



## 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.

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 five core 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 CIF contributions to transformational change, and related lessons and concepts.

### **Mobilizing Private Sector through Concessional Finance**

Investigating financing models and experiences in CIF programs and sectors, and the role of concessional finance.

### **Development Impacts of Climate Finance and Just Transitions**

Understanding socio-economic development contributions and issues in CIF investments.

### **Local Stakeholder Engagement and Benefit**

Exploring stakeholder engagement strategies and related topics.

### **CIF Design and Approach**

Evaluating the effectiveness of the CIF Programmatic Approach and other strategies or approaches.

### **Sector/Program-specific**

Assessing various priority program or sector-related topics and themes.

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# 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.

TRANSFORMATIONAL CHANGE	
Transformational Change Learning Partnership (TCLP) → <i>Climate Investment Funds (CIF)</i>	Ongoing
Evaluation of Transformational Change in the Climate Investment Funds → <i>Itad</i>	Completed (Jan. 2019)
Evidence Synthesis of Transformational Change in the Climate Investment Funds → <i>Overseas Development Institute (ODI)</i>	Completed (Jan. 2019)
Reflections Report of the Transformational Change Learning Partnership → <i>Consensus Building Institute (CBI)</i>	Completed (Jun. 2019)
Signals of Transformational Change → <i>CIF and Itad</i>	Completed (Dec. 2019)
Country and Thematic Case Studies on Transformational Change → <i>CIF and partners</i>	Ongoing
Zambia: Building a Resilient Future → <i>CIF</i>	Completed (Jun. 2020)
Mexico: The Contribution of the Forest Investment Program to Forest and Climate Goals → <i>ODI and CIF</i>	Completed (Jul. 2021)
Transformational Change in Concentrated Solar Power → <i>ATA Insights and Oxford Consulting</i>	Completed (Aug. 2021)
Designing for Transformation - A Practice-Oriented Toolkit → <i>Asian Development Bank (ADB) and Inter-American Development Bank (IDB)</i>	Completed (Nov. 2019)
Sector-based Evidence Gap Maps and Systematic Review on Transformational Change → <i>Center for Evaluation and Development, with Green Climate Fund (GCF) Independent</i>	Completed (Sep. 2021)
MOBILIZING PRIVATE SECTOR THROUGH CONCESSIONAL FINANCE	
Private Sector and Concessional Finance in Renewable Energy	
The Clean Technology Fund and Concessional Finance - Lessons Learned and Strategies Moving Forward → <i>Bloomberg New Energy Finance (BNEF)</i>	Completed (Mar. 2019)
Scaling up of Rooftop Solar in the SME Sector in India → <i>CIF AU and Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu India, LLP</i>	Completed (Apr. 2019)
Role of Public Sector in Mobilizing Commercial Finance for Grid-Connected Solar Projects → <i>World Bank</i>	Completed (Jul. 2019)
Private Sector in Forests	
Evaluation and Learning Partnership on Financing Forest-Related Enterprises → <i>International Institute for Environment and Development (IIED) and LTS International</i>	Completed (May 2019)
Towards Large-Scale Commercial Investment in African Forestry → <i>African Development Bank (AfDB) and World Wildlife Fund (WWF) for Nature - Kenya</i>	Completed (Jun. 2019)
Fiscal Incentives for Decreasing Deforestation → <i>World Bank</i>	Completed (Mar. 2021)
Private Sector in Climate Resilience	
Saint Lucia's Experience: Private Sector Participation in Response to Climate Change → <i>Government of St. Lucia and Environmental Governance Consulting</i>	Completed (Oct. 2020)
DEVELOPMENT IMPACTS OF CLIMATE FINANCE AND JUST TRANSITIONS	
How Can Climate Finance Support COVID-19 Recoveries? Lessons from the CIF → <i>CIF</i>	Completed (Oct. 2020)
Case Studies of Just Transition Concepts and Experiences in CIF Programs and Projects → <i>CIF</i>	Ongoing
Supporting Just Transitions in South Africa → <i>CIF</i>	Completed (Sep. 2020)

Supporting Just Transitions in India → <i>CIF</i>	Completed (Mar. 2021)
Pathways for Just Transitions: Gender-Responsive Policies and Place-Based Investment → <i>CIF and CSIS</i>	Completed (Feb. 2021)
A Just Green Recovery from COVID-19 → <i>CIF and CSIS</i>	Completed (May 2021)
Just Transition Concepts and Relevance for Climate Action → <i>CIF and CSIS</i>	Completed (Jun. 2020)
Socio-economic Development Impacts of Climate Finance - Mixed Method Evaluation → <i>CIF</i>	Ongoing (Apr. 2022)
Socio-economic Development Impacts of Climate Finance - Portfolio Analysis and Economic Modeling → <i>CIF</i>	Ongoing
Initial Findings from CIF's Clean Technology Fund (CTF) → <i>CIF</i>	Completed (Jun. 2020)
Initial Findings from CIF's Scaling Up Renewable Energy in Low Income Countries Program (SREP) → <i>CIF</i>	Completed (Mar. 2021)
Welfare and Forests: Lessons from Assessments of the FIP Co-funded Projects in Lao PDR and Mexico → <i>World Bank</i>	Completed (Mar. 2021)
Lessons Learned from Noor Ouarzazate Solar Complex in Morocco → <i>World Bank Energy Sector Management Program (ESMAP)</i>	Ongoing (Nov. 2021)
Measuring Household Climate Resilience in Vulnerable Countries and Communities in Zambia → <i>World Bank</i>	Ongoing (Dec. 2021)
<b>LOCAL STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT &amp; BENEFIT</b>	
<b>Participation and Impact</b>	
Evaluation of Local Stakeholder Engagement (LSE) in the CIF → <i>CBI</i>	Completed (Feb. 2020)
Just-in-time report to support the Climate Investment Funds' Stakeholder Engagement to Uptake Lessons and Recommendations from Local Stakeholder Engagement Evaluation → <i>CIF</i>	Completed (Nov. 2020)
Local Stakeholder Engagement in the Programs of the Climate Investment Funds (CIF) in Cambodia → <i>Live and Learn Cambodia</i>	Completed (Nov. 2019)
<b>Indigenous Peoples</b>	
Review of the Dedicated Grant Mechanism (DGM) for Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities in FIP	Completed (Jan. 2019)
Assessing the Potential to Expand the Dedicated Grant Mechanism Through an Indigenous Lens → <i>Maori and Indigenous Governance Centre and University of Waikato</i>	Completed (Jul. 2020)
<b>Gender</b>	
Evidence on Private Sector Investments for Gender-Sensitive Climate Resilient Development in Tajikistan → <i>European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD)</i>	Completed (Feb. 2021)
Social Identity Framing for Women's Participation in Natural Resource Management Programs in Mexico → <i>World Bank and CONAFOR</i>	Ongoing (Nov. 2021)
Engagement of Women and Gender-Related Groups in the Climate Investment Funds: An Assessment → <i>Women and Environment Development Organization (WEDO)</i>	Completed (May 2020)
<b>Climate Change and Health</b>	
Climate Change and Health in Sub-Saharan Africa: The Case of Uganda → <i>Government of Uganda and Climate Change Adaptation and Innovation</i>	Completed (Jun. 2020)
<b>CIF DESIGN AND APPROACH</b>	
<b>CIF Programmatic Approach</b>	
Evaluation of the CIF Programmatic Approach → <i>ICF International</i>	Completed (Oct. 2018)
<b>SECTOR/PROGRAM-SPECIFIC</b>	

Study on CIF-Supported Technical Assistance and Capacity Building → <i>CIF</i>	Ongoing (Jan. 2022)
Key E&L Lessons Synthesis: with lessons and insights from E&L and other studies as relevant to the new CIF programming areas → <i>CIF</i>	Ongoing (Feb. 2022)
<b>Scaling Up Renewable Energy Approaches</b>	
Evaluation of early implementation, outcomes and lessons in SREP → <i>ICF International</i>	Ongoing (Feb. 2022)
<b>Forest Investment Approaches</b>	
Early Lessons from the Design and Implementation of the Forest Investment Program (FIP) → <i>World Bank</i>	Completed (May 2020)
<b>Climate Resilience Approaches</b>	
PPCR Knowledge Briefs on Resilience Microfinance and Water Resources Management → <i>Oxford Policy Management and OneWorld</i>	Completed (Nov. 2018)
Building Transformative Institutional Adaptive Capacity for Climate-Resilient Water Governance in Bolivia → <i>Inter-American Development Bank (IDB)</i>	Completed (Feb. 2020)
Understanding Leadership for Optimal Project Planning and Performance: A Case Study → <i>LEAD Pakistan</i>	Completed (Mar. 2020)
Evaluation of Sustainable Land Management (SLM) and Innovative Financing in Bhutan → <i>Bhutan Trust Fund for Environmental Conservation</i>	Completed (Oct. 2019)
Evaluating Operational Pathways for Modernizing National Hydro-met and Climate Services → <i>World Bank</i>	Ongoing (Dec. 2021)
Learning Review of CIF-supported Hydromet and Climate Services Projects in PPCR → <i>WS Atkins International</i>	Ongoing (Oct. 2021)
<b>Country-level Synergies of Climate Funds</b>	
Maximizing Synergy and Complementarity Among International Climate Funds at the Country Level → <i>CIF, Green Climate Fund (GCF), and Arepo Consult</i>	Completed (Apr. 2020)