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USAID CLIMATE ADAPTATION SUPPORT ACTIVITY (CASA) ADVANCING EQUITABLE AND AMBITIOUS CLIMATE ADAPTATION

Climate change is a global crisis. As temperatures and sea levels rise, people around the world are increasingly impacted by heat waves, droughts, floods, cyclones, and wildfires that are upending their lives.

Climate change threatens the development progress advanced by USAID for more than 60 years. USAID has made ambitious commitments to help partner countries address these effects in response, including supporting 500 million people to adapt to climate change and become more climate resilient.

SUPPORTING ADAPTATION ACTION

USAID's climate adaptation work strengthens the resilience of human and natural systems to impacts of climate change while advancing critical development priorities such as increasing global food and water security, reducing the impacts of climate-related shocks and stresses, preventing the spread of vector-borne diseases, and reducing conflict over resources. The **USAID Climate Adaptation Support Activity (CASA)** amplifies this work by providing strategic support to USAID Missions, Bureaus, and Operating Units (OUs) in effective adaptation mainstreaming, programming, and scaling for meaningful change.

SERVICES, PRODUCTS, AND TECHNICAL SUPPORT

CASA provides direct support to USAID and its partners to provide the climate information, analysis, and capacity-building needed to fully incorporate climate change adaptation into their planning, programming, and work. This includes technical services, products, and support in three areas:

ACTIONABLE INFORMATION to support the design and implementation of impactful adaptation approaches, interventions, and systems shifts. Services include climate risk analyses, adaptive capacity and resilience options assessments, analysis of opportunities and constraints for climate finance, and similar products. CASA also develops adaptation guidance and decision-making tools.

STRATEGIC, FORWARD-LOOKING ADAPTATION AND RESILIENCE APPROACHES to support sustainable, scalable, and innovative adaptation. Services include conducting research on adaptation approaches within and across sectors and contexts, developing thought leadership around scaling climate-resilient development pathways, and determining best practices in adaptation measurement.

CAPACITY, CONVENING, AND PARTNERSHIP AND COALITION STRENGTHENING to support impactful adaptation action. Services include direct technical assistance and learning exchange around specific technologies or practices, mobilization of adaptation partnerships and coalitions, and development of knowledge management systems and communications products.

WORKING WITH CASA

CASA serves as a cross-sectoral support mechanism. USAID Missions, Bureaus, and OUs can buy in to the activity to receive adaptation support as described above.

WHEN TO BUY IN. USAID Missions, Bureaus and OUs can buy in to CASA at any time; however, CASA's period of implementation ends September 8, 2027, and all buy-ins must be completed at least six months prior to that end date.

BUY-IN VALUES. CASA can receive buy-ins of any size and is currently implementing work streams valued at as little as \$150,000 and as much as \$5 million. CASA will continue to accept buy-ins until it reaches its contract buy-in ceiling of approximately \$25 million. It is expected that CASA could reach that contract buy-in ceiling before the end of the project and there may be limited ability to accept buy-ins in later project years.

HOW TO BUY IN. USAID Missions, Bureaus, or OUs interested in employing CASA to support their climate adaptation work should contact CASA's Contracting Officer's Representative and Alternate Contracting Officer's Representative listed below.

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ILLUSTRATIVE SERVICES

ACTIONABLE INFORMATION

Analyses: Climate and climate-related risk, adaptive capacity, adaptation options, and similar analyses

- Regional, national, and subnational analyses to inform activity design and strategic adaptation efforts
- Opportunities and constraints for climate finance, including at the local level
- Climate adaptation and resilience options assessments

Guidance/tools: Adaptation guidance and decision-making tools

- Adaptation mainstreaming, scaling, and scenario planning within and across sectors
- Identification and implementation of options for adaptation-mitigation co-benefits
- Approaches to designing efforts to transform systems for long-term adaptation

STRATEGIC, FORWARD-LOOKING ADAPTATION AND RESILIENCE APPROACHES

Evidence synthesis

- Technologies and practices for adaptation approaches within and across sectors and contexts
- Barriers to and opportunities for advancing climate information services
- Effective approaches to natural resource sharing and management agreements to advance adaptation

Thought leadership and research

- Approaches to developing and scaling climate-resilient development pathways
- Approaches for addressing climate-related migration, including migration as an adaptation strategy

Monitoring, evaluation, research, and learning (MERL)

- Adaptation learning and research agendas
- Best practices in adaptation measurement and mainstreaming adaptation MERL in the program cycle

CAPACITY, CONVENING, AND PARTNERSHIP AND COALITION STRENGTHENING

Capacity strengthening, technical assistance, and learning exchange

- Learning events, learning products, and training content
- Adaptation investment plans/strategies

Mobilization of partnerships and coalitions

- Support for partnership development and coalition strengthening for adaptation action
- Explore and support potential synergies among new and existing partnerships and coalitions

Knowledge management and communications

- Systems for adaptation knowledge sharing
- Internal and external adaptation communications products
- Curated examples to illustrate adaptation interventions and approaches, including adaptation finance