

<b>Name of the project</b>	<b>Community-Based Adaptation</b> ( <a href="http://www.undp-adaptation.org/project/cba/">http://www.undp-adaptation.org/project/cba/</a> )
<b>Overall objectives</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This program contributes to the following four areas of work under the NWP: <i>Methods and tools; climate related risks and extreme events; adaptation planning and practices; research; economic diversification</i></li> <li>• This project responds to both of the NWP objectives, i.e., to assist countries to <i>promote the development and dissemination of methods and tools for assessment and improvement of adaptation planning, measures and actions and integration with sustainable development; and to promote understanding and the development and dissemination of measures, methodologies and tools including economic diversification.</i></li> </ul>
<b>Project purpose</b>	To enhance the capacity of communities in the pilot countries to adapt to climate change including variability
<b>Activities</b>	<p>It is increasingly recognized that small communities are likely to be the most severely affected by climate change impacts and yet are least equipped to cope and adapt. This pilot project is designed to implement community-based projects that seek to enhance the resiliency of communities, and/or the ecosystems on which they rely, to climate change impacts. It will essentially create small-scale 'project/policy laboratories' and generate knowledge about how to achieve adaptation at the local level. Ten participating countries (Bangladesh, Bolivia, Guatemala, Jamaica, Kazakhstan, Morocco, Namibia, Niger, Samoa, and Vietnam) will each develop, plan and implement a portfolio of 8-20 community-level adaptation projects. Lessons learned from community projects will then be leveraged to promote replication of successful community practices, and integration of lessons learned into policies that promote increased community adaptive capacity. This project will assist in responding to GEF's internal needs for concrete experience with local-scale climate change adaptation, as well as the growing needs of countries for ground-level experience and clear policy lessons.</p> <p>The program aims to achieve the following key outcomes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Enhanced adaptive capacity allows communities to reduce their vulnerability to adverse impacts of future climate hazards</li> <li>• National policies and programmes promote replication of best practices derived from CBA projects</li> <li>• Cooperation among member countries promotes innovation in adaptation to climate change including variability</li> </ul> <p>To achieve these outcomes, the programme will build on the existing mechanism of the GEF small grants program (GEF SGP) for development, delivery, and national approval of country program strategies, community projects, and monitoring and evaluation. UNDP provides technical support and builds the capacity of the SGP system to deliver adaptation-oriented support to communities.</p> <p>Other donors and partners include UNV, AusAID, the government of Japan, and several partners at the local and national level.</p>
<b>Expected results</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A portfolio of 80-200 CBA projects in the 10 pilot countries</li> <li>• National and subnational policies reflect lessons learned from CBA projects</li> <li>• Best practices identified by communities shared between participating communities and others.</li> </ul>
<b>Indicators of achievement</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• By the end of the programme, at least two new strategies in each category of vulnerability have been introduced at the community level in each participating country</li> <li>• By the end of the programme, at least 8 national policies or programmes have been adopted, or existing policies and programmes adapted to take account of experiences generated through the CBA</li> <li>• By the end of the programme, there is at least one example in each country of a strategy or practice that was introduced on the basis of experiences gained in other countries</li> </ul>