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# GCF support for Climate Action in Agriculture and Food Security

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| 10 YEARS OF CLIMATE IMPACT |

# GCF's advantages

## COUNTRY-DRIVEN

- Readiness programme supports country planning
- GCF programming is aligned with country priorities



## A RANGE OF FINANCING INSTRUMENTS

- leverage blended finance
- Piloting support for new financial structures



## RISK-TAKING, PATIENT CAPITAL

- accept higher risks to support early-stage project development & innovations to catalyse climate finance



## AN OPEN, PARTNERSHIP ORGANISATION

- over 200 Accredited Entities and delivery partners



## BALANCED ALLOCATION

- targeting 50:50 allocation between mitigation & adaptation

# GCF's Role in Agriculture and Food Security

## PORTFOLIO AT A GLANCE

**197**

Projects in the Agriculture & Food Security portfolio

**USD 2.8B**

GCF climate financing committed

**2.4B**

People living on climate-vulnerable agricultural landscapes

**USD 100B+**

Estimated adaptation needs in agriculture, every year

## HOW GCF DELIVERS

**01**

### Transformational Planning

- Supports NDCs, NAPs, policy reform, and investment planning

**02**

### Climate Innovation

- Digital agriculture, climate services, and resilient technologies
- ~75% of projects include grant support for innovation and capacity building

**03**

### Mobilizing Finance at Scale

- Blended finance, guarantees, and concessional finance
- Mobilizes private investment, SMEs, cooperatives, and ecosystem service payments

**04**

### Scaling Knowledge & Partnerships

- Replicates successful models across countries and regions
- Builds coalitions for systemic transformation

# Experience in identifying needs and providing access

Country-driven from first conversation to financing — backed by a diversity of instruments

## 01 Identifying Needs

- Country-driven processes (NDAs, NAPs, NDCs)
- Readiness support and technical assistance

## 02 Providing Access

- Grants, concessional loans, and blended finance
- Readiness and PPF support

## 03 Strong Engagement

- Ministries of agriculture, environment, and finance
- Aligned with national priorities at every step

## 04 Portfolio Includes

- Climate-smart agriculture
- Resilient value chains
- Nature-based solutions

# Progress Achieved

Stronger demand, deeper adaptation focus, and wider access across the agriculture portfolio

01

## Country Demand

Rising country demand for agriculture and food security projects

02

## Adaptation Focus

Expansion of adaptation-focused investments

03

## Integrated Approaches

Growing use of integrated approaches across agriculture, forestry, and land use

04

## Institutional Capacity

Strengthened institutional capacity through readiness support

05

## Improved Access

Wider access through the accredited entities network

# Key challenges in accessing means of implementation

Persistent barriers that still limit countries' access to climate finance for agriculture

01

## Bankable Projects

Difficulty translating identified needs into bankable projects

02

## Capacity Gaps

Capacity gaps at country level, both technical and institutional

03

## Funding Complexity

Complexity of the climate funding architecture

04

## Limited Access

- Smallholder-focused projects
- Local actors

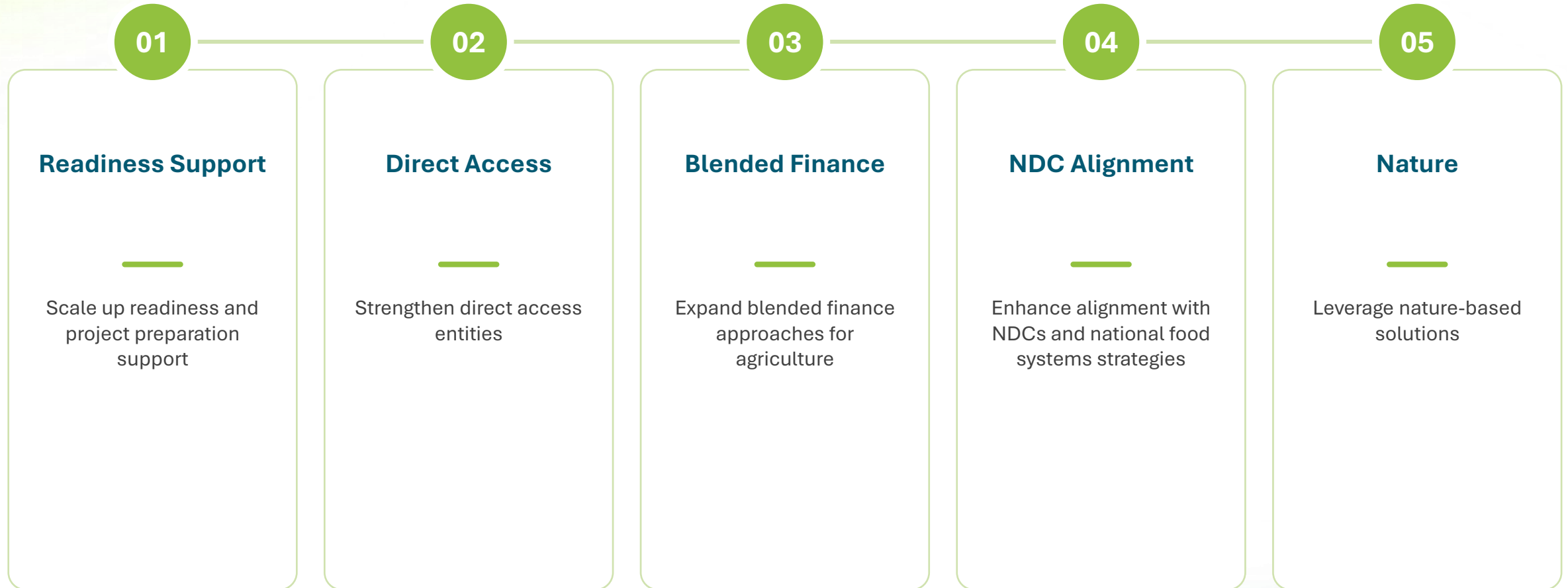
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## Preparation Timelines

Long project preparation timelines

# Opportunities and Way Forward

Five priority actions to unlock greater climate finance for agriculture



# Emerging best practices

Practical, solution-oriented approaches that consistently deliver results

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- **Country ownership first** — align with national plans and country-led priorities
- **Combine instruments** — pair investment finance with technical assistance
- **Use programmatic approaches** — favour programmes over standalone projects
- **Engage broadly** — farmers, the private sector, and local institutions
- **Integrate outcomes** — adaptation, mitigation, and livelihoods

# Conclusion

Looking ahead, GCF is committed to:

## Scaling Support

Scaling support for agriculture & food security

## Improving Access

Improving access to climate finance

## Partnering

Partnering with countries to deliver impact

**Continued collaboration under UNFCCC is essential**