# Swedfund's Technical Assistance – Climate

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This information is aimed to provide Swedfund's portfolio companies with an overview of how Technical Assistance related to Environment and Climate can be utilised.

#### 1. What is TA?

Swedfund's funds for technical assistance (TA) is a strategic grant tool that is used for quality-enhancing initiatives to strengthen the performance of our portfolio companies in line with our mission and goals. The funds will mainly be used to strengthen the companies' work on development impact, gender equality and sustainability, including the environment and climate, decent work and business ethics, and anti-corruption. This can be done for example through training programs, development of management systems or new processes and tools.

## 2. TA related to Environment and Climate

TA support within Climate can be provided as a tailor-made offering based on the identified needs of a portfolio company. A TA project normally results in conducted trainings and new and improved processes, tools and methodologies, thereby contributing to strengthening and developing the capacity of a portfolio company.

#### **Examples of TA-projects related to Environment and Climate**

- Developing a climate strategy and targets
- Developing a GHG footprint calculation tool and calculate GHG emissions of a company - and in case of a fund or a financial institution also the underlying portfolio
- **GHG or energy reduction initiatives**, e.g. energy or water efficiency assessments and plans
- Training programmes for commercial banks on sustainable banking, integrating sustainability into business models and accessing new financing possibilities, such as green bonds, green loans, or other climate related financial products
- Developing a physical or transition risk assessment screening and processes for a fund or a financial institution to understand, address, and mitigate climate risks in underlying investments
- Supporting the implementation of the Task Force on Climate-Related Financial Disclosures (TCFD) or The Taskforce on Nature-related Financial Disclosures (TNFD) recommendations

- Studies on and support of **climate adaption or resilience** initiatives or components
- Support for ISO 14001 implementation and certification