

## Project Brief

**Project title : Civil Society Organizations Readiness for the Green Climate Fund – Focus Africa – Phase II (CSO-Readiness for the GCF)**

### **Chapeau :**

Africa is a region on which the Green Climate Fund (GCF) has a major focus, and has started to allocate substantial financial commitments to projects and programmes that are expected to be transformative. The overall goal (Outcome) of the project is that the sustained capacities and expertise among African CSOs in the 10 focus countries contribute to their long-term engagement in the GCF processes within established national structures where they play critical, constructive and meaningful roles to advocate for transformative GCF-funded activities and policy frameworks and hold implementing actors and partners to account.

**Lead partners :** Jointly coordinated by Germanwatch and CARE International Germany

**Implementing partners (in Madagascar) :** CARE International Madagascar and SAF/FJKM

**Activity sector :** Climate change – climate finance – CSOs capacity building

**Focus countries :** Ghana, Kenya, Malawi, Morocco, Senegal, Cameroon, Cote d'Ivoire, Egypt, **Madagascar** and Namibia

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**Fin :** Décembre 2017

**Budget (Madagascar):** 99 336 EUROS

**Funding :** BMU – German Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature conservation and nuclear safety through the International Climate Initiative (ICI)

### **Political partner institutions in the focus countries:**

- Focal Points and/or National Designated Authorities (NDAs) of the GCF in the focus countries, other neighbouring countries as well as across the African region;
- Ministries of Environment and Ministries of Finance of the focus countries and other neighbouring countries that are involved in the design and implementation of GCF financed activities and policy processes at the national and the regional levels
- Accredited Entities (AEs) of the GCF at the national and regional level (direct access AEs) and international level (international access AEs)
- Other relevant ministries that are directly or indirectly involved in the design

**Target group :** the main target group is civil society in Africa

- a) Civil society at national level (in particular CSO networks with broader reach) which will be supported to proactively engage with governments, implementing entities and national stakeholders
- b) Local or affected communities and respective representatives (in countries with concrete GCF funding proposals and already approved projects and programmes)
- c) Civil society as well as governments, implementing entities and GCF stakeholders at regional and continental levels

In addition, the project will target broader civil society internationally, which will be informed about and benefit from the project, as well as media and members from governments and implementing entities, the GCF secretariat, readiness providers/experts and GCF Board members (in particular from Africa)

## Brief project description :

The GCF is the most important multilateral instrument in climate finance. As it is unlikely that the GCF intended paradigm shift towards low-emissions and climate-resilient economies and societies (GCF funding mandate) can be achieved without broad civil society engagement, the project aims to scale-up existing CSO capacities and build CSO roles to advocate for ambitious proposals in the areas of mitigation and adaptation/disaster risk reduction/resilience, bring on-the-ground CSO expertise and knowledge to the table of discussion (GCF Board, regional and national processes), help embed GCF-funded activities in a broader societal support for transformation, and increase accountability and transparency of national authorities and implementing actors of GCF activities through participatory monitoring and evaluation led by CSOs.

## Objectives :

The **four specific project objectives** aim to:

- Build CSOs roles to advocate for ambitious GCF funding proposals in the areas of mitigation and adaptation/disaster risk reduction;
- Bring on-the-ground civil society expertise and knowledge to the table of discussion (GCF Board, national dialogues and processes);
- Increase accountability and transparency of national authorities and implementing actors of GCF activities through participatory monitoring and evaluation led by CSOs;
- Help embed GCF-funded activities in a broader societal support for transformation

These objectives are connected with the **overall project goal** in the following ways:

- African CSOs are better equipped with the relevant skills they need to advocate for ambitious GCF funding proposals in the areas of mitigation and adaptation with national, regional and international GCF spheres, and to play major roles in developing new ideas that can be turned into transformative funding proposals
- The active CSO engagement generates relevant on-the-ground knowledge, learning and good practice and expertise which are channeled by the project national partners to country dialogues and processes on the Fund as well as within the GCF Board proceedings.
- Empowered African CSOs monitor and accompany the implementation of GCF funded projects and programs at the national and regional levels; this enable them to hold national authorities and implementing actors to account within transparency and participatory frameworks and towards good results.
- Through civil society work and engagement, public awareness on the GCF objectives has increased and this participates to embed GCF-funded activities in a broader societal support for transformation by addressing key aspects such as how transformation looks like, what it is and how it is achieved by the GCF

## Outcome, outputs and activities :

**Outcome** : Sustained capacities and expertise among African CSOs in the 10 focus countries contribute to their long-term engagement in the GCF processes within established national, regional and international structures where they play critical, constructive and meaningful roles to advocate for transformative GCF-funded activities and policy frameworks, and hold implementing actors and partners to account

**Output 1 and activities** : Conceptual materials on aspects of CSO readiness for the GCF are used by CSOs in their national work and existing materials are translated into additional languages as guided by experience and learning from the previous project phase

**Activity 1** : Inception and kick-off meeting

**Activity 2** : Translation and layout of existing CSO materials such as toolkit, factsheets, and thematic briefs

**Activity 3** : Further dissemination (online and print versions) of the existing materials (handouts on CSO readiness for the GCF (by all project partners)

**Activity 4** : Online webinars to capitalize the use of the existing CSO readiness toolkit

**Activity 5** : Online training and teaching through CARE Climate and Resilience Academy focused on GCF learning journey

**Output 2 and activities** : CSOs in African focus countries effectively engage in and influence GCF processes and are able to advocate for transformative GCF projects and share their experience with other countries, across the continent and internationally.

**Activity 1** : Assessment of GCF state of play in new focus countries

**Activity 2** : National stakeholder workshops in all focus countries

**Activity 3** : Establishment and coordination of national CSO platforms on the GCF

**Activity 4** : Other nationally defined activities in relation to the GCF

**Activity 5** : Regional webinars to promote cross-country experience and knowledge sharing on the GCF (JVE, PACJA)

**Activity 6** : Regional workshops to facilitate cross-learning among African countries (ENDA, PACJA)

**Activity 7** : Pan-African Conference focused on the GCF and other relevant climate finance-related issues (PACJA with contributions from all partners)

**Output 3 and activities** : Empowered CSOs monitor and accompany the implementation of GCF-funded projects and policies, and their meaningful engagement contributes to hold implementing actors and partners accountable

**Activity 1** : Regular field visits and community consultations in the GCF project sites

**Activity 2** : In-country webinars on participatory monitoring of GCF projects and processes

**Activity 3** : Development and dissemination of country factsheets on Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E) of the GCF

**Activity 4** : Training-of-Trainers to build CSO expertise on the GCF and climate finance issues (ENDA, PACJA with inputs from Germanwatch, CARE)

**Activity 5** : Attendance and influence of GCF Board meetings and GCF Africa Structured Dialogues (Germanwatch, with participation of two to three African CSO fellows)

**Activity 6** : Review and analysis of GCF funding proposals and relevant GCF policies (country partners, with contributions from CARE Germany, Germanwatch)

**Output 4 and activities** : Civil society actors are positioned as a key player in climate finance related issues, especially on GCF, across Africa and internationally, and they can raise strong awareness on how the GCF contributes to transformational changes

**Activity 1** : Additional thematic briefs on relevant issues related to the GCF (Germanwatch, CARE with contributions from all country partners)

**Activity 2** : Promotion of project learning and knowledge at international side events

**Activity 3** : Development and dissemination of a stocktake report and sustainability plan on the project results (CARE, Germanwatch, with contributions from all partners)