

## What is the Africa Climate Change Resilience Alliance (ACCRA)?

ACCRA is a consortium made up of Oxfam GB, the Overseas Development Institute (ODI), Save the Children Alliance, Care International and World Vision International and funded by DFID. ACCRA aims to **increase governments' and development actors' use of evidence** in designing and implementing both humanitarian and development interventions that **increase poor and vulnerable communities' capacity to adapt** to climate hazards, variability and change. The programme will bring together good practice from Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR), Sustainable Livelihoods and Social Protection programming to better understand how programmes and policies can support communities' and individuals' capacity to adapt to climate change.

### ACCRA has four key objectives:

1. To understand how existing social protection, livelihoods and disaster risk reduction projects by ACCRA members **build adaptive capacity to climate change in beneficiaries**, and how these approaches can be strengthened.
2. To use the findings **to influence donors, development partners and civil society to improve future planning/action**.
3. **To work together with local and national governments to build capacity** to implement interventions which can build communities' adaptive capacity.
4. To encourage learning across countries and disciplines.

### Why do we need this programme?

The 2007 Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) Assessment Report highlights the unequivocal evidence that the world's climate system is warming. **Profound impacts are already being felt by poor people in sub-Saharan Africa**, where livelihoods based on agriculture and livestock are threatened by unpredictable seasons, rising temperatures, and increases in the frequency and severity of climate-related hazards.

Within this context, there are three main issues that this programme aims to address:

1. Despite a growing body of practical experience, there is a lack of evidence about what are the most effective interventions to promote climate resilience.
2. Despite a growing consensus that joint work across the fields of disaster risk reduction, climate change adaptation and livelihoods support (including social protection and safety nets) is required to respond to these challenges, this consensus has not yet been reflected in the policy, practice or research priorities of governments and other development actors.

3. Despite policy commitments to disaster risk reduction in many African countries and experience from the consortium agencies and DRR community of successful approaches, governments lack the capacity to implement DRR and adaptation activities in ways that involve and benefit the most vulnerable communities

## How will we work with others?

The programme will link strongly with the **Strengthening Climate Resilience Consortium (SCR)**, a 2<sup>nd</sup> DFID-funded consortium led by the Institute of Development Studies working in East Africa, South Asia and East Asia. The programme will also ensure synergies with the **Emergency Capacity Building Project**, a collaborative effort of seven humanitarian agencies that are jointly tackling common problems in emergency response and preparedness. Dependent on funding, more African countries may join ACCRA in future.

## What are the first steps?

ACCRA currently has **2 years of funding** from DFID, with the possibility that this may be extended by a further 3 years. The outcomes we envisage from this programme include:

- The global evidence base on successful approaches to adaptation grows and is used to inform advocacy for improved policy and increased investment.
- Consortium agencies adapt their programming and invest more resources towards government capacity building for successful DRR/Livelihoods and CC adaptation approaches in 3 countries.
- National governments, donors and development actors in Uganda, Mozambique and Ethiopia adapt institutional structures, policy and budgets to join-up, invest more and effectively implement DRR, CCA & social protection/livelihoods initiatives.

## How can I find out more?

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