

GCF: READINESS SUPPORT



- The GCF has a support fund known as the Readiness Programme that provides resources for strengthening the institutional capacities of National Designated Authorities (NDAs) and direct access entities to effectively engage with the Fund.
- Countries may request for readiness support through their NDA using the GCF's readiness template. This includes requests for adaptation planning support and for support on behalf of a direct access entity.

Support available

- Up to USD 1 million per country per year for all readiness activities (excluding adaptation planning).
- Up to USD 3 million per country once off for the formulation of National Adaptation Plans (NAPs) and/or other adaptation planning processes.
- Countries may submit multiple requests over different timeframes based on the needs of the country.
- Readiness support can only be accessed through a delivery partner who must undergo a Financial Management Capacity Assessment (FMCA) or an Accredited Entity (AE).

Strengthening country ownership

Readiness support is designed to help developing countries such as the Cook Islands to exercise ownership of climate change funding and integrate it within their national climate action plans.

Support can be directed towards a range of outcomes, including:

- Establishing or strengthening the NDA;
- Developing the no-objection procedure required for NDA approval for all GCF related project activities;
- Support stakeholder engagement, including through national and regional dialogues;
- Helping to identify and build capacity of direct access entities;
- Formulating adaptation planning and processes;
- Engaging and mobilizing the private sector.

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