



Community Resilience Partnership Program

Supporting investments that reach scale while ensuring no one is left behind

What is the Community Resilience Partnership Program?

The Community Resilience Partnership Program (CRPP) is intended to help countries and communities in Asia and the Pacific scale up investments in climate adaptation, especially investments at the community level, that explicitly target the nexus between **climate change, poverty, and gender**. In doing so, the CRPP aims to support countries to meet their commitments to the Paris Agreement, the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction, and the Sustainable Development Goals.

The CRPP in support of Global Calls on Adaptation and Resilience

- The CRPP responds to the COP26 goal of scaling up adaptation to protect communities and natural habitats, and mobilizing finance for climate adaptation measures that meet the needs of the poor and vulnerable communities.
- The CRPP is aligned with the priorities of the Global Commission on Adaptation and its principles for locally-led adaptation.



Why Do We **Need** the CRPP?



The climate and poverty nexus requires explicit attention. Poor and vulnerable communities are disproportionately affected by climate shocks and stresses, thereby requiring explicit investments in adaptation measures that build resilience to climate change.

Targeted support is needed for women and girls to build resilience to climate change. Women and girls are impacted differently compared to men and boys due to pre-existing gender inequalities, and so they require targeted support that promotes their empowerment in climate resilience actions.

COVID-19 has highlighted underlying vulnerabilities. The coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic has reinforced inequalities, with a disproportionate impact on the poor, thereby highlighting the need for putting resilience-building at the center of COVID-19 recovery.

A large gap remains in climate finance that responds to local needs. Implementing climate adaptation measures within communities requires financial resources that directly respond to their needs, yet limited climate adaptation finance is reaching the local level.

These points explain the need for adaptation solutions that are led locally yet delivered at scale and tackle the underlying drivers of vulnerability.

What Are the **Objectives** of the CRPP?

Meeting the increasing challenges that climate change presents requires going beyond incremental adjustments that are often insufficient to deal with long-term climate risk, especially when impacts are severe. More fundamental transformational changes are needed to redirect the lives and livelihoods of poor and vulnerable people toward a more climate-resilient and sustainable future. The CRPP aims to contribute to transformational change by reaching three key objectives:

1. Mobilizing **large-scale public investments** that support community-level adaptation of poor and vulnerable people.
2. Developing **national and local policies, plans, and programs** that promote financing for community-led adaptation.
3. Increasing the **meaningful participation of poor women and men** in resilience-related decision-making.



The CRPP aims to scale up pro-poor investments through

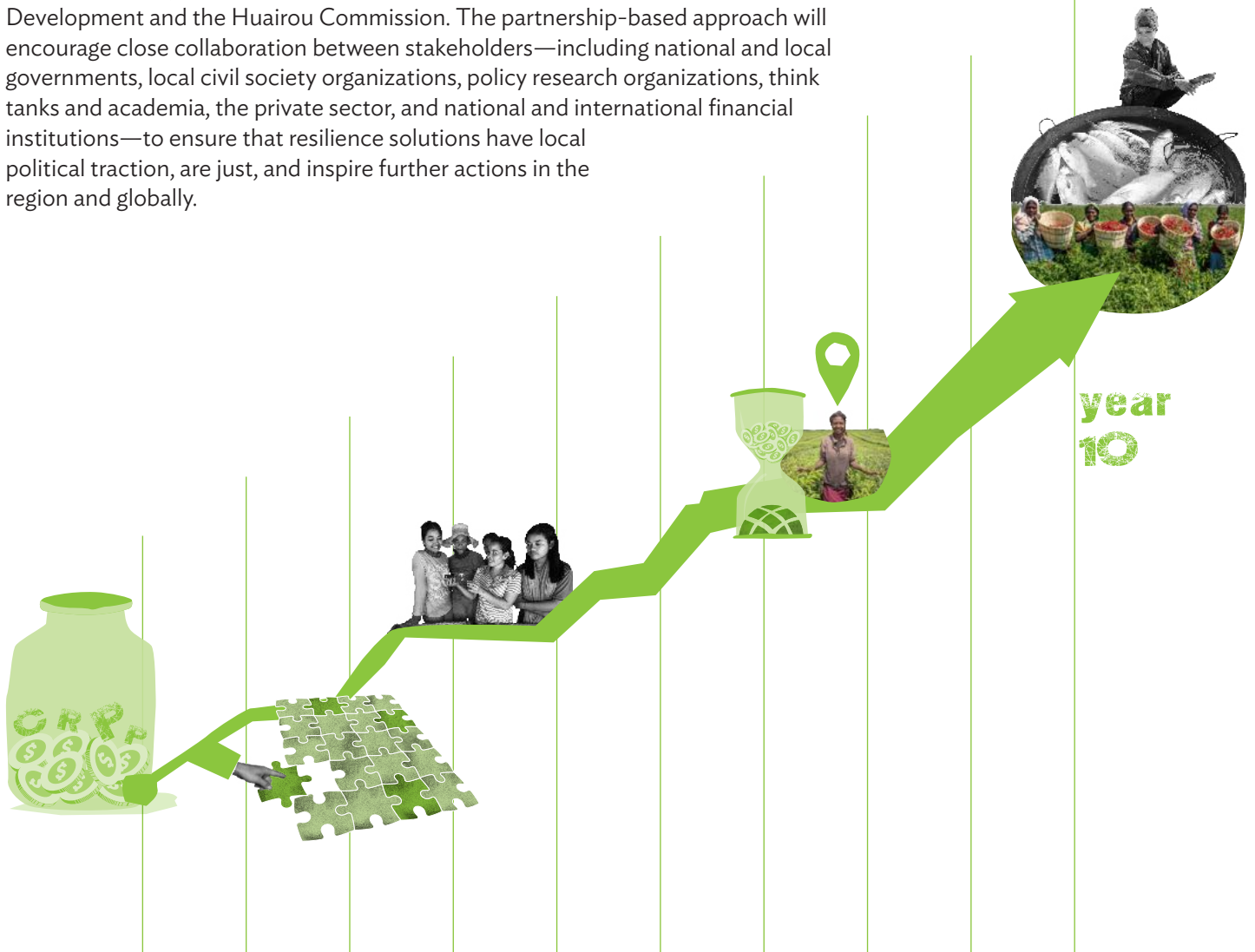
- Adaptive social protection programs
- Technical and vocational education and training for climate-resilient skill development
- Strengthening early warning signals for public health systems in a changing climate
- Strengthening climate services for women farmers
- Diversification of rural livelihoods for resilience
- Resilient community-driven development projects
- Climate-resilient agribusiness
- Community-based forest management and adaptation
- Ecosystem-based adaptation in urban informal settlements
- Climate-resilient housing microfinance
- Disaster microfinance for women
- Climate risk-informed decentralization

How Will the CRPP be **Operationalized**?

The CRPP will be operationalized through the **Community Resilience Financing Partnership Facility**. The facility is designed with a 10-year implementation period, which provides a long-term commitment for building resilience. It will include a **multidonor trust fund**, administered by the Asian Development Bank (ADB). The facility also permits the arrangement of other forms of partnership during the implementation period, such as for project specific and/or programming cofinancing.



A **partnership-based approach** drives implementation of the CRPP. The program, led by ADB, will partner closely with the International Institute for Environment and Development and the Huairou Commission. The partnership-based approach will encourage close collaboration between stakeholders—including national and local governments, local civil society organizations, policy research organizations, think tanks and academia, the private sector, and national and international financial institutions—to ensure that resilience solutions have local political traction, are just, and inspire further actions in the region and globally.



What Will the CRPP Support?

The CRPP trust fund will provide support through the following:



Technical assistance to strengthen awareness and capacity of national and local institutions for pursuing climate-risk-informed poverty reduction strategies and programs in education, health, social protection, financial inclusion, and livelihoods-related sectors. Activities may include:

- **Research and analysis** for identifying transformational adaptation investments that meet community needs and are aligned with national and local climate and poverty reduction priorities.
- **Policy dialogues** to influence the wider enabling environment for planning and programming to support investments in community-led adaptation, including through participation of the private sector.
- **Documenting and sharing lessons**, including lessons emerging from the COVID-19 response, which are critical for building future resilience.
- **Strengthening capacity** of national and local institutions to access international climate finance for community-level adaptation projects.



Project preparation to undertake prefeasibility and feasibility studies for developing and financing pro-poor investment projects to support community-led adaptation. Activities may include:

- **Project preparation** for pro-poor investments that promote community-led adaptation.
- **Capacity-building** of national and local institutions to identify, develop, and implement community-led adaptation measures as part of poverty-reduction investments.
- **Engagement** with potential financing partners to mobilize adaptation finance, including strengthening linkages with global climate funds.



Grant financing to governments and communities, on a selective basis, for pump-priming of innovative concepts for delivering transformational adaptation solutions at community-level. Activities may include:

- **Pilots** as part of ADB-financed investment projects to demonstrate innovative approaches and/or solutions for implementing community-led adaptation measures.
- **Small grants** to grassroots women's organizations to test innovative ideas on building local resilience.



Gender Window of the CRPP Trust Fund

The CRPP Trust Fund will include a dedicated gender window with funds earmarked for supporting **women-focused investments**. Focusing on women means prioritizing investment projects where the primary stakeholders are women throughout the project cycle, from planning, design, and implementation, through to monitoring, evaluation, and learning. This is important in order to reduce women's vulnerabilities and unlock their potential as agents of change for adaptation and resilience. The gender window will (i) support the development of community-level climate adaptation solutions where the primary stakeholder are women and (ii) provide grant financing to implement such solutions. Outside of the gender window, all other activities will also involve gender mainstreaming and include gender-specific designs.



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