



# Guidelines and Standard Indicators

Project application is open to applicants worldwide through a regular call for proposals. This two-stage procedure is designed to ensure that funding is awarded to ambitious projects with the most suitable implementing organisations. Applicants, whose submitted project outlines have passed the first stage of the selection process according to predefined criteria by the BMU, are invited in a second phase to submit detailed project proposals. These proposals are expected to be drafted in concordance with the guidelines on results-based project planning and monitoring in the IKI, also known as the guidelines on project planning and monitoring. The following points apply in particular to BMU-funded projects:

## Designing an international climate finance architecture

The IKI supports mechanisms for mobilising additional funding, private investments in particular, as well as sustainable business models for climate change mitigation and biodiversity conservation measures.

## Innovation and the multiplier effect

IKI projects should follow technologically, environmentally, methodologically or institutionally ambitious and replicable approaches that are transferrable and that achieve results beyond individual projects.

## Transparency and Coherence

The IKI supports its partner countries in making measurable, reportable and verifiable (MRV) contributions to climate change mitigation. BMU also participates in the international debate on MRV. On the one hand, it is continuously improving its own monitoring approach. The planning and monitoring of IKI projects follows the impact logic of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD). On the other hand, the IKI also focuses on strengthening transparency and governance structures in international climate financing.

## Learning from Experience

Stakeholders active in the IKI use platforms such as workshops or online networks to exchange experiences and know-how and learn from one another. An independent evaluation of individual projects and the entire project provide important insights for continuously improving the IKI.

Standard Indicators:

As from 2015, all new projects are to use not only the project-specific indicators, but also the overarching standard indicators that summarise the central impacts of the IKI funding project. Each project reports on all standard indicators to which it has made a significant contribution.

## IKI's standard indicators are

- Reduction indicator: Reduction in greenhouse gas emissions and increase in carbon storage (as tonnes of carbon dioxide equivalent) in the project/project area.



- Adaptation indicator: Number of people the project directly assists with adaptation to climate change impacts or ecosystem conservation.
- Ecosystem indicator: Ecosystem area (in hectares) that is improved or protected by the project's activities.
- Policy indicator: Number of new or improved policy frameworks for managing climate change and/or conserving biodiversity.
- Institution indicator: Number of new or improved institutionalised structures or processes for managing climate change and/or conserving biodiversity.
- Methods indicator: Number of new or improved methodological tools for managing climate change and conserving biodiversity.