

**GCF Observer Network of Civil Society, Indigenous Peoples, and Local Communities**

Intervention on

## **SAP036: Sierra Leone Coastal Resilience Project (SLCRP)**

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We recognize the high-impact potential of this ambitious adaptation project in promoting resilience and supporting the livelihoods of coastal communities in Sierra Leone. Given the country's high vulnerability to climate-induced extreme weather events, the project's design and outcomes support the country's NDC, prioritizing climate adaptation in the agricultural, water, and coastal management sectors. Country ownership is also evident among the executing entities, encompassing the local government agency on environmental protection and local NGOs. The thoroughly documented stakeholder consultations, which lasted for three years, further influenced the project design that caters to the recipient communities' needs, focusing on governance structures, food security, and ecosystem protection.

At the 37th board meeting of the GCF, the SAP033 entitled "Enhancing Climate Information Systems for Resilient Development in Sierra Leone" was also approved. Given that both adaptation projects will be under implementation simultaneously in the next 12-15 years, it would be ideal to see how the AEs, African Development Bank and Save the Children Australia, could synergize to avoid any activity duplications and optimize the country-level impacts and outcomes on disaster risk response and community resilience. As the projects also highlight mangrove restoration and conservation activities, we highly encourage the prompt integration of their provided criteria of how mangroves are conserved in the logical framework—as advised by iTAP—which could also serve as a benchmark for future proposals to maximize the mitigation co-benefits of coastal adaptation projects.

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