



ADAPTATION FUND

WEBINAR ON THE REVISED STRATEGIC RESULTS FRAMEWORK AND GUIDANCE UPDATES

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A photograph of three people harvesting carrots in a field. In the foreground, a woman in a grey long-sleeved shirt and black shorts is smiling and holding several large orange carrots. Behind her, a man in a blue t-shirt is also harvesting. In the background, another person in a red shirt is visible. The field is lush green with many carrot plants. The background is slightly blurred, showing trees and a fence.

BACKGROUND

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Rationale for SRF Revision

1

Align with Medium Term Strategy II (2023-27) (MTS II) and Global Goal on Adaptation (GGA)

2

Reflect the Fund's enhanced focus on locally led adaptation and innovation

3

Introduce more flexibility to meet local conditions and more clarity on measurement/attribution



We are not overhauling the entire SRF system and process

The current SRF is still broadly aligned with the Fund's goals.

We are in the middle of the current MTS period.

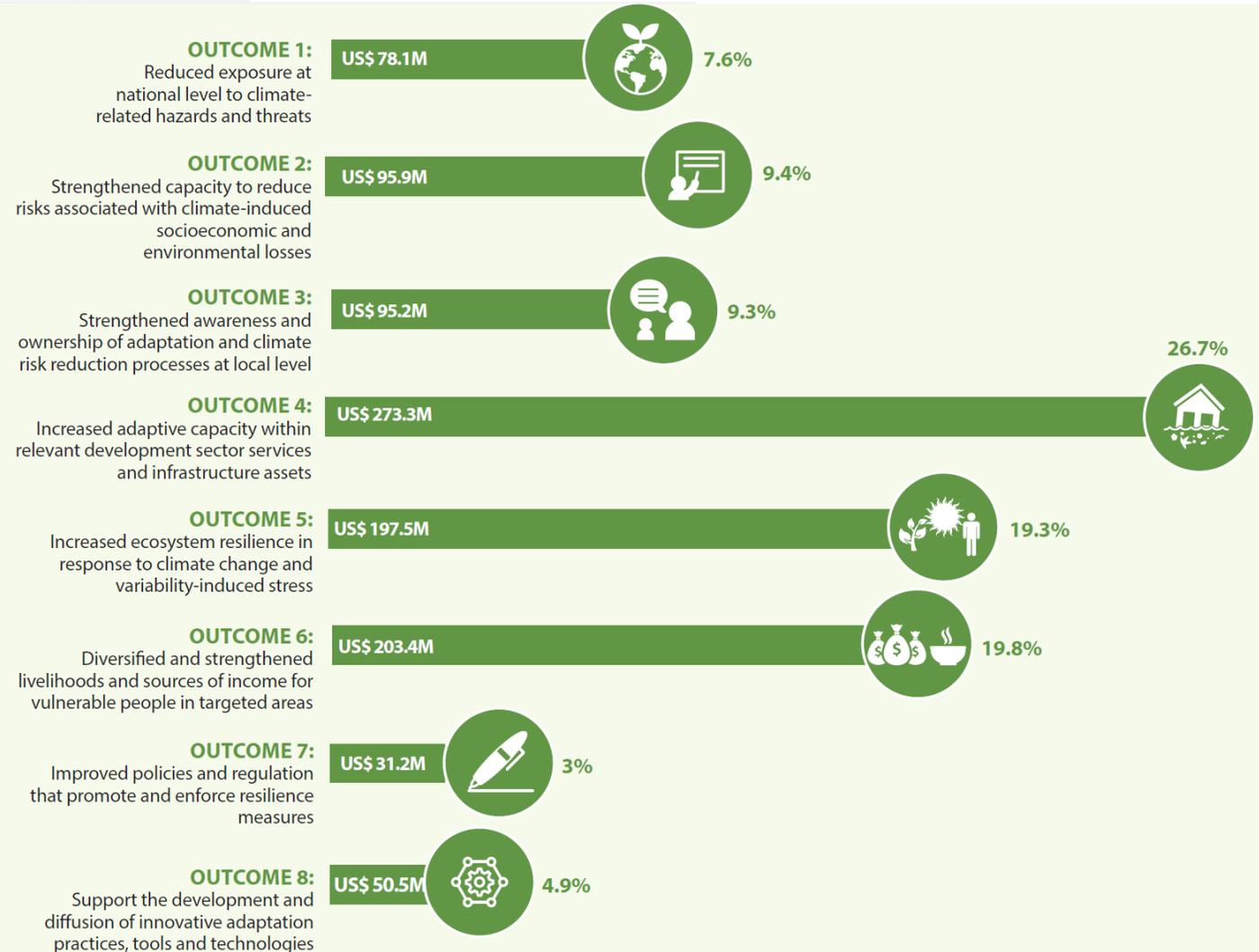
Experience from other funders shows the challenges and complications of overhauling results systems mid-strategy.

We need to continue to report on impacts and results at the portfolio level in a comparable way.



Current Strategic Results Framework

- **Goal:** Assist developing country Parties to the KP and the PA that are particularly vulnerable to the adverse effects of climate change in meeting the costs of concrete adaptation projects and programmes in order to implement climate-resilient measures.
- **Impact:** Increased resiliency at the community, national, and regional levels to climate variability and change.



In Summary...

- Revised SRF reduces overall number of indicators from **33 to 27** and increases **core indicators from 5 to 6**.
- Projects will continue to only report on relevant indicators per their project proposals.
- Revised SRF favors more information on existing indicators rather than more indicators, **yet flexibility in disaggregation** to take into account country context, country-led definitions, practical realities, and reporting burden on IEs.
- The changes to indicators include:
 - Indicators that were deleted once identified as duplicative or became duplicative given the revisions
 - Indicators that were not being reported on at all – in which case they were modified
 - Indicators that were deemed too prescriptive

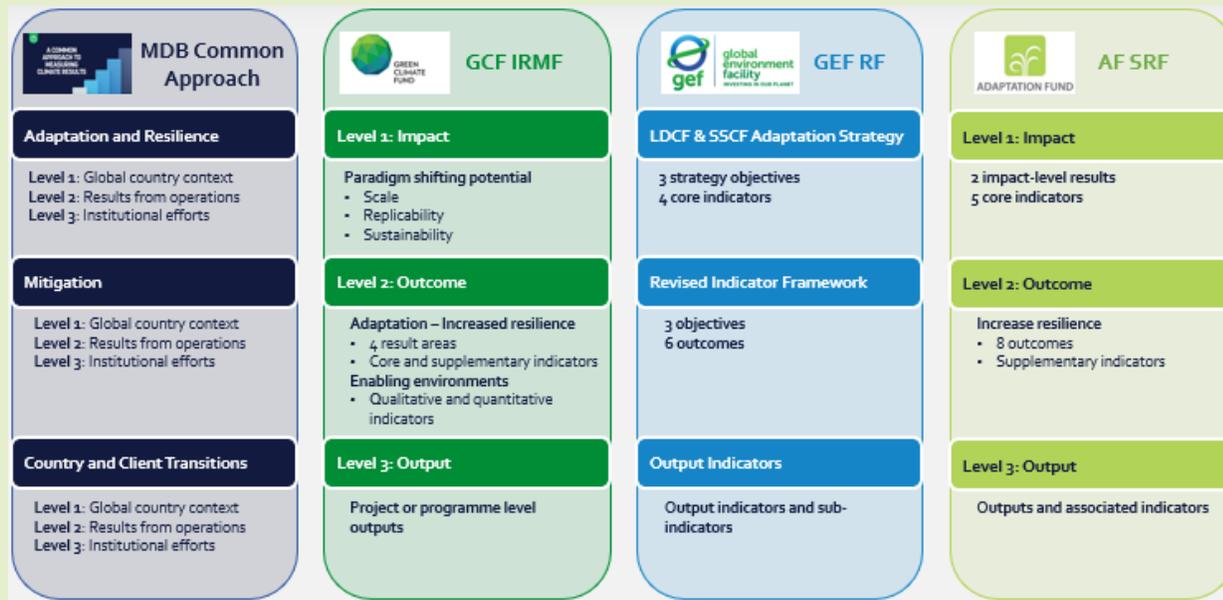
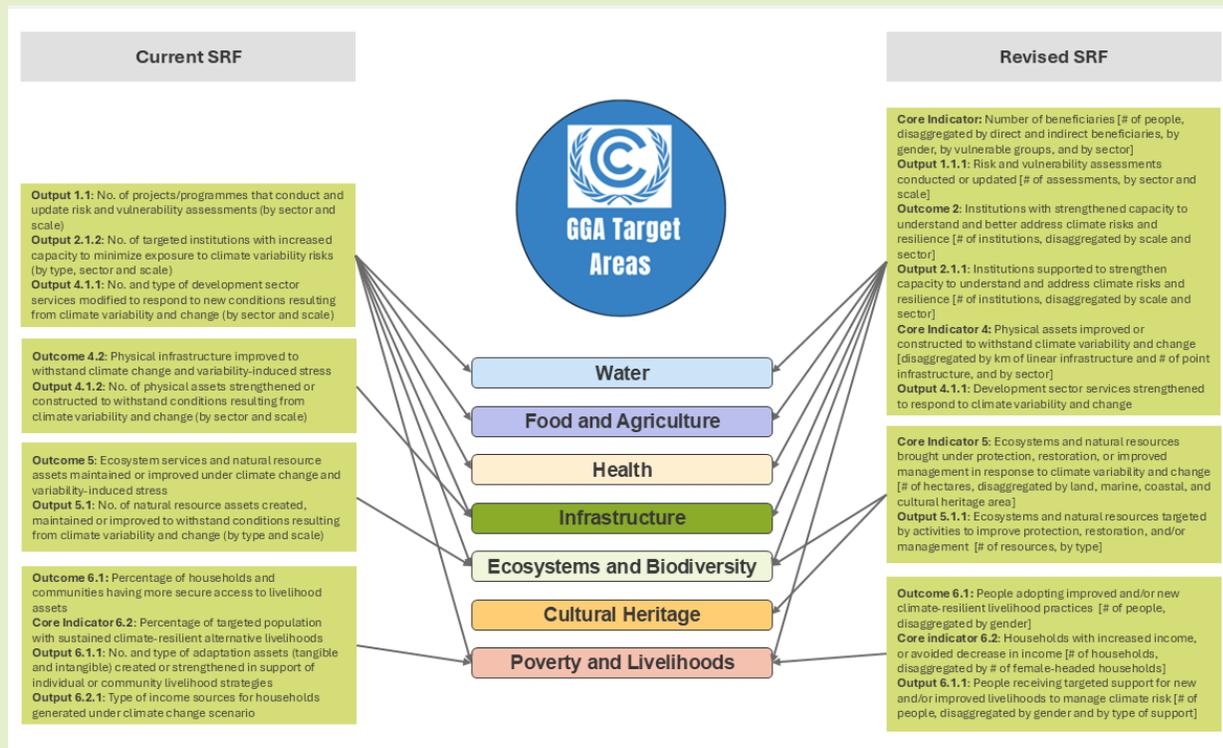
REVISIONS TO THE SRF

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Revision Process

- Document and literature review
- Consultations with IEs and external sectoral/thematic experts
- Adaptation Fund Secretariat workshops
- Analyses of alignment between the SRF and:
 - MTS II 2023–2027
 - GGA dimensions and target areas
 - Results frameworks from other adaptation funders



Findings

Overall, the SRF is aligned with the MTS 2023-2027 objectives.

- Multiple indicators align with the strategic pillars.
- Enhanced focus on locally led and locally based adaptation is needed.
- Disaggregation to capture results related to gender and vulnerable groups is needed across indicators.

Sectoral disaggregation can bolster coherence with GGA targets.

- The Adaptation Fund will retain its sector-agnostic approach while fostering alignment by **incorporating sectoral disaggregation** and **making minor changes to align with GGA language**.

Remaining challenges need to be addressed through additional work.

- Improving data availability, measurement, and attribution
- Clarifying methodological guidance to improve reporting
- Strengthening IE M&E capacities
- Enhancing collaboration to promote participatory data collection



Revisions to Core Indicators

Original core indicator	Revised core indicator
Number of beneficiaries (direct and indirect)	Number of beneficiaries <i>[# of people, disaggregated by direct and indirect beneficiaries, by gender, by vulnerable groups, and by sector]</i>
Number of Early Warning Systems	Early warning systems established or improved <i>[# of systems, disaggregated by hazard and scale]</i>
Assets produced, developed, improved, or strengthened	Physical assets improved or constructed to withstand climate variability and change <i>[disaggregated by km of linear infrastructure and # of point infrastructure, and by sector]</i>
Increased income, or avoided decrease in income	Households with increased income, or avoided decrease in income <i>[# of households, disaggregated by # of female-headed households]</i>
Natural assets protected or rehabilitated	Ecosystems and natural resources brought under protection, restoration, or improved management in response to climate variability and change <i>[# of hectares, disaggregated by land, marine, coastal, and cultural heritage area]</i>
N/A	Policies, strategies, and/or plans developed or adjusted to integrate climate risk considerations <i>[# of policies, strategies, and/or plans, disaggregated by scale]</i>

Revisions to SRF

- Emphasis on making SRF outcomes, outputs, and indicator language more aligned with innovation and locally led adaptation.
- The eight outcome areas remain largely unchanged; most revisions focus on updating indicators rather than altering outcomes.
- See Board paper for full revisions and explanations of enhanced alignment with MTS cross-cutting themes, GGA dimensions and targets, and other MCF results frameworks.

KEY	
<u>MTS Cross-cutting Themes</u>	<u>GGA Dimensions and Targets</u>
 Promote locally based or locally led adaptation	 GGA Dimensions
 Enhance access to climate finance and long-term institutional capacity	 GGA sector-based targets
 Empower and benefit the most vulnerable people and communities as agents of change	
 Advance gender equality	<u>Alignment with other MCFs</u>
 Enable the scaling and replication of results	 Alignment with GEF results framework and/or GCF IRMF
 Strengthen complementarity, coherence, and synergies with other adaptation funders and actors	

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Enhanced Inclusion of Locally Led Adaptation

- Previous SRF had key gaps with respect to principles of locally led adaptation, including:
 - Devolving decision-making to the lowest appropriate level
 - Addressing structural inequalities faced by vulnerable and marginalized groups
 - Investing in local capabilities to leave an institutional legacy
- Opportunities to capture results of locally led adaptation activities through further disaggregation

Previous SRF	Revised SRF
Outcome Indicator 2: Capacity of staff to respond to, and mitigate impacts of, climate-related events from targeted institutions increased	Outcome Indicator 2: Institutions with strengthened capacity to understand and better address climate risks and resilience <i>[# of institutions, disaggregated by scale and sector]</i>
Output Indicator 2.1.1: No. of staff trained to respond to, and mitigate impacts of, climate-related events (by gender)	Output Indicator 2.1.1: Institutions supported to strengthen capacity to understand and address climate risks and resilience <i>[# of institutions, disaggregated by scale and sector]</i>
Output Indicator 2.2.1: No. of targeted institutions benefitting from the direct access and enhanced direct access modality	Output Indicator 2.2.1: Local organizations receiving funding or other direct support under the locally led adaptation modality <i>[# of institutions]</i>
N/A	Output Indicator 3.3.1: Number of local institutions and/or communities responsible for decision-making over how adaptation solutions are defined, prioritized, designed, and/or implemented <i>[# of local institutions and/or communities]</i>
Outcome Indicator 7: Climate change priorities are integrated into national development strategy	Outcome Indicator 7: Policies, strategies, and/or plans adopted, implemented, and/or enforced that integrate climate risk and resilience considerations <i>[#, disaggregated by scale and by policy step, i.e., developed, adopted, implemented, enforced]</i>

Enhanced Inclusion of Locally Led Adaptation

Previous SRF	Revised SRF
Output Indicator 7.1.1: No. of policies introduced or adjusted to address climate change risks (by sector)	Core/Output Indicator 7.1.1: Policies, strategies, and/or plans developed or adjusted to integrate climate risk considerations <i>[# of policies, strategies, and/or plans, disaggregated by scale]</i>
Output Indicator 7.1.2: No. of targeted development strategies with incorporated climate change priorities enforced	Output Indicator 7.1.2: Policies, strategies, and/or plans formulated through the participation of one or more vulnerable groups <i>[# of policies, strategies, and/or plans, disaggregated by scale]</i>
Outcome Indicator 8.1: No. of new, adapted or improved adaptation solutions developed contextually and with the inclusion of the communities most vulnerable to climate change	Outcome Indicator 8.1: Innovations successfully reaching scale up that demonstrate local participation and/or local innovation benefit <i>[# of innovations]</i>
N/A	Outcome Indicator 8.2: Institutions created and/or enabled that lead on innovation for adaptation to climate change <i>[# of institutions, disaggregated by scale]</i>
Output Indicator 8.1.1 No. of innovators supported (disaggregated by gender (male/female/other) and youth status (youth/non-youth)).	Output Indicator 8.1.1: Innovations identified that demonstrate local participation and/or local innovation benefit <i>[# of proposed innovations]</i>
Output Indicator 8.1.2: No. of innovation related partnerships leveraged for exchange of goods or services or ideas, consultations, and assistance between grantee and stakeholder/s	Output Indicator 8.1.2: Innovations piloted that demonstrate local participation and/or local innovation benefit. <i>[# of innovations]</i>
Output Indicator 8.2.1: No. of key findings generated from an innovation practice, tool, and/or technology	Output Indicator 8.2.1: Innovation-focussed knowledge products disseminated and/or learning events facilitated that support and enable innovation capacity at a local, national, and/or regional level <i>[# of knowledge products disseminated and/or learning events facilitated]</i>

Revisions to Innovation Indicators

- Revised indicators more closely:
 - Align with the Innovation Strategy’s objectives to accelerate, encourage, and enable scaled-up innovation for effective, long-term climate adaptation
 - Reflect established stages of innovation (i.e., identification, piloting, and scale-up)
 - Demonstrate local innovation participation or benefit, to align with MTS II.

Previous SRF			Revised SRF	
Outcome 8: Support the development and diffusion of innovative adaptation practices, tools and technologies			Outcome 8: Innovation for effective, long-term adaptation to climate change accelerated, encouraged, and enabled to scale up	
Indicator 8.1: No. of new, adapted or improved adaptation solutions developed contextually and with the inclusion of the communities most vulnerable to climate change	Indicator 8.2: No. of key findings on effective, efficient adaptation practices, products, and technologies generated and/or “learning and sharing” innovation initiatives undertaken	Indicator 8.3: No. of individuals or organizations (disaggregated by gender) that submit an application to an innovation competition or challenge	Indicator 8.1: Innovations successfully reaching scale up that demonstrate local participation and/or local innovation benefit [# of innovations]	Indicator 8.2: Institutions created and/or enabled that lead on innovation for adaptation to climate change [# of institutions, disaggregated by scale]

*Orange squares signify complete removal of text and/or concept from SRF.

Revisions to Innovation Indicators

Previous SRF		Revised SRF	
Output 8.1: Viable innovations are rolled out, scaled up, encouraged, accelerated, and/or evidence base generated at regional, national, and/or subnational level		Output 8.1: Innovations identified and piloted which collectively enhance local innovation capacity & contribute to the development of local, national and regional adaptation innovation ecosystems	
Indicator 8.1.1 No. of innovators supported (disaggregated by gender (male/female/other) and youth status (youth/non-youth)).	Indicator 8.1.2: No. of innovation related partnerships leveraged for exchange of goods or services or ideas, consultations, and assistance between grantee and stakeholder/s	Indicator 8.1.1: Innovations identified that demonstrate local participation and/or local innovation benefit [# of proposed innovations]	Indicator 8.1.2: Innovations piloted that demonstrate local participation and/or local innovation benefit. [# of innovations]
Output 8.2: Innovations identified and piloted which build the adaptation innovation evidence-base and institutional capacity			
Indicator 8.2.1: No. of key findings generated from an innovation practice, tool, and/or technology	Indicator 8.2.2: No. of learning and sharing initiatives undertaken, including communication initiatives	Indicator 8.3.1: No. of applications (individuals or organizations) to innovation calls under the project or programme	Indicator 8.2.1: Innovation-focussed knowledge products disseminated and/or learning events facilitated that support and enable innovation capacity at a local, national, and/or regional level [# of knowledge products disseminated and/or learning events facilitated]

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LOOKING AHEAD: Revising Guidance on Applying the SRF

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Moving toward updated, consolidated, and clearer guidance



Existing guidance

- Methodologies for Reporting Adaptation Fund Core Impact Indicators
- Project-Level Results Frameworks and Baseline Guidance Document

New guidance

- Comprehensive Guidance on Implementing the Strategic Results Framework of the Adaptation Fund, including:
 - Guidance on how projects should align with the SRF
 - Description of M&R processes
 - Definitions of indicators
 - Explanations of underlying methodologies

How can SRF guidance better meet IE needs?

1

Overall feedback on existing SRF guidance documents

2

Feedback on indicator-specific guidance

3

Opportunities to harmonize indicator guidance with other MCFs and IEs



Overall feedback on existing guidance?

- Is guidance structured in a way that is easy to follow and use?
- Any additional content or features that would make it more accessible?
- Overall, what does the guidance do well or not do well?

CURRENT Results Framework and Baseline Guidance Structure

- **Section 1:** Overview of Results-Based Management (RBM) & the Adaptation Fund SRF
 - **Chapter 1.1:** Guiding Principles
 - **Chapter 1.2:** How to Develop a Results Framework for an Adaptation Project
- **Section 2:** How to Compile and Assess Contextual and Baseline Data
 - **Chapter 2.1:** An Introduction to Climate Change Adaptation and Vulnerability Baseline Information
 - **Chapter 2.2:** Assessment Tools to Establish Baseline Information
- **Section 3:** Knowledge Management (KM)
 - **Chapter 3.1:** Knowledge Management in the Adaptation Fund
 - **Chapter 3.2:** How to Develop a KM Strategy for an Adaptation Project
- **Annex 1:** Indicator reference sheets



Feedback on indicator-specific guidance?

- Anything missing or unclear on how to define, measure, and collect data for specific indicators?
- Any issues in defining and measuring baselines for specific indicators?
- Any indicators that warrant additional attention in updated guidance?

Indicator Reference Sheets Structure				
	Adaptation Fund	World Bank	CIF	GCF
Indicator Type/Name	X	X	X	X
Rationale/Overview of Indicator	X		X	
Technical Definitions	X	X	X	X
Methodology for Measuring	X	X	X	X
Baseline	X			X (+ targets)
Reporting Format & Time Period	X	X	X	X
Data Sources	X	X	X	X
Unit of Measurement	<i>(captured in methodology)</i>	X	X	X
Disaggregation	<i>(captured in data sources)</i>	X	X	X
Alignment with internal results frameworks		X		X
Alignment with external frameworks (e.g., SDGs, MCFs' results frameworks)		X	X	X
Limitations		X		
Principles to Avoid Double Counting		X		



Opportunities to harmonize guidance?

- Any indicators that have especially different guidance across AF and other MCFs and adaptation finance entities?
- Any key opportunities to increase harmonization on specific indicators?
- Any tools or resources that would reduce reporting burden on IEs reporting to multiple entities?

INDICATOR NAME	Millions of beneficiaries with enhanced resilience to climate risks
SUB-INDICATORS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of people benefiting from climate resilient infrastructure • Number of people benefitting from enhanced resilience of terrestrial and aquatic systems • Number of people benefiting from increased resilience of livelihoods, jobs, or firms • Number of people benefitting from increased financial system resilience • Number of people covered by disaster risk finance and insurance • Number of people benefitting from climate resilient planning, preparation, surveillance, and/or response

Source: WBG Scorecard
FY24-FY30 Methodology Note

Proposed core indicator
Number of beneficiaries
[# of people, disaggregated by direct and indirect beneficiaries, by gender, by vulnerable groups, and by sector]

Source: Adaptation Fund Revised SRF

Core 2	Direct and indirect beneficiaries reached
2.1	Beneficiaries (female/male) adopting improved and/or new climate-resilient livelihood options (number of individuals)
2.2	Beneficiaries (female/male) with improved food security (number of individuals)
2.3	Beneficiaries (female/male) with more climate-resilient water security (number of individuals)
2.4	Beneficiaries (female/male) covered by new or improved early warning systems (number of individuals)
2.5	Beneficiaries (female/male) adopting innovations that strengthen climate change resilience (number of individuals)
2.6	Beneficiaries (female/male) living in buildings that have increased resilience against climate hazards (number of individuals)
2.7	Change in expected losses of lives due to the impact of extreme climate-related disasters in the geographic area of the GCF intervention (number of individuals)

Source: GCF IRMF: Results Management Handbook



NEXT STEPS

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Next Steps



Your feedback will be incorporated into a draft Guidance Note, which will be circulated to IEs for feedback.



A final Guidance Note will be published to help IEs use the new SRF.



The Adaptation Fund PPR template will be revised to reflect the new SRF and Guidance Note.



Webinars will be held in early 2026 to launch the final Guidance Note and help IEs understand how to use the revised SRF and PPR template.



A 'helpdesk' service will be made available to implementing and executing entities to help answer customized questions that they might have, for a period of 6 months.



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