



## ADAPTATION FUND

### Adaptation Fund Year in Review: 2019 Key Highlights and Accomplishments

The Adaptation Fund embarks on the new year with a busy and exciting calendar after a successful 2019, which concluded on a positive note with a record 11 contributors raising nearly US\$ 90 million in new pledges for the Fund. Further, the Fund [solidified its institutional arrangements](#) to help serve the Paris Agreement smoothly.

The Fund continued to receive [record numbers of requests](#) for its work from developing countries throughout the year as the urgency of climate change increases, including US\$ 268 million across 40 proposals in **February**. The Board approved a record US\$ 188 million in new projects during the year, further reflecting the increased demand.

As a response, the Fund continues to innovate growing its pioneering [Direct Access](#) modality that fosters country ownership in climate finance and bringing forward new opportunities to vulnerable countries through its [Medium-Term Strategy](#). These include new learning opportunities such as e-learning programs to enhance access to climate finance, and new grants that foster innovative adaptation practices on the ground, as well as scale up of effective projects.

The Fund held its first ever '[Country Exchange](#)' in **May** to bring together Adaptation Fund Direct Access national implementing entities from around the world to learn and share together from a project firsthand in Chile, and further convened the first [Community of Practice](#) meeting of Direct Access entities in **June** along with the Green Climate Fund and other partners in South Africa to further build capacity of organizations to efficiently access and utilize project funding.

In **October**, the [Adaptation Fund reached the milestone of 100 concrete adaptation projects](#) on the ground, serving 8.7 million direct beneficiaries. It has projects and programmes in about 90 countries. Often its projects are the first adaptation actions in many vulnerable places, helping communities with immediate needs and creating valuable models that have later been scaled up with other resources.

The Fund was also honored for having been selected to receive portion of the Normandy Liberty prize money donated in **April** by inspirational youth activist and *Time* Person of the Year **Greta Thunberg**. Youth are actively involved in many Fund projects, and were featured in **December** at the Fund's [exhibit during COP25](#) in Madrid as well as the launch of its new innovation grant program.

While ambition will need to be increased and sources of funding expanded in 2020 to meet the tremendous adaptation needs the world is facing, the Adaptation Fund remains poised and ready to continue to effectively deliver to those who are most vulnerable to climate change.

## Adaptation Fund News

**Adaptation Fund Reaches  
Close to USD 90 Million in New**

## Pledges for 2019 at COP 25 Climate Conference

December 2019- The Adaptation Fund convened a dialogue of contributing governments and others interested in pledging to the Fund during the COP 25 climate conference in Madrid, and succeeded in mobilizing a total in 2019 of about US\$ 89 million from 11 different national and regional governments, including first-time donors Quebec and Poland and the first long-term pledge to the Fund, from Sweden.



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## Adaptation Fund Launches New Grant Programme to Foster Innovation of Adaptation Practices in Vulnerable Countries

December 2019- The Adaptation Fund announced the launch of a new US\$ 10 million pilot innovation programme during the COP 25 UN climate conference in Madrid. The new programme will foster innovation in adaptation in developing countries, and will target a broad range of potential finance recipients, including non-governmental organizations, community groups, young innovators and the private sector.



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## Adaptation Fund's New E-Learning Course on Direct Access Designed to Help Countries and Stakeholders Unlock Climate Finance

November 2019- The Adaptation Fund has enhanced its suite of knowledge products with the launch of an interactive new learning tool aimed at helping developing country organizations improve access to adaptation finance.



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## Adaptation Fund Brings Together 20+ National Implementing Entities Across World to Antigua to Further Adaptation Practices on Ground



August 2019- The Adaptation Fund convened its 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Climate Finance Readiness Seminar on August 5-9, brought together more than 20 of its national implementing entities (NIEs) from across the globe to Antigua to share experiences and lessons learned through its adaptation projects on the ground.

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## Young Inspirational Leader Greta Thunberg Wins Freedom Prize for Driving Climate Action, Donates a Share of Prize Money to Adaptation Fund



April 2019-The work of the Adaptation Fund in serving vulnerable countries with tangible climate change adaptation actions on the ground caught the eye of the dedicated and inspirational 16-year old climate activist leader Greta Thunberg, who won the Freedom Prize this week and promptly announced she will donate the full 25,000 EUR prize money to the Adaptation Fund and three other organizations.

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## Tweet of the Year



**Greta Thunberg**  @GretaThunberg · Apr 2, 2019

I am very grateful and honoured to have won the Prix Liberté!  
I have decided to donate all the price money €25000 to these 4  
organisations dedicated to climate justice: @CARE @adaptationfund  
@Greenpeace and @350  
#prixliberte #ClimateJustice



Normandie. Greta Thunberg, première lauréate du Prix Liberté  
La Région Normandie a lancé le Prix Liberté pour récompenser une  
personne engagée dans un combat en faveur de la paix et de la liberté. ...  
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 27.4K



## Top Media Stories



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## Scaling up: How the Benefits of Adaptation Funding can be Multiplied (by Climate Home News)

October 2019 - The Adaptation Fund projects in Samoa and Ethiopia show that with the right skills, money and support, communities can shore themselves up against these changes - with much wider and longer lasting impacts.



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## Adaptation Fund Belize Marine Conservation and Resilience Project Featured in New York Film Academy Series (by New York Film Academy)

September 2019 - Four mini-documentaries were produced by the New York Film Academy on the AF's US\$ 6 million Belize project, which is providing marine resources and sustainable fishing practices to maintain or increase income levels of local fisheries, targeting 203,000 people living in coastal areas.



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## Multimedia

### Adaptation Fund in Chile: Water Management and Agriculture in Chile

Smallholder farmers in the vulnerable O'Higgins Region of Chile are adapting to drought and water scarcity in innovative ways.

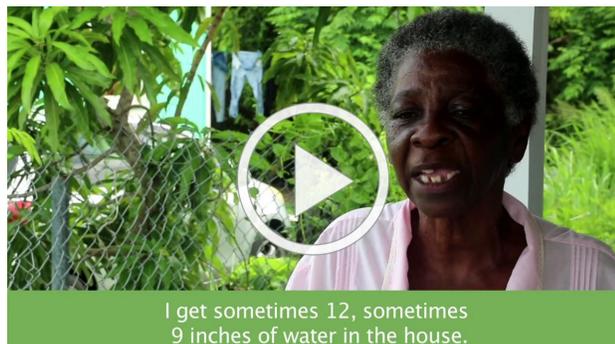
[Watch video](#)



The project has helped with offering trainings and incentives to realize labors

### Adaptation Fund in Antigua & Barbuda: Adapting to Flood, Extreme Weather & Sea Rise

A Direct Access project in Antigua and Barbuda, implemented by the Department of Environment, is helping the most vulnerable communities within the small island developing state adapt to flooding,



I get sometimes 12, sometimes 9 inches of water in the house.

intense storms, and drought by restoring natural drainage systems, climate proofing vulnerable residents' homes in innovative ways.

[Watch video](#)

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## Annual Performance Report for the Fiscal Year 2019

The report provides an analysis of project and programme approvals from July 1, 2018 through 30 June 2019, a summary of progress made for projects under implementation in FY19, and for the first time progress made in the Fund's innovation and learning strategic pillars.

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