



ADAPTATION FUND

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Project and Programme Review Committee
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PROPOSAL FOR INDIA

I. Background

1. The Operational Policies and Guidelines for Parties to Access Resources from the Adaptation Fund, adopted by the Adaptation Fund Board, state in paragraph 41 that regular adaptation project and programme proposals, i.e. those that request funding exceeding US\$ 1 million, would undergo either a one-step, or a two-step approval process. In case of the one-step process, the proponent would directly submit a fully-developed project proposal. In the two-step process, the proponent would first submit a brief project concept, which would be reviewed by the Project and Programme Review Committee (PPRC) and would have to receive the approval by the Board. In the second step, the fully-developed project/programme document would be reviewed by the PPRC, and would finally require Board's approval.

2. The Templates Approved by the Adaptation Fund Board (Operational Policies and Guidelines for Parties to Access Resources from the Adaptation Fund, Annex 3) do not include a separate template for project and programme concepts but provide that these are to be submitted using the project and programme proposal template. The section on Adaptation Fund Project Review Criteria states:

For regular projects using the two-step approval process, only the first four criteria will be applied when reviewing the 1st step for regular project concept. In addition, the information provided in the 1st step approval process with respect to the review criteria for the regular project concept could be less detailed than the information in the request for approval template submitted at the 2nd step approval process. Furthermore, a final project document is required for regular projects for the 2nd step approval, in addition to the approval template.

3. The first four criteria mentioned above are:

1. Country Eligibility,
2. Project Eligibility,
3. Resource Availability, and
4. Eligibility of NIE/MIE.

4. Based on the Adaptation Fund Board Decision B.9/2, the first call for project and programme proposals was issued and an invitation letter to eligible Parties to submit project and programme proposals to the Adaptation Fund was sent out on April 8, 2010.

5. According to the paragraph 41 of the operational policies and guidelines, a project or programme proposal needs to be received by the secretariat not less than seven weeks before a Board meeting, in order to be considered by the Board in that meeting.

6. The following project concept titled "Integrating Climate Risks and Opportunities into the Mahatma Ghandi National Rural Employment Guarantee Programme" was submitted by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), which is a Multilateral Implementing Entity of the Adaptation Fund. This is the first submission of this proposal. It was received by the secretariat in time to be considered in the 12th Adaptation Fund Board meeting. The secretariat carried out a technical review of the project concept, assigned to it the diary number AFB/MIE/Rural/2010/3, and filled in a review sheet.

7. In accordance with a request to the secretariat made by the Adaptation Fund Board in its 10th meeting, the secretariat shared this review sheet with the UNDP, and offered it the

opportunity of providing responses before the review sheet was sent to the Project and Programme Committee of the Adaptation Fund.

8. The secretariat is submitting to the Project and Programme Review Committee the summary of the project, prepared by the secretariat, in Annex 1. The secretariat is also submitting to the Committee the technical review sheet and the responses provided by the UNDP, as confidential documents.

Project Summary

India – Integrating Climate Risks and Opportunities into the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Programme
Implementing Entity: *UNDP*

Project/Programme Execution Cost: USD 350,000
Total Project/Programme Cost: USD 5,000,000
Implementing Fee: USD 425,000
Requested Financing: USD 5,425,000

Project Background and Context

India is extremely vulnerable to the impacts of increasing climate variability and longer term climate change. The Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Program (MGNREGP) in many ways already provides a significant direct response to these threats, providing additional livelihood options for India's poorest households and communities, as well as improving the ecosystems services upon which many depend. However, the opportunities afforded by MGNREGP for reducing vulnerability are at the moment not fully exploited, and could be significantly scaled up. At the same time, there are significant risks related to the likely impacts of climate change on built assets such as rural roads, irrigation and water supply schemes. There is scope for making the physical assets built under the Program significantly more resilient to climate risks. The proposed project aims to maximize the opportunities offered by MGNREGP to reduce the vulnerability of rural poor to climate risks, and making the physical assets built under the MGNREGP more resilient to climate risks in selected sites thereby ensuring longer term sustainability.

Component 1: Strengthening community-based planning for building resilience to climate variability and change in selected communities (USD 700,000)

This component would support awareness-raising among communities and local decision making bodies (e.g. Gram Sabhas and Gram Panchayats) on the potential impact of climate variability on their livelihoods, and would strengthen the capacity of communities to properly plan investments that could reduce the vulnerability to climate hazards.

Component 2: Implementation climate resilient interventions in selected sites (USD 3,550,000)

This component would (a) strengthen the capacity of technical supervisors/engineers to assess the potential impact of climate variability on the planned infrastructures, through the provision of an additional USD 150,000, and thus to incorporate climate risk concerns in the project design, (b) design and implement technical solutions that would make the infrastructure supported by MGNREGP more climate-resilient through the implementation of a USD 2.9 million investment programme impacting on 180 Gram Panchayatts

(potentially providing additional resources of USD 15,000 per community) and (c) help to show case the evidence for wider replication through the national MGNREGP structures through the production of evidenced based knowledge products and information to be provided through a further USD 100,000 in AF resources

Component 3: Integrating climate risk into MGNREGA operational policies and procedures (USD 600,000)

This component will draw on all other components in integrating climate risks and opportunities into MGNREGA operational policies and guidelines by: (a) institutional reforms within MoRD which will strengthen its technical and oversight capacity support States in the field of adaptation to climate change in the context of small scale rural infrastructure and rural development measures (additional USD 150,000); (b) providing a technical review platform and mechanism for on-going Federal to State level dialogues that would help to facilitate the policy review and reform process (additional USD 200,000); (c) generating high quality technical studies, assessments and knowledge products to capture field based evidence from component 2 feeding into training modules, consultations and working groups response for the develop or revised drafts of MGNREGA operational policies, procedures, technical standards (additional USD 250,000).

(Original proposal for AFB12)