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Locally Led Adaptation

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Addressing climate risk

- More finance for adaptation
- More climate finance to most vulnerable countries and communities
- More locally led adaptation

Why Locally Led Adaptation?

- Local actors have first-hand knowledge of climate impacts and how to cope
- Local actors are the ones who understand the nuanced contexts in which they operate
- LLA means more context-specific, agile and diverse approaches to building climate resilience



Finance not reaching the Frontlines

- < 10% global climate fund finance reaches local levels,
- < 2.5 % humanitarian finance flows via local responders
- Most international climate finance goes through large intermediaries
- Complex application processes, reporting requirements, and use of large, hamper access
- System does not support agency and decision-making power for local partners

Finance not reaching the frontlines

Foundational Evidence Base

LOCALLY LED, GENDER- RESPONSIVE FINANCE

All donors (developed countries, MOBs, multilateral climate funds and other institutions) need to:

- Expand resources and support for locally led action on climate change – in line with developing countries' own national planning, policies and strategies (including Nationally Determined Contributions) – and track and report on how much climate finance is spent at the local level.
- Urgently increase financial support for climate action with stronger gender equality efforts; ensure that all climate finance projects consider the different needs of women and men in objectives, design and implementation, and have gender equality markers transparently reported to the OECD.



Money where it matters: designing funds for the frontier

Marek Soaness, Clare Shukya, Anna Walczyk and Sam Greene

Issue Paper
March 2019

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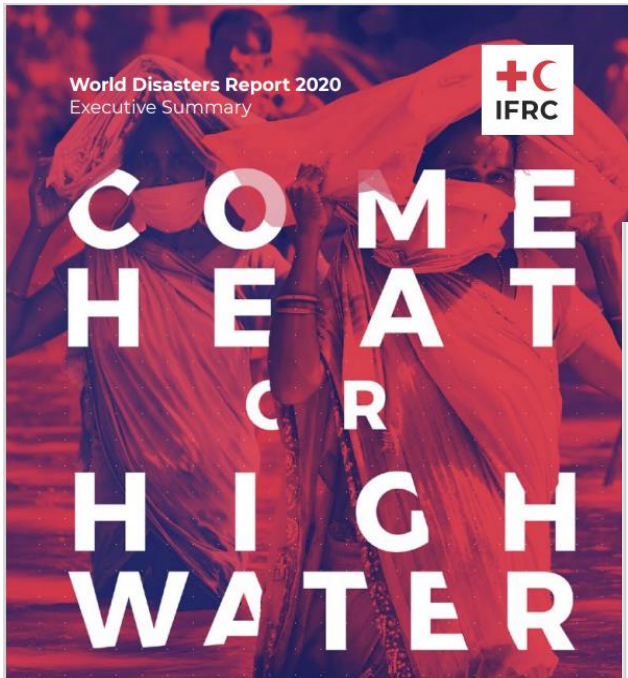
With only US\$1 in every US\$10 committed from climate funds for local level climate action, climate finance is failing to get money where it matters. We need to reimagine the climate finance system. This paper investigates the flow of finance from primary donor to local actor and presents a new framework to get more finance to local institutions to tackle the drivers of poverty, resource degradation and climate change. It also sets out the ways in which primary



How chronic gaps in adaptation finance expose the world's poorest people to climate chaos

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Integrate and localize the approach

'Integration' may not sound like a particularly revolutionary approach to the global climate crisis, but it is indispensable. The main global regulatory frameworks – the SDGs, the Sendai Framework and the Paris Agreement – already call for integrated approaches in climate change adaptation, disaster risk reduction and development. However, few national disaster risk management laws and policies fully integrate climate change adaptation and some states employ parallel and separate institutional mechanisms and planning processes for climate change adaptation, disaster risk management and development.

There is also a lack of integration across international finance sources, with climate, development and humanitarian funding streams often operating in uncoordinated ways, leaving gaps in coverage – particularly in support for local responders and community-level action.

Local humanitarian and civil society organizations can anticipate, respond to, and support the recovery of affected communities, if these communities have the resources they need. Multilateral climate finance is extremely difficult for civil society groups to access, and there is a collective blind-spot that can prevent support from being available for long-term institutional capacity building of local disaster responders.



The initiative should come from the community, we should build inclusive dialogue in the community. Interviewee, Mali

Winning the Peace: Peacebuilding and Climate Change in Mali and Somalia

DanChurchAid, Norwegian Church Aid and ACT Alliance
8th June 2020



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Climate adaptation should be locally led, with decision-making at local committees where possible. Donors can contribute to allowing for greater decentralisation of funding streams for climate change and peacebuilding, and greater interplay between the different organizations, including local authorities, should strive to involve the community in an inclusive manner.



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Climate finance fails to reach most vulnerable nations facing climate chaos



Locally Led Adaptation Principles

Devolving decision making to the lowest appropriate level

Building a robust understanding of climate risk and uncertainty

Addressing structural Inequalities faced by women, youth, people with disabilities, Indigenous Peoples, and excluded ethnic groups

Flexible programming and learning

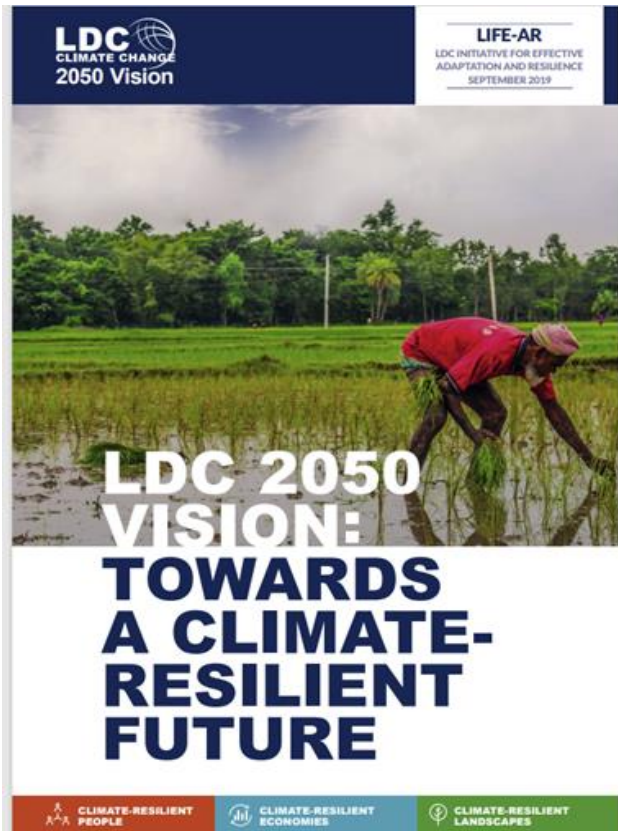
Providing patient and predictable funding that can be accessed more easily

Ensuring transparency and accountability

Investing in local capabilities to leave an institutional legacy

Collaborative action and investment

Growing political commitment on locally led adaptation



We will develop strong climate finance architecture, with at least 70% of flows supporting local-level action by 2030



Mobilize funder and government commitments to expand resources and support for locally led action and in-country action.

Growing political commitment on locally led adaptation

- **COP26 Adaptation Campaign** putting LLA at the heart of Adaptation, Loss & Damage Day
- **Climate & Development Ministerial Summary** stressed the importance of LLA
- **G7** Foreign & Development Ministers communiqué welcomed the principles
- **Adaptation Action Coalition** integrating LLA
- **Race to Resilience** seeking to champion Principles for LLA among non-state actors



Over 55 endorsements to the 8 LLA Principles



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Locally Led Adaptation at COP26

- **Amplifying voices from the frontline**, including at Adaptation, Loss & Damage day
- **Dedicated spaces for discussion on LLA**, including Resilience Hub and LLA
- **Endorsements and support for LLA**

Looking Ahead

- Growing movement for locally led adaptation
- Commitments and action
- Strengthened evidence and knowledge base

