Accessing AF Innovation Grants

Application Process
Innovation Projects

- Experimenting
- Adapting
- Transforming
### Adaptation Fund’s Innovation Funding Opportunities

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| **Small grants**  | Max. US$ 250,000 | • To encourage & accelerate innovation  
                       |              | • To generate evidence based                                             |
| **Large projects**| Max. US$ 5 Million | • To roll out successful innovation  
                       |              | • To scale up innovations                                                |
| **AFCIA**         | Max. US$ 250,000 | • To encourage & accelerate innovation  
                       |              | • To generate evidence based                                             |

*PFGs available to support application process*

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Indicators on innovation

**Strategic Results Framework** amended in March 2019. Consists of impact level results, with associated core indicators, outcomes and outputs, and indicators associated with the outcomes and outputs

**Outcome 8** is focused specifically on innovation, which aligns with the MTS Innovation Strategic Focus

It is foreseeable that the objectives and indicators for innovation will need to be **periodically revisited and potentially refined**
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<td>Number of innovations supported</td>
<td>New, adapted or improved adaptation solutions, developed contextually and with the inclusion of the communities most vulnerable to climate change, to enable those communities to become more resilient to climate change. Innovation solutions may include approaches, technologies and mechanisms.</td>
<td>Number of innovations</td>
<td>This replaces Indicator 8.1</td>
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<td>Number of innovators supported</td>
<td>Persons who can introduce an innovation.</td>
<td>Number of innovators, disaggregated by gender (male/female) and youth status (youth/non-youth)</td>
<td>This is a new indicator, disaggregated in line with the innovation programme’s effort to promote gender equality and youth inclusion.</td>
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<td>Number of partnerships leveraged</td>
<td>Exchange of goods or services or ideas, consultations and assistance (that could be in form of technical assistance, funds, in-kind contributions and other) between grantee and a stakeholder (for example, contributor, recipient governments, accredited Implementing Entities, the AF NGO Network and other civil society stakeholders, as well as other relevant stakeholders, including unconventional actors.)</td>
<td>Number of partnerships</td>
<td>This is a new indicator in line with the definition and vision on innovation adopted by the Board that includes stakeholder engagement on innovation.</td>
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<td>Number of “learning and sharing” initiatives</td>
<td>Number of learning and sharing initiatives undertaken, including communication initiatives. This can include studies and reports, lessons-learned events and workshops, articles, broadcasts, social media. This can also include any “change, learning and new information” initiatives that support iterative deployment of the innovation, and can take innovation projects and programmes in different directions.</td>
<td>Number of “learning and sharing” initiatives</td>
<td>This indicator complements indicator 8.2. It also strengthens the link between learning-and-sharing pillar and innovation pillar.</td>
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<td>Number of applicants to innovation calls under the project or programme</td>
<td>Number of individuals or organizations that submit an application to an innovation competition or challenge.</td>
<td>Number of applicants</td>
<td>This is a new indicator that would serve the MIE aggregator programmes (AFCIA), and any large or small innovation projects that include innovation competitions.</td>
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How to apply

https://www.adaptation-fund.org/

The Fund has supported innovation throughout its history. The Facility builds on the Fund’s core strengths and comparative advantage as a highly functioning and innovative fund established to finance concrete adaptation projects in developing countries.
How to apply

Download and complete the provided application form

Attach a signed letter of endorsement by the Designated Authority

Send completed application to the Adaptation Fund

The call for innovation grants opens twice a year for consideration at the bi-annual board meetings and follows the project cycle submission process. After review by the secretariat comments can be addressed by the IE and the proposal resubmitted.
The application form

PART I
Project information

Introduce the project
What is your adaptation challenge?

PART II
Project justification

Describe the solution
What is your innovative adaptation solution?

PART III
Implementation

Define your capacity
How will you deliver the project successfully?

PART IV
Endorsement and certification
Key materials

- Free on-line training on the understanding of innovation
- Free online training on the Innovation Small Grant application
- Application sample for Innovation Small Grants
Upcoming opportunities

Under the Innovation Facility

• Small Innovation Grants and Large Innovation Projects are open to receive proposals for the AFB38 Board meeting. Deadline is January 10, 2022 at 18:00 (Washington DC time). Proposals may be submitted as early as January 3, 2022.
Thank You

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