
Brief project information

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Dear producer partners,

We would like to thank very much you for your great support in the realisation of interviews with the coffee producers in the pilot countries Kenya, Tanzania and Kenya for our project “Adaptation for Smallholders to Climate Change” – a joint initiative between Cafédirect and GTZ.

We would like to inform you about the outcome of the first project phase of the project, which comprised research on climate change and the subsequent selection of the first pilot groups, the definition of the next steps for the elaboration of concrete measures and their following implementation.

We would like to take this opportunity to explain the methodology by which pilot groups have been selected. The project’s objective is that pilot groups create examples of how to confront climate change. Therefore the implementation of adaptation strategies will have to concentrate on a limited number of pilot producer groups. We are aware that this methodology may seem to limit the scope of the project. But at the same time it is not an option to extend the project to a greater number of pilot groups as this would seriously limit its impact on the learning effect.

In order to multiply the impact of the project and to involve the other groups the strategy of the project we will ensure that

- All groups that aren’t selected as pilot groups stay continuously informed and involved
- When finalizing the project, all created examples, results and developed instruments will be made available to all groups of Cafédirect’s network and for their further implementation in the framework of the PPP-Program with its cooperating partners

The first phase included research at national level and on producer level in six selected countries. This has now been completed and the results have been integrated in the selection process of the pilot groups.

An experts committee supervises the implementation of the project by evaluating its progress regularly and advising on important decisions and relevant activities. This committee also includes representatives of the producer partners of Cafédirect. With the help of Twin and Imani, the experts committee established the following criteria in order to identify the pilot groups:

- The severity with which producer groups are affected by climate and environmental risks at present and in the future
- The capacity of the producer groups to elaborate and implement the adaptation measures
- Representativeness of the group that allows for the creation of successful examples that can be transferred to other producer groups

- number of other producer groups in the area and the possibility to create synergies and to obtain technical and financial support for the implementation of the project from national and international actors. This criterion is very important, as the project objective is to implement the adaptation strategies rather than merely developing methodologies on a theoretical level.

According to the results of the producer interviews you participated in, Twin and Imani, as partners of the coffee and tee producers and as members of the experts committee suggested a selection of pilot groups.

On the basis of the criteria mentioned above and the research at national level in the six focus countries of the project, the experts committee discussed those suggestions. After investigating and analysing the obtained information we have decided to propose the following organisations as pilot participants in the producer organisations:

In order to realise the risk assessments and to identify measures for the implementation in the first round:

- **Cepicafe / Peru**, coffee: This suggestion is currently being discussed between CPL, the Junta Nacional de Café (JNC) (National Coffee Union), Cafédirect and GTZ, as there was no agreement between parties on the selection of the pilot group in Peru. The project management, which consists of Cafédirect and GTZ, has proposed Cepicafé for technical reasons and according to the criteria mentioned above. Cepicafe is and will be strongly affected by the impacts of climate change. Basic climate data and future scenarios are available. There is an adequate infrastructure as well as support mechanisms in the region in which Cepicafe operates, such as other international institutions that have already begun the implementation of programs of adaptation to climate change. Those conditions support and ensure the generation of successful examples in a very efficient and fast way. The fast and efficient generation of transferable examples is very important in order to be able to include other producer groups.
- With regard to the discussion on the decision the project management proposes to
 - ⇒ Maintain Cepicafe as pilot group as it fulfils all criteria and real possibilities for concrete results
 - ⇒ Nevertheless, in order to permit a wide diffusion of the methodology and an effect of mutual learning, we would like to invite other participating groups of the first round in Peru (Chirinos, Pangoa, Cocola and Cecovasa) to stay involved in all of the following steps - such as the risk analysis in Cepicafe as well as meetings with other national and international actors
 - ⇒ We are convinced that it is very important to involve more Peruvian in order to multiply the experience. However, it will not be possible to realise all elements of the project, such as the risk analysis and adaptation measures, in all producer groups. Those elements will only be implemented with one pilot group per country.

- **Prodecoop/ Nicaragua**, coffee: this suggestion was accepted by all members of the experts committee.
- **Michimikuru/ Kenya, tea**: this suggestion was accepted by all members of the experts committee.

In order to realise the risk assessments and to identify measures for the implementation of the second round:

- **KNCU/ Tanzania**, coffee: this suggestion was accepted by all members of the experts committee.
- **Kayonza/ Uganda**, tea: this suggestion was accepted by all members of the experts committee.
- **Mexico**: suggestions are still to be defined, participants of the interviews, the Unión Regional de Huatusco (Regional Union of Huatusco) and Más Café have already pronounced their interest.

As the financial resources of the project are limited, the next step of the project – the risk and opportunity assessments that identify adequate adaptation measures with the pilot groups – has to be realised in an economically efficient way. This is necessary in order to fulfil the goal of six countries and six pilot groups, which was one of the most important criteria on behalf of the involved parties, in particular the producer partners. For each pilot group there is a small budget available to finance some concrete adaptation measures, but it is necessary to identify and find other partners and counterparts that are willing to co-finance adaptation measures.

At the same time, the project researches and elaborates a suggestion of more sustainable financing through rewards for environmental services or the market of carbon sequestration along Cafédirect's supply chain.

The next steps of the project will be:

If your group would like to continue participating in the project, we propose to formalise and define our close cooperation in a formal Memorandum of Understanding that we hope to finish and sign as soon as possible.

From January 2008 onwards we will begin the preparation of the Risk Assessments (RA) and the identification of specific measures for the implementation and adaptation. RA is a methodology to identify and evaluate possible damage and losses that can result from the impacts of a hazard on vulnerable conditions. Therefore, RA is a base for the implementation of corrective measures and prospectives.

The aim of the Risk Assessment is among others:

- To identify and analyse the natural dangers and existing vulnerabilities, to evaluate and quantify the probability that they might occur, the possible damage of extreme events, and to identify and analyse the deficits and weaknesses in the strategies of protection and adaptation. All analysis will be conducted in a participatory manner with and by the producer groups.
- Share the existing strategies and strengths and elaborate and agree on suggestions of realistic measures that reduce risks with all social actors.
- Ensure that the suggested measures are realistic, efficient, effective and that they have a solid social and institutional base.

The process of RA can be separated into **seven steps**:

Step	Analysis	Workshops / Meetings
1	Preparation of the analysis	Meeting with those involved
2	Participatory collection of information	Central Workshop I
3	Consolidation of RA at communal level	Decentralised workshops
4	Technical survey of data	
5	Systematise information	Meeting with facilitator
6	Communicate results, prioritize preventive measures and define their implementation	Central Workshop II
7	Integration of the measure in the local management and diffusion of the results as products.	Work meetings with the facilitating group.

The first step for the preparation of the analysis is to define the institution that will lead the process of the risk assessments. This may be the pilot group. The coordinating entity will then establish objectives and a chronogram of the RAs and organise the necessary financial, material and human resources. Participants who should integrate the management groups will be defined, with representatives of important local organisations. The group is formed in order to guide and manage the whole process, facilitate the workshops and to decide on the follow up of the process. Therefore it will include key members (men and women) of the producer groups, their community and other organisations.

In the first meeting of the management team the objective and the operational framework of the analysis will be presented. **With the contribution of the participants a working plan will be elaborated and agreed. Tasks will be identified and the role of each member of the management**

team will be defined. The results will be spread to the population in another workshop, including suggestions, expectations and ideas.

We would also like to inform you that we are elaborating a draft Executive Summary for the first phase of the Risk Assessments. The report will include the information compiled in the research on national level, the results of the producer interviews, financing options and and possible adaptation measures. Currently we are expecting the comments of the expert committee in order to finalise the draft until the end of the year. A Spanish version will also be available until the end of the year. Comments on your behalf are very welcome. All the information and results of the project will be available on our Website www.adapcc.org that already exists in Spanish and English. We are still improving and rounding off the content of the Website.

As you already know, Kathleen Jährmann is coordinating the implementation of the project. She is your first person to contact in the realisation of the project in the long run with its different implementation phases. Kathleen has already been able to get to know some of you personally, and during the following months she will plan for further meetings with the organisations in the respective regions.

We hope that this information helps you to get an idea of the first steps the project has undertaken, and of the next steps in which your participation, interest and cooperation will be decisive for the success of the project.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact us.

We are confident that the project will continue to reach its goals and results to the benefit of the partner producer groups in order to confront the risks of climate change the best way.

Best wishes,

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