

# Partnerships for climate action



**The Nordic Climate Facility (NCF)** provides co-financing grants to encourage and promote technological innovations in low-income countries vulnerable to climate change.

NCF grants target partnerships involving private or public organisations registered in Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway or Sweden, who implement projects in eligible low-income countries together with local stakeholders and other partners.

NCF has so far contributed co-financing amounting to **24.5 million euros** to **59 climate-related projects** in **21 countries** around the world. Including leveraged co-financing, the total project budgets have amounted to more than **45 million euros**.

**21** NCF projects have been successfully completed. Several have been granted **awards for innovation**, including a scheme where Swedish-designed Solvatten devices use solar power to purify and heat household water for Kenyan families.



**“To fetch water I used to have to walk for an hour and wait another hour, but now it takes less than 10 minutes!”**

- Local beneficiary of an NCF-backed water supply project in rural Kenya

An independent evaluation carried out in 2013 reported that NCF is a **cost-effective scheme** which has successfully delivered results by favourably **combining innovation, leverage and partnership**.

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NCF regularly issues **calls for project proposals** focusing on specific themes relating to climate change mitigation and adaptation, poverty reduction and other sustainable development goals. For more information see the NCF section of NDF's website.



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**NCF** provides support for projects where technology, knowhow and innovative ideas are shared by partners based in the Nordic countries and in selected low-income countries\*.



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The Cleaner Production Center of **Nicaragua** has been promoting energy efficiency improvements in industrial and service premises with help from the Finnish energy efficiency company Motiva Services. The project focused on energy audits to identify possible savings. Nicaragua is highly dependent on imported oil.

In **Uganda** Norges Vel's expertise has been applied to set up and develop local small-scale renewable energy companies in collaboration with Makerere University and other partners. In rural Uganda few people have access to electricity, mainly from diesel generators. Local business opportunities include rural electrification schemes linked to mini hydropower dams, solar photovoltaic systems and biomass-fuelled power plants.

In rural **Nepal** an innovative project run by Danish Forestry Extension in partnership with Wildlife Conservation Nepal and Choudhary Biosys Nepal has promoted agroforestry and the sustainable use of non-timber forest products like wintergreen and patchouli. Training has also enabled local people to launch viable businesses selling spinoff products from biofuel briquettes to jam. The project also combats deforestation.

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