



# The Community-Based Adaptation Programme Responding to Climate Change One Community at a Time

National strategies and programmes to combat the effects of climate change must go hand in hand with small-scale solutions for local communities. The Capacity Development and Adaptation Cluster (CDAC) is a unit within the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) – Global Environment Facility (GEF) that works exclusively with adaptation. CDAC and the Small Grants Programme (SGP) have developed a pilot programme designed to meet the challenges faced by communities adapting to the affects of climate change.

In an effort to strengthen ecosystem resilience to climate change, CDAC in cooperation with the SGP have developed a project entitled “*Community Based Adaptation (CBA) Programme*” to assist communities at the local level. The project will initially focus on developing CBA programmes in Bangladesh, Bolivia, Niger and Samoa and subsequently expand to include Morocco, Namibia, Vietnam, Guatemala, Jamaica and Kazakhstan. The CBA is supported by the GEF's Strategic Priority to Adaptation (SPA) Fund and is expected to provide lessons to the GEF and other key stakeholders (national governments, donor and technical institutes and others) on how to effectively support small-scale adaptation activities in diverse sectors, as well as institutional levels.

## Some envisaged outcomes:

- Framework for responding to community-based adaptation needs developed
- Diverse portfolio of 10 to 20 community based adaptation projects in 10 countries identified, financed and piloted.

- Small-scale projects to generate knowledge on how to facilitate adaptation implemented

Since the GEF's SPA is a pilot funding window, the CBA programme will be closely coordinated with other ongoing adaptation projects to maximize learning across the GEF portfolio. The capture and dissemination of lessons learned will be incorporated into UNDP-GEF's Adaptation Learning Mechanism (ALM).

The funds allocated to the CBA programme are approximately USD 4.6 millions, with additional co-financing by local and international partner institutions.

The programme began its current design phase, following the first meeting held in Bangkok, Thailand in September 2005. The implementation of the CBA programme is expected to commence during the second half of 2006.

The CBA programme is implemented by UNDP-GEF and the GEF- SGP.

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