

LIECHTENSTEIN

Fast-Start Finance – Progress Report for the Period May 2010 to May 2013

In a spirit both of global partnership and solidarity, Liechtenstein is committed to assisting developing countries adapt to and mitigate the effects of climate change. Efforts are being made, where relevant, to integrate climate change assistance into broader development co-operation aiming at a sustainable and comprehensive development of disadvantaged and marginalised regions of the world.

The Liechtenstein Government has repeatedly underscored its commitment to achieving the international ODA target of 0.7% as soon as possible. Under the budget line “International Humanitarian Cooperation and Development”, Liechtenstein’s most recent ODA percentage for the year 2011 is 0.62.

Fast-start financing commitment

In addition to its ODA, as part of the global effort, Liechtenstein has committed fast-start financing of up to a total amount of USD 58 per capita in grant funding over the period from May 2010 to May 2013; from this total amount USD 18.6 per capita has been raised with the help of Public Private Partnerships (PPP):

- At the time (December 2009) when relevant parties were invited to engage in fast-start financing, the state budget had already been decided and allocated to the different budget lines. The only way to start projects in 2010 under the umbrella of a new and additional budget line was a PPP-project, a project based on an unconditional grant, new and additional to budget sources earlier decided.
- With calculations taking into account the national level of emissions, the financial capacity and the population size, the Liechtenstein Parliament (Landtag) decided in December 2010 to introduce a new fast-start financing budget line of CHF 700’000 for the years 2011 and 2012, a budget line based on additional, new increases in the cooperation and development aid budget. Liechtenstein’s fast-start financing commitment is therefore not diverting from other important development priorities, but instead will complement and further strengthen these. In 2012, the Parliament decided to extend its engagement in Climate Finance until 2015 with a total budget of CHF 600’000.

In implementing its fast-start financing, Liechtenstein’s prime concern is the delivery of effective results and benefits which address the sustainable development and climate change needs and priorities of developing countries. In general, with its fast-start financing, Liechtenstein aims at giving support in planning and realising sustainable development by further defining a responsible development framework, evaluating capacities, making wise use of and therefore securing resources. Fast-start funding not only aims to assist in governance and capacity-building, but also to foster effects like safe living conditions and guaranteeing subsistence, which is respecting dignity and creating additional sources of income and constant progress in the field of education and jobs.

Project actions and components

- show a need driven approach, because they are developed by recipients and reflect their priorities;
- allow recipients to gain ownership of the processes and projects;
- activate the self-organisation of local populations;
- support socially, economically and environmentally friendly initiatives;
- contribute to solving gender problems, empowering women, raising awareness among young people and civil society and finally strengthening peace and security.

In general, support is given to development country partners to help them both adapt to and mitigate the effects of climate change. For the sake of performance and efficiency, Liechtenstein prefers a bilateral allocation of fast-start projects. Therefore the realisation of projects is focused on traditional cooperation partners under the umbrella of the Mountain Partnership or partners of the Liechtenstein Development Service (LED).

Liechtenstein's adaptation assistance focuses on improving resilience to extreme weather conditions and other hazards, by investing in infrastructure which can better withstand climate change impacts, and through other practical measures to help local communities be more prepared. To assist in mitigating climate change, Liechtenstein is placing emphasis on supporting energy efficiency programmes and renewable energy systems in the Caucasus, Central Asia and African countries. Liechtenstein strives to allocate these official funds in a balanced manner by supporting climate projects, which are reflecting recipient needs as regards sustainable development and which are politically supported by respective authorities.

With regard to the implementation of efficient and effective development policies, both partnerships and networks are indispensable: partnerships, which for their mutual benefit are embracing governments, institutions and civil society. Such Public Private Partnerships (PPP) with their potential for mobilising private funds and knowledge in order to carry out governmental obligations and at the same time making best use of each partners strengths must much more determine successful environment and development policies in future as they do today. Therefore, from the very start of its fast-start financing, Liechtenstein has always strived for supplementing its national fast-start contributions by private or institutional sources.

Summary of Liechtenstein's fast-start financing for the period May 2010 – May 2013

Government Decision - Nr. Realisation State	Thematic area	Type of project	Type Amount of contribution (USD)	Partner(s)	Recipient Country / Region
2010/86/9087 PPP-project; Realisation: 2010/2011 Completed	Adaptation; mitigation	Rehabilitation and upgrading of multitype outpatient children's clinic	Grant 250'000	Telavi Municipality; <i>Medicor Foundation, Liechtenstein</i> ; "Kakheti Regional Development Agency"	Georgia
2010/1562/9087 Realisation: 2011 Completed	Adaptation	Prevention of floods: bank protection, road and bridge reconstruction	Grant 125'000	Telavi Municipality; village of Sharauli; "Kakheti Regional Development Agency"	Georgia
2010/2453/9087 Realisation: 2011/12 Completed	Mitigation; capacity building	Establishment of an energy efficient school	Grant 90'000	Ganja Municipality, "Eco-Renaissance-Ganja"	Azerbaijan
2010/2453/9087 Realisation: 2011/12/13 Completed	Adaptation; mitigation	House insulation and construction of efficient stoves	Grant 190'000	Zerger Watershed Region; .Public Foundation CAMP Alattoo.	Kirgizstan
2011/464/9087 Realisation: 2011 Completed	Capacity building; good governance	Conference: Climate change adaptation, challenge and opportunity for the Caucasus	Grant 45'000	REC-Caucasus	Caucasus
2011/464/9087 Realisation: 2011/12 Completed	Adaptation	Afforestation; bank protection; prevention measures against avalanches; improvement of hayfields and pastures	Grant 230'000	Kazbegi Municipality; "Community & Environment"	Georgia

2011/464/9087 Realisation: 2011/12/13 Running	Adaptation; mitigation	Irrigation of agricultural land; pedal pumps for CO ₂ -emission reduction	Grant 216'000	Liechtenstein Development Service; "Wasser für die Dritte Welt"	Tanzania
2011/1052/9087 Realisation: 2011/12 Completed	Adaptation	Afforestation project within the program: Rural development for sustainable food security	Grant 77'000	Liechtenstein Development Service; "HORIZONT"	Senegal
2011/2627/9087 Realisation: 2012 Completed	Adaptation	Prevention measures against avalanches; rehabilitation of irrigation channel;	Grant 45'000	Kosh Gorod Municipality	Tajikistan
2012/337/9087 Realisation: 2012/13 Completed	Mitigation; capacity building	Establishment of an energy efficient school	Grant 70'000	Sevan Municipality; "Environmental Survival"	Armenia
2012/337/9087 PPP-Project; Realisation: 2012/13 Completed	Adaptation; mitigation	Rehabilitation and optimisation	Grant 420'000	Telavi Municipality; <i>Medicor Foundation, Liechtenstein</i>	Georgia