



# **ADAPT ACTION**

## **Phase 1 lessons learned**

### **2017 → 2022**

In 2017, AFD launched the AdaptAction programme to support 15 countries and regional organisations in implementing the Paris Agreement and to catalyse investments on climate adaptation.

This review, drawing on a 2021 assessment conducted by Iram and Ramboll, summarises the main lessons learned from the programme's Phase 1 and its related feedbacks for Phase 2.

AdaptAction is a study and capacity building programme supporting countries and regional organisations vulnerable to climate change's impacts in the implementation of their adaptation strategies and resilient development trajectories.

## Phase I (2017-2022)

**30 M€** budget

More than **75 projects**

More than **500 mobilised experts**

## 15 partner countries and regional organisations

Cameroon, Ivory Coast, Ghana, Guinea, Madagascar, Niger, Republic of the Congo, Dominican Republic, Republic of Mauritius, Senegal, Tunisia, The Union of Comoros, Indian Ocean Commission, Organisation of Eastern Caribbean States.

# What is AdaptAction?

## The programme's three axes

- 1 - Strengthen climate governance in partner countries (managed by Expertise France)
- 2 - Support the integration of adaptation into sectoral public policies
- 3 - Enable the development of adaptation projects and the mobilisation of international funds

**A participatory and inclusive approach at every level**

## An investment driver having leveraged more than

**580 M€**

of adaptation projects financed or co-financed by the AFD, the Green Climate Fund or the European Union since 2017.

## A laboratory for innovative topics

supporting research such as GAP-Track (with the IDDRI) and BRIO (with Météo France).



# Lessons learned

## A participatory and inclusive approach provides a framework for adaptation processes

Co-construction with partner countries is one of the key structuring elements of the AdaptAction programme which aims to reduce maladaptation risks and ensure the projects' adoption and sustainability over time.

**Multi-stakeholder workshops** (ministries, researchers, NGOs, technical and financial partners, the private sector, etc.) help to better understand needs and identify adaptation strategies.

**Participatory vulnerability studies** foster the consideration of local knowledge and stakeholder dynamics, thereby promoting projects, therefore promoting projects that include a diversity of - sometimes diverging - points of views and interests.

**Climate is not gender neutral.** Specific expertise, data and indicators allow for a more detailed understanding of the differences in vulnerabilities and of the positive role played by women as agents of change.





## The review has also highlighted the following conclusions:

**CLIMATE GOVERNANCE** taken at the highest level and an interdepartmental dialogue are essential to overcoming a silo mentality.

Creating systems for monitoring and evaluating of adaptation policies that are both scalable and inclusive of all of key ministries helps to strengthen the integration of the integration of adaptation into sectoral public policies.

**NATURE-BASED ADAPTATION SOLUTIONS** are potentially both more sustainable and less costly in the long-term and have positive impacts on biodiversity and carbon capture.

In Senegal, AdaptAction has identified hybrid solutions (infrastructure and natural infiltration of rainwater) to improve groundwater recharge in the Pout region.

**A MULTI-SECTORAL APPROACH** enables tailored support to the partner countries taking into account their priorities and needs.

AdaptAction's Phase 1 supported projects around agriculture, livestock farming and forestry, integrated water resource management, climate services, disaster risk reduction (including forecast-based financing), education and training, integrated coastal zone management, infrastructure, and local planning.

**CLIMATE SERVICES** are most effective when taking into account the end-users, the economic and social context and the main channels of delivery. Their sustainability depends on a suitable funding model.

In Guinea, a quarterly agro-meteorological bulletin for each sub-region, with ten-day and seasonal updates on various data (meteorological, hydrological, warning systems, farm advisory activities, etc.), has been identified as a priority.

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**Promote the diffusion of knowledge** through South-South and South-North peer-to-peer dialogue and strengthen local expertise.

**Support scientific research** to better understand contexts, evaluate results and propose innovations.

**Reconcile timeframes** between immediate needs and long-term climate projections: territorial prospective approaches can generate more robust and flexible projects considering different long-term scenarios.

**Reconcile scales**  
Adaptation's vertical integration favours the alignment of adaptation strategies and investment at both national and local levels.

**Strengthen gender mainstreaming and social inclusion** with dedicated resources (expertise, workshops...).

**Consider the Climate/Biodiversity/Society nexus** for more efficient adaptation and to limit maladaptation risks.



# Perspectives on phase 2

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