



ADAPTATION FUND

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Adaptation Fund Board
Project and Programme Review Committee
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Cancun, December 13, 2010

PROPOSAL FOR EL SALVADOR

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 "Promoting climate change resilient infrastructure development in San Salvador Metropolitan Area" 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/Infra/2010/1, 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

El Salvador - Promoting climate change resilient infrastructure development in San Salvador Metropolitan Area

Implementing Entity: *UNDP*

Project/Programme Execution Cost: USD 4,900,000

Total Project/Programme Cost: USD 5,000,000

Implementing Fee: USD 425,000

Requested Financing: USD 5,425,000

Project Background and Context

El Salvador is highlighted by a number of international organizations as one of the most vulnerable countries to climate related disasters in Latin America (GFDRR 2009, UNDAC and OCHA 2010). The country is particularly sensitive to the negative impacts of climate change due to its geographical location and the extent of its social, economic, and environmental problems. The national government of El Salvador has begun to recognize the importance of considering climate change not only as a major environmental problem but also a key development challenge. The 5-Year Development Plan 2010-2014 incorporates responses to climate change (mitigation and adaptation) as part of its objectives. This Plan creates an initial framework for strategies that define specific actions to reduce the vulnerability of the territory to the negative impacts of climate change and build resilience in the short and long-term.

Component 1: Infrastructure Climate Proofing in San Salvador Metropolitan Area (USD 3,750,000)

The first component of the project sets in place an integrated infrastructure framework to reduce peak water flow and prevent flooding, erosion and other damages. It establishes an integrated perspective of the metropolitan storm water system and identifies alternatives to reduce and delay runoff flowing to the lower parts of the basins. This will reduce flooding problems in San Salvador Metropolitan Area, caused by the saturation of primary and secondary drains of the municipal storm water system during periods of intense precipitation. It also identifies, analyzes and quantifies the collection and storage capacity of storm water within the urban area.

Component 2: Institutional Strengthening (USD 550,000)

This second component will support institutional strengthening to assist El Salvador's preparedness for climate change. The Government of El Salvador has prioritized the following four outputs: planning guidelines to improve resilience and adaptation to climate change in human settlements; improving building codes and standards for public infrastructure to meet conditions under climate change scenarios; technical and economic decision making tools for infrastructure in the context of climate change; and building collaboration within the public sector at the national level and between the national and municipal level to build multidimensional responses to climate change. The Project is designed, at the request of the Government, to be a shining example of promoting climate resilient infrastructure development in El Salvador and in the Central America region.

Component 3: Knowledge Management & Communication (USD 600,000)

The appropriation of knowledge generated from the project by stakeholders is an important resource that will assist communities in better responding to the challenges of climate change.

However, it is a challenging task. The Project will make use of four instruments as part of its strategy to disseminate and communicate knowledge and information to the different actors involved in the Project and other potential users in El Salvador.

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