

INTRODUCTION

The **UK PACT Monitoring, Evaluation and Learning (MEL) Synthesis reports** published here, from 2020 and 2021 respectively, synthesise the suite of annual MEL reports developed by Oxford Policy Management (OPM), UK PACT's MEL partner, to provide a **summary of the programme's results, sustainability, and lessons and recommendations for future programming**, since the programme became operational in 2018.

As of March 2021:

- **UK PACT has funded 36 Country Programme projects, 10 skill-shares and two secondments**, completed in China, Colombia, Malaysia, Mexico and South Africa.
- **UK PACT projects have mobilised a total of US\$174.4 million** for reducing carbon emissions and invested **US \$695.2 million** for the reduction of greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions.
- **UK PACT has created or strengthened 26 climate networks.** In Mexico, for example, POLEA identified legislators and senators interested in key climate issues and supported them to define their legislative agenda around these topics. The creation of strong legislative networks alongside technical recommendations resulted in the approval by Mexico City's congress of a legally binding commitment to Net Zero by 2050 and other climate related policies.
- **UK PACT has developed 51 technical recommendations**, such as those developed by the Climate Bonds Initiative (CBI) for local government entities in China on green bond markets and green bond issuance. This project contributed to the removal of 'clean' coal from investments allowed to be made using green bonds under Chinese regulations.
- **UK PACT has trained 30,818 key individuals.** For example, UK PACT grant funding supported ICF Consulting to provide training to the Government of Colombia on the Paris Agreement's transparency framework, which specifies how countries report their progress on meeting the commitments they have made. This is important as it helps countries plan and monitor their activities more effectively. The training was delivered to attendees from the Ministry of Environment, the Institute of Hydrology, Meteorology and Environmental Studies, and selected partner organisations.

- **UK PACT has produced and disseminated 99 knowledge products.** For example, The Carbon Trust produced training materials for Colombian counterparts to access funding for energy access and energy efficiency projects. As a result of this support, at least US \$960,000 has been accessed to implement two energy efficiency projects.
- Overall, the **2021 evaluation identified UK PACT to have delivered generalisable and accessible outputs, strengthened networks, and provided capacity building to counterparts.** These are all assets considered likely to contribute to the ongoing sustainability of the programme's results, alongside UK PACT's contributions to reducing emissions through policy and regulatory reform, and incentive structures within the financial sector. UK PACT is targeting transformational change over the longer term, with early evidence being positive about the sustainability of projects and suggesting that transformational change is likely to occur in future, through changes being embedded in partner strategies, policies, and regulations.
- **The evaluation also identified recommendations for further improvement,** including implementing plans to lengthen project timescales, and continuing the progress made in prioritising gender, equality, and social inclusion (GESI) objectives.
