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CBA Project Timeframe

- 2009: 10-15 projects under implementation
- 2010: 50-60 projects under implementation
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The CBA programme addresses this gap by supporting community-driven projects that will pilot a range of climate risk management practices at the local level. The initiative seeks to support 8-20 projects in each of ten pilot countries, and a total of 80-200 projects globally by 2012. Taking a natural resource management approach, the CBA programme focuses on adaptation approaches that also generate environmental benefits in areas such as biodiversity conservation and sustainable land management. Projects will contribute towards country-driven priorities on natural resource management and climate change adaptation. The projects will in turn leverage systemic policy changes at a national level that are necessary to reduce vulnerability to climate change impacts.

CBA is supporting the Jamaica Conservation & Development Trust – an NGO – to work with farmers toward new practices that will be more resilient to climate change impacts and reduce associated risks. This project supports the Jamaica Forest Conservation Fund, which will be supporting baseline reforestation needs.