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Climate Change

Private Sector Initiative actions on adaptation

Title of case study	**Going beyond offsetting to invest in adaptation**
Name of organization(s)	**Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer LLP and UNICEF UK**
Business sector	Legal Services
Region(s) relevant to case study	☐ All regions ☒ Africa and the Arab States ☐ Asia and the Pacific ☐ Caribbean and Central America ☒ Europe ☐ Least Developed Countries ☐ North America ☐ Polar regions ☐ Small Island Developing States ☐ South America
Country(s) relevant to case study	Mozambique
Adaptation sector(s) relevant to case study	☐ Business ☐ Education and training ☐ Food security, agriculture, forestry and fisheries ☒ Human health ☐ Oceans and coastal areas ☐ Science, assessment, monitoring and early warning ☐ Terrestrial ecosystems ☐ Tourism ☐ Transport, infrastructure and human settlements ☒ Water resources ☐ Other (please specify): Disaster risk management
Adaptation activity	Rainwater harvesting technology will be installed in schools in Mozambique to collect potable water for pupils. This will be especially valuable in remote and semi-arid areas such as Chibuto, Buzi and Changara. Climate change is creating more erratic rainfall patterns and drought periods, and so ensuring clean water can be captured when it does fall and stored for unexpected dry

	periods is a key resilience strategy. By fitting the technology for schools it ensures that children can stay in school, as they won't have to spend as many hours walking to fetch clean water. This has a particular benefit to girls and vulnerable children, improving health and school educational levels. The project is being delivered in partnership with the district authorities and local communities, which ensures they are trained to maintain the facilities.
Cost-benefit	This project is an innovative approach to corporate investment in climate change, as Freshfields chose to donate funds to UNICEF projects supporting adaptation in Mozambique. This is not a direct investment in making the company's operations more climate resilient, but is ensuring a more holistic approach to carbon management, engaging staff in both the company's and its employees' carbon emissions. With staff voting to decide which of three relevant projects Freshfields should support, and with images and stories about how important adaptation is, this may provide increased motivation for staff to further reduce their carbon emission in their operations.
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Mohamed, 8, enjoys an evening shower on Nilandhoo Island in the Maldives. He and his family benefit from a UNICEF-supported rainwater-harvesting initiative that supplies some 25,000 people nationwide with clean and sustainable water.
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