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## **Adaptation Fund Releases New Publication to Share Lessons Learned and Best Practices from Project Sites**

Washington, D.C. (December 13, 2018) – In an effort to support implementation of projects on the ground, the Adaptation Fund has published a new publication with information and knowledge gathered from its Portfolio Monitoring Missions (PMMs).

The PMMs were first introduced by the Fund in 2012 as learning missions to collect, organize and analyze project data and knowledge from project sites. Key lessons from the missions have provided valuable information that supports projects and the Fund's Knowledge Management (KM) Strategy, which was approved by the Adaptation Fund Board in October 2016.

This new publication captures lessons learned and best practices from the Fund's first 13 PMMs in Argentina, Cambodia, Colombia, Ecuador, Egypt, Georgia, Honduras, Jamaica, Mongolia, Nicaragua, Senegal, Turkmenistan and Uruguay. The publication provides key findings and practical guidance for implementing entities to enhance project effectiveness grouped under eight different themes, including stakeholder engagement and community ownership, gender responsive interventions, innovation and others.

One of the key lessons from the publication is the importance of collaboration between project implementing entities and beneficiaries, as well as NGOs on the ground -- which increases community ownership and effectiveness of the project planning process. For instance, the Adaptation Fund's project in Nicaragua empowered communities to play a role in collecting and analyzing relevant climate change information and allows participants to develop ownership to make decisions on the sustainable use of water and land resources.

Gender empowerment is also one of the main findings that add value to projects at all levels. In the Adaptation Fund's Honduras project, women's participation in the design of the work helped to integrate the community and ensured long-term project sustainability.

"While each country has its distinct national system and political climate, lessons learned from other projects can provide valuable insights into their project implementation," said Cristina G. Dengel, Knowledge Management Officer of the Adaptation Fund. "The publication is also providing useful tips for potential project replication or scaling up."

The Adaptation Fund also recently launched a new Knowledge and Learning microsite, which is a user-friendly online repository of knowledge, data and information for the Fund's partners, stakeholders and the public to share learning resources related to climate change adaptation. The publication can be downloaded through this website, as well.

*"The launch of this publication and the Knowledge and Learning microsite are strongly aligned with the Fund's strategic pillar of Learning and Sharing, and they are important tools that empower*



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*the most vulnerable communities to build effective adaptation actions based on valuable experiences from the Fund's concrete and localized adaption projects,"* said **Mikko Ollikainen**, Manager of the Adaptation Fund.

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### ABOUT the ADAPTATION FUND

Since 2010, the Adaptation Fund has committed about US\$ 532 million for climate change adaptation and resilience projects and programmes, including 80 concrete localized adaptation projects in the most vulnerable communities of developing countries around the world with approximately 5.8 million direct beneficiaries. It also pioneered Direct Access, empowering countries to access funding and develop projects directly through accredited national implementing entities.

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