

# Mobilizing Adaptation at the Local Level: the US Approach

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## Build on Previous Efforts

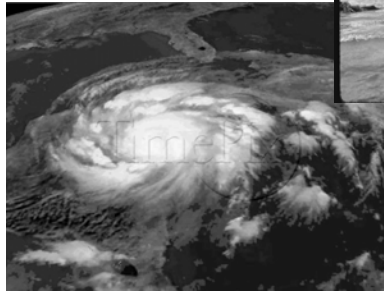
- US Country Studies:
  - 49 Climate Change Impact Studies
  - Mobilized, Enhanced Local Capacity
- USAID Climate Change Program
  - Presidential/Congressional Directives for \$155 m/yr
  - Mainstreams CC into Development Portfolio
  - Focused on Mitigation



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## Support Opportunistic Interventions

- AIACC
- VARA



- Workshops
- Training, Educational Exchange



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## Implement a Strengthened, Coordinated New Approach

- Build on country-driven assessments and priorities
- Link adaptation, and sustainable development AND combine US Agency resources:
  - USAID mainstream development activities
  - NOAA-funded climate information and CB
  - Assessments, observations, monitoring by EPA, NASA, USGS, DOE others
- Be action-oriented



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## Famine Early Warning (FEWS Net)

### Objective

To help establish more effective, sustainable, and African-led food security and response planning networks that reduce the vulnerability of at-risk groups.

- Provides decision-makers with the information to effectively respond to drought, flood, and food insecurity.
- Analyzes remote sensing data and ground-based meteorological, crop, and range-land observations to track progress of rainy seasons in semi-arid regions of Africa to identify early indications of potential famine.
- Efforts have begun to implement FEWS NET activities in Afghanistan and Latin America.
- USAID, NASA, NOAA, USGS, USDA



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## USAID/INDIA Disaster Management Support Project

- Support UNDP Community Based Disaster Management Efforts
- Facilitate exchange of information and expertise on :
  - cyclone forecasting and storm surge modeling
  - Flood warnings
  - Disaster mitigation planning
  - Disaster resistant construction



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## Some Driving Questions

- Where are the immediate, challenges and opportunities?
- Which interventions best fit with development priorities?
- Who are the essential interlocutors?
- What barriers exist to implementation?
- How much assessment is needed?
- What is the best balance of policy and project work?



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