

Evaluation and Learning Initiative FY22 Annual Report & FY23-27 Business Plan

Joint Meeting of the CTF and SCF Trust Fund Committees

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FY22 Annual Report

Phase 2 Business Plan Objectives

- Generate new evidence to optimize new CIF program investments
- Apply learning to catalyze climate action in countries and institutions
- Engage in collaboration, coordination, and partnership for collective impact

New Evidence

- 16 new publications, advancing learning on Transformational Change, Just Transition, Resilience, Development Impacts, other themes
- Case studies examining grounded examples of transformational change and unpacking complex just transitions in non-energy sectors
- Completion of SREP Evaluation & advanced stage of Development Impacts Mixed-Methods Evaluation
- Learning review covering PPCR investments in climate services and concept brief on transformational change concepts
- Expert commentaries on pertinent just transition issues and an evidence synthesis from past E&L evaluations



Select FY22 Publications

16

new publications

















Operationalizing Learning at CIF

- New programs (NPC, REI and ACT): Integration of transformational change and just transition concepts in
 - Investment criteria in design documents (NPC, REI, ACT)
 - Integrated results frameworks (NPC, REI, ACT)
 - Presentation to independent experts (REI, ACT)
 - Operational guidance documents (REI)
 - Investment Plan clinics (ACT)
- Adoption of MEL policy, covering previous and new programs



Further Applied Learning & Partnerships

- TCLP network continued to grow, currently engaging 450+ individuals from 150+ institutions; Just Transition engages 250+ individuals from 100+ institutions
- Foundational knowledge shared in several prominent contexts:
 - OECD DAC workshops
 - World Bank Director's Executive Training
 - Wilton Park
 - Presidential Climate Commission in South Africa
 - Technical expert meetings of the UNFCCC
- Partnerships with other funds continue, including publication of Evidence Gap Maps jointly with GCF Independent Evaluation Unit



Engagement and Outreach

- Participated in 15+ global events, including at COP26
- Held 15+ virtual events involving 1,000+ participants
- Systematic approach to push communications and dissemination
- Continued use of a range of tools and modalities
- CIF quarterly Knowledge Review Newsletter reached over 1,800 individuals





FY23-27 Business Plan

Background



- The Joint meeting of the CTF-SCF TFCs in January 2022 asked the CIF AU to develop a business plan for the E&L Initiative consistent with the proposed Option B ("Increased Ambition") scenario
- The business plan was developed through extensive consultations covering over 100 individuals across all CIF stakeholder groups
- Consultations included feedback on past performance and ideas on future priorities
- Post approval of this business plan, the E&L FY23 Work Plan will be circulated for approval by email

What is Working Well?

- High relevance of priority learning themes and work on frameworks, concepts, case studies and evaluations
- Numerous fit for purpose studies used and shared widely by stakeholders
- Powerful convening role externally and internally
- Learning focus evident in all E&L work; bringing new thinking and pushing the envelope with stakeholders



What Could Work Better?

- Dissemination: Identify ways to further amplify impact and reach relevant audiences
- Engagement: More avenues to engage with non-state actors, Observers, and youth. More South-South learning and earlier input from MDBs.
- Operational relevance: Make conceptual work more accessible and easier to use.



Business Plan Objectives



- Generate new evidence in priority areas
- Apply learning in countries and institutions
- Foster collaboration and partnership for enhanced impact

Key Features

- Continuation of priority learning themes - found to be highly relevant
- Strong focus on operationalization of conceptual work
- Flexible and agile approach to allow adjustments when necessary
- New 'responsive research' window to provide timely evidence
- Increased focus on partnerships to amplify impact
- Enhanced focus on South-South learning exchanges and co-creation



Priority Learning Themes

TRANSFORMATIONAL CHANGE

JUST TRANSITION



PROGRAM AND
SECTOR-SPECIFIC
TOPICS

SCALING CLIMATE FINANCE



DEVELOPMENT IMPACTS

CROSSCUTTING THEMES: GENDER, SOCIAL INCLUSION & LOCAL STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT



Snapshot of the FY23-27 Business Plan

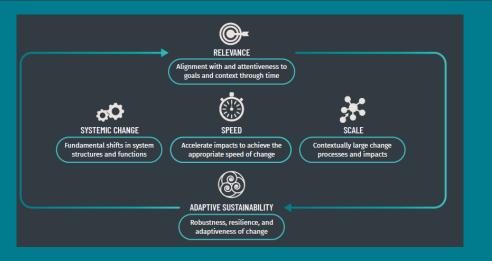
| Learning Theme | Transformational Change | Just Transition | Development Impacts | Scaling Climate Finance | Sector and Program Specific Studies |
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| Generate newevidence | | | | | |
| And apply learning | | | | | |
| Through collaboration and partnerships | | | | | |

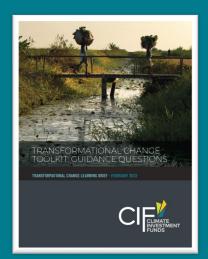
1. Transformational Change

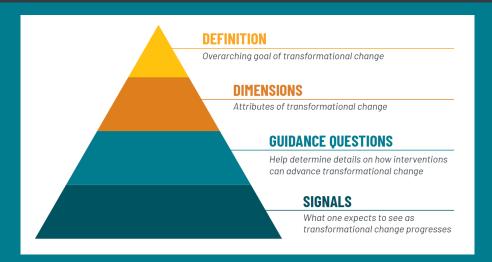


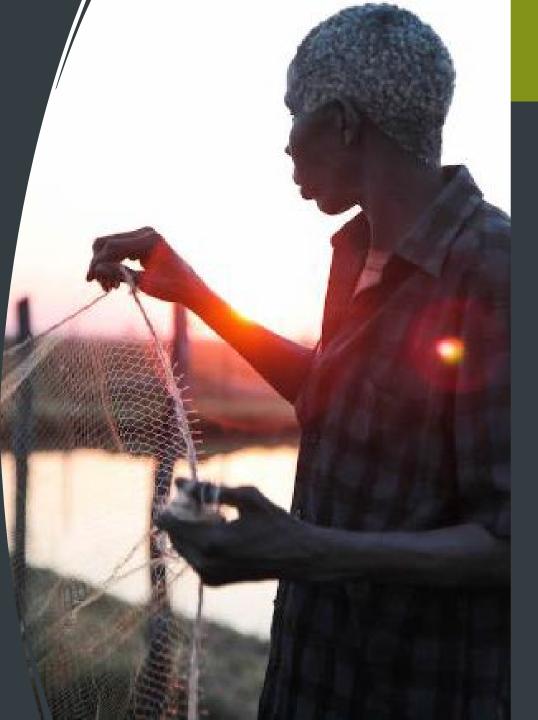
Cited as most influential area of work. Business plan includes:

- Enhanced support for operationalizing theme in new programs, including through tools and guidelines relevant throughout program cycle
- Advanced learning on how to address barriers to transformational climate finance
- Continued deep facilitated learning through TCLP, with increase in breadth and depth of collaborations
- Second phase independent evaluation of transformational change









2. Just Transition



Cited as being in the forefront of research and learning on the topic, spearheading new analysis.

Business plan includes:

- Pivot from focus on "what" a just transition is to "how" to implement a just transition
- Development of planning framework and an extensive toolbox of resources with modules, examples and templates
- Dedicated support to piloting just transition approaches, call for proposals to MDBs launched
- Expanded community of practice with focused roundtable series and South-South exchanges
- Increased understanding of just transition in non-energy sectors
- Publish periodic analytical studies in the form of case studies, sectoral analyses, diagnostics, or other types of studies

3. Development Impacts

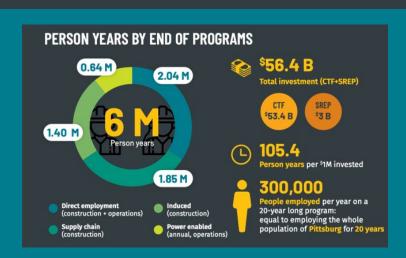


Cited as important to help maximize benefits from climate investments. Business plan includes:

- Deeper analysis on how to enhance development impacts such that green development is also resilient, fair, just, and transformational
- Follow-up work guided by findings of development impacts evaluation including further examination of unintended impacts
- Piloting of economic modelling for select impacts at portfolio level
- Partnership with Development Impact Evaluation (DIME) to conduct impact evaluations
- Mainstreaming social inclusion and gender through more evidence of linkages with climate finance

DEVELOPMENT INPACT CATEGORIZATIONS

| SOCIAL IMPACTS are experienced by people or communities | ECONOMIC IMPACTS contribute to economic growth | ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS conserve or protect natural resources | MARKETS IMPACTS contribute to systemic improvements | | | | | |
|--|--|---|---|--|--|--|--|--|
| \leftarrow Gender dimensions of development impacts $ ightarrow$ | | | | | | | | |
| \leftarrow Vulnerable populations and local stakeholders' dimensions of development impacts $ ightarrow$ | | | | | | | | |
| 1. Health and safety | Employment opportunities | 6. Water | 9. Energy sector security and resilience | | | | | |
| 2. Livelihoods, wealth, and quality of life | 5. Economic value added (GDP) | 7. Ecosystems and biodiversity | 10. Competitiveness and industrial development | | | | | |
| 3. Access to essentional services | | 8. Soils and crop productivity | 11. Inclusiveness and energy justice | | | | | |





4. Scaling Climate Finance



Significant increase in demand for work on this theme. Additional consultations will guide the areas of enquiry.

- Effective approaches and instruments available to leverage private capital, including for adaptation, resilience, and nature-based solutions
- Understanding impact of concessional finance beyond leverage ratios, extending to market, scalability, knowledge and enabling environment related externalities
- Better understanding of financial modalities that support procedurally just processes. Linkages between responsible climate finance and evolving investment, sustainability and reporting standards
- Analysis of Dedicated Private Sector Programs (DPSP) successes and limitations

5. Sector and Program Specific Studies



Several important sector-specific areas were also raised by stakeholders:

- Mid-term evaluations of programs per assessment of program cycle
- New responsive research workstream to meet real-time and rapid learning needs associated with new programs
- Evaluation of closed country investment plans in partnership with M&R team
- Targeted learning on emerging topics such as nature-based solutions, forest-agriculture nexus, decarbonization of industry and supply chains etc.
- Evaluation/assessment of CIF's MEL in 3-4 years of its implementation

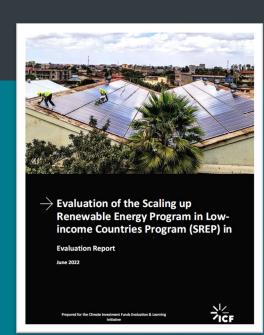












Indicative Budget Allocation

| Outcome Area | FY23 (USD'000) | FY24 (USD'000) | FY25 (USD'000) | FY26 (USD'000) | FY27 (USD'000) | Total |
|--------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|--------|
| Newevidence on priority themes | 1,600 | 1,300 | 1,600 | 1,300 | 1,600 | 7,400 |
| Application of learning | 1,400 | 1,700 | 1,400 | 1,700 | 1,400 | 7,600 |
| Collaboration and partnerships | 700 | 700 | 700 | 700 | 700 | 3,500 |
| Oher implementation support | 300 | 300 | 300 | 300 | 300 | 1,500 |
| Total for five years | 4,000 | 4,000 | 4,000 | 4,000 | 4,000 | 20,000 |











