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# MFEM NIE ACCREDITATION UPDATE 2016

ADAPTATION FUND

# Agenda

- ▶ **Direct Access Defined**
- ▶ **Who is the Adaptation Fund**
- ▶ **What is their accreditation process**
- ▶ **How have we faired so far?**
- ▶ **National Learnings**

# What is Direct Access?

- ▶ An accredited National Implementing Entity (NIE) assumes the FULL function of project implementation – this is what Multilateral Implementing Entities (MIEs) traditionally performed
- ▶ Implementation Entity (MFEM)
  - ▶ Design, appraisal, supervision, oversight, reporting, financial management/supply of inputs, procurement oversight, contracting (holds Executing Entity accountable)
- ▶ Executing Entity (Government, private sector, CSO's)
  - ▶ Monitoring, procurement, overall project/program management, production of outputs

# Why Direct Access?

## ▶ Advantages:

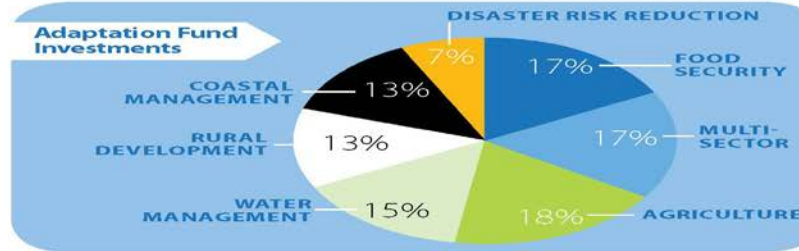
- ▶ Empower Cook Islands to manage our own funds following our own priorities
- ▶ Quicker inception and implementation to meet our immediate needs
- ▶ Retain more funds within the Cook Islands
- ▶ Continue to build stronger institutions through improving institutional and operational processes



# Adaptation Fund

**Climate Impacts**

HURRICANES/ CYCLONES  
WATER SUPPLIES  
FLOODING  
AGRICULTURE/ FOOD SECURITY  
LANDSLIDES  
COASTAL ZONES



- 3.57 MILLION DIRECT BENEFICIARIES**
- 38,516 PEOPLE TRAINED IN CLIMATE RESILIENCE MEASURES**
- 99 EARLY WARNING SYSTEMS**
- 121,025 METERS COASTLINE PROTECTED**
- 119,845 HECTARES NATURAL HABITAT RESTORED/PRESERVED**

**Individual Country Projects Implemented Through Accredited:**

- National Implementing Entities (23)
- Regional implementing Entities (6)
- Multilateral implementing Entities (12)

**Projects with 2 or more countries implemented through Regional Pilot Program**

**AF ROADMAP TO SERVE PARIS AGREEMENT**

- Roadmap established by COP21
- Adaptation Fund May Serve Paris Agreement, subject to process that is already underway

**National Implementing Entities:**

**BENEFITS of Direct Access**

- 1 STRENGTHENS READINESS for climate financing
- 2 OWNERSHIP at country level
- 3 TRANSPARENCY through full cycle

**PROJECT EXAMPLES:**

- Pakistan Disaster Risk Reduction:** GLACIAL LAKE OUTBURST WARNING SYSTEMS → 90% OF HOUSEHOLDS ABLE TO RESPOND TO EARLY WARNING SYSTEMS
- Mauritius Coastal Zone Management:** WAVE DEFLECTION, MANGROVE/ SEAWALL FORTIFICATION → 13,000 BEACH TOURISM JOBS PROTECTED
- Ecuador Food Security:** WATER/FOREST CONSERVATION, SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE → 50 PARISHES REDUCED CLIMATE RISK
- Mongolia Water Management:** IMPROVED GRAZING PRACTICES, WATER EFFICIENCY → 3,500 RIPARIAN/ WETLAND HECTARES RESTORED

**23 NIES NATIONAL IMPLEMENTING ENTITIES**

**NO INTERMEDIARY FUNDS GO DIRECTLY TO COUNTRY**

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# Accreditation Areas

- ▶ **Fiduciary Standards:**

  - Financial management and integrity

  - Institutional capacity

  - Transparency, self-investigative powers, anti-corruption measures

- ▶ **Environmental & Social Principles**

  - Marginalized and vulnerable groups

  - Protection of natural habitats

  - Human rights

  - Core labor rights

# Accreditation Areas

- ▶ **Accreditation of Small Entities**

Alternative streamlined, individualized process for smaller entities established since 2015

- ▶ **Gender Equality**

Equal access to project benefits for women and men



# The Journey So far....

- ▶ Support from Frankfurt School of Business to prepare application
- ▶ Akairo contracted to complete 'Te Tarai Vaka', Activity Management System
- ▶ First submission – December 2014
- ▶ Update – March 2015
- ▶ Further Update – September 2015
- ▶ Consideration for streamlined application – December 2015
- ▶ Further submissions - ongoing



# What have we learnt

- ▶ **Senior Management support (cross ministry)**
- ▶ **Working Group – you can't do this alone**
- ▶ **Capacity Building through the process is important**
- ▶ **Frequent interaction with the Accreditation Panel is critical**
- ▶ **Evidence is critical**
- ▶ **The goal is accreditation, but the process leads to better systems and processes**