Sector as of November 2025





# Adaptation Fund Support for LDCs and SIDS



## LEAST DEVELOPED COUNTRIES (LDCs)

**BANGLADESH:** Adaptation Initiative for Climate Vulnerable Offshore Small Islands and Riverine Charland (UNDP, USD 10M) – Disaster Risk Reduction

**RWANDA:** Reducing Vulnerability to Climate Change in North West Rwanda through Community Based Adaptation (Direct Access, USD10M) – Rural development



## SMALL ISLAND DEVELOPING STATES (SIDS)

**SEYCHELLES:** Ecosystem-based adaptation (USD 6.5M, UNDP) & Marine ecosystem and coral restoration (USD 10M, UNDP)

**MICRONESIA:** Community-based & Ecosystem Based Adaptation (USD 1M, MCT) & Coastal management (USD 9M, SPREP)

**DOMINICAN REPUBLIC:** Integrated Water Resources Management for rural communities (Direct Access IDDI, USD 10M)

To support particularly vulnerable developing countries in accessing adaptation finance, the AF offers:

- Simplified and streamlined access processes: for submission process & simplified templates
- Direct Access: Accreditation of up to two National Implementing Entities per country
- Streamlined accreditation process available for smaller entities & fast-track accreditation available for GCF entities
- Readiness grants & capacity-building support: for accreditation, project formulation, and technical assistance
- Various grants for adaptation action, innovation, and learning and sharing
- Support for NAPs & NDC implementation and adaptation investment planning



# Active Pipeline in SIDS (as of AFB46)

## Growing and diverse pipeline across the SIDS

- 15 **active proposals** in the pipeline across **Caribbean, Pacific, and Africa** regions.
- A **total value** up to **US\$185 million** in requested financing
- Strong demand for **water security, coastal resilience, invasive species management, nature-based solutions, food systems, early warning and community-driven climate information tools.**
- **Caribbean:** St. Kitts & Nevis, Barbados, Suriname, St. Lucia, Dominican Republic, Belize, Antigua and Barbuda, Grenada, Jamaica, St. Vincent and the Grenadines
- **Pacific:** Kiribati, Papua New Guinea, Fiji, Niue, Tonga, Vanuatu
- **Africa:** Cabo Verde, Comoros, Seychelles (regional health systems programme)





# Trends Emerging in the Pipeline

## **Water security technologies**

- Smart water management, leakage reduction, metering systems
- Resilient supply systems (St. Lucia, Barbados, PNG)
- **Water harvesting, desalination, hydrological modelling**

## **Early Warning Systems & climate information services**

- Regional health system resilience & DRR (WHO-led Africa SIDS project)
- Community-based EWS in Tonga and Urban resilience & housing combined with EWS in Belize
- **Climate observations, forecasting tools, remote sensing, risk analytics**

## **Nature-based Solutions & ecosystem innovations**

- Tourism-sector NbS in Dominican Republic
- Forest restoration & community-led NbS in Vanuatu (LLA)
- Coastal protection in St. Kitts & Nevis
- **Ecosystem modelling, NbS design, coastal ecosystem monitoring**





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