

OVERVIEW OF ACCESS CRITERIA FOR EDA GRANTS TO SUPPORT FULL PROJECT DEVELOPMENT

CLIMATE FINANCE READINESS WORKSHOP FOR NIES

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ADAPTATION FUND

Helping developing countries build resilience and adapt to climate change

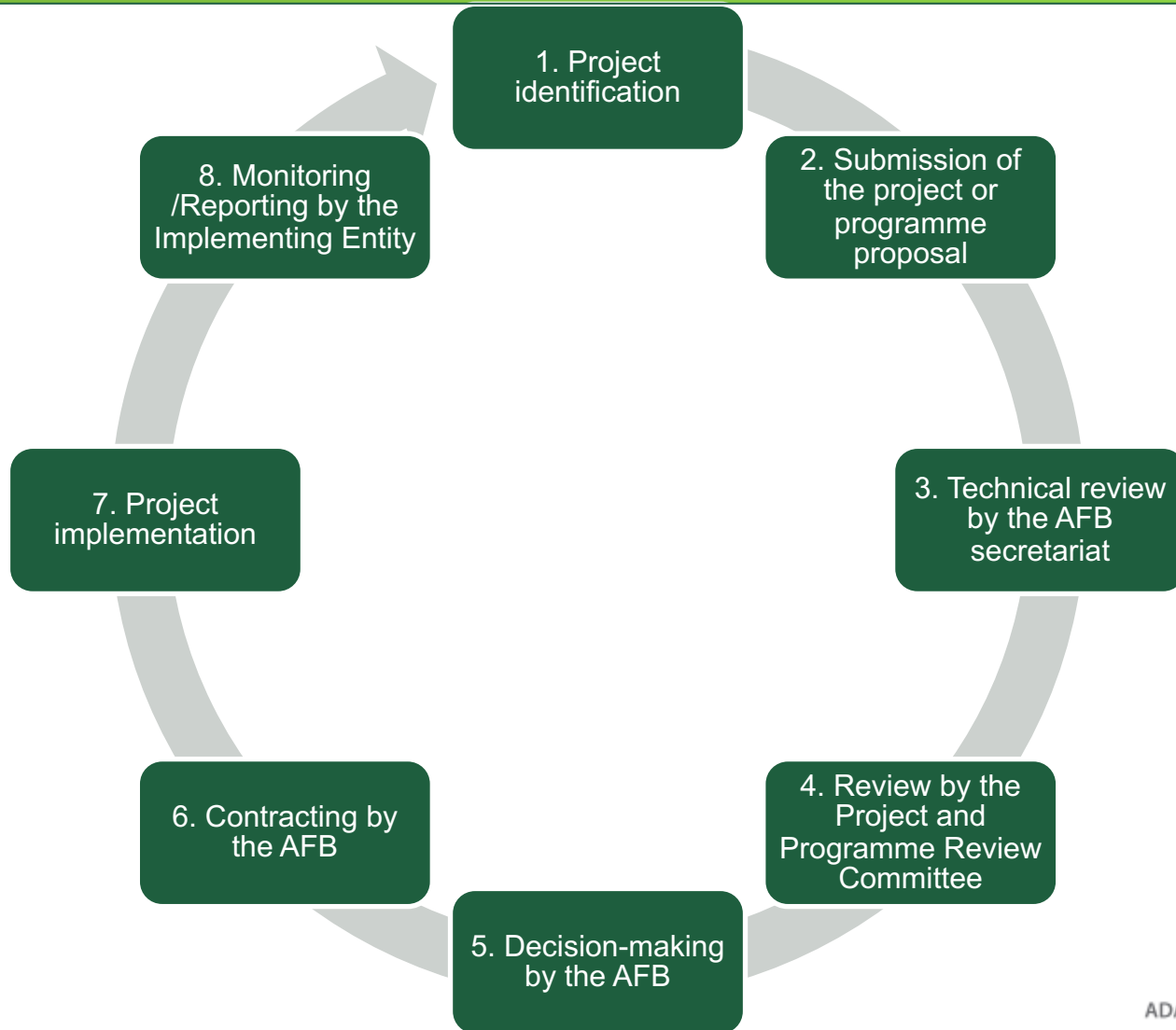
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FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

Action	Innovation	Learning & Sharing
<p>Single country projects (\$ 20 M per country) (NIE, RIE, MIE) + PFG (NIE only)</p> <p>https://www.adaptation-fund.org/apply-funding/project-funding/project-proposal-materials/</p>	<p>Small grants (<US\$250 k) to foster innovation practices in CCA (NIE)</p> <p>https://www.adaptation-fund.org/apply-funding/innovation-grants/nie-small-grants-for-innovation/</p>	<p>Learning grants (<US\$150 K) to share best practices and lessons learned (NIE)</p> <p>https://www.adaptation-fund.org/knowledge-learning/learning-grants/call-learning-grants/</p>
<p>Regional projects (2 + countries) \$ 14 M (RIE, MIE) + PFG</p>	<p>Small grants (<\$ 250k) in innovation for non accredited entities - AFCIA</p>	
<p>Enhanced Direct Access (EDA): US\$ 5 M per country (NIE)</p> <p>https://www.adaptation-fund.org/apply-funding/enhanced-direct-access-eda-grants/</p>	<p>Large grants (<US\$5 M) to roll out innovative adaptation practices in CCA. Single country (NIE, RIE, MIE) or regional (RIE, MIE)</p> <p>https://www.adaptation-fund.org/apply-funding/innovation-grants/large-grants-for-innovation/</p>	
<p>Project scale-up grants: < US\$ 100 k per project (NIE)</p>		



PROJECT CYCLE



KEY DOCUMENTS AND REFERENCES

- **OPG-Annex 5** (review sheets/criteria , details of what needs to go in each section – the basis for how we undertake the review)
- **Instructions for preparing a request for project funding for EDA (to complement OPG Annex 5)**
- **Environmental and Social Policy**
- **Guidance document for Implementing Entities on compliance with the Adaptation Fund Environmental and Social Policy**
- **Gender Policy and Action Plan of the Adaptation Fund (amended in March 2021)**
- **Guidance document for Implementing Entities on compliance with the Adaptation Fund Gender Policy**

<https://www.adaptation-fund.org/documents-publications/operational-policies-guidelines/>

<https://www.adaptation-fund.org/apply-funding/enhanced-direct-access-eda-grants/>



ELIGIBILITY – LETTER OF ENDORSEMENT

- Please double check if the letter is signed by **the correct DA** (Check the AF website) and make sure it is still valid.
- **If the DA has changed, it is important to formally communicate this to the AF Secretariat! The letter should come from the Minister or similarly ranked government official (cabinet level or an ambassador).**
- In future review cycles, you are encouraged to send the LOEs well ahead of the proposal to ensure it is acceptable.



PROJECT JUSTIFICATION

PROJECT SUPPORTS CONCRETE ADAPTATION ACTIONS

- ✓ **Coherent Rationale:** the suitability of activities in responding to the threats posed by future CC and on the use of EDA as a modality to address the adaptation issues.
 - ✓ Likely climate scenarios in the country and target area
 - ✓ Clarity on the environmental, social and economic climate change impacts
 - ✓ The activities are suited to addressing the climate change impacts identified (why you chose these activities and not others)
 - ✓ Activities will lead to substantial **tangible outcomes** (please be clear about these)
- ✓ The activities align with the project's overall goal and objectives ensuring the cohesion of the components among themselves – **a good logical framework**



PROJECT JUSTIFICATION

EDA RATIONALE

- ✓ Project components should articulate the characteristics of the EDA model with description of **locally led adaptation solutions**
- ✓ Presence of sub-project which could be **USPs**.
 - ✓ Importance of USPs alignment with project objectives and with the Fund's SRF.
 - ✓ Type, sector, size and geographic locations of potential USPs should be fully described as far as possible.
- ✓ Demonstrate that the adaptation measures proposed through the EDA are adequate for the identified climate threats.
- ✓ Arrangements for technical assistance, monitoring and oversight of activities
- ✓ Review and decision-making process for funding requests made by beneficiaries at sub-national level
- ✓ **Capacity building** to support communities and structures at sub-national level to manage and report on funds

ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL BENEFITS, IN COMPLIANCE WITH ESP AND GP

- ✓ Information on the **expected beneficiaries** of the project, with particular reference to **the equitable distribution of benefits to vulnerable communities, households, and individuals**
- ✓ In areas where **marginalized and vulnerable groups and indigenous communities have been identified**, outline **particular benefits** provided by the project to those groups
- ✓ Outline benefits in all three areas: economic, social and environmental
- ✓ Quantify the estimated benefits whenever possible
- ✓ Highlight how you have integrated information resulting from the initial gender analysis to respond to the different needs, capabilities, roles and knowledge resources of women and men.



DUPLICATION OF PROJECT WITH OTHER FUNDING SOURCES

- ✓ Identify **all relevant potentially overlapping projects / programmes**, and state lack of overlap / complementarity in a logical manner
- ✓ Clearly outline **linkages and synergies with all relevant potentially overlapping projects**, avoiding evasive wording
- ✓ **Include areas of overlap and complementarity**
- ✓ Show how you have integrated **lessons from the earlier initiatives** during the project design, **learning from their problems/mistakes**
- ✓ Outline any framework for coordination with complementary projects during implementation



STAKEHOLDER CONSULTATIONS IN COMPLIANCE WITH ESP AND GP

- ✓ The consultative process is **comprehensive and gender-responsive** and involved **all direct and indirect stakeholders** of the project, including vulnerable groups
- ✓ Outline all the stakeholders involved in the consultation process in the proposal **with attention to minority groups, marginalized and vulnerable groups, and indigenous people** in the target areas, where relevant
- ✓ Include a report **documenting the consultative process** and contains
 - ✓ a) the list of stakeholders already consulted (principles of choice, role ascription, date of consultation),
 - ✓ b) a description of the consultation techniques (tailored specifically per target group),
 - ✓ c) **the key consultation findings (in particular suggestions and concerns raised)**
- ✓ Specify **how the results of the consultative process are reflected in the project design**, including **consultation on safeguards process and outcomes**



FINANCING JUSTIFICATION AND FULL COST OF ADAPTATION REASONING

- ✓ Demonstrate that the project activities **are relevant in addressing its adaptation objectives** and that, **taken solely, without additional funding from other donors, they will help achieve these objectives**
- ✓ **If project has co-financing, the Adaptation Fund project should be able to deliver its outcomes and outputs regardless of the success of the other project(s)**
- ✓ Activities that, taken out of context, could be considered “business-as-usual” development should be justified in the context of achieving the adaptation goals of the project.



ALIGNMENT WITH AF'S RESULTS FRAMEWORK

- ✓ The project includes a results framework which specifies the **alignment with Adaptation Fund revised strategic results framework adopted in 2019**

(<https://www.adaptation-fund.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/10/Adaptation-Fund-Strategic-Results-Framework-Amended-in-March-2019-2.pdf>)



THE SUSTAINABILITY OF THE PROJECT

- ✓ Outline how the adaptation benefits achieved by the project **can be:**
 - ✓ **sustained after its end** and
 - ✓ **enable replication and scaling up with other funds** after its end.
- ✓ **Explains the arrangements through which this would be achieved,** taking into account:
 - ✓ sustainability and maintenance of any infrastructure or installations to be developed,
 - ✓ policies and governance arrangements to be developed and implemented,
 - ✓ knowledge to be generated, management,
 - ✓ other capacity to be improved, etc.
- ✓ Address all key areas of sustainability, **including but not limited to economic, social, environmental, institutional, and financial.**



ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL RISKS, IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE ESP AND GP

- ✓ Identify **all potential environmental and social impacts and risks**.
- ✓ State the category in which the screening process has classified the project. **(Category A, B or C)**. *Please also ensure that these categories reflect AF ESP and not your organization's.*
- ✓ Provide a checklist, indicating which environmental and social impacts and risks have been identified (**for each ESP principle**) and **provide justification of the risk identification findings**.
- ✓ For the identified risk, carry out an environmental and social impact assessment
- ✓ Include sufficient supporting documentation (annexes) including a **gender assessment and action plan report**.



GENDER POLICY - REQUIREMENTS

2. PROJECT PROPSAL REQUIREMENTS	CONCEPT STAGE	FULL PROPOSAL STAGE
Initial Gender Assessment	✓	
Full Gender Assessment		✓
Gender-Responsive Indicators		✓
Gender-Responsive Implementation & Monitoring Programs		✓
Preliminary gender equal consultation	✓	
Comprehensive gender equal consultation		✓
Implement a fair and transparent Grievance Mechanism		✓



CONCEPT AND FULL PROPOSAL ESP REQUIREMENTS

Project Proposal (OPG Annex 5) IE will demonstrate and document the following:	Concept Proposal	Full Proposal
II. JUSTIFICATION		
II.B. Economic, social and environmental benefits; Avoidance/mitigation of adverse impacts.	✓	✓
II.E. Compliance with relevant national technical standards	✓	✓
II.H. Consultative process	✓	✓
II.K. Environmental and social impacts and risks	✓	✓
III. IMPLEMENTATION ARRANGEMENTS		
III.C. Environmental & Social risk management measures		✓
III. D. Monitoring and evaluation program, budget		✓
III.E. Results framework including milestones, targets, & indicators		✓



IE FEES/ EXECUTION COSTS, BUDGET

- ✓ **Ensure that the figures add up across all budget tables** – total amount requested, vs. components table vs. budget vs. Disbursement table.
- ✓ **The figures are rounded to a whole number (i.e. no decimals),**
- ✓ The Project Execution Cost is below 12% of the total budget (including fee)
- ✓ The management fee (“IE fee”) is below 10% of the total budget before fee

In case of Implementing Entity serving as the Executing Entity, the limit for execution is 1.5%. The justifications must be provided, as this arrangement can be approved only on an exceptional basis.



IE ELIGIBILITY

Various cases where accreditation expires before the Board meeting, or the entity is in the re-accreditation process

Please ensure your re-accreditation is started well in advance if you plan to submit a proposal.



EDA IMPLEMENTATION ARRANGEMENTS

- ✓ Description of **decision-making structure** at local level and institutional levels involved, providing evidence for locally led adaptation;
- ✓ Describe roles and responsibilities of IE and EE(s) or other organizations/stakeholders involved in the project;
- ✓ **Continued capacity building** + multi-stakeholder engagement approach
- ✓ Process to **identify, screen and address environmental and social risks** should be described



COMPLIANCE WITH ESP/GP– IMPLEMENTATION ARRANGEMENTS (ESMP)

- ✓ Identify adequate and credible measures to manage the impacts for all environmental and social risks that have been identified in section II, and the corresponding impacts that have been assessed
- ✓ ESMP should contain/include:
 - ✓ clearly allocated roles and responsibilities for its implementation
 - ✓ opportunities for consultation and adaptive management
 - ✓ credible budget provisions, as needed, for the implementation of the ESMP
- ✓ Outline the arrangements for the IE to supervise executing entities for implementation of ESMP
- ✓ Include clear monitoring and evaluation arrangements for ESP compliance
- ✓ Include an accessible and meaningful grievance mechanism in place, mentioning all parts of the grievance process, including where grievances can be addressed



RESULTS FRAMEWORK

- ✓ The results framework includes **realistic, quantified expected results** with **indicators and targets** that are **gender responsive and disaggregated by sex** as appropriate.
- ✓ Include a table showing the linkage between project objectives and outcomes to the Fund level outcome and outputs (**refer to the revised 2019 AF's result framework**)
- ✓ The project result framework **must include at least the core impact indicator “Number of beneficiaries including estimations for direct and indirect beneficiaries”**.
- ✓ A **second core indicator must be added** if the project includes activities targeting the areas identified in AF results framework, namely **(1) Early Warning System; (2) Assets Produced, Developed; (3) Improved, or Strengthened; (4) Increased income, or avoided decrease in income or (5) Natural Assets Protected or Rehabilitated.**



HOW CAN THE SECRETARIAT HELP?

- Your feedback on challenging sections or areas is helpful to us to see what additional guidance or training can be provided
- If some aspects of the initial technical review is unclear, you can request to schedule a call with the secretariat and lead reviewer to clarify certain points.



Thank you!



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