There are many phases in project preparation, from early stages of project identification, concept development and establishing the enabling environment, to mid- and late-stage processes including project due diligence and project structuring. The PPF application must include a clear paragraph explaining how the underlying project fits in with the country’s national priorities and ensures full country ownership. It is therefore highly recommended that the accredited entities consult with the respective national designated authority (NDA) or focal point, with support from the GCF Secretariat, to develop a PPF request.

Applications are then submitted by the Accredited Entity, using the Project Preparation Funding application form along with a no objection letter and relevant project information. Applications can be sent to the GCF Secretariat. The GCF with review and approve applications, allowing for the formation of a grant agreement. Monitoring and reporting procedures will be followed throughout
project implementation.

Actions: GCF Project Preparation support received

Actors: National Designated Authority (NDA)/Focal Point; National or Regional Entity seeking accreditation (or accredited) under the Direct Access modality

2 Know what activities are eligible for project preparation support

To receive project preparation support, accredited Entities must identify and prioritize activities based on the GCF’s eligibility criteria for this funding envelope, and obtain the approval of the NDA/Focal Point, which issues a no objection letter.

Find an overview of activities eligible for GCF Project Preparation facility here

Actions: GCF Project Preparation support received through no objection letter

Actors: Accredited Entity

3 Become an accredited entity

Organizations seen to have specialized capacities
in driving climate action may apply to become GCF Accredited Entities. They can be private, public, non-governmental, sub-national, national, regional or international bodies.

Find out more about the accreditation process and how to become an accredited entity here.

Actions: Accreditation

Actors: National Designated Authority (NDA)/Focal Point; National or Regional Entity seeking accreditation under the Direct Access modality

4 Develop a project preparation proposal

Accredited entities that need support in project preparation can access the GCF project preparation facility to receive support in project identification, concept development, and project structuring.

Find an overview of GCF project preparation facility here, and the steps for developing a proposal here.

Actions: Project proposal developed and approved

Actors: National Designated Authority (NDA)/Focal Point; Accredited National or Regional Entity under the Direct Access modality