

# Meeting Needs and Gap:

How can we increase the effectiveness and efficiency of capacity building in developing countries?



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# Capacity Building UNDP Cornerstone



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Key cornerstones of a UNPD-supported project:

- **Capacity building**
- Creating an enabling environment through policy change
- Unlocking finance from public and private sectors

# UNDP Climate Change Adaptation Capacity building



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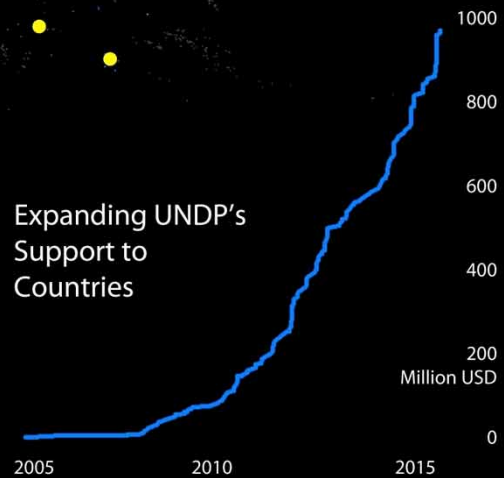
**\$530** Million  
103 projects in 66 countries

**\$971**  
MILLION  
PORTFOLIO  
(ACTIVE)

**\$6.1**  
MILLION  
AVERAGE FUNDING  
PER PROJECT

CUMULATIVE  
FUNDING  
SINCE 2005

**\$1.1**  
BILLION



**161** PROJECTS

|    |                         |
|----|-------------------------|
| 78 | Africa                  |
| 51 | Asia-Pacific            |
| 11 | Latin & Central America |
| 10 | Arab States             |
| 7  | Europe & Central Asia   |
| 4  | Global                  |

SOURCE OF FUNDS (Million USD)

|     |                                  |
|-----|----------------------------------|
| 595 | Least Developed Country Fund     |
| 131 | Adaptation Fund                  |
| 58  | Special Climate Change Fund      |
| 42  | Bilateral                        |
| 136 | Green Climate Fund               |
| 9   | Strategic Priority on Adaptation |

**85**  
COUNTRIES including:

**48** LDCs  
Least Developed Countries

**18** SIDS  
Small Island Developing States

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# Capacity Building **Typology**



UN  
DP

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## **Bangladesh** (LDCF) Government policy change



- National Land Zoning Act and Coastal Zone Policy modified to incorporate CCA
- National planners and policymakers trained on climate resilient coastal development
- Capacity building and community awareness training programs

## **Sri Lanka** (GCF) Community capacity building

- Community engagement for restoration of natural ecosystems as
- Organizing communities into collectives for improved stewardship of water resources



Link to Environmentally Sensitive Areas in a Blue-Green Era of Development

## **Mauritius** (AF)



- Education of children
- School curriculum

# Capacity Building **Key Examples**



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## **Negotiators Seminar**

(UNDP, UNEP, UNITAR, GEF, LEG)

- Lead negotiators from Africa, Asia and the Pacific regions participated
- Engaged in interactive sessions, shared experiences and simulation exercises
- Techniques and skills to engage more effectively and strategically in intergovernmental CC processes
- Strengthened the institutional capacity of LDCs to collect, interpret and disseminate climate change data and info

## Capacity Building **Some thoughts**



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- Capacity development is **multi-dimensional** – not just of technical skills but also of functional skills, mandates, etc
- Capacity building is not the number of workshops and number of days a temporary support person(s) was in country
- Capacity building is about long-term **systems** that can continuously nurture and build capacity



## Capacity Building **Take Home**



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- Must assume that once capacities are built, people will leave/change
- Must involve local institutions for capacity building support to be sustained
- Long term engagement

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Solutions

Learning by Doing

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