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**PPCR OPERATIONAL AND RESULTS REPORT  
SUMMARY**



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## PROPOSED DECISION

The SCF Trust Fund Committee reviewed the document, SCF/TFC.15/3.2, *PPCR Operational and Results Report*, and welcomes the progress that has been made in advancing the work of PPCR in the pilot countries.

The SCF Trust Fund Committee welcomes the analysis conducted by the CIF Administrative Unit, in collaboration with the MDBs, on achievements and results, resource availability, pipeline review, and portfolio updates.

## **1 Introduction**

1. This PPCR Operational and Results Report identifies key strategic issues, highlights decisions taken inter-sessionally by the PPCR Sub-Committee and provides a status update on the entire PPCR portfolio of programs and projects. Operational reporting covers the period from July 1, 2020 to December 31, 2020 (with additional updates as of March 31, 2021 on resource availability). For disbursement reporting, it covers until June 30, 2020. Results reporting of projects under implementation covers the period from January 1 to December 31, 2020.

## **2 Strategic issues**

### **2.1 Overview**

2. PPCR continues to make good progress with its operations. As of December 31, 2020, the PPCR Technical Committee had approved USD 996.2 million in funding for 70 projects. Project disbursements are up by 22 percent, from USD 588 million on June 30, 2019 to USD 717 million on June 30, 2020, with 19 projects having fully disbursed their PPCR financing amounts. Twenty projects have reached more than 70 percent disbursement rate of PPCR funding allocation. Results reporting is making steady progress, with countries and multilateral development banks (MDBs) continuing to report on progress and results achieved in projects and overall country program implementation.

### **2.2 Impact of COVID-19 on the PPCR portfolio**

3. COVID-19 continues to have an impact on PPCR projects under implementation. Government guidelines, including social distancing, travel restrictions, and limitations on large gatherings, have slowed down project activities and extended project closing dates. On average, most projects experiencing implementation difficulties have revised their timelines from four to 12 months. Some BDRP projects in the pipeline have also adjusted target dates of funding approval. The CIF Administrative Unit is working closely with MDBs to continue assessing the risks posed by COVID-19 to the PPCR portfolio and to track changes to its operations along with its regular risk management efforts.

### **2.3 PPCR resource availability**

4. As of March 31, 2021, PPCR had a total cumulative funding of USD 1.17 billion. Total funding commitments reached USD 1.13 billion.
5. Given an unrestricted fund balance (after reserves) of USD 26.8 million, and anticipated commitments under PPCR of USD 20 million (USD 5.8 million in capital resources and USD 14.2 million in grant resources), PPCR has a total surplus of USD 6.8 million (USD 6.7 million in capital and USD 0.1 million in grant) (See Table 1).

**Table 1: PPCR resource availability schedule**

(USD million, as of March 31, 2021)

	Total	Non-grant	Grant
Unrestricted Fund Balance (C)	44.1	12.4	31.7
Future Programming Reserves	17.3		17.3
Unrestricted Fund Balance (C) After Reserves	26.8	12.4	14.4
Total Anticipated Commitments (D)	20.0	5.8	14.2
<b>Available Resources (C-D)</b>	<b>6.8</b>	<b>6.7</b>	<b>0.1</b>

**2.4 Pipeline management**

6. The PPCR pipeline is in the final stages of development. Out of the 84 projects in the PPCR portfolio, 70 projects had been approved by the PPCR Technical Committee by the end of December 2020. Fourteen more projects under BDRP are for approval by the Technical Committee. The MDBs are developing proposals for these projects with an aim to complete funding approval by the PPCR Technical Committee by end of July 2021.
7. Also under BDRP, seven projects are considered as a reserve pipeline requiring grant funding totaling USD 12.75 million. These projects will be considered for financing support when grant funds become available under PPCR.

**2.5 Monitoring and reporting**

8. In this reporting period, both the MDBs and PPCR countries were able to report results data in the CIF Collaboration Hub (CCH). A number of issues (including high turnover of M&R staff in PPCR countries and the challenges of, sustaining the annual reporting process and conducting in-person training) prompted the CIF Administrative Unit to develop a new PPCR M&R online training module to support developing countries' capacity to carry out vital monitoring and reporting on their efforts to boost climate resilience. So far, three virtual trainings have been conducted by the CIF Administrative Unit, with the participation of more than 50 PPCR practitioners from Zambia, Saint Lucia, and Haiti.
9. An initial portfolio analysis of PPCR using modelling tools to estimate employment contributions and economic value creation provided first-of-its-kind data on the PPCR portfolio. Building on this analysis, a broader evaluation of development impacts in the CIF, with a focus on all four current CIF programs, began implementation and is poised to deliver early findings by the end of 2021. Undertaken by an independent evaluation firm, this mixed method assessment includes additional modelling and country case studies to more deeply analyze impacts on jobs and economic development while expanding the analysis to other areas such as environmental, health, market/trade competitiveness, security, and social impacts including gender and inclusivity.

**3 Cross-cutting themes****3.1 Knowledge management and partnerships**

10. The PPCR KfR series was relaunched in 2020 to further synthesize on-the-ground experience and knowledge from the implementation of PPCR projects and guide decision-makers and

adaptation practitioners (including practitioners, partner governments, MDBs, civil society organizations (CSOs), and climate finance institutions) in integrating adaptation and resilience action in development plans and projects.. The CIF Administrative Unit is now in the process of developing case studies and learning briefs for the KfR series focusing on PPCR infrastructure projects and on local stakeholder engagement in PPCR project implementation. These case studies and learning briefs will be launched in July 2021.

11. Recognizing the fundamental role of weather, climate, and water information and services in supporting adaptation and building climate resilience, [CIF joined the Alliance for Hydromet Development in October 2020](#). CIF also initiated collaboration with the World Bank's Health, Population and Nutrition group to develop a series of knowledge products on COVID-19 and climate-smart health care, climate and health economic valuation, and climate and health country profiles.
12. Due to COVID-19, all PPCR knowledge sharing activities were held virtually. Since July 2020, eight PPCR (or resilience-related) events were organized, reaching around 200 participants. These events included a CIF-GDI Climate Delivery Lab on irrigation technologies in Niger, a study dissemination webinar on building adaptive capacity in the Bolivian water sector, and two inception workshops for a learning review of CIF-supported hydromet and climate services projects. These also included four Transformational Change Learning Partnership (TCLP) Resilience interest group meetings.
13. In October 2020, the CIF Evaluation and Learning (E&L) Initiative developed and published a [learning brief](#), along with a [summary](#) and [blog](#), that draws on recent CIF evidence and experience on how climate-related investments can support countries' COVID-19 recovery efforts.

### **3.2 Gender**

14. There is an increase in the quality of the PPCR SPCR from the June 2014 baseline in all three scorecard indicator areas (i.e., presence of sector-specific gender analysis, women-targeted activities, and sex-disaggregated monitoring indicators). For projects, performance dropped slightly from the baseline (from 78 percent to 77 percent of total PPCR project portfolio) in the area of sector-specific gender analysis but increased in the other scorecard areas.

### **3.3 Risk management**

15. Implementation risk for PPCR decreased significantly from High to Low, as 1 out of 65 projects representing USD 10 million of MDB-approved program funding was flagged for this risk. The program's implementation risk score had been High for the prior six reporting cycles.

## **4 Status of PPCR Portfolio**

16. As of December 31, 2020, PPCR had a total pipeline allocation of USD 1.01 billion for 84 projects. This includes 60 projects under the endorsed strategic programs for climate resilience (SPCRs) of the original pilot countries, four projects under the private-sector set-aside (PSSA) window, and 20 projects under the BDRP. Table 2 provides a summary of the portfolio status. The portfolio consists of 68 ongoing and completed projects, 63 of which have cumulatively disbursed a total of USD 716.6 million.

**Table 2: Overview of PPCR portfolio** (USD million, as of December 31, 2020)

	Indicative Pipeline Allocation				Approved Funding		Disbursement
	Total	IP	PSSA	BDRP	Committee	MDB	
PPCR Funding	1,012.3	966.3	19.8	26.2	996.2	993.7	716.6
Number of Projects	84	60	4	20	70	68	63

*Note: Amounts include Project Preparation Grants (PPGs).*

17. Co-financing. Total expected co-financing for the entire PPCR portfolio of 84 projects amounts to more than USD 2.5 billion or a co-financing ratio of 1:2.5. The MDBs remain the biggest source of co-financing, followed by recipient governments, bilateral/other donors, and the private sector.
18. PPCR Subcommittee and MDB Approvals. Since the last reporting, six projects were approved by the PPCR Technical Committee for a total amount of USD 8.79 million and four projects were approved by MDB boards or management totaling USD 7.58 million. All these projects are under BDRP.
19. Project Implementation and Disbursements. By the end of June 30, 2020, 63 projects were disbursing PPCR funds and cumulative disbursements reached USD 717 million. The level of project disbursements as a percentage of MDB-approved funding for projects continues to increase, reaching 72 percent.
20. Project Completion. During the reporting period, 10 PPCR projects were completed, bringing the total number of completed projects to 21.

## 5 Results

21. Despite the COVID-19 pandemic causing disruptions in MDBs' project implementation and delivery, PPCR has made substantial progress toward its program goals. Cumulative results and those achieved in reporting year 2020 (RY20) by December 31, 2020 include the following:
  - Integration of climate change into 637 national, sectoral, and local/community development plans, representing 94 percent of the cumulative target of 681 plans. From RY2019 to RY2020, two new plans integrated climate change considerations were added.
  - Training on climate-related topics provided to 241,715 people (119 percent of 203,641 people targeted through 37 MDB-approved projects in 18 countries and two regions). Between RY2019 and RY2020, 12,814 people received training targeting both government and non-government beneficiaries, such as CSOs, small business owners, and entrepreneurs. Topics included drainage and wastewater management, forestry

management, bioengineering, soil and water conservation, and gender mainstreaming in adaptation.

- 668 knowledge products, studies, or platforms have been produced (almost 98 percent of the cumulative target of 682) to support in-country capacity development efforts. This includes 59 new knowledge products developed between RY2019 and RY2020.
- More than 186,576 hectares (ha) of degraded land have been restored through sustainable land and water management practices (over 100 percent of 185,379 ha targeted). Between RY2019 and RY2020, more than 9,558 ha were brought under more sustainable practices.
- 2,272 hydromet and climate services (HCS) stations (agromet stations, hydrological stations, and meteorological stations) have been built or rendered functional out of the 2,443 targeted in seven countries (93 percent progress). Between RY2019 and RY2020, 33 HCS stations were installed or rendered functional.
- 2,476 km of climate-improved roads have been constructed or rehabilitated (85 percent of 2,920 km targeted). Between RY2019 and RY2020, 388 km of resilient roads were added representing an increase of 19 percent.
- More than 7,643 climate-smart, small-scale structures (schools, hospitals, and disaster shelters) have been constructed (53 percent of the 14,525 structures targeted). Between RY2019 and RY2020, 2,154 additional climate-smart, small-scale infrastructure units were made available to beneficiary communities.
- Five climate adaptation financing facilities have been created, supporting 8,374 households and businesses (92 percent of the 9,072 households and businesses targeted). Between RY2019 and RY2020, 2,034 households and businesses were supported by these facilities