Preparedness to Access Adaptation Finance and Challenges

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Why Preparedness is Important

• To demonstrate robust transparency and accountability standards to improve eligibility for receiving global climate funds

• To raise the capacity of governments and other actors involved

• To raise competency in fund management and in delivering services to vulnerable community

• To prepare national mechanisms to access, allocate, disburse and report on climate finance

• To align planning, budgeting, programming and monitoring procedures and systems of the country with funding sources

• To make national plans, policies, priorities align with requirements of funding sources

• To improve climate finance governance by instituting policies
Enabling Environment

• Adaptation is identified as policy priority at national level
• Decentralisation of governance and climate policy implementation by sub national governments
• Emphasis on need based and localised adaptation interventions
• National policy and programmes directed towards increasing adaptive capacity and enhancing resilience
• Establishment of dedicated domestic funds for climate finance
• Institutions accredited to receive direct financial transfers
Preparedness for Climate Action?

- The government policies on development yet to reach the most vulnerable population
- The climate action plans at sub national level remain as vision documents
- Sub national government need assistance for multi-sectoral planning, implementing and monitoring climate action
- Departments work in silos and have weak interdepartmental coordination
- Prioritising adaptation action for diverse local needs of diverse population is lacking
Implementing climate agenda is an added responsibility in addition to regular developmental work.

Experience, knowledge base absent to mainstream adaptation into development.

Frameworks, mechanisms, tools needed for mainstreaming climate action in government departments are lacking.

Institutions of governance lack technical knowledge on accessing funds:
- Process of accreditation
- Drafting bankable and funding ready proposals
- Advocacy of the project proposals to influence decision

Fund allocation, disbursal and monitoring remains a challenge.
Challenges of Accessing Adaptation Finance

• Complex, long and different processes for accreditation and project approval
• Capacity constraints in designing, developing, monitoring and evaluating bankable projects
• Difficulty in understanding procedures for different funds and meeting standards
• Low level of awareness of the need for adaptation and sources of funding
- Limited availability and access of climate information (data gap)
- Decision making on adaptation action is not always bottom up (NDC being an exception from NAPA and NAP processes)
- Ambiguity between standard development and adaptation actions
- Lack of synergy between adaptation funds (Adaptation Fund, LDCF and GCF)