

SAP031 Marajo Resiliente: Enhancing the resilience of smallholders to climate change impacts through adapting and scaling up diversified agroforestry systems in the Marajo Archipelago of Brazil (Fundacion Avina)

Access the funding proposal: <https://www.greenclimate.fund/document/gcf-b37-02-add02>

We welcome this first project by the Direct Access Entity 'Fundación Avina'.

Firstly, we appreciate the commitment of the AE in ensuring that local communities were engaged from the beginning in the project design. The inclusive approach is evident in the constitution of the project's Local Advisory Committee, which will have the participation of representatives from project beneficiaries, local authorities, and relevant local entities, such as the Quilombola State organization. This collaborative governance model has the potential to foster a sense of ownership and ensure that the project is rooted in the needs and aspirations of the communities it serves. This effort also led to the establishment of Quilombola and Gender Situation Rooms in the project governance structure, which we commend.

The project's approach of promoting peer-to-peer learning and local ownership aligns with what we expect to see in GCF-funded projects and programs. These elements are key to the sustainability of the project's activities over time and hold the potential for replication of best practices, which are crucial for scaling the impact of climate resilience efforts. Additionally, its focus on removing barriers for smallholders to access credit aligns with the goal of enhancing livelihoods and income generation diversification, all while reinforcing climate resilience.

In closing, we stand behind this project, which was coordinated and designed in close communication with the beneficiaries, making use of the local knowledge that comes with the experience of initiatives that have worked in nearby municipalities. This way of doing things promotes results with the potential to reduce vulnerability, enhance adaptive capacity, and foster resilience among vulnerable populations affected by climate change. Moreover, although this is a small project, it has the potential to be sustainable over time and could be replicated. We look forward to more GCF funds being directed to projects that foster these elements in the future.

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