

Principles for Locally Led Adaptation Action

Commitment Form

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Type of Organization or Government: International Non-Government Organization

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Short Commitment Statement:

Please specify how your organization intends to implement, use, or deliver on the principles for Locally Led Adaptation in 100 words or less. Note this text may be listed on webpage.

Mercy Corps would be proud to implement and deliver on the Principles for Locally Led Adaptation in several ways. We commit to increasing the use of climate information services at the community level; advocating for increasing government climate change adaptation and disaster risk reduction funding to local levels in at least two countries in 2021-2022; and to increase our internal efforts around adaptive management and share best practices with the wider Civil Society Organization (CSO) community.

Detailed Commitment Narrative

Please describe in more detail what changes will be made or current practices strengthened to better incentivize or support adaptation that is driven by local stakeholders, to deliver on these principles. Please add rows and additional pages if needed. Note this is voluntary, but highly encouraged!

Principle Number	Detail of Implementation
3 & 4	We are working in Nepal and Jordan to identify gaps in local government spending of DRR and CCA financing and will support local level governments to help close these gaps. We will use the model we successfully implemented in Nepal, where in 2019, we identified gaps in DRR and CCA funding in 7 municipalities and advocated with the provincial government to close these gaps. Twelve municipalities have now committed to spending 5% of their budgets on DRR.
5	We have already developed a significant toolkit for communities and practitioners to use climate services, including a user guide. We will build off of this work to ensure more people have easier access to climate services by piloting new approaches in 1 to 2 countries in 2021. Our longer-term objective of these efforts is to develop new, or strengthen existing, climate structures and increase the uptake of climate information services by communities.

	We also commit to sharing these tools and information with organizations working at local levels and will present and share these resources in at least 2 'global' platforms that are targeting organizations working at the grassroots level (e.g. CBA, GNDR, REAP marketplace, Adaptation Futures, or a Regional Climate Dialogue). Recognizing the increasing overlap between climate vulnerable states and other indicators of fragility, we commit to developing guidance and a process for subnational 'climate-security' assessments and will implement these assessments in 1-2 countries in 2021.
6	Mercy Corps is committed to adaptive management and will contribute to the body of evidence on adaptive management by supporting teams to make systematic, iterative, and timely decisions throughout the program cycle. This includes working on scenario and adaptive management plans, which include routine review and reflection sessions of program learning questions, along with dynamic monitoring processes (shock monitoring and activity monitoring) and regular conversations between staff at all levels. This helps teams review their sequencing, layering and integration of program activities, update their work plans based on learning, and document decision-making processes. We are currently working with the Sahel Collaboration and Communications Activity on a Resilience Collaboration, Learning, and Adaptation (CLA) Fellowship: a year-long peer-to-peer program for implementing partners (IPs), local governments, and civil society organizations (CSOs) in the Sahel. We are also piloting a CLA Toolkit for food security programs that will include facilitator guidance and tools for conducting CLA workshops as part of a monthly, quarterly review or end of program reflection sessions to better analyze and use program and contextual data.

Authorization

By submitting this form, my organization agrees to have its logo publicly listed as endorsing the Principles for Locally Led Adaptation and commits to being part of a learning community of practice on locally led adaptation action. I certify that I am authorized to make this commitment on behalf of my organization.

Signature: Ann Vaughan (electronic signature)

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