

SUMMARY OF ACHIEVEMENTS
LoCAL Benin & Lesotho

April 2021 - June 2025

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Highlights

The Local Climate Adaptive Living Facility project Phase I in Lesotho and Phase II in the Republic of Benin received an overall project completion ratio of:

3.0 'Satisfactory'

Investments tackle:

- climate-adaptive agriculture
- climate resilient infrastructure
- water infrastructure
- land management

and include training and management skills that reinforce ownership and sustainability.

Financing locally led adaptation

AFRICA CLIMATE CHANGE FUND

Beneficiaries

BENIN

Planned: 930,000
Achieved: 100%
Of which women = 50%

LESOTHO

Planned: 88,000
Achieved: 91%
Of which women = 51%

4.0
Highly Satisfactory

For key outcome areas:

2. Financial sustainability and strengthening of capacities

4. Ownership and sustainability of project results



"Whenever we have public gatherings and state our needs at one of the planning sessions, we see that things are happening more quickly."

Malikhapha Olympia Posholi, empowered resident of Khoelenya, Mohale's Hoek, Lesotho

4 Measurable outputs

- ✓ **1 – Increased awareness of and capacities to respond to climate change and related risks at the local level**
- ✓ **2 – Climate change adaptation is mainstreamed into government's planning and budgeting systems in a gender sensitive and participatory manner and investments are implemented in line with Performance-Based Climate Resilience Grant (PBCRG) system**
- ✓ **3 – The PBCRG system is effectively and sustainably established in participating countries and leads to an increased amount of climate finance available for locally led adaptation through local governments**
- ✓ **4 – The role of local governments and potential of the PBCRG system in addressing climate change are increasingly recognized at international level, through outreach, learning and quality assurance**



Lesotho

20 infrastructure adaptation investments across 10 community councils with a population of 88,000. PBCRGs support national efforts toward fiscal decentralization, earning the approach a mention in the 2025 Budget Speech.

ACCF support is anticipated to leverage additional financing from GIZ. As of January 2025, discussions on next steps are underway.



Benin

15 infrastructure adaptation investments across nine local governments with a combined population of 930,000. PBCRGs are managed by FNEC, which is leading enhanced direct access to Green Climate Fund finance.

ACCF support contributed to the preparation and successful mobilization of $9.4 million in GCF financing, which is expanding adaptation activities with LoCAL to 2.7m direct and indirect beneficiaries.

Mobilizing additional financing

Key lessons for future engagement

The efficiency, accountability and timeliness of fund disbursement to local governments is directly linked to the degree of integration of PBCRGs into national legislation and fiscal transfer systems. Investment in technical assistance is essential.

Climate change knowledge and understanding at the community level are the foundation for sustainable change.

Access to precise, local-level data on weather, climate risks, and vulnerabilities is critical.

Close and proactive planning can improve the timeliness of PBCRG implementation.

All local-level investments should include sustainability and maintenance plans.

Adaptation investments should systematically analyze potential environmental and social risks.

Actively engaging local communities and ensuring the meaningful participation of women and vulnerable groups strengthens inclusivity and fosters locally driven solutions.

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