

# Enhancing Access to Climate Finance under the AF New Funding Windows

Enhanced Direct Access (EDA)

And

Large Innovation Grant

# PACT 2021 AF Initiatives



- Developed two grants under the Enhanced Direct Access (EDA) and Large Innovation Grant Funding Windows
- EDA Grant had a national scope and covered a larger number of stakeholders from various sectors
- Innovation Grant targeted Rural Development and Water Management in Southern and Northern Belize (4 Communities)

# Main Challenges



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- Lack of climate data to substantiate the need for climate action in target communities
  - Limited resources in country to carry out assessments within each selected community (data only available at best, at the national level)
  - Timeframe required to conduct assessment to attain data is lengthy
- Covid-19
  - National restrictions in place that limit the engagement with stakeholders. Resulting in limited consultations with target communities especially in rural areas

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- Required expertise for the development of all concept notes may not be existent within the NIE
  - Some concepts require specific technical expertise for the accurate presentation of project activities and to complete the cost-benefit analysis
- Presentation of 'Innovation' aspect of project in line with AF requirements
  - As a relatively new funding window, additional training for NIEs may be required to improved access to the innovation funding window

# Advice to NIEs





# Advice to NIE's to aid access to the Grants



- Throughout the year engage national stakeholders/potential executing entities as the process to developing a CN is lengthy
  - Stress the importance of collecting data specific to the target communities over an extended period of time
  - This includes community demographics and gender disaggregated data
- Establish and maintain relationships with partner agencies that can support the development of concept notes/proposals via targeted expertise

# Advice to NIE's to aid access to the Grants



- Utilize lines of communications established by potential executing entities
  - Many of the executing entities have a history of conducting interventions in the target communities; assist in garnering support
  - Needs of target communities may be preidentified under other initiatives and are beneficial to the development of new projects
    - Hence, use these as a basis for the development of project actions
- Build on other national initiatives (ongoing or completed)



# Recommendations on AF Secretariat



# Recommendation for Enhancing Capacities of NIEs to Access Grants



- Increase Number of Peer Exchanges
- Conduct Training Sessions for NIEs on the accessing of the new funding windows as they become available
- Develop Technical Manuals for each Funding Window and Target Areas

Thank You

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