

LDCF and SCCF: new strategy and operational improvements



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LDCF project in Namibia (UNDP)

Strategy Highlights

Goal:

To strengthen resilience and reduce vulnerability to the adverse impacts of climate change in developing countries, and support their efforts to enhance adaptive capacity

Aligned with long-term adaptation goal of Paris Agreement



Enable countries to better utilize climate funds to develop harmonized solutions

Offer opportunities to mainstream adaptation



Engage with private sector, enhance resilience



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LDCF Objectives and Entry Points

Objective 1



Reduce vulnerability and increase resilience through innovation and technology transfer for adaptation

Objective 2



Mainstream adaptation and resilience for systemic impact

Objective 3



Foster enabling conditions for effective and integrated adaptation



Innovation in priority sectors, themes & private sector



Climate security



Incubation and accelerator support



Mainstream adaptation across GEF focal areas and IPs



Innovative partnerships



Support to NAP process



Support for LDC work programme



Support for enabling activities



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GEF-7 LDCF Programming to Date

17
projects &
programs

\$142
million

**3 multi
trust
fund
projects**

43%
LDCs
supported
in 1 year

as of Oct. 2019

Reference: UNDP LDCF project in Ethiopia (4107)

Key Operational Improvements

- ✓ LDCF project selection and approval process
- ✓ Factors for LDCF prioritization
- ✓ LDCF funding ceiling and cap
- ✓ Pipeline
- ✓ Results framework and reporting
- ✓ Capacity building support for LDC planning and programming

More strategic and predictable programming, multi-Trust Fund (MTF) initiatives such as IPs and adaptation mainstreaming, complementarity with GCF and others



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LDCF Project Selection and Approval

Before:

- Council approval by mail, based on non-objection on each project
- Each project approved on first-come, first-served basis

After:

- Council approval of work program, **from December 2018**
- Work program constitution based on strategic prioritization

➔ To follow same calendar as GEF TF for PIF technical clearance, Council approval.



Factors for Enhanced LDCF Strategic Prioritization

- Alignment with needs and priorities in national plans
- Alignment with Programming Strategy
- Opportunities to leverage/catalyze support
- Level of LDCF resources accessed
- Additional factors:
 - i. Potential for private sector engagement
 - ii. Geographical balance
 - iii. Extenuating circumstances
 - iv. Timing of technical approval

➔ *To enable timely Council approval of MTFs and priorities (i.e., COP guidance)*



LDCF Funding Ceiling

- Per-country ceiling to be **raised** to \$50 million
 - Each LDC can access resources up to initial **cap** of \$10 million
 - May be raised during GEF-7, based on donor contributions and programming
- ➔ *To maintain practice while ensuring more timely access to as many LDCs as possible*

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