

Goal of Approach:

Over the past decade, a variety of funds have emerged that can be used to support adaptation. The growth of funding sources has created a shared need among Pacific SIDS for help in understanding how to access available funds and make effective use of resources. The ADAPT Asia-Pacific project will enhance institutional and human capacity in the region to access adaptation funds.

The principal objective of ADAPT Asia-Pacific is to establish a fully functional and self-sustaining adaptation project preparation facility that will not only support preparation of specific projects, but also build the capacity of the region's governments to independently access climate adaptation funds and thereby address loss and damage associated with the adverse effects of climate change..

ADAPT Asia-Pacific focus countries include Bangladesh, Cambodia, India, Indonesia, Laos, Maldives, Mongolia, Nepal, Philippines, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Timor-Leste, and Vietnam. Eligible nations in the Pacific include: Cook Islands, Federated States of Micronesia, Fiji, Kiribati, Marshall Islands, Nauru, Niue, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tonga, Tuvalu, and Vanuatu.

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Main elements of the implementation strategy

ADAPT Asia-Pacific works closely with development organizations and government agencies to address loss and damage through focused activities in four key areas:

1. **Knowledge Sharing Platform.** ADAPT Asia-Pacific works in close coordination with Asia-Pacific Adaptation Network (APAN) as the regional knowledge sharing platform to disseminate information on adaptation-related topics.
2. **Annual Forum.** Held in a different country each year, the ADAPT Asia-Pacific Annual Forum brings adaptation funds and project proponents together and establishes the forum as a key mechanism in Asia and the Pacific for facilitating access to funding opportunities.
3. **Capacity Building Program.** ADAPT Asia-Pacific provides the capacity building necessary to develop in-country skills to prepare sound adaptation projects for financing.
4. **Project Preparation and Finance.** ADAPT Asia-Pacific identifies potential project proponents and mobilizes teams of highly-skilled project preparation and technical specialists on an as-needed basis to help create bankable projects.

An important component of ADAPT Asia-Pacific is capacity building, using both existing and new curriculum that will be offered through regional institutions. For example, the project is beginning development, in cooperation with UNDP, regional learning institutions and U.S. universities, of a curriculum on the economics of climate change adaptation. Among a range of topics, it will address issues like linking probabilistic risk assessment methodologies with downscaled general circulation model information to better understand how the hazard event frequency relationships may change allowing quantified estimates of the costs associated climate change impacts, particularly extreme events.

Targeted beneficiaries

National governments in the Pacific SIDS

Any significant lessons learned

Direct access to adaptation funds by Pacific SIDS has proven difficult; most of the specialized adaptation funds flow through the multilateral agencies. Cognizant of the need to more effectively manage international and domestic climate-related finance, countries in the Pacific require assistance to develop, test and employ assessment methodologies that can identify, tag and track the use of international and domestic climate finance, such as the Climate Public Expenditure and Institutional Review. Further support for regional sharing of lessons from the design and implementation of existing National Climate Funds can sharpen the effectiveness of this mechanism in the region. Lack of government staff numbers argues for basing training on distance learning models delivered through regional educational institutions, such as the University of the Pacific.

Resource requirements

ADAPT is a five year \$17 million project.

Potential for replication or scaling-up

ADAPT Asia-Pacific anticipates contributing to the design and implementation arrangements of the Regional Technical Support Mechanism, being set up by the CROP agencies, WB, and ABD, as a strategic long-term response to facilitate rapid access to technical and advisory services by Pacific SIDS and to strengthen national capacities to effectively respond to climate change, essentially mirroring the principal goal of ADAPT Asia-Pacific.

Any additional information