

CIF Evaluation and Learning Initiative

The scale and urgency of the climate crisis demands rapid action to prevent a range of current and future consequences. However, there are major gaps in financing countries’ ambitions for climate change action as reflected in the Paris Agreement and Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs). Increased evidence-based learning is needed to inform how to make the best use of scarce public resources and help countries more rapidly transition towards low-carbon, climate-resilient development pathways.

The **Climate Investment Funds (CIF)** were founded with the mandate to serve as a learning laboratory for scaled-up climate finance. The **CIF Evaluation and Learning (E&L) Initiative** is helping to fulfill this mandate through a range of strategic and demand-driven evaluations covering some of the most important and pressing challenges facing climate finance funders and practitioners. Drawing on experience from across the CIF portfolio of investments in clean energy, forests and resilience in 72 developing countries, the E&L Initiative uses evaluation to enable learning that is relevant, timely and used to inform decisions and strategies, for both the CIF and the wider climate finance sector.

Over 30 studies and activities commissioned by the E&L Initiative are being completed in 2018/19. Guided by an expert Advisory Group that includes representatives from multi-lateral development banks, donors, recipient countries, CIF Observers, the CIF Administrative Unit (CIF AU) and external experts, evaluations are undertaken with high stakeholder engagement and a focus on applied learning opportunities.

Priority Learning Themes and Topics

The E&L Initiative prioritizes four key learning themes and related sub-topics, developed through wide consultation and dialogue. Evaluations address key issues relevant to CIF programs, sectors and stakeholder groups. Broadly, these include:

- **Transformational Change:** Understanding and assessing CIF contributions to transformational change, across programs and dimensions.
- **Private Sector Investment:** Investigating financing models and experiences in CIF programs and sectors, and the role of concessional finance.
- **Local Stakeholder Engagement and Benefit:** Exploring CIF local stakeholder engagement strategies, Indigenous Peoples, gender and other topics focused on local actors.
- **CIF Design and Approach:** Evaluating the effectiveness of the CIF Programmatic Approach as a delivery modality, as well as other program-specific strategies and approaches.

CIF E&L Priority Learning Themes



Annex I: List of E&L Evaluations and Activities

The following list of E&L activities, organized by learning theme and sub-topic, includes the name of the activity, implementing agency or evaluation firm, and estimated completion date. The list includes larger, strategic cross-cutting evaluations as well as smaller activities implemented by CIF implementing agencies and Observers through Calls for Proposals for demand-driven learning.

Transformational Change	
Transformational Change Learning Partnership (TCLP) <i>Itad, Overseas Development Institute (ODI), Consensus Building Institute (CBI)</i>	March 2019
Evaluation of Transformational Change in the Climate Investment Funds <i>Itad</i>	January 2019
Evidence Synthesis of Transformational Change in the Climate Investment Funds <i>Overseas Development Institute (ODI)</i>	January 2019
Assessment of approaches, methods, and tools for program and project design that facilitate transformational change <i>Asian Development Bank (ADB) and Inter-American Development Bank (IDB)</i>	May 2019
Building transformative adaptive capacity: Assessing the potential contribution of PPCR to build a climate-resilient water governance framework in Bolivia <i>Inter-American Development Bank (IDB)</i>	March 2019
Evaluating the role of leadership in transformational change in PPCR in Asia-Pacific region <i>LEAD Pakistan</i>	January 2019
Evidence gap map and systematic review of transformational change (literature-based) <i>Center for Evaluation and Development (CAED), with GCF Independent Evaluation Unit</i>	September 2019
Private Sector Investment	
Private Sector and Concessional Finance in Renewable Energy	
Effectiveness of public financing in attracting private capital in grid-connected solar projects <i>World Bank</i>	February 2019
The role of concessional financing provided through Clean Technology Fund to overcome investments barriers and help scale-up low carbon technologies <i>Bloomberg New Energy Finance (BNEF)</i>	January 2019
Scaling up rooftop solar in the SME sector in India <i>CIF AU/KPMG</i>	March 2019
Private Sector in Climate Resilience	
Building an evidence base on private sector investments supporting gender-sensitive climate resilience development in Tajikistan <i>European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD)</i>	January 2019
Saint Lucia's experience: private sector participation in response to climate change <i>Gov't of St. Lucia, Environmental Governance Consulting</i>	January 2019
Private Sector in Forests	
Evaluation of Financing Forest-related Enterprises <i>International Institute for Environment and Development (IIED)/ LTS International</i>	February 2019
Pathway for designing a mechanism to incentivize deforestation free landscapes and value chains for green growth <i>World Bank</i>	May 2019
Evaluation of private sector investment models for commercial forestry in Africa <i>African Development Bank (AfDB)/World Wildlife Fund (WWF)</i>	February 2019

Local Stakeholder Engagement & Benefit	
Participation and Impact	
Evaluation of Local Stakeholder Engagement in the CIF <i>Consensus Building Institute (CBI)</i>	April 2019
Local stakeholder engagement and benefit in Cambodia: Case studies of PPCR and SREP <i>Live and Learn Cambodia</i>	April 2019
Exploring methodologies to measure household climate resilience in vulnerable countries and communities - Zambia <i>World Bank</i>	February 2019
Filling the data gap: FIP contribution to poverty alleviation and green growth <i>World Bank</i>	May 2019
Indigenous Peoples	
Learning Review of the Dedicated Grant Mechanism (DGM) for Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities in the Forest Investment Program (FIP) <i>Itad</i>	January 2019
Achieving transformational change through the DGM – an Indigenous lens <i>Maori and Indigenous Governance Centre, University of Waikato</i>	May 2019
Gender	
Social identity framing to get Mexican Rural Women ‘REDDy’ for participation in natural resource management <i>World Bank, CONAFOR</i>	March 2019
Evaluation of the inclusion of women and gender-related groups, organizations and beneficiaries in the design and implementation of CIF investments and its potential for transformational change <i>Women and Environment Development Organization (WEDO)</i>	April 2019
Climate Change and Health	
Climate change and health in Sub-Saharan Africa: The case of Uganda <i>Gov’t of Uganda, Climate Change Adaptation and Innovation</i>	February 2019
CIF Design and Approach	
CIF Programmatic Approach	
Evaluation of the CIF Programmatic Approach <i>ICF International</i>	October 2018
Forest Investment Approaches	
FIP – Lessons learned from country investment plans <i>World Bank</i>	March 2019
Climate Resilience Approaches	
PPCR knowledge briefs on resilience microfinance and water resources management <i>Oxford Policy Management</i>	November 2018
Evaluating operational pathways used for modernizing National Hydrological and Meteorological Organizations for weather, water and climate services <i>World Bank</i>	March 2019
Evaluation of sustainable land management and innovative financing to enhance climate resilience and food security in Bhutan <i>Bhutan Trust Fund for Environmental Conservation</i>	February 2019
Complementarity of Climate Funds	
Maximizing synergy and complementary among International Climate Funds: Evidence, challenges and opportunities <i>CIF AU and Arepo Consult</i>	April 2019