

# United Nations Development Programme & Climate Change Adaptation

- A Quarterly Update of Activities -



This newsletter provides the latest information on UNDP's activities around the world in support of Climate Change Adaptation. It includes updates on: the status of projects; new project approvals; performance indicators, project impacts and results; policy and mainstreaming work; and noteworthy announcements.

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## SUPPORTING ADAPTATION IN AFRICA

At present, UNDP is assisting 31 African countries to programme multiple sources of funds for adaptation. More than US\$175 million of grant resources has been mobilized for the region. These resources have been complemented with a further US\$260 million of co-financing for addressing baseline development needs at the national, sub-national and community level.

### KEY HIGHLIGHTS

UNDP's Adaptation Programme currently supports 75 countries in the development of national, sub-national and community level capacities to adapt to climate change.

Governments of Denmark, Japan, Norway and Spain. These resources are complemented with more than US\$500 million of co-financing leveraged by UNDP from various sources in support of baseline development needs.

*UNDP is leveraging more than US\$800 million for climate change resilient development in developing countries. This includes grants of over US\$300 million and co-financing of over \$500m*

*31 African Countries supported in adaptation*

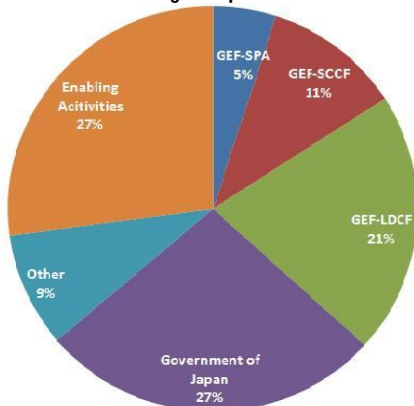
This includes assisting countries to access, sequence and combine resources from multiple sources of funds for adaptation. More than US\$300 million of grant resources are being mobilized from multilateral and bilateral sources including the Global Environment Facility, and the

The grants are dedicated for developing system-wide local capacities aimed at analyzing, planning and implementing a range of priority country-driven actions that strengthen the resilience of key stakeholders and institutions against anticipated climate change risks. UNDP supports countries to: (i) conduct prospective exercises and prepare long-term strategies to mainstream climate change risks and opportunities into development plans; (ii) review/revise/design national and sub-national policies, strategies or measures to take into account climate change risks and opportunities; (iii) develop new partnerships, tools and practices to incorporate climate resilience into investment decision-making processes; and (iv) demonstrate community-based adaptation.



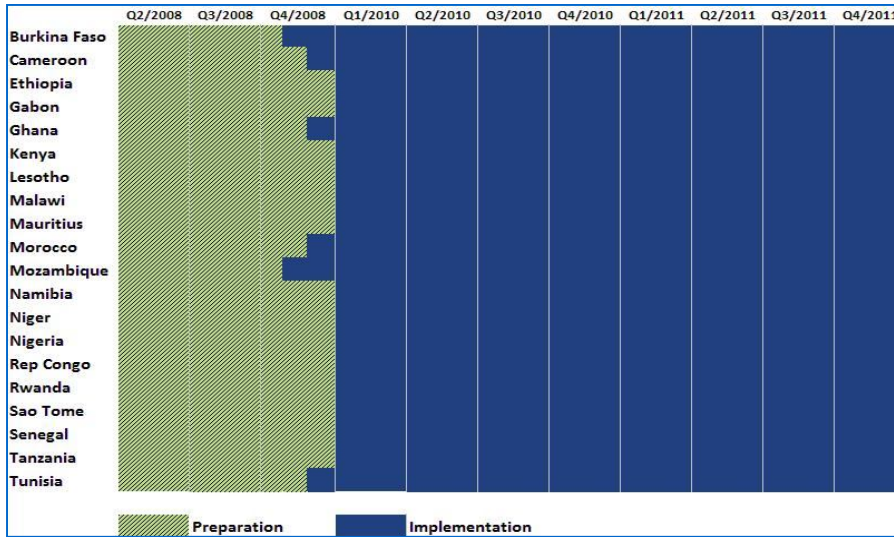
Among UNDP's flagship initiatives is a three-year \$92.1 million programme, with funding from the Government of Japan. The programme, *Supporting Integrated and Comprehensive Approaches to Climate Change Adaptation in Africa*, assists more than 20 African countries to incorporate climate change risks and opportunities into national development processes. Activities supported under the programme are complementary to, and tightly linked with, other climate change activities, including those financed through UNFCCC's adaptation grants such as those from the Least Developed Country Fund (LDCF) and Special Climate Change Fund (SCCF) (see next page). The programme has also established a technical support centre in Senegal. The status of activities per country is shown on the next page.

Source of Grants for UNDP supported climate change adaptation initiatives



GEF- Global Environment Facility  
SPA- Strategic Priority on Adaptation (GEF Trust Fund)  
LDCF- Least Developed Country Fund (UNFCCC Fund)  
SCCF- Special Climate Change Fund (UNFCCC Fund)

## IMPLEMENTATION STATUS OF UNDP'S AFRICA ADAPTATION PROGRAMME



All countries participating in UNDP's Africa Adaptation Programme have commenced formulation of national projects. Three countries have started to make preparations for commencing implementation. All activities are expected to be under implementation before the end of the 1st quarter of 2011.

## SUPPORTING LEAST DEVELOPED COUNTRIES

*"Evidence...shows that the NAPA processes opened up thinking about climate change and its impacts within the different LDC governments in most cases for the very first time... NAPAs have filled a gap as strategic policy documents in the high level planning arena."*

Evaluation Department (EVAL) of the Danish Ministry of Foreign (2009) (p.51)

UNDP supported 31 Least Developed Countries (LDCs) to prepare National Adaptation Programmes of Action (NAPA), out of which 29 are already completed. 30 LDCs are currently supported to design and implement urgent and immediate adaptation initiatives. These are financed with resources from the Government of Japan, the UNFCCC's LDCF or SCCF (managed by the GEF) and/or a combination thereof

(e.g. Niger, Burkina Faso, Rwanda). The initiatives focus on establishing enabling environments, demonstrations (especially community based adaptation) and strengthening technical and institutional capacity required to design,

been mobilized by UNDP.

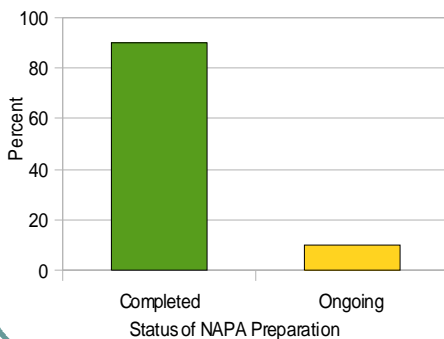
A recent report by the GEF to the UNFCCC's Least Developed Countries' Expert Group highlighted that UNDP is the first development agency to have commenced supporting the implementation of NAPA follow-up activities financed by the UNFCCC's LDCF. Seven countries have commenced implementing projects. In total, fifteen countries are expected to have started before the end of 2009, with the

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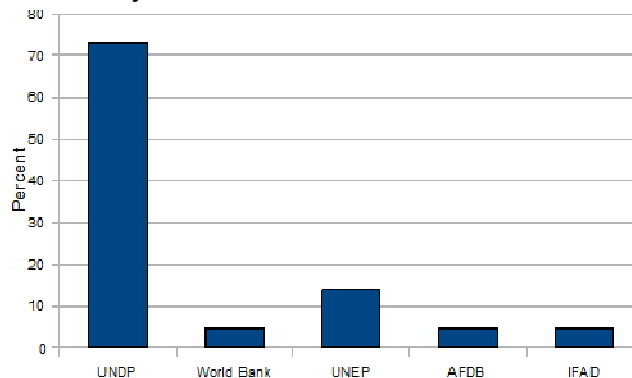
finance, implement and monitor long-term and cost-effective adaptation policies and measures. More than US\$100 million in grants have

remained in the first quarter of 2010. UNDP is providing expedited support to countries to help them move from planning to implement priority adaptation initiatives.

Status of UNDP Supported National Adaptation Programmes of Action (NAPAs)



Expected Endorsement of LDCF Projects by the GEF Secretariat before December 2009

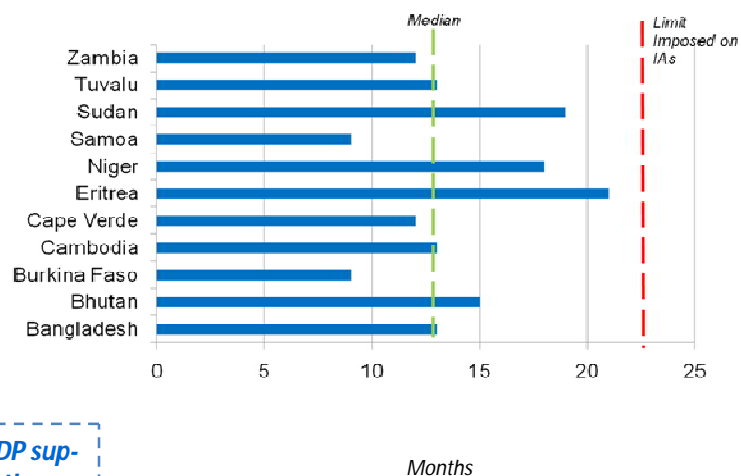


## EXPEDITING ACCESS TO ADAPTATION FUNDING

UNDP introduced a number of internal measures in 2009 to expedite the preparation of operationally and financially viable projects financed by UNFCCC's LDCF. Project documents that meet UNDP and GEF Council technical and financial standards have been prepared, on average, within 12 months. A few projects took longer for a variety of reasons (including the

need to conduct detailed feasibility assessments (Eritrea), political issues (Sudan) and a request by the Government to increase the Council approved LDCF grant allocation during the preparatory phase (Niger).

Number of Months to Prepare an Adaptation Project in a Least Developed Country

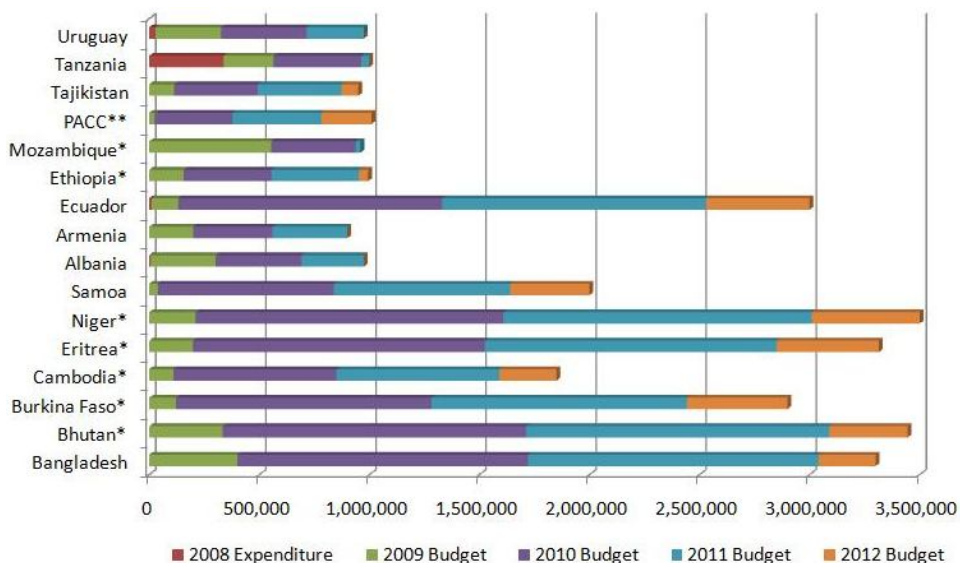


*Preparing operationally and financially viable UNDP supported projects takes approximately 8-12 months*

## FUNDING FOR ADAPTATION FLOWING TO COUNTRIES

Projects are implemented by national staff and national institutions in recipient countries. Most countries with recently approved SCCF/LDCF projects have begun recruiting key project staff and are preparing for full scale implementation in early 2010. Delivery is monitored by respective project management teams as well as by UNDP which provides technical and fiduciary oversight support to local partners responsible for implementing activities. Progress is indicated in the adjacent figure which shows budget allocations per year (Funding is committed based on agreed work plans and the costing of deliverables, as established during the preparatory phase of each initiative).

SCCF/LDCF Resources committed by National Implementing Partners for delivery of project outcomes over a 4 year project cycle (in US\$)



Note:  
 \* Denotes countries receiving LDCF resources. All others are with respect to SCCF resources.  
 \*\* Figures are an average per country as this project involves 13 countries in the Pacific

## STATUS OF UNDP SUPPORTED ADAPTATION INITIATIVES

CONCEPT PREPARATION			
Region	Country	Source of Funds	US\$ mil
<b>Africa</b>	Swaziland	SPA	1,000,000
<b>Europe and Central Asia</b>	Armenia	SCCF	1,800,000

PROJECT PREPARATION UNDERWAY			
Region	Country	Source of Funds	US\$ mil
<b>Africa</b>	Benin	LDCF	3,200,000
	Burundi	LDCF	900,000
	Cameroon	GOJ	3,000,000
	Comoros	LDCF	2,500,000
	Congo	GOJ	3,000,000
	DRC	LDCF	3,100,000
	Ethiopia	GOJ	6,500,000
	Gabon	GOJ	3,000,000
	Ghana	GOJ	3,000,000
	Ghana	SCCF	1,800,000
	Guinea	LDCF	3,100,000
	Guinea Bissau	LDCF	4,100,000
	Kenya	GOJ	3,000,000
	Lesotho	GOJ	3,000,000
	Liberia	LDCF	3,000,000
	Malawi	GOJ	3,500,000
	Mali	LDCF	3,100,000
	Mauritius	GOJ	3,000,000
	Morocco	GOJ	3,000,000
	Niger	GOJ	3,000,000
	Nigeria	GOJ	5,500,000
	Rwanda	GOJ	3,000,000
	Rwanda	LDCF	2,100,000
	Sao Tome and Principe	GOJ	3,000,000
Senegal	GOJ	3,500,000	
South Africa	SCCF	3,600,000	
Tanzania	GOJ	3,000,000	
Tunisia	GOJ	3,000,000	
Zambia	GOJ	3,000,000	
<b>Asia</b>	Lao	LDCF	4,500,000
	Thailand	SCCF	1,000,000
	Vietnam	SCCF	1,300,000
<b>Latin America and Caribbean</b>	Haiti	LDCF	3,600,000

PROJECT PREPARATION COMPLETED			
Region	Country	Source of Funds	US\$ mil
<b>Africa</b>	Burkina Faso	GOJ	3,000,000
	Egypt	SCCF	4,100,000
	Ethiopia	SCCF	1,000,000
	Mozambique	GOJ	3,000,000
	Sudan	LDCF	3,400,000
	Zambia	LDCF	3,600,000
<b>Asia</b>	India	SCCF	5,300,000
	Maldives	LDCF	4,310,000
<b>Pacific</b>	Tuvalu	LDCF	3,100,000
<b>Global</b>	Barbados, Bhutan, China, Jordan, Kenya, and Uzbekistan	SCCF	4,900,000

PROJECT UNDER IMPLEMENTATION				
Region	Country	Source of Funds	US\$ mil	
<b>Africa</b>	Burkina Faso	LDCF	3,000,000	
	Cape Verde	LDCF	3,100,000	
	Eritrea	LDCF	3,400,000	
	Kenya	SCCF	1,000,000	
	Mozambique	SCCF	1,000,000	
	Namibia	GOJ	3,000,000	
	Namibia	SPA	1,000,000	
	Niger	LDCF	3,600,000	
	Tanzania	SCCF	1,000,000	
	Zimbabwe	SCCF	1,000,000	
	Cape Verde, Gambia, Guinea-Bissau, Mauritania, and Senegal	SPA	4,000,000	
	<b>Asia</b>	Bangladesh	LDCF	3,400,000
		Bhutan	LDCF	3,600,000
Cambodia		LDCF	1,000,000	
<b>Europe and Central Asia</b>	Albania	SPA	1,000,000	
	Armenia	SPA	1,000,000	
	Hungary	SPA	1,000,000	
	Tajikistan	SPA	1,000,000	
<b>Latin America and Caribbean</b>	Ecuador	SCCF	3,400,000	
	Uruguay	SPA	1,000,000	
<b>Pacific</b>	Samoa	LDCF	2,100,000	
	Pacific Adaptation Project (13 PICs)	SCCF	13,500,000	
<b>Global</b>	Adaptation Learning Mechanism	SPA	700,000	
	Bangladesh, Bolivia, Guatemala, Jamaica, Kazakhstan, Morocco, Namibia, Niger, Samoa, and Vietnam	SPA	5,000,000	

### NOTES

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