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# Day 1 September 26 (Tuesday)



## AGENDA

- WELCOME AND OPENING REMARKS
- OVERVIEW OF WORKSHOP AND INTRODUCTIONS
- **BREAK**
- LDCF PORTFOLIO IN LDCS IN THE REGION
- SHARING LESSONS, EXPERIENCE AND GOOD PRACTICE IN ACCESSING LDCF
- **LUNCH**
- OVERVIEW OF GEF CLIMATE ADAPTATION STRATEGY
- INSIGHTS FROM GEF STAP
- **BREAK**
- COMPLEMENTARY PROGRAMMING WITH GCF
- INFORMAL BILATERAL MEETINGS
- **RECEPTION**

# Day 2 September 27 (Wednesday)



## AGENDA

- REFLECTIONS FROM DAY 1
- Enhancing Climate Adaptation Impact: Project Design and Results Framework
- **BREAK**
- COUNTRY PROJECT CONCEPT DEVELOPMENT (COUNTRIES ONLY)
- **LUNCH**
- COUNTRY PROJECT CONCEPT DEVELOPMENT (COUNTRIES ONLY)
- **BREAK**
- LEARNING STATIONS
  - Integrated Economic Development and Community Resilience (World Bank)
  - IKAN Adapt: Strengthening the adaptive capacity, resilience and biodiversity conservation ability of fisheries and aquaculture-dependent livelihoods in Timor-Leste (FAO)
- **BREAK**
- INFORMATION ON FIELD TRIP

# Day 3 September 28 (Thursday)



## AGENDA

### FIELD TRIP TO PROJECT SITES

Community Resilience to Climate and Disaster Risk in  
Solomon Islands Project (World Bank)

Natural Solutions to Climate Change in the Pacific Islands  
Region: Implementing Ecosystem-based Adaptation (SGP)



# Day 4 September 29 (Friday)



## AGENDA

- DEBRIEF ON FIELD TRIP
- COUNTRY MEETINGS
- PROJECT CONCEPT PRESENTATIONS
- LOOKING FORWARD: SECTOR AND THEMATIC DEEP DIVE WORKSHOPS
- **BREAK**
- POST-WORKSHOP SURVEY
- CLOSING REMARKS
- **LUNCH**



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# What is GEF?



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# GEF: A Global Partnership

Largest environmental multi-donor trust fund in the world

## 18 IMPLEMENTING AGENCIES



Financial mechanism of six international environmental conventions



# GEF's Unique Role

As **financial mechanism**, GEF supports implementation of Conventions:

- ✓ National plan and strategy development
- ✓ Investing in national priorities towards Convention goals
- ✓ Convention reports and obligations
- ✓ Transparency enhancement
- ✓ Capacity building and technical assistance
- ✓ New fund establishment: GB

GEF functions under **guidance/decisions** from Conferences of Parties (COPs) and is **accountable**:

- ✓ Participation in negotiations and mandated events
- ✓ GEF report highlighting response
- ✓ Response to Party inquiries



Convention on  
Biological Diversity



MINAMATA  
CONVENTION  
ON MERCURY



United Nations  
Convention to Combat  
Desertification



Stockholm Convention  
on persistent organic  
pollutants (POPs)



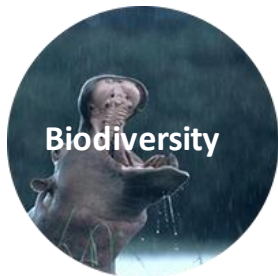
United Nations  
Framework Convention on  
Climate Change



# GEF Family of Funds

Trust Fund that serves BBNJ, CBD, CCD, Minamata Convention, Stockholm Convention, UNFCCC

GEF Trust Fund



Trust Funds that serve UNFCCC

LDCF

SCCF

CBIT Trust Fund



Trust Fund that serves CBD

NPIF Fund

GBF Fund



# Climate Funds Managed by GEF

## Adapting to climate change

**Least Developed Countries Fund (LDCF)**

**Special climate Change Fund (SCCF)**

**Established by COP7  
in 2001**

## Climate Change Mitigation

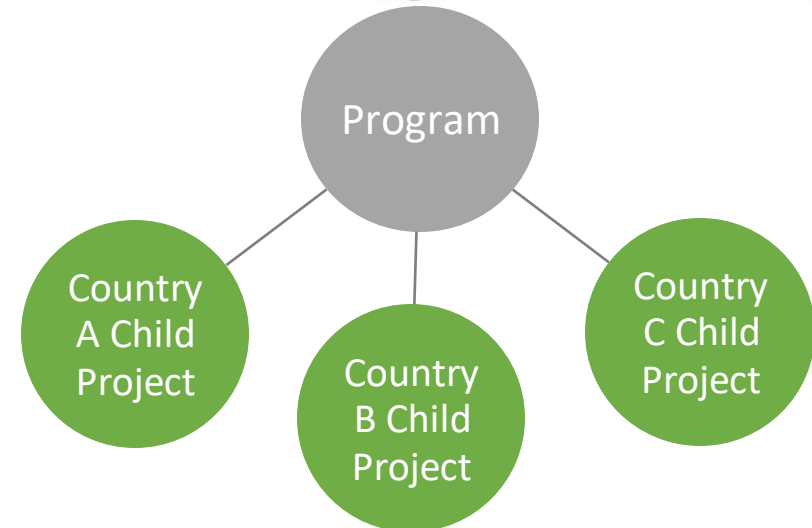
**GEF Trust Fund Allocation for Climate Change Focal Area**

**Capacity Building Initiative for Transparency (CBIT)**

**Established by  
COP21 in 2015**

# GEF Project Modalities

- **Full-Sized Project (FSP):** over US\$2M  
Approval by **Council** (twice a year & intersessional by mail)
- **Medium-Sized Project (MSP):** US\$2M or less  
Approval by **GEF CEO** (on a rolling basis)
- **Program:** longer term and strategic arrangement of individual interlinked projects that aim at achieving large-scale impact
- **Child Project:** an individual project under Program





A scenic sunset over a body of water. In the foreground, a large, leafy tree with a thick trunk leans over the water. The sky is a mix of orange, yellow, and blue, with the sun low on the horizon. In the middle ground, a small boat is moored near the shore. The water is calm, reflecting the colors of the sky. The overall mood is peaceful and serene.

# LDCF AND SCCF SUPPORT ACCESSED BY PACIFIC LDC-SIDS

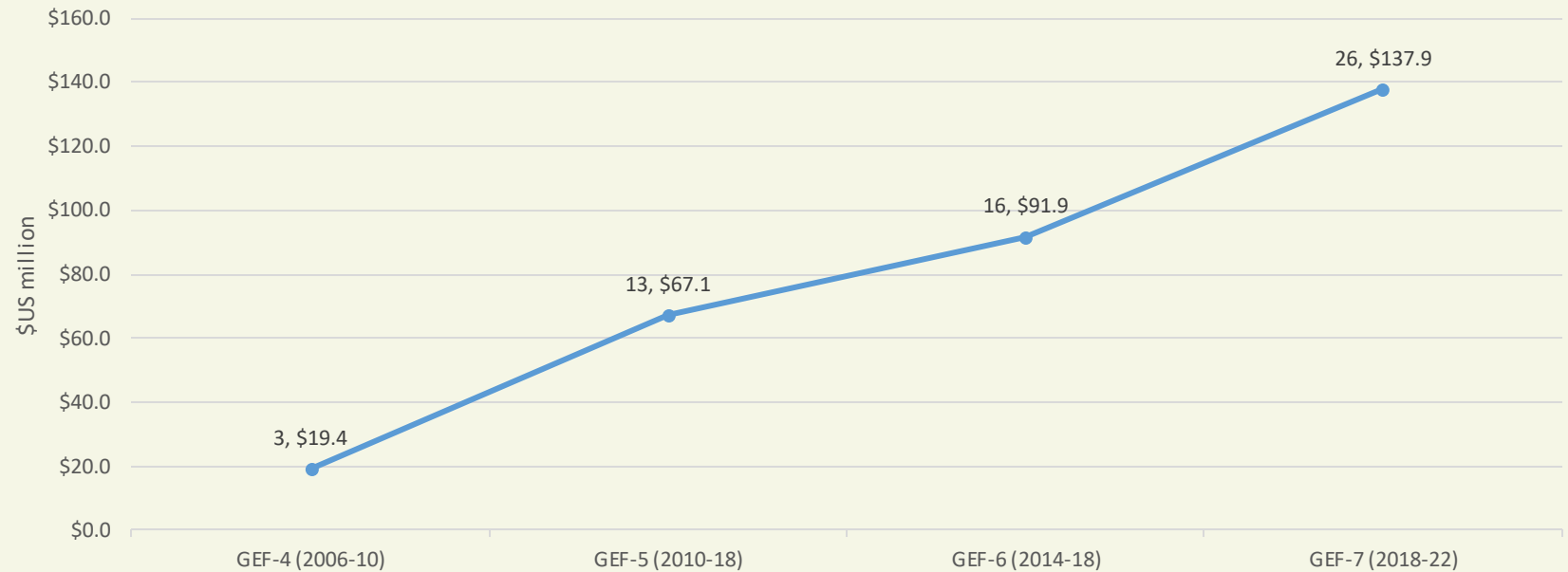
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# Snapshot of LDCF/SCCF Finance Since Inception

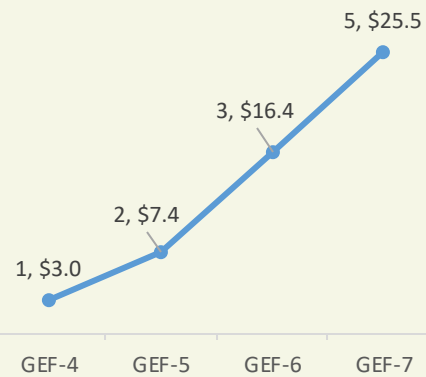
Since inception, **\$99 million LDCF resources** (project financing) have been accessed to support 21 national projects

**\$39 million LDCF/SCCF** have supported 5 regional projects

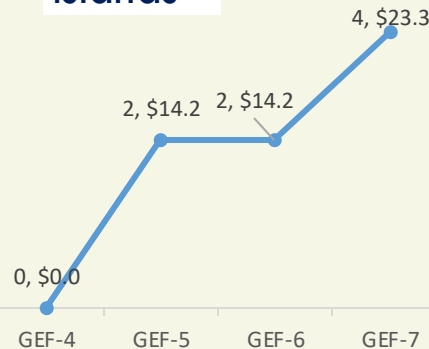
Total of funding and number of projects from LDCF/SCCF over time



Kiribati



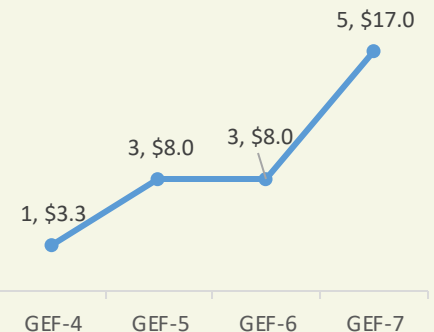
Solomon Islands



Timor-Leste



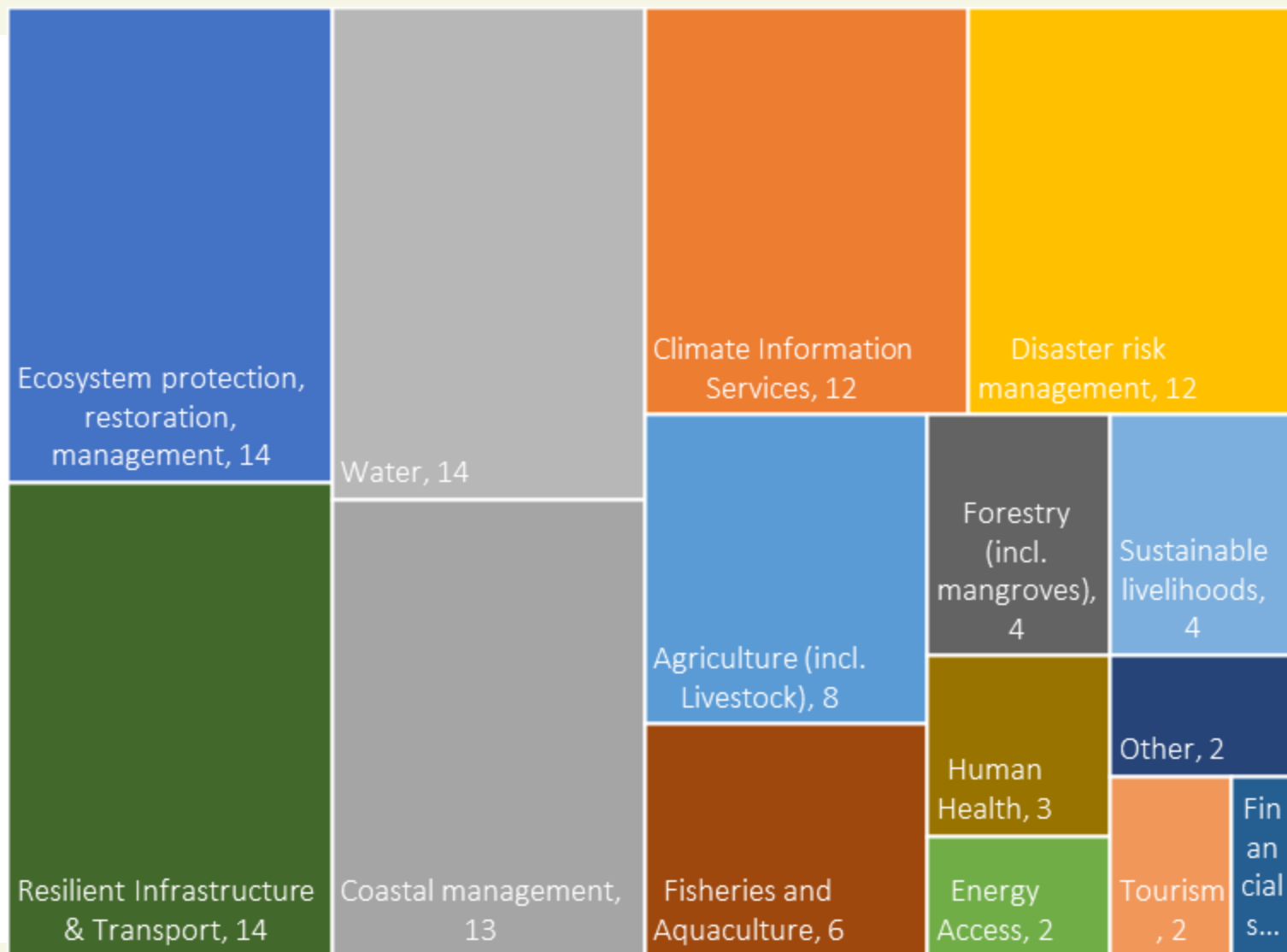
Tuvalu





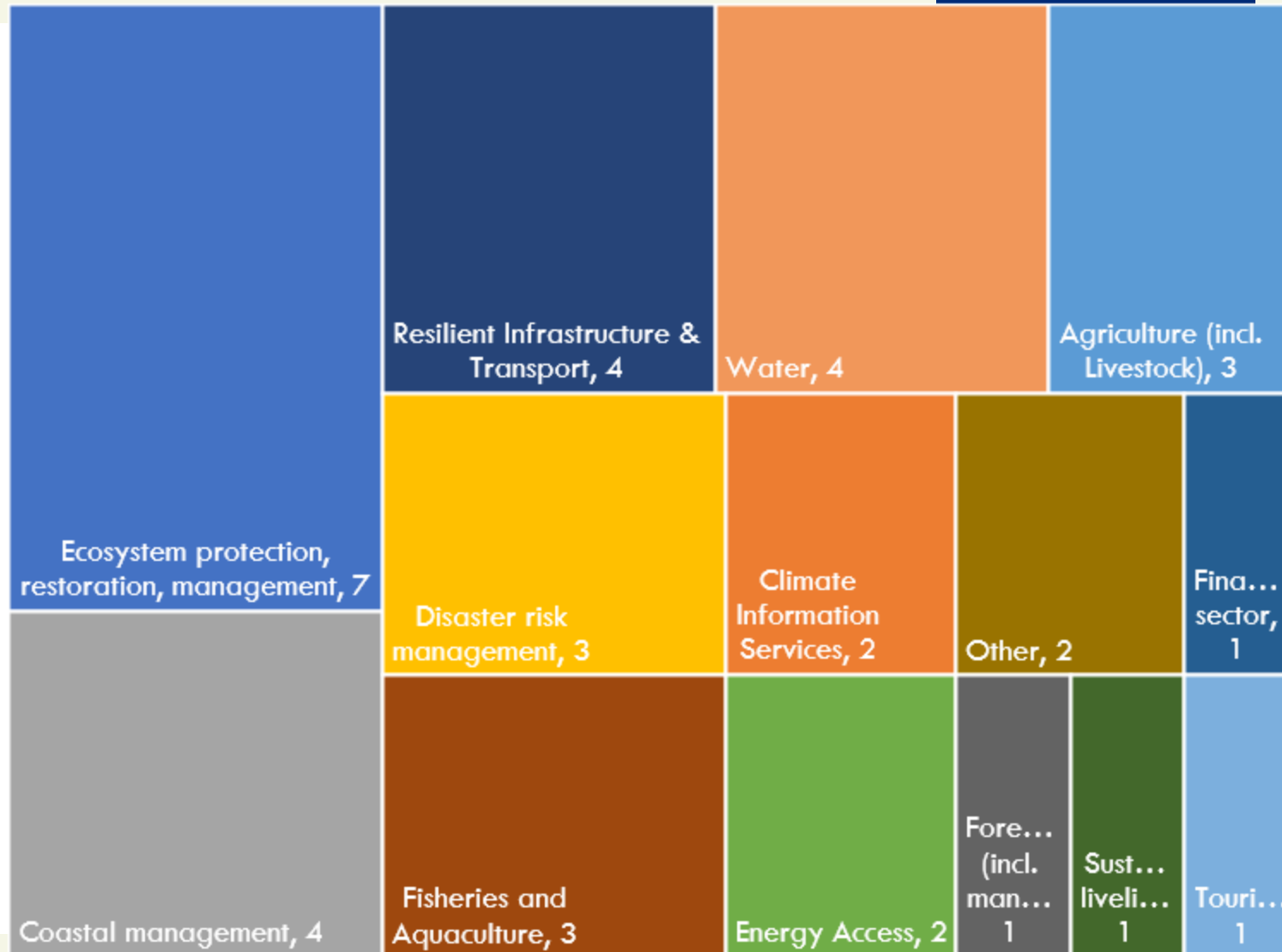
# Sectoral Distribution of LDCF/SCCF Projects in the Pacific LDC-SIDS

*By number, since inception*



# Sectoral Distribution of LDCF/SCCF Projects in the Pacific LDC-SIDS

by number during GEF-7





# Cumulative Expected Results of LDCF/SCCF Projects

*of Approved Projects in the Pacific LDC-SIDS*

As of March 31, 2023



**3.4 million** direct beneficiaries | GEF-6 + GEF-7: **~ 45% female**



**1.7 million** hectares of land better managed to withstand the effects of climate change



**0.4 million** people trained to identify, prioritize, implement, monitor and/or evaluate adaptation strategies and measures

GEF-6 + GEF-7: **~ 49% female**



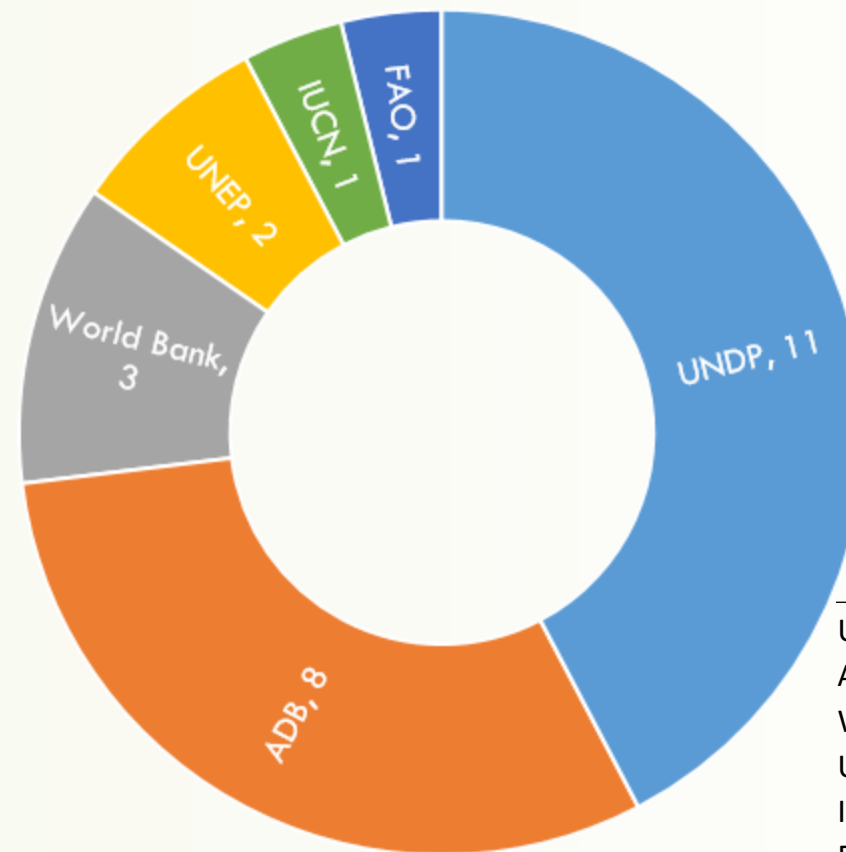
**421** policies, plans, and processes developed or strengthened to identify, prioritize, and integrate adaptation strategies and measures

# GEF Agencies Involved in Pacific LDC-SIDS

*By number since inception*

The GEF Agencies are the **operational arm** of the GEF.

Work closely with **national stakeholder** (i.e., governments, the private sector and civil society organization) in the **design and implementation** of GEF Projects.



	\$US mil.
UNDP	\$73.5
ADB	\$31.6
World Bank	\$14.9
UNEP	\$10.7
IUCN	\$4.5
FAO	\$2.6

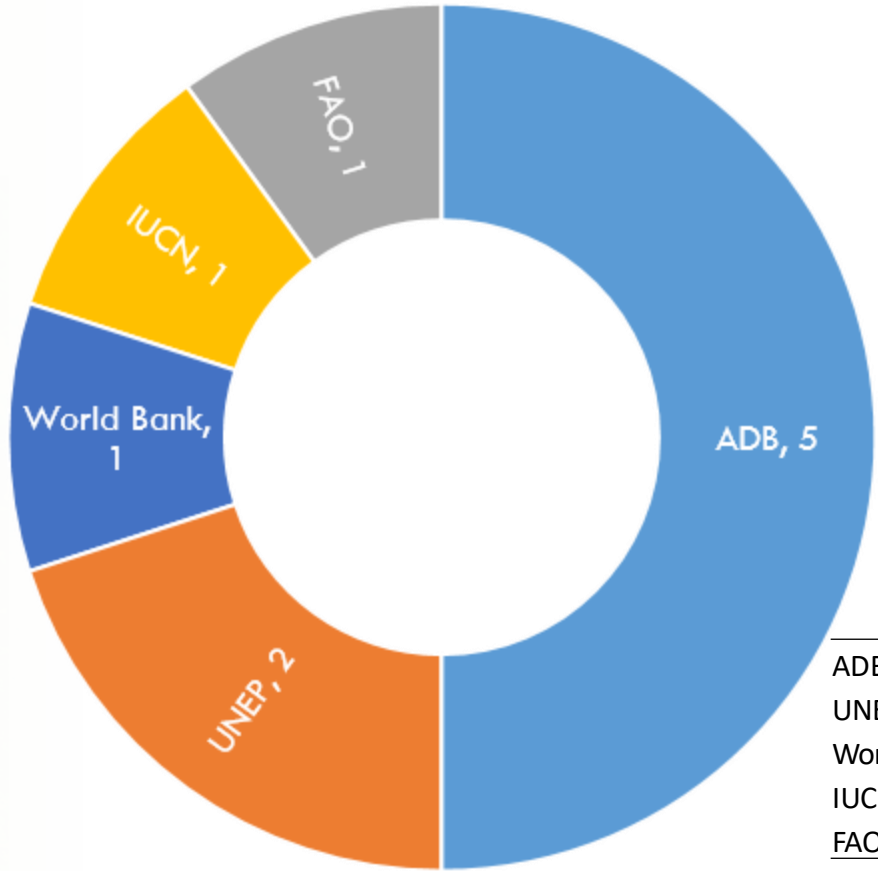
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# GEF Agencies Involved in Pacific LDC-SIDS

By number during GEF-7

During GEF-7, 5 GEF Agencies were involved in the **implementation in the Pacific LDC-SIDS.**



	\$US mil.
ADB	\$23.6
UNEP	\$10.7
World Bank	\$4.6
IUCN	\$4.5
FAO	\$2.6

As of March 31, 2023



# MULTILATERAL CLIMATE ADAPTATION FINANCE IN PACIFIC LDC-SIDS

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# Multilateral Adaptation Funds in Pacific LDCs

## Approved Adaptation Projects (# of projects, grant amount, sectors)

Country	Adaptation Fund	Green Climate Fund	GEF (LDCF/SCCF)
<b>Kiribati</b>	no projects	1 cross-cutting Sector: urban water supply	5 national projects worth \$25 million + 2 regional projects Sectors: agriculture, coastal mngt, ecosystem protection, infrastructure, water
<b>Solomon Islands</b>	2 projects Grant: USD 9.9 M total Sector: Urban resilience	2 projects (1 adapt'n, 1 cross-cutting) Grant: USD 25.0 M for adaptation project Sectors: community infrastructure; hydropower	4 projects worth \$23 million + 4 regional projects Sectors: CIS, DRM, infrastructure, water
<b>Timor Leste</b>	no projects	3 projects (2 adapt'n; 1 cross-cutting) Grant: USD 43.3 M (adaptation) Sectors: early warning; disaster risk red'n	7 projects worth \$33 million + 2 regional projects Sectors: CIS, ecosystem protection, forestry, infrastructure, water
<b>Tuvalu</b>	no projects	1 nat'l + 1 reg'l adaptation project Grant: USD 36.0 M (nat'l) Sector: coastal adaptation	5 projects worth \$17 million + 3 regional projects Sectors: coastal mngt, DRM



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# LDCF AND SCCF SUPPORT ACCESSED BY PACIFIC LDC-SIDS

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## Sharing Lessons, Experiences, and Good Practice in Accessing LDCF

**PANELISTS:** Country Representatives



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## Complementary Programming between GEF and GCF

### PANELISTS

- Chizuru Aoki and Tshewang Dorji, GEF Secretariat
- Fumihiko Tominaga, GCF Secretariat
- Augusto Pinto, National Directorate of Climate Change, Timor Leste

# Long-term vision on complementarity



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## Elements

### *Collaborative and coordinated programming*



Major initiatives

National investment planning

List of priorities for each fund

Collaborating financing  
platforms

### *Sharing information, lessons learned and knowledge*



Lessons learned from portfolio  
to strengthen implementation

Development and use of  
guidance products and  
methodologies for design and  
measurement

### *Communication and outreach*



Communicate about LTV in  
programming

Enhance outreach and  
communications with  
donors, at COPs

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## Ongoing Work



Consultations on  
additional major  
initiatives



Joint national  
investment planning in  
5 countries with  
Taskforce for Climate  
Finance Access



Analysis of GEF/GCF  
processes and  
policies and  
recommendations to  
support  
complementarity



Outreach and  
knowledge sharing  
expansion: COP 28  
joint pavilion





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# HIGHLIGHTS



To facilitate transformational adaptation in developing countries, towards achieving the Paris Agreement's global goal on adaptation



**Build on strengths and value** to address gaps, be innovative, inclusive, and agile



**Major upgrading opportunity** to catalyze transformational adaptation and contribute to Paris Agreement Global Goal on Adaptation



**Positioned** to generate and track multiple benefits and mobilize finance at scale, with GEF Trust Fund, GCF, and others



**Informed by science and priorities,** contributing to action and ambition in response to IPCC call for urgency

# LDCF/SCCF Priority themes for 2022-2026



## **Agriculture, food security and health**

*Heightened focus on community wellbeing*

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## **Water**

*Continued support to capture, store, conserve and enable easier and more reliable access to water*

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2



## **Early warning and climate information systems**

*Expand access and strive for greater user uptake*

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3



## **Nature-based solutions**

*High potential to deliver adaptation*

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**Least Developed Countries Fund (LDCF)**

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# **Programming strategy**



# LDCF priority areas for 2022-2026

## PRIORITY AREA 1

### Scaling up finance

- *Policy coherence*
- *Institutional capacity*
- *Innovative financing mechanisms*
- *Tools and metrics*

## PRIORITY AREA 2

### Strengthening innovation and private sector engagement

- *Technology transfer and innovation*
- *MSME incubation and acceleration*
- *Inclusive microfinance*
- *Risk sharing to catalyze private investment*
- *Enabling private sector action*

## PRIORITY AREA 3

### Fostering partnership for inclusion & whole-of-society approach

- *Institutional strengthening and capacity building at all levels*
- *Partnerships with local organizations and systems to address social equity*
- *Innovative financing opportunities to support whole-of society approach*
- *Thought leadership through global partnerships and fostering enabling environment*



# Theory of Change for the LDCF

## PROBLEM STATEMENT

Climate change is leading to increased vulnerabilities of key social, natural and economic systems in LDCs

## INTERVENTION AREAS

### Key themes



### Intervention scales

- Ecosystem-based
- Landscape and value-chain based
- Regional, rural, urban and coastal

## OUTPUTS

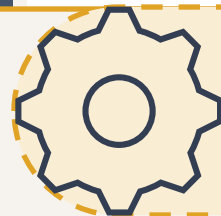
- Adaptation solutions in key economic sectors
- Institutional capacity for planning and implementation
- Policy and financial frameworks
- Innovation and private sector action
- Strong local organizations and communities
- Global partnerships

## OUTCOMES

- Climate resilient communities, ecosystems, value-chains and regions in LDCs
- Improved capacity and access to adaptation solutions and finance
- Inclusive and sustainable adaptation achieved with a whole-of-society approach
- Adaptation finance and innovative solutions catalyzed with private sector

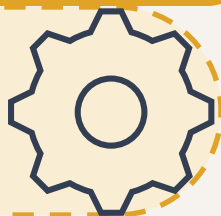
## GOAL

Transformational adaptation enabled to meet **Paris Agreement's global goal on adaptation**



### TRANSFORMATION LEVRS

**Policy coherence and climate mainstreaming**  
**Knowledge exchange and collaboration**  
**Strengthened governance**



**Cross-cutting Considerations : Gender Equality; Youth Empowerment**



# LDCF Financing Scenarios

FLOOR

SCENARIO A

Total: \$1 billion

SCENARIO B

Total: \$1.3 billion

Initial Cap per Country  
(46 LDCs at \$20 million  
initial cap per country)

\$920M



Reserve to go  
beyond initial cap for  
national projects

\$193M

Challenge Program  
for Adaptation  
Innovation

\$30M

\$40M

Regional and  
global projects  
and initiatives

\$33M

\$130M

Dedicated programs \$8M

Administrative expenses \$9M



LDCF/SCCF

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# Additional operational improvements



# Operational improvements and impacts

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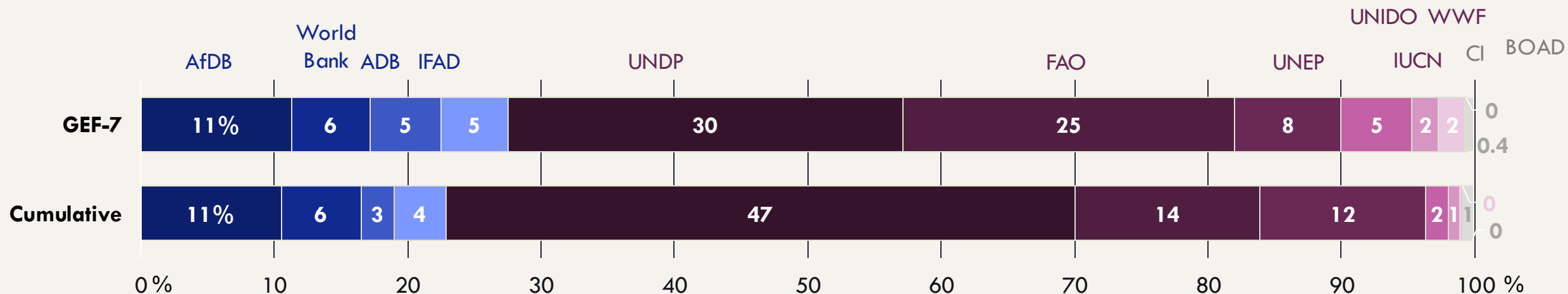
- Rolling approval of projects
- First-come, first-served
- No prioritization
- Limited multi-trust fund programming
- Pipeline with long wait (2+ years)

## GEF-7

- Work Programs
- Strategic prioritization
- Multi-trust fund programming enabled
- No more pipeline
- Significantly reduced wait time
- More balanced agency share
- \$10 million initial cap by LDC
- 10% for global/regional initiatives from LDCF

## GEF-8

- GEF-7 improvements
- Rio Markers for Climate Change, Biodiversity and Desertification
- Country resource cap modality for LDCF (\$20 million) and for SCCF
- Major initiatives and regional/global efforts from agreed 10% cap for LDCF
- Further synergy with GEF TF
- Aspirational MDB targets and ceiling to address agency concentration





# Results framework for the LDCF and SCCF

- Several Core Indicators aligned with those of other international financial mechanisms for climate adaptation
- Expanded list of sub-indicators associated with private sector engagement
- Meta-information will also be captured

## Core indicators



Sex-disaggregated



Age-segregated

Number of direct beneficiaries



1

(a) Area of land managed for climate resilience (ha),  
(b) Coastal or marine area managed for climate resilience (ha)

2

Total number of policies, plans, and frameworks that will mainstream climate resilience

3

Number of people trained or with awareness raised



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Number of private sector enterprises engaged in climate change adaptation and resilience action

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# Dedicated programs



## Communications and Visibility Enhancement

4-year plan with a dedicated communication strategy & financial/human resources

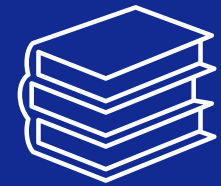
**\$2 million from LDCF**  
**\$0.5 million for SCCF**



## Outreach and Capacity Support for LDC and SIDS Planning and Programming

Enhanced support to LDCs/SIDS on project upstream workshops, investment planning, etc.

**\$4 million from LDCF**  
**\$1 million from SCCF**



## Organizational Learning and Coordination

Dedicated program on learning and coordination at the fund and portfolio levels.

**\$2 million from LDCF**  
**\$0.5 million from SCCF**



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# Insights from the GEF Scientific and Technical Advisory Panel (STAP)

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*Provides independent advice to the  
Global Environment Facility*

Mark Stafford Smith  
Senior Advisor to the STAP Chair

# Informal Initial Bilateral Meetings on Country Project Ideas with GEF-8 LDCF Resources





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