



ADAPTATION FUND

# Climate Adaptation Finance:

# DIRECT ACCESS

The Adaptation Fund's robust direct access modality was the first to be fully operational among climate funds. Through direct access, national and regional entities are able to directly access financing and manage all

*"Direct access provides developing countries with the opportunity to strengthen local capacity and to build on local expertise"*  
-Fundecooperación para el Desarrollo Sostenible (Costa Rica's NIE)

aspects of climate adaptation and resilience projects, from design through implementation and monitoring.



Indonesia, by Falik Rusdayanto



Madagascar, by Martina Lippuner

## benefits OF DIRECT ACCESS

- Funds and projects directly managed by countries
- Elevates issues relating to climate change and adaptation to the national level
- Improves intragovernmental collaboration and amplifies stakeholder voices
- Fosters transparency and competition in project formulation
- Sustains institutional knowledge and enhances internal management

All developing countries are eligible to nominate an entity for accreditation. Once an entity passes the Fund's rigorous accreditation review, it may apply for project funding.

### Accredited implementing entities:

- Are fully responsible for project & programme management, including financial, monitoring and reporting
- Receive funding in performance-based tranches

### The Adaptation Fund's new readiness program is helping implementing entities:

- Efficiently navigate the accreditation process
- Strengthen their capacity to design and implement climate adaptation projects and programmes



Bangladesh, by Mahbubur Rahman

“NIE accreditation has had important catalytic effects by creating interest in other national institutions to demonstrate that they can also meet robust fiduciary, transparency and management standards.”  
– Overseas Development Institute

## ACCREDITATION

A panel of independent experts leads every accreditation review.

### Fiduciary Standards:\*

- Financial management and integrity
- Institutional capacity
- Transparency, self-investigative powers, anti-corruption measures

### Environmental & Social Principles:\*

- Marginalized and vulnerable groups
- Protection of natural habitats
- Human rights
- Core labor rights

\*Includes, but not limited to

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### Key insights from our accreditation process:

- Frequent interaction between applicant and panel is crucial
- Visits to applicant by reviewers may help overcome documentation gaps

### Institutional strengthening:

- Applicants improve understanding of fiduciary standards
- Applicants identify areas to bolster financial management and accountability
- Applicants shift from following others' rules to having their own rules
- Applicants improve governance by instituting policies against fraud and corruption

## BY THE NUMBERS



Financing for NIEs includes adaptation and resilience projects ranging from coastal zones to inland agricultural communities, from Latin America around the globe to Africa.