



Mobilizing Climate Finance for Climate Adaptation in Deltas

Climate Bridge Fund (CBF): an innovative finance mechanism to improve adaptive capacity and resilience in Bangladesh

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Climate Bridge Fund

- Established on November, 2019 by BRAC, with support from German government through KfW in Bangladesh
- Innovative, direct climate finance mechanism, supporting registered NGOs of Bangladesh for urban adaptation measures in the context of climate induced migration.
- Currently funding projects cover 26 districts of Bangladesh
- Stakeholders: Govt. agencies, I/NGOs, LGAs, local communities, CBF Secretariat, trustee board, advisory body.
- Financial mechanism: Grant support received from German govt., co-financing is also welcomed.

What Makes the funding innovative and unique?



Local ownership

The project concepts are prepared in close cooperation and consultation with local authorities, e.g. city corporations and Pourashavas (municipalities). The project concepts must be in line with key policies and plans. Ips must be a local organization



Gender and socially inclusive

Gender inclusion is a major criteria for selecting and supporting projects. The fund prioritizes projects that are inclusive, addressing gender and the most vulnerable groups and communities.



Bottom-up approach

The project ideas are developed in discussion with local communities who are vulnerable.



Bridging short term to sustainable model

The CBF has been set up to “bridge” the financial gap from short-term project funding to the sustainable provision of services and infrastructure for climate-induced migrants.



Innovative practice

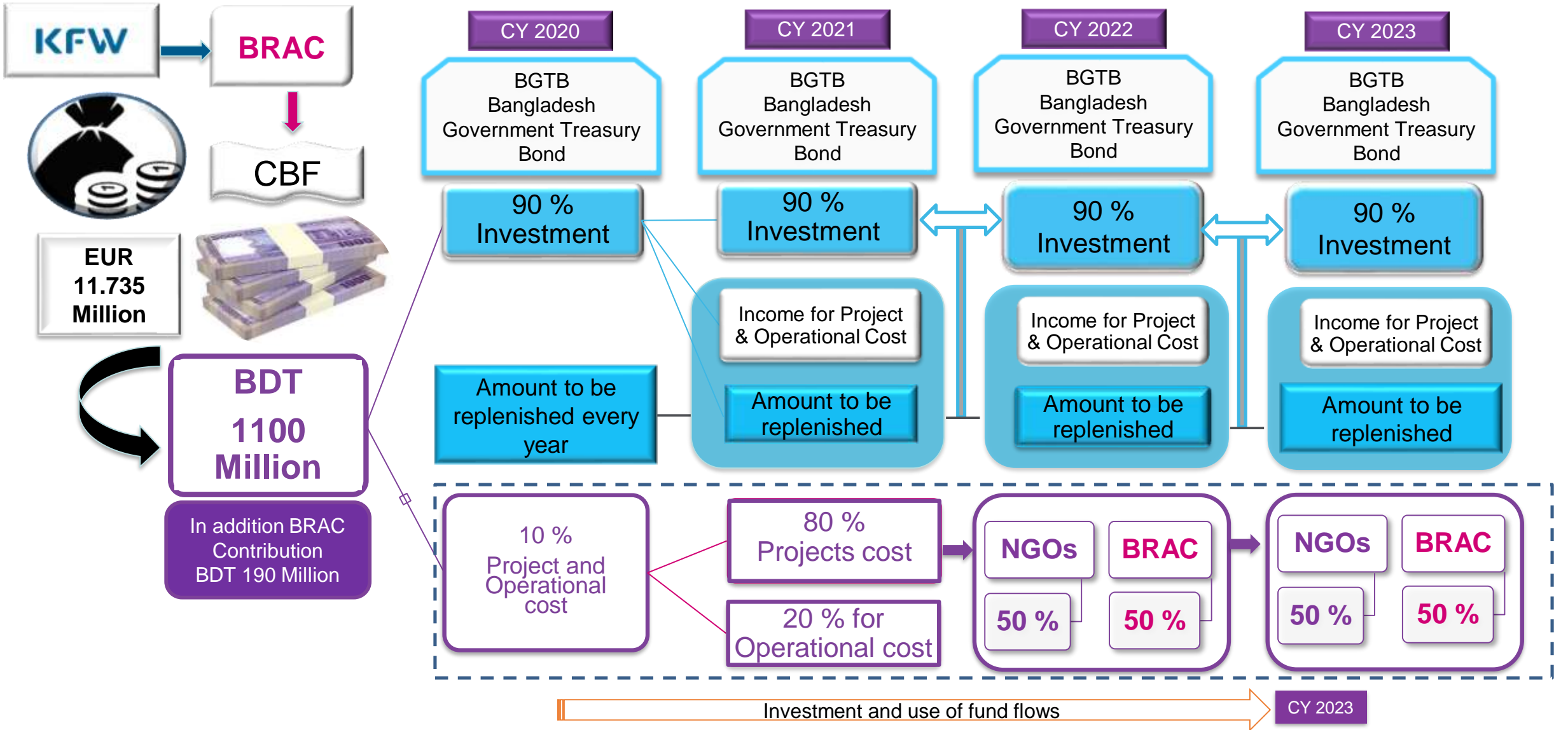
The fund promotes innovative ideas for effective adaptation in vulnerable locations.



Generating knowledge and evidence

CBF supports research to identify knowledge gaps on climate change induced migration and develop strong evidence.

How did the fund get started?



How does CBF works now?

Major Stakeholders

BRAC

- Legal partner for Financing Agreement
- Settlor of the Fund.
- Employer of the Trustees

KFW

- Development partner
- Provide no objection
- Progress review and fiduciary supervision

Principal Organs

Board of Trustees

- All strategic decisions
- Oversee fund management investment and disbursement

ACCF

- Advises the trustees on strategic decisions
- Selection of funded projects / awards grants

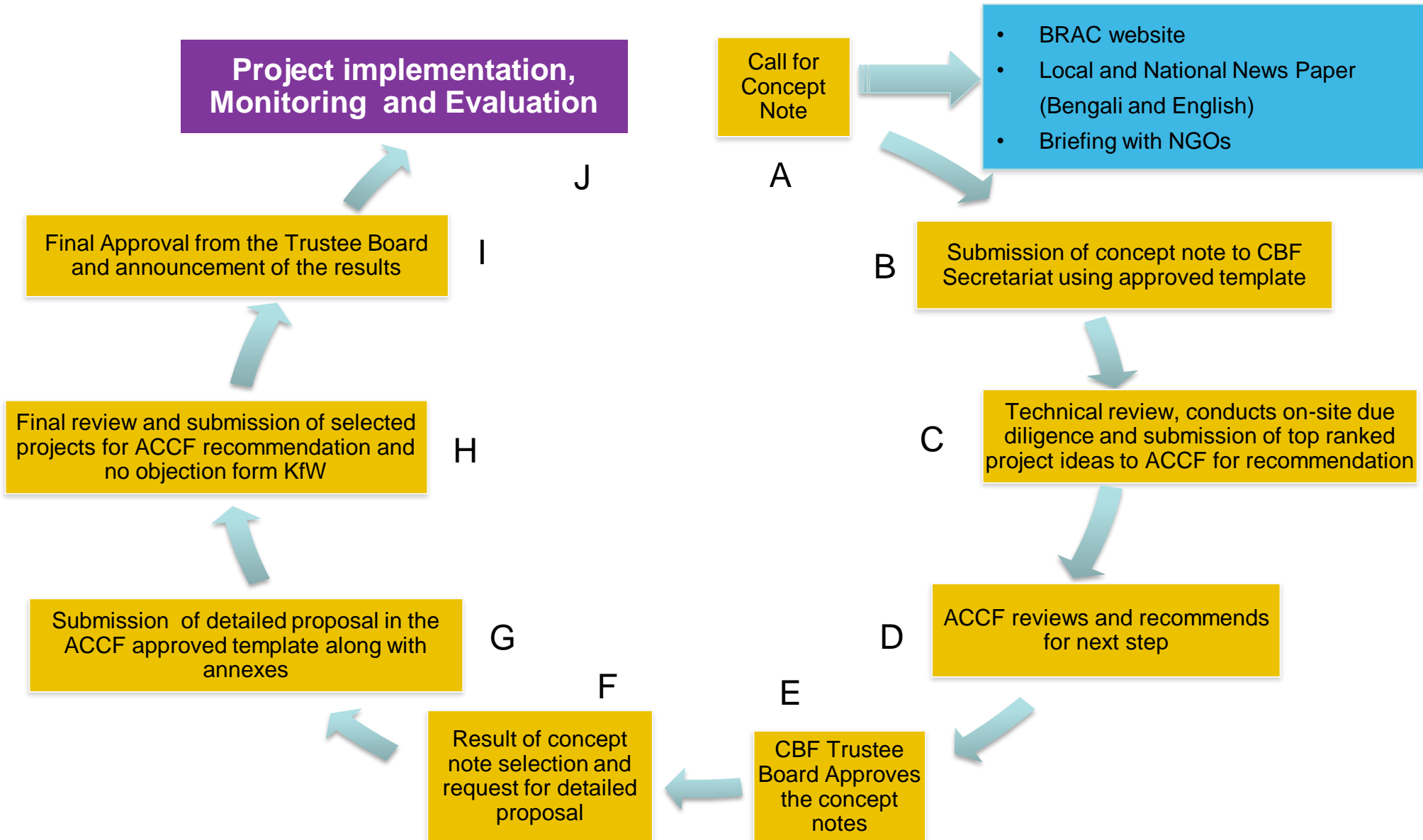
CBF Secretariat

- Overall coordination, administration, effective and efficient management of fund and implementation

Implementing Partners

- Implement the funded project
- Monitor and report to the Fund Secretariat on progress of the funded projects
- Ensure that the grant is prudently managed and solely used for project purposes

Project Selection Processes: How priorities are set? Who approves the budget?



Lessons learnt

Technical learning

-Integration of future climate projections to ensure effectiveness of adaptation

Process Learning

-Analysing needs to identify co-benefits in project designing

Field based learning

- Engagement of target communities and local authorities are crucial to identify the key problems and adaptation solutions
- Ownership of the land- target communities are primarily vulnerable climate migrants living in informal settlements (lands are owned by either Government and others)
- Vulnerability and needs are huge but provided support is comparatively small

Policy Learning

-Changes of government policy may affect the financial scenario and associated investment income

Thank You!

