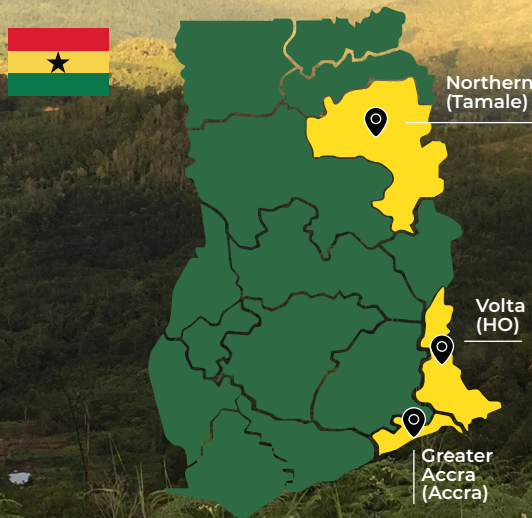


The Strengthening Investments in Gender-Responsive Climate Adaptation (SIGRA) Project is a Government of Canada-funded initiative that aims to improve the resilience of Ghanaian citizens through increased investments in inclusive and gender-responsive climate adaptation initiatives.

SIGRA is implemented by Cowater International and supports climate action and inclusive governance in Ghana, while applying GAC's Feminist International Assistance Policy. It seeks to promote transparency, accountability and inclusion, and foster collaboration between women-led CSOs and all levels of government on the planning and execution of climate adaptation investments



Project Profile

Total budget:
\$10,500,000 CAD

Project duration:
2023-28

Geographical scope:
SIGRA will operate in Accra, in three districts of the Northern region, and two districts of the Volta region.

Ghana is highly vulnerable to the impacts of climate change including temperature and rainfall variability and increased frequency of extreme weather events such as droughts and floods.

Climate change has serious implications for Ghana's economy and poses risks for food, water and livelihood security of vulnerable groups, including women.



Climate impacts in Ghana

The Northern and the Volta regions, where SIGRA will be implemented, are among the most exposed to climate change risks in Ghana.

Women and vulnerable groups in these regions face additional climate change-related vulnerabilities due to limited access to resources and information, biased social norms and inadequate participation in climate-responsive decision making.

SIGRA seeks to address these challenges through:

- 1. Strengthening climate adaptation planning, budgeting and governance systems in key institutions within the Ghanaian Public Administration.** Building institutional capabilities at national and regional levels for planning and implementing a gender-responsive National Adaptation Plan (NAP), accessing climate finance and evaluating adaptation outcomes.
- 2. Financing local gender-responsive climate adaptation initiatives** in five Metropolitan, Municipal, and District Assemblies (MMDAs). The grants provided will support climate change adaptation efforts, such as climate-smart agriculture, forestry, land management, water and sanitation facilities, climate-resilient livelihoods, and support for women in agricultural value chains. In targeted districts, regional calls for proposals will be launched for the MMDAs to work with local women-led CSOs and co-develop project proposals on gender-responsive climate adaptation.
- 3. Strengthening sub-national capacities for adaptation planning** by assisting MMDAs in the Northern and Volta regions to plan, implement, fund, monitor and report on climate adaptation initiatives by collaborating with women-led CSOs.
- 4. Partnering with national and local women-led CSOs to increase their capacity and influence on gender-responsive climate adaptation:** Collaborating with national and local CSOs to enhance the participation and influence of women in adaptation planning, budgeting, and reporting processes of the government, including for local adaptation projects.

Project Outcomes



Access to climate finance

Improved enabling environment and inclusive and gender-responsive NAP



Gender responsive climate adaptation projects

Improved planning and execution of climate adaptation projects by MMDAs in the Northern and Volta region



Enhanced voice and influence

Women, girls and vulnerable groups influencing government expenditure priorities for inclusive and gender-responsive investments in climate.

Key partners

National: Key Ministries, Departments, and Agencies (MDA) including the Ministry of Local Governments and Rural Development (MLGRD), Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Ministry of Gender, Children and Social Protection (MGCSP), Ministry of Finance (MOF), National Development Planning Commission (NDPC), and Local Government Service (LGS).

Regional: Metropolitan, Municipal, and District Assemblies (MMDAs) in Northern and Volta regions

CSO networks: ABANTU for Development, WILDAF, NETRIGHT, and others

