



LoCAL+ — Building Local Capacity to Access Climate Finance

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LoCAL: A Standard Mechanism for Local Climate Finance Access

LoCAL is a **standardised, internationally recognised mechanism** (ISO 14093) that channels climate finance directly to the local level for NDC and NAP implementation — bringing the Paris Agreement to subnational governments in LDCs, SIDS, and African markets.

It is now evolving into **LoCAL+**, adding a Market Finance Window to crowd in private capital alongside public grants.

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Countries Engaged

18 actively implementing the PBCRG mechanism in 2025

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Local Governments

Combined population of 18.04 million people

 ISO 14093 — the international standard informed by and built on LoCAL's decade of implementation experience

How LoCAL Builds the Capacity to Access Finance

95%

of participating local governments met minimum conditions in 2025

US\$19.1M

delivered in grants and technical assistance in 2025

CRVAs

in Uganda, Burkina Faso, Jamaica among others- a replicable model for evidence-based planning

Who Receives the Capacity: The Public Track

Central & Line Ministries

Finance, Environment, and Local Government ministries are supported to integrate climate into PFM, design fiscal transfers, and build institutional readiness for direct access.

Local Governments

Trained in climate budgeting, CRVA use, fiduciary compliance, M&E, and procurement — **capacity built where decisions and spending actually happen.**

1000

national and local
officials trained in 2025

Niger

48 chief executives + 85
authorising officers
trained in a fragile
setting

Mozambique

300+ local government
officers trained

Solomon Islands

43 officers trained
across all 9 provinces

From Capacity to Access: Results and Good Practice

Years of systematic capacity-building have produced **direct access to global and bilateral climate finance** for LDCs — translating NDC/NAP priorities into funded local investments through national systems.



Cambodia

GCF ~US\$10M (LGCC-III) — **first direct access by an LDC** for subnational climate finance; CRVA used to translate NDCs/NAPs into local investments across 25 local governments.



Bangladesh

Adaptation Fund US\$10M for the Chattogram Hill Tracts (GRACE), executed by ICIMOD — targeting climate-vulnerable communities in a fragile geography.



Uganda

Government of Denmark US\$23M to scale from 14 toward 24 districts — demonstrating donor confidence in the LoCAL model at national scale.

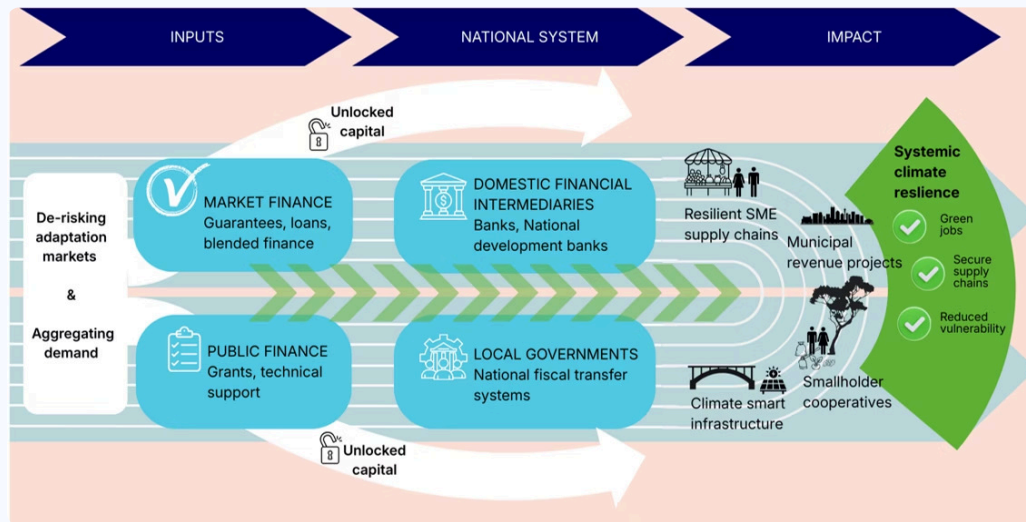


Solomon Islands

All 9 provinces confirmed for a 2026 grant cycle — **first-ever nationwide coverage**, a milestone for small island climate finance delivery.

LoCAL+ Market Finance Window: The Next Capacity Frontier

Moving from public grants to market finance requires a new layer of capacity-building at the **pre-investment stage** — reaching new actors and new needs.



New Instruments

- Guarantees, first-loss facilities, and TA windows to de-risk investments
- Support to deployment of domestic capital through FSP
- Financial institution strengthening for green-SME appraisal

- ✓ First instrument live: concessional clean cooking loan facility in Uganda — an adaptation priority identified locally.

Key Takeaways

Local Systems are the Foundation

LoCAL builds the public financial management systems, skills, and evidence base that make climate finance access real — for NDC and NAP delivery at the subnational level.

A Replicable, Standards-Based Model

A decade of capacity-building has produced direct access for LDCs and an ISO-standardised approach (ISO 14093) that is internationally recognised and replicable across contexts.

The Next Frontier: LoCAL+ Market Finance

The Market Finance Window defines the next stage — TA, project preparation, and de-risking instruments to bring local governments, financial institutions, and green SMEs into climate finance flows.

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Thank You

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