

Climate Impact Studies in Support of Adaptation Planning and Practices

Perspectives from ADB Supported Activities

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In the next **15 minutes...**

- The wide context
- A diverse range of assessments supported by ADB
- Lessons learned and major gaps
- Opportunities

1. The wider context

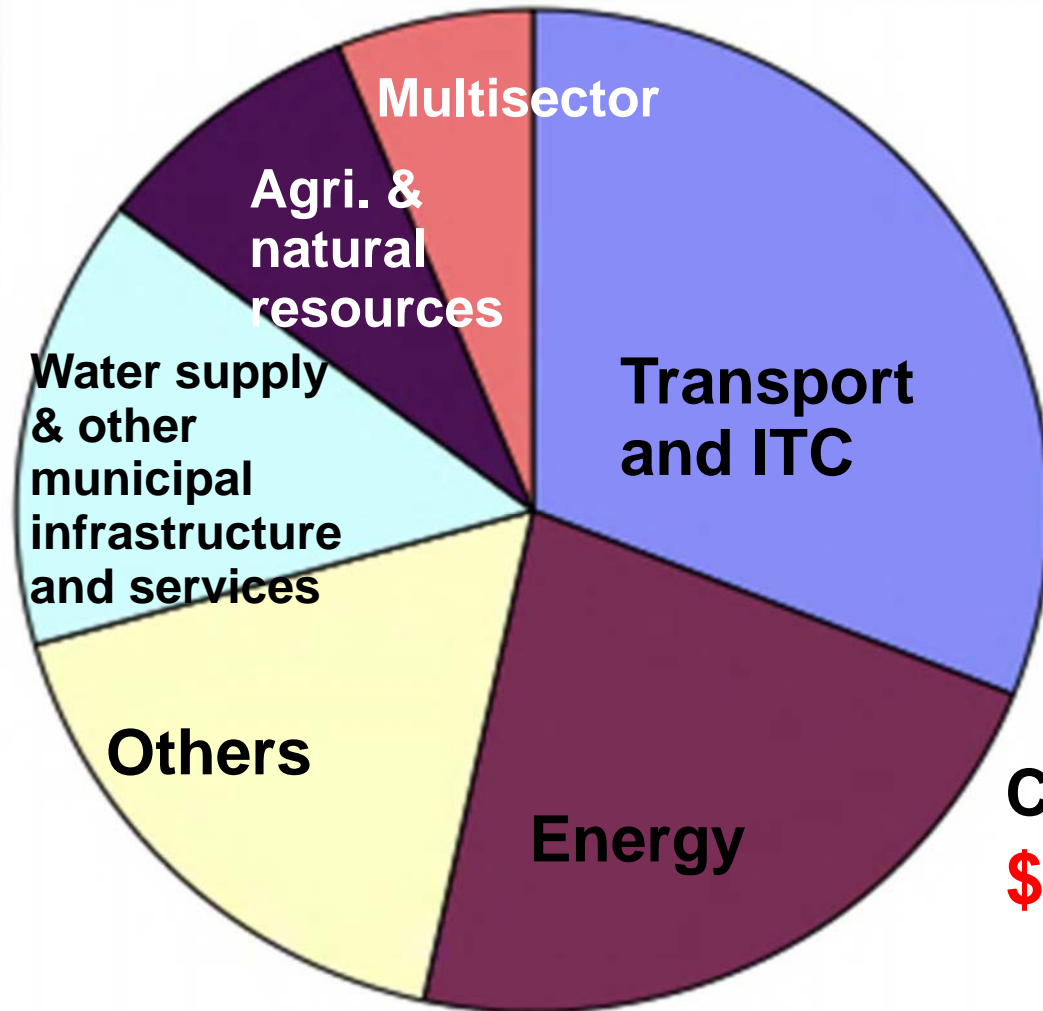
	Mitigation	Adaptation
Focus	Cause	Consequences
Nature	Public health	Medical treatment
Benefits	Global, long-term	Local, immediate
Reason to act	Obvious	Not obvious
Cost	Low to begin with	Initial investment often high

But both are necessary!

Diagnosis is the basis for effective treatment.

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But first of all, why?



ADB investment project pipeline (2011-2013)

**Climate proofing costs
\$2.5BN (6%) ~ \$8.5BN (20%)**

“Other” includes Finance, Health and Social Protection, Industry & Trade, Public Sector Management, Unclassified

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But first of all, why?

ADB's Climate Change Strategic Priorities

Scaling-up Clean Energy

Encouraging Sustainable Transport and Urban Development

Managing Land Use and Forests for Carbon Sequestration

Promoting Climate-resilient Development

Strengthening Policies, Governance and Capacity

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KNOWLEDGE
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A wide range of assessments differing in **purpose, approach and methods**, determined by **motivation, decision context and reality of access to data and capacity**.

Three broad categories of assessments aimed at:

- **Capacity building and sensitization;**
- **Informing development policy process;**
- **Supporting investment decisions at project level**

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Example 1: **Community-based vulnerability mapping** and adaptation planning



(Source: ADB, 2011)

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- **Purpose:** to engage and enable vulnerability communities to develop and implement practical adaptive measure;
- **Approach:** participatory (building on traditional knowledge);
- **Methods:** community vulnerability mapping, planning workshops;
- **Outputs:** climate vulnerability and risk atlases, community adaptation plans;
- **Outcome:** direct adaptation actions at individual, household and community levels triggered, community adaptation priorities integrated into government policies and programs

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**Example 2: Ho Chi Minh
City Adaptation to Climate
Change**

(Source: ADB, 2010)

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- **Purpose:** to inform the adaptation priorities of the municipal authority
- **Approach:** standard scenario-impacts-adaptation assessment
- **Methods:** scenario development, hydrological modelling, economic analyses;
- **Outputs:** vulnerabilities of core infrastructure and economic activities, adaptation options;
- **Outcome:** priorities for adaptation identified and options evaluated

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Example 3: Strengthening the Climate Resilience of Water Sector Infrastructure in Kuhlina, Bangladesh



(Source: ADB, 2011)

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- **Purpose:** to “climate proof” the investment in water supply infrastructure
- **Approach:** standard scenario-impacts-adaptation assessment
- **Methods:** scenario development, in-depth hydrological and hydraulics modelling, economic analyses;
- **Outputs:** vulnerabilities of core components of the planned water supply structures, adaptation options;
- **Outcome:** climate risk management options integrated into the design of structures (e.g. location of water intake points, conveyance capacity of drains, size of impounding reservoirs, outfall capacity of outlet structures etc.)

3. Lessons Learned and Major Gaps

- **Participatory** approach to impact assessments is **effective** in sensitizing stakeholders and motivate **sustainable** adaptive responses;
- **Access** to data and information, and technical **capacity** are **uneven** across the Asia Pacific Region;

3. Lessons Learned and Major Gaps

- There is a **double-edged challenge** surrounding **data and scenarios**: there is certainly a deficit in good quality scenario data particularly at the scales relevant to adaptation planning; while a vast amount of available data have not been fully explored and “intelligently” made use of;
- **Collaboration and communications** among different communities of practices are **desperately inadequate...**

4. Opportunities

- User needs-oriented research approach is gaining attraction: co-production of knowledge, applied research, mainstreaming climate change adaptation;
- The emergence of **knowledge brokers/boundary organizations**: e.g., NIES;
- Opportunities for **regional collaboration** facilitated by key regional partners: e.g., AIM, ADB's Regional Consortium for Climate Scenarios initiative

4. Opportunities

ADB facilitating a regional consortium to develop climate information and scenario “library” for Asia and the Pacific

- User needs-driven;
- Consortium approach;
- Up to date science;
- Exploration of wide ranging uncertainties;
- Detailed documentation;
- User guide, training and help desk

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Thank you!