Adaptation Fund Webinar: <u>Understanding Project Review Criteria and</u> <u>Vulnerability Assessment in Preparation of Project</u> <u>Activities</u>

"Project of Adaptation to Climate Change – Oases Areas-PACCZO"

ADA-MOROCCO



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OBJECTIVE

The objective of the project is to enhance the people and oasis

ecosystems resilience to climate change in Morocco by increasing the

adaptive capacity of local actors, increasing the resilience of the

target ecosystem and by disseminating knowledge management

5 years Start : 2016



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Localization Morocco

\$ 9,970,00



Implementation

Milestones	Expected Dates
Start of Project Implementation	2016
Mid-term Review	2018
Project/Programme Closing	2020
Extended period	June 2022



Source : Adaptation to Climate Change Fund.

Type of Funding : Donated.

- Total Project cost : USD 8,315,990
- Project execution cost : USD 872,950
- Implementing Fee : USD 781,060



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Elaborée par AgroConcept, 2014 Priati au changement climatique dans les zones Casiennes

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Localization Morocco



 National Implementing Entity: Agency for Agricultural Development (Agence pour le Développement Agricole – ADA)

• **Executing Entity:** National Agency of Development of Oases and Argan Tree Zones (**ANDZOA**).

PROJECT COMPONENTS

The project is built on five main components, namely :

- 1. Improving adaptive capacities of the water sector.
- 2. Diversifying income sources and improving the living conditions of populations vulnerable to climate change in the targeted areas.
- 3. Improving the ecosystems' resilience in response to climate change and variability.
- 4. Improving stakeholder awareness though the management and exchange of knowledge.
- 5. Strengthening the capacities of participants in the design and implementation of adaptation measures.

Vulnerability Assessment Development :

How did you finance the vulnerability assessment

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who was involved in planning the vulnerability assessment

- ADA has applied for the Project Formulation Grant for 300.000 USD to finance the Feasibility study and the vulnerability assessment
- Environmental & social impacts assessment(ESIA) have been undertaken within the government budget
- ADA were launching and implementing the Feasibility study
- ANDZOA (EE) were involved on planning and implementing the ESIA studies for the whole sites concerned by the project.

Vulnerability Assessment Development :

Where did you find technical experts to help the NIE undertake the vulnerability assessment?

Did you experience any challenges finding and securing them, and how did you overcome these challenges?

- ADA has a call of tenders for the vulnerability study and has on the experts that are impregnated with the oasis context
- The valuable support of the EE, the partners and stakeholders

working on the oasis areas should be highlighted

The only challenge was the barrier language and that was

overcome

Vulnerability Assessment Development :

What approach did you follow to undertake the vulnerability assessment ADA has adopted a participatory and involved all the project's partners and stakeholders, notably:

- Water: Hydraulic Basin Agency (HBA), National Office of Drinking Water (NODW)
- Agriculture: Regional Office of Agricultural Development (ROAD), National Institute of Agronomic Research (INRA), farmers, beekeepers
- Tourism: Regional Delegation, Provincial Council (CPT), hotels
- Heritage: CERKAS
- Environment and Protection: Water and Forests High Commission
- And the NGOs representatives ...

Vulnerability Assessment Development :

How did you involve local communities, indigenous and marginalized groups, including women and youth in shaping the vulnerability assessment? The concept for this project comes from the participatory diagnosis initiated by the EE in conjunction with the decentralized services of the Ministry of Agriculture and Maritime Fisheries, local communities, as well as various local organizations working in the project zones, such as development associations, cooperatives, and second order professional organizations.

The different consulted groups are:

- Beneficiaries, their organizations, and their representatives: AUEA, second order professional organizations such as cooperatives and EIGs, local elected officials, local development NGOs, etc.
- Friends of the Environment Association, RADDO, professors, the local voluntary sector, Zeila Association, POT, EIG, youth associations, and women.

Vulnerability Assessment Development :

How did you involve local communities, indigenous and marginalized groups, including women and youth in shaping the vulnerability assessment? Beneficiary involvement is reflected in their conscious and effective participation throughout the phases of the project: identification, planning, implementation, and monitoring and evaluation.

Gender Approach

As it has been shown, women are especially targeted by the project, particularly because they are the ones that permanently live in the oasis and are therefore very vulnerable to the effects of climate change. They have been consulted, through associations and women's cooperatives, during the exploratory phase of the project. A portion of these women then actively participated in the workshops.

Vulnerability Assessment Development :

What other studies or assessments were done during the design and development of the project

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how were these incorporated with the results of the vulnerability assessment during project design and development? ADA has carried out in accordance an Environmental and Social Impact Assessment (ESIA) with basic objective to examine the alignment with the environmental and social policy of the Adaptation Fund, to assess the positive and negative, environmental and social impacts that are likely to be generated by the implementation of the four components of PACCZO.

And with the goal to define the mitigation measures for negative impacts and significant risks and the measures that maximize positive impacts.

The ouput of the ESIA has been incorporated on the full-developed proposal, notably in section K related to "*Provide an overview of the environmental and social impacts and risks identified as being relevant to the project / programme*"



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