Support for Resilient Livelihoods in the South of Madagascar

The Global Center on Adaptation (GCA), in partnership with the World Bank Group will support three pilot communes in southern Madagascar to strengthen locally led climate adaptation planning and capacity under the WBG ‘Support for Resilient Livelihoods in the South of Madagascar (MIONJO) Additional Financing Phase 2 Project’. GCA’s support, delivered through the African Adaptation Acceleration Program (AAAP), will introduce and contextualize a People’s Adaptation Planning process in three communes to inform local investments, strengthen institutional capacity, and embed adaptation into Madagascar’s national and subnational development planning systems.

Adaptation Need

Southern Madagascar is one of the country's most climate-vulnerable regions, facing a combination of extreme poverty, food insecurity, and climate hazards. With up to 95% of the population in some areas living below the poverty line, livelihoods are largely dependent on subsistence agriculture and fisheries, both of which are severely affected by recurring droughts, desertification, and extreme weather events. Climate projections indicate continued decreases in precipitation, rising temperatures (both surface and marine), and increased intensity and frequency of severe events, including cyclones and strong winds. These pressures make mainstreaming climate resilience into local planning an urgent priority.

GCA's Added Value

GCA will apply its global expertise and proven People's Adaptation Planning methodology, adapted to Madagascar's context, to pilot a learning-by-doing process in three communes—combining stakeholder mapping, climate risk analysis, participatory vulnerability profiling, and community-led prioritization to produce costed and validated adaptation plans. Lessons will be embedded into national and subnational systems by updating the local development plans (PDLII) and Manual for Communal Management, linking adaptation planning to financing via the local development funds (FDL). Capacity building for local governments, civil society and codified guidance, will enable replication, positioning the pilots as a foundation for a nationwide model of locally led adaptation planning.

Total Investment Value Influenced

$54.00M

Beneficiaries

830,395

IFI Implementation period

2020 - 2028

Program

Locally Led Adaptation

Partners

World Bank, Catholic Relief Services

Status

In progress

Countries

SDG contribution

PROJECT GOALS

Mainstreaming Adaptation and Resilience

The People's Adaptation Planning process will ensure climate resilience is systematically integrated into local planning and investment decisions. By embedding this methodology into the PDLII and MOC, GCA will help institutionalize adaptation planning across Madagascar's decentralized governance framework. The process will emphasize social inclusion, ensuring that the perspectives and needs of the most climate-vulnerable groups are central to planning.

Expected Project Outcomes

Investments informed to expand community-led adaptation planning processes under the MIONJO project, and integration of climate resilience into the World Bank project's goals.

Strengthened climate resilience of vulnerable communities in the three regions of Southern Madagascar.

Enhanced capacity of WBG and government staff to embed locally led approaches into project implementation.

TIMELINE

GCA Support Status

Technical Assistance Preparation

June, 2025

GCA Support Implementation

October, 2025

GCA Support Completion

Monitoring

FINANCE

Project Investment Value

Total Investment Value

$54.00M

IFI INVESTMENT VALUE

$54M

OTHER INVESTMENT VALUE

N/A

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