



# AN OVERVIEW OF PROGRESS ON PREPARE

## 2024 PREPARE Snapshot Series

### THE U.S. RESPONSE TO THE GLOBAL ADAPTATION CHALLENGE

With 2024 marked by near-constant record-breaking heat waves, floods, fires, and storms, climate shocks have now become so regular that they can hardly be called “shocks” any longer. Even if all emissions reduction pledges are met, climate impacts will still endanger many lives and negatively affect the global economy. In 2023, extreme weather caused \$380 billion in economic losses globally (Aon, 2024). Climate change threatens development gains, U.S. and global commercial activity, and exacerbates insecurity and instability.

Since 2021, the President’s Emergency Plan for Adaptation and Resilience (PREPARE) has been working to help more than half a billion people in developing countries adapt to and manage the impacts of climate change by 2030. Led by the U.S. Department of State and the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID), PREPARE is implemented by 20 federal agencies, and the U.S. government scaled its assistance to \$2.3 billion to implement PREPARE in fiscal year 2022. PREPARE is preserving hard-won development gains, safeguarding future sustainable development, and contributing to stability and economic growth.

Through the implementation of the PREPARE Action Plan, the U.S. government is partnering with more than 115 countries to address the climate-related threats that they face. PREPARE responds to requests from communities, governments, and stakeholders across Latin America and the Caribbean, Africa, the Middle East, South and Southeast Asia, and the Pacific Islands. PREPARE supports country- and regionally-owned and -led initiatives such as the Least Developed Country (LDC) Initiative for Effective Adaptation and Resilience (LIFE-AR), the Pacific Resilience Facility, and the Africa Adaptation Initiative.

#### KEY PROGRESS ON PREPARE

**Secured \$2.3 billion** to implement PREPARE in fiscal year 2022 and continued to work with Congress to meet the president’s pledge to fund international adaptation at \$3 billion annually by 2024.

**Mobilized over \$3 billion** in additional resources from 34 private companies investing in adaptation and resilience across 42 countries through the PREPARE Call to Action. Engaged with more than 2,000 U.S. companies on export opportunities for their adaptation technology.

**Expanded climate information services** to support over 80 countries across key sectors most impacted by climate change such as health, food security, infrastructure, and water.

Published a first-of-its-kind approach to **investing in the resilience of infrastructure systems**, as opposed to individual assets. Endorsed by Millenium Challenge Corporation, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, and USAID, this approach will guide U.S. investments and provide a roadmap for other donors to achieve systems resilience in infrastructure.

Launched a **whole-of-government monitoring, evaluation, and learning (MEL) plan** for PREPARE, uniting departments and agencies for the first time around standard climate adaptation indicators and improving how the U.S. government tracks the impacts of its investments in adaptation.

Promoted the **Principles for Locally Led Adaptation**, including supporting seven new bilateral donors and partner governments to endorse and implement them.

Supported 75 countries to establish or enhance **development and implementation of National Adaptation Plans** and other national adaptation planning documents.





## IMPLEMENTING THE THREE PILLARS OF PREPARE

During the first three years of implementation, the U.S. government has enhanced the coordination and application of its scientific, diplomatic, development, and defense expertise to address global climate threats across three pillars:

**Pillar 1 – Knowledge:** Expanding the production and use of climate information services while equipping the decision-makers of tomorrow with the skills, knowledge, and networks needed to adapt to climate impacts.

**Pillar 2 – Plans and Programs:** Partnering with climate-vulnerable countries and communities to plan for and mainstream adaptation in policies and programs, particularly in infrastructure, food security, water, and health.

**Pillar 3 – Resources:** Mobilizing finance, including private capital, for adaptation action and highlighting the business opportunities available.

## THE 2024 PREPARE SNAPSHOT SERIES

This series highlights the ways PREPARE is delivering on the U.S. government’s commitment to support countries and communities in adapting to the impacts of climate change.

- Financing Adaptation
- Effective Water Resource Management Enhances Climate Resilience
- Adaptation Bolsters U.S. National Security at Home and Abroad
- The Economic Case for Adaptation
- Climate Information Supports Resilience
- Supporting the Most Vulnerable Communities to Prepare for Sea-Level Rise

For more information, please visit [usaid.gov/prepare](https://www.usaid.gov/prepare).

“Adaptation action means reducing vulnerability and strengthening resilience. Or put more bluntly, it means protecting people and their homes, their neighborhoods, and their livelihoods... adaptation is lives saved – it’s jobs created – and it’s also common sense. Roads, bridges, and ports can only spur economic growth and reduce poverty next year if they are built to survive the storms of tomorrow... President Biden’s Emergency Plan for Adaptation and Resilience – PREPARE – will help empower developing countries and communities to adapt to and manage the impacts of climate change.”

– Former U.S. Special Presidential Envoy for Climate John Kerry, 2022

## PREPARE WORKS IN CLIMATE-VULNERABLE COUNTRIES AROUND THE WORLD

Over 115 countries have received U.S. adaptation funding through PREPARE since 2021.

