



Agency Priority Goal | Action Plan | FY 2023 – Q3

Climate Change

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Goal Overview

The U.S. Department of State and USAID aim to...

Combat global climate change by advancing climate-resilient, net zero emissions development around the world.

Adaptation: By September 30, 2023, the United States establishes or strengthens collaboration with 75 countries resulting in the development and implementation of National Adaptation Plans (NAPs) or other relevant national adaptation-related documents to increase adaptive capacity, enhance resilience, and reduce vulnerability to climate change by 2030.

Mitigation: By September 30, 2023, the United States establishes or strengthens collaborations with 27 countries that will result in support for enhanced implementation of at least 24 Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) and/or net-zero emission strategies.

Reporting: By September 30, 2023, the United States provides technical, financial, and diplomatic support to 30 countries that enhances their institutional frameworks and capacity to deliver the first National Inventory Reports and Biennial Transparency Reports by December 31, 2024.

Goal Overview

Problem to Be Solved

The climate crisis profoundly threatens the global economy, national security, global health, food security, and natural ecosystems. To avoid catastrophic damages, we must change the global emissions trajectory to limit global temperature rise to 1.5 degrees Celsius and help hundreds of millions of people adapt to and manage the impacts of climate change.

What Success Looks Like

The United States, working in partnership with host country and international institutions, reestablishes itself as a premier global provider of innovation, support, and solutions for emissions reductions and adaptation. Over the next two years, the Department of State and USAID will strategically assist partner countries in their efforts to make major contributions to the global effort to combat climate change and respond to its impacts. This work will harness our diplomatic, development, and technical expertise and that of our partner agencies, and will drive implementation of the Paris Agreement and United Nations Climate Change Conference commitments. Specifically, we focus on three tracks:

1. **Supporting efforts in 27 partner countries to raise ambition and drive enhanced emissions reductions** in line with pathways to limiting global temperature rise to no more than 1.5 degrees Celsius, to substantially reduce the risk of catastrophic climate change.
2. **Supporting development and implementation of national adaptation plans** and other strategies in 75 partner countries that will enable them to adapt to, manage, and mitigate the impacts of a changing climate.
3. **Boosting national capacity to measure, report, and verify greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions** in 30 countries to shore up the transparency-based accountability mechanism that is the foundation of the Paris Agreement.

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Goal Targets

Achievement Statement		Key Indicator(s) <small>A "key performance indicator" measures progress toward a goal target</small>	Quantify Progress			Frequency
By...	We will...	Name of indicator	Target value	Starting value	Current value	Update cycle
09/30/2023	Establish or strengthen collaboration with 27 countries that will result in support for enhanced implementation of 24 NDCs and/or net zero emission strategies.	Number of countries with which the United States establishes or strengthens collaboration that will result in support for enhanced implementation of NDCs and/or net zero emission strategies.	27	0	27	Quarterly
09/30/2023	Establish or strengthen collaboration with 27 countries that will result in support for enhanced implementation of 24 NDCs and/or net zero emission strategies.	Number of countries to which the United States provides diplomatic, technical, and financial support for enhanced implementation of strengthened NDCs and/or net zero emission strategies.	24	0	20	Quarterly
09/30/2023	Establish or strengthen collaboration with 75 countries resulting in the development and implementation of NAPs or other national adaptation planning documents, including those that may be reflected in NDCs or other adaptation communications, to increase adaptive capacity, enhance resilience, and reduce vulnerability to climate change by 2030.	Number of countries with which the United States establishes or strengthens collaboration to enhance development and implementation of NAPs or other national adaptation planning documents.	75	0	54	Quarterly
09/30/2023	Provide technical, financial, and diplomatic support to 30 countries that enhances their institutional frameworks and capacity in order to deliver the first National Inventory Reports and Biennial Transparency Reports by December 31, 2024.	Number of countries to which the United States provides technical support to enhance institutional frameworks and capacity to support delivery of the first National Inventory Reports and Biennial Transparency Reports by December 31, 2024.	30	0	12	Quarterly

Goal Team

Overall Leadership

Special Presidential Envoy for Climate

USAID Administrator

APG Leads

Senior Director, SPEC

USAID Chief Climate Officer

	Washington			In-Country Teams		
	State	USAID	Partner Agencies*	State	USAID	Partner Agencies*
Mitigation	Senior Lead Subject Matter, Regional, and Bilat Leads	Senior Lead Regional and Technical Leads	Partner Agency Staff	Embassy staff	Mission staff	Partner Agency staff
Adaptation	Senior Lead Subject Matter, Regional, and Bilat Leads	Senior Lead Regional and Technical Leads	Partner Agency Staff	Embassy staff	Mission staff	Partner Agency staff
Reporting	Senior Lead Subject Matter, Regional, and Bilat Leads	Technical Leads	Partner Agency Staff	Embassy staff	Mission staff	Partner Agency staff

*The Department of State and USAID work closely with several partner agencies to implement this APG, including the Department of Energy (DOE), Development Finance Corporation (DFC), Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Millennium Challenge Corporation (MCC), National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Agency (NOAA), the Department of Treasury, the Department of Agriculture (USDA), the Forest Service (USFS), and the Geological Survey (USGS). Agreements with partner agencies vary, and may include in-kind support, implementation support with funding, and other types of agreements.

Goal Strategies

- The Department of State (State) and USAID leaders will guide coordinated climate engagement with priority countries that leverage the strength and expertise of each organization. State and USAID will integrate climate change considerations and objectives across foreign policy, including in development and humanitarian assistance.
- **Mitigation:** State and USAID will work to develop or enhance bilateral relationships with countries around the world to mitigate climate change impacts by identifying the most effective approaches to providing tailored diplomatic, financial, and technical support leading to enhanced implementation of NDCs and net zero strategies. Examples of this engagement and support include diplomatic outreach by senior officials, bilateral climate-focused working groups, technical missions, interagency implementation strategies, and technical and other support for policy reform, program implementation, and partnerships.
- In this work, we will intentionally and strategically focus on “enhanced ambition,” i.e., working to increase the ambition of the partner country’s publicly stated target(s) relative to pre-APG target(s), and “enhanced implementation,” i.e., working to enable the partner country to deliver more and/or faster emissions reductions relative to pre-APG trends.
- **Adaptation:** State and USAID will respond to partner countries’ priorities, strengthen cooperation with other donors, integrate climate risk considerations into bilateral and multilateral efforts, and strive to mobilize significant private sector capital for adaptation to help save lives and livelihoods, support sustainable and healthy communities and ecosystems, and reduce the impacts of climate change.
- **Reporting:** State and USAID will provide diplomatic, financial, and technical support to countries around the world to develop and improve reporting systems that will facilitate meeting the reporting requirements of the Paris Agreement Enhanced Transparency Framework. Building capacity and enhancing systems is facilitated through multi-country programs like the Transparency Accelerator, as well as bilateral programs.
- The pre-APG baseline for all three focus areas – mitigation, adaptation, and reporting – is zero countries.

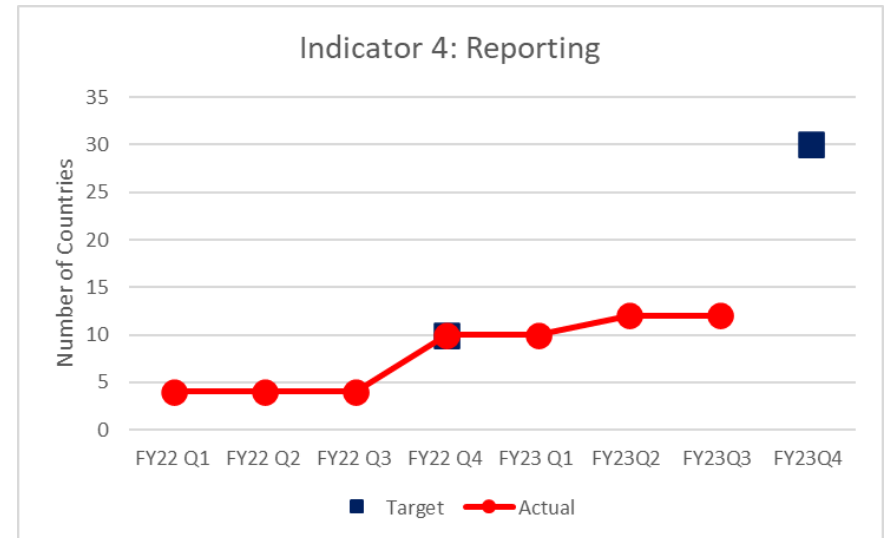
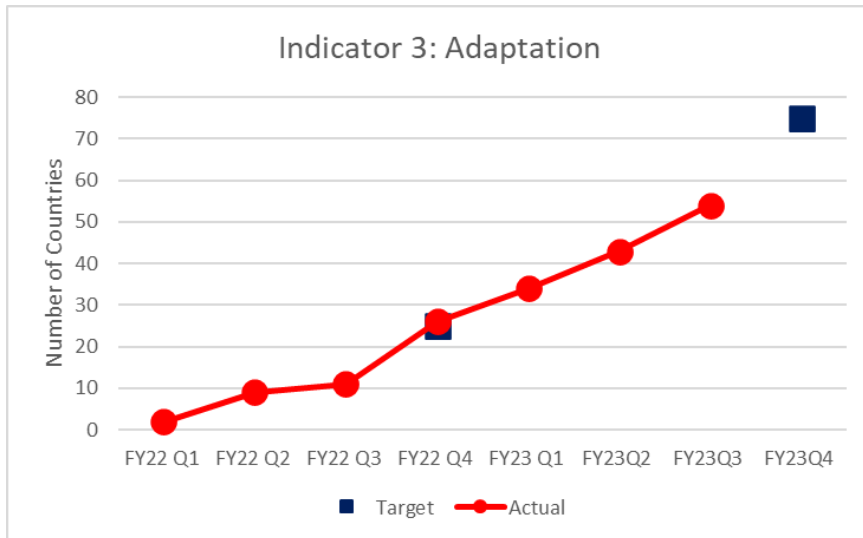
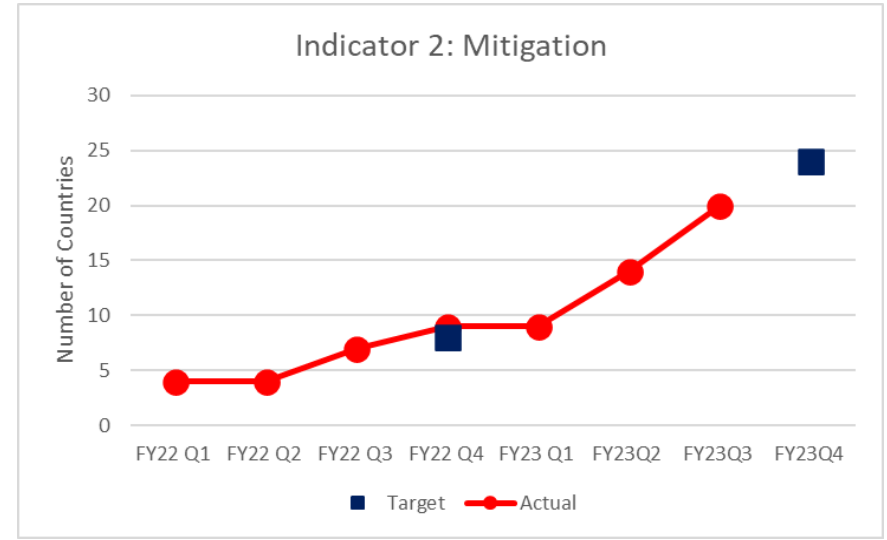
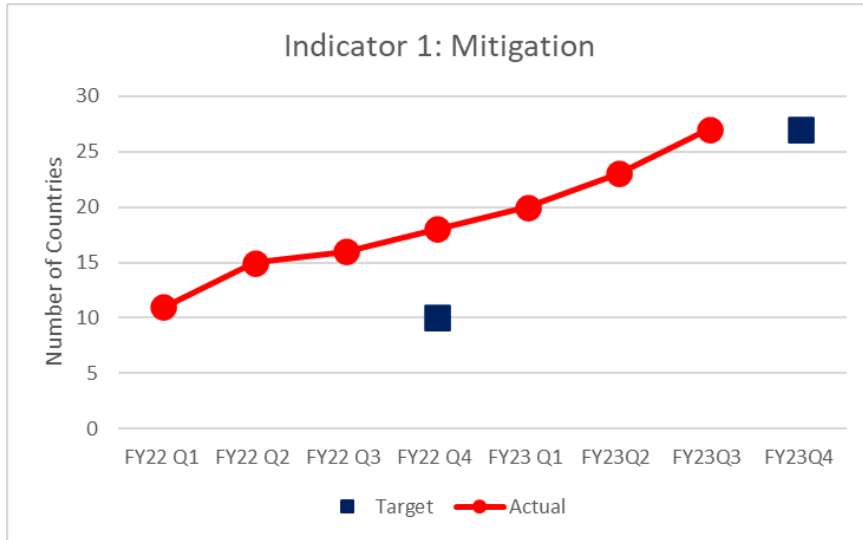
Key Indicators

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Indicator Title	Current Value	FY 2022 Target	FY 2023 Target
Mitigation			
Indicator 1. Number of countries with which the United States establishes or strengthens collaboration to enhance implementation of NDCs and/or net-zero emission strategies.	27	10	27
Indicator 2. Number of countries to which the United States provides diplomatic, technical, and financial support for enhanced implementation of strengthened NDCs and/or net-zero emission strategies.	20	8	24
Adaptation			
Indicator 3. Number of countries with which the United States establishes or strengthens collaboration to enhance development and implementation of NAPs or other national adaptation planning documents.	54	25	75
Reporting			
Indicator 4. Number of countries to which the United States provides technical support to enhance institutional frameworks and capacity to support delivery of the first National Inventory Reports and Biennial Transparency Reports by December 31, 2024.	12	10	30

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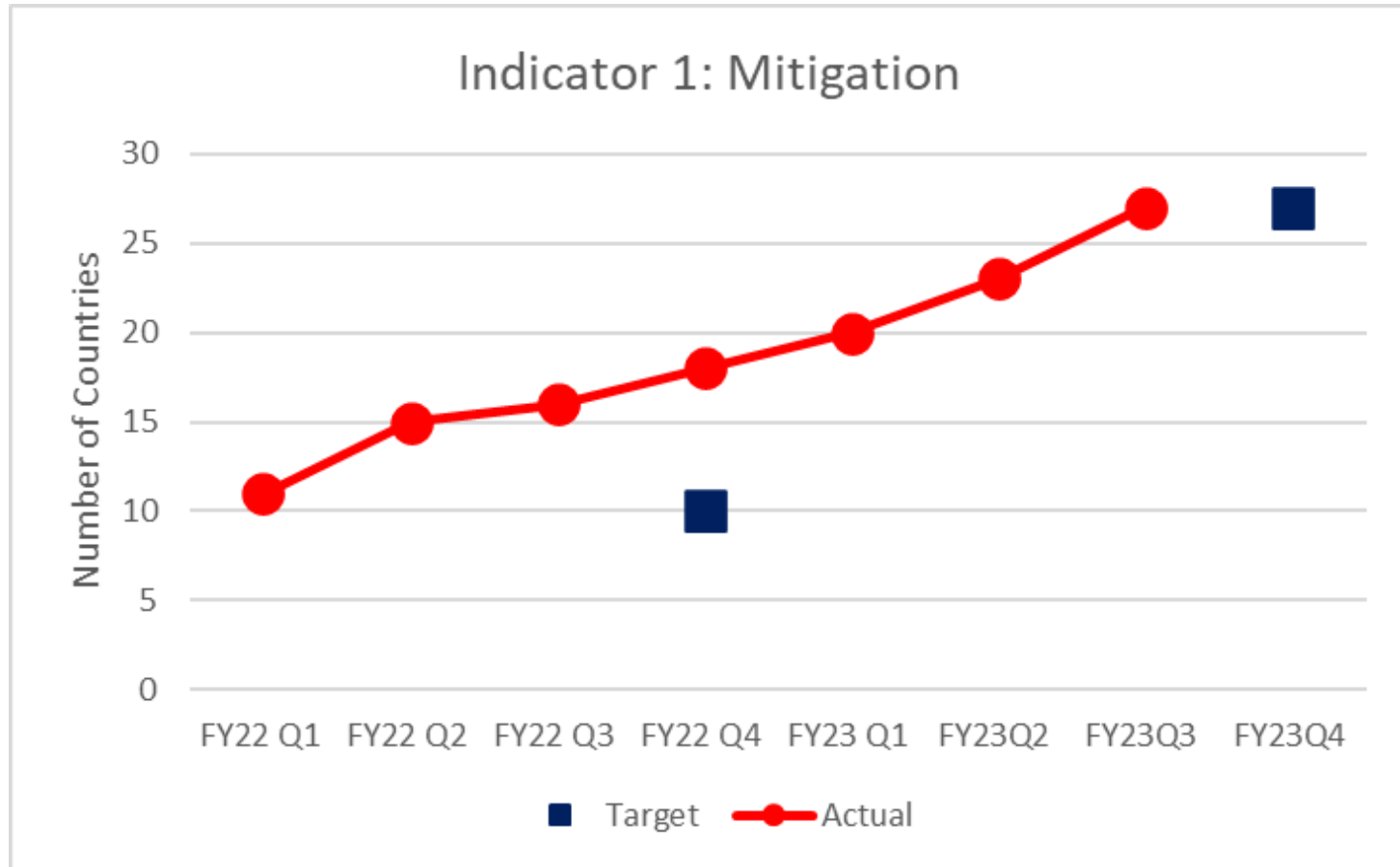
Key indicators



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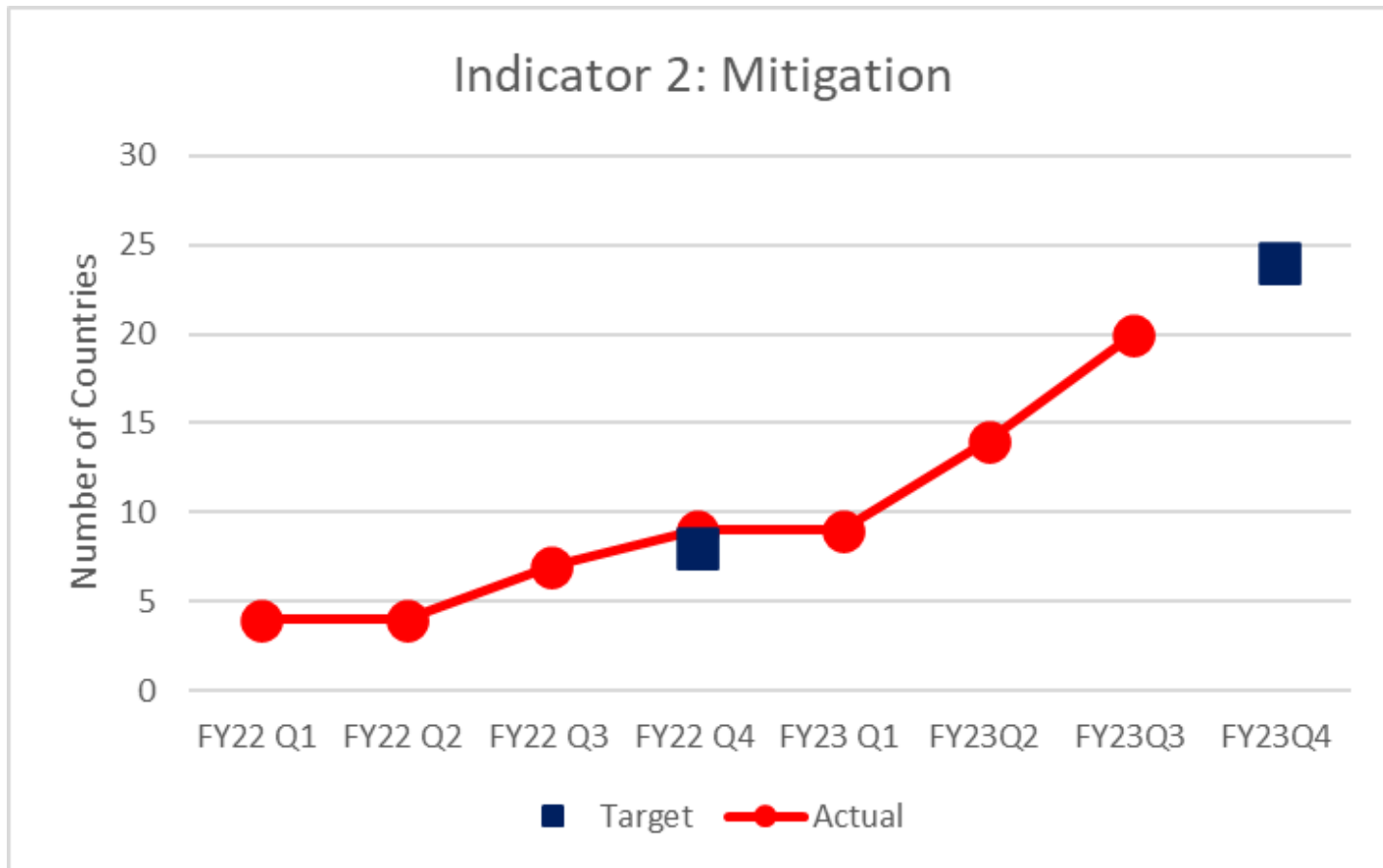
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Indicator 1: Number of countries with which the United States establishes or strengthens collaboration to enhance implementation of NDCs and/or net zero emission strategies.



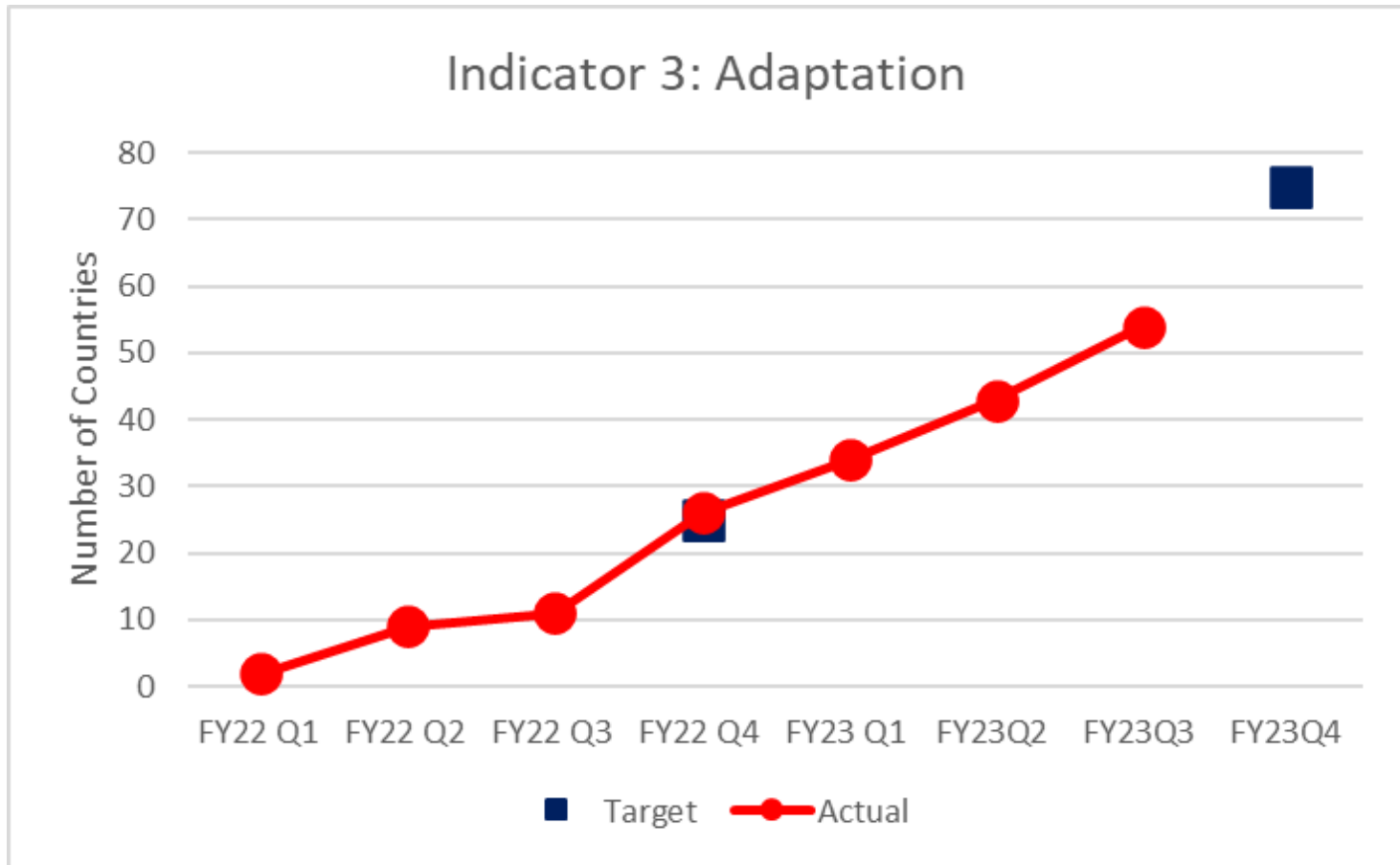
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Indicator 2: Number of countries to which the United States provides diplomatic, technical, and financial support for enhanced implementation of strengthened NDCs and/or net zero emission strategies.



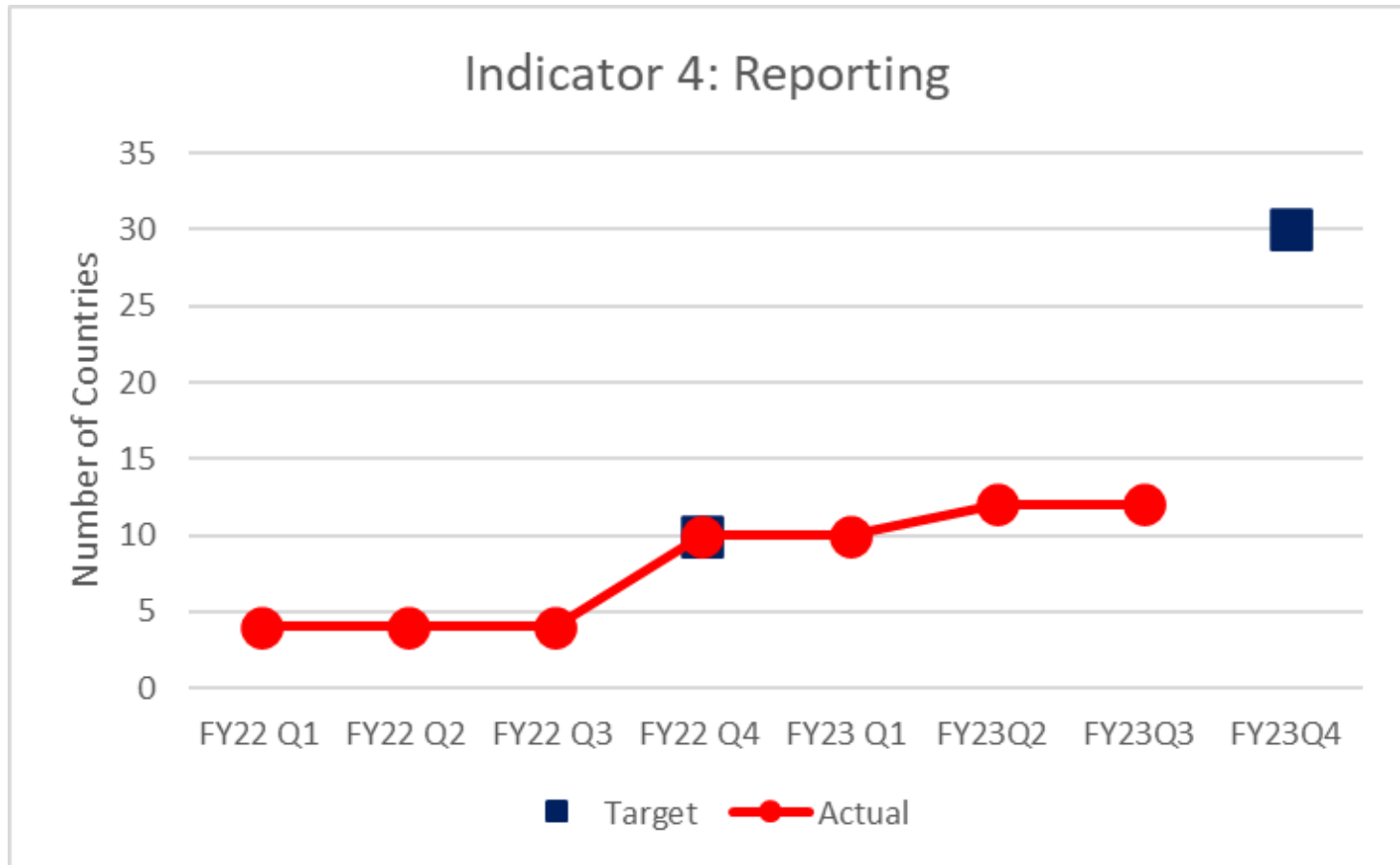
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Indicator 3: Number of countries with which the United States establishes or strengthens collaboration to enhance development and implementation of NAPs or other national adaptation planning documents.



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Indicator 4: Number of countries to which the United States provides technical support to enhance institutional frameworks and capacity to support delivery of the first National Inventory Reports and Biennial Transparency Reports by December 31, 2024.



Updated Key Milestones

Milestone Summary			
Key Milestone	Milestone Due Date	Milestone Status	Comments
1. Collect information* from at least 100 embassies and missions to inform analyses of mitigation, ambition, and/or adaptation priorities	Q1 FY22	Complete	Collected 115 climate one-pagers from Embassies and Missions in response to a global data call on September 22, 2021.
2. Consult virtually or in person with high level officials for at least 10 countries	Q2 FY22	Complete	Held virtual or in-person bilateral consultations related to the APG goals with 33 countries.
3. Establish internal U.S. Government (USG) interagency teams for at least 10 countries	Q3 FY22	Complete	Established internal USG climate support teams for 13 countries.
4. At least five target countries implement or strengthen systems** to begin reporting on climate agreements by 2024	Q4 FY22	Complete	Seven target countries are implementing or strengthening systems to begin reporting on Paris Agreement climate reports by 2024.
5. Hold at least one event at COP27 to showcase our progress	Q1 FY23	Complete	The U.S. Center at COP27 organized 44 events over the two weeks. We were able to showcase our ambition and progress toward the APG.
6. Consult virtually or in person with high level officials for at least 20 countries	Q2 FY23	Complete	Held virtual or in-person bilateral consultations related to the APG goals with 49 countries.
7. Establish internal USG interagency teams for at least 20 countries	Q3 FY23	Complete	Established internal USG climate support teams for 61 countries.
8. At least 15 target countries implement or strengthen systems** to begin reporting on climate agreements by 2024	Q4 FY23	On Track	

* *Information* is defined as a standardized "Climate One-Pager" template that contains data that informs analyses of mitigation, ambition, and/or adaptation priorities.

** *Systems* is defined as national GHG inventory reporting systems and systems to track progress implementing and achieving a country's NDC.

Narrative – FY 23 Q3

In FY23 Q3, State and USAID continued building upon the momentum established in prior quarters. We anticipate continued progress on this APG in the final quarter.

Mitigation: We achieved Indicator 1 for an additional four countries, meeting our FY23 target. We achieved Indicator 2 for four additional countries. We made progress on Indicators 1 and 2 in establishing bilateral dialogues that include a focus on climate ambition within additional countries, and in systematically coordinating USG diplomatic, financial and technical support.

Adaptation: We achieved Indicator 3 for eleven new countries. These additional countries reflect our expanding program implementation to support adaptation goals.

Reporting: We did not achieve Indicator 4 for any new countries, despite our continued efforts to expand programming. Technical teams are coordinating with several additional countries to initiate technical assistance for reporting but are facing barriers that stem from delays in responses.

Milestone: We greatly exceeded our Q3 milestone of establishing internal USG interagency teams for at least 20 countries, by establishing USG climate support teams established for 61 countries, more than triple our target. We attribute our success for this milestone is attributed to leadership prioritizing establishing climate support teams as an initial step in engaging to raise climate ambition.

Data Accuracy & Reliability

Data Source*	Accuracy	Reliability	Notes
Official Diplomatic Records	High	High	Official records include cables, mission and embassy communications, letters and Memoranda of Understanding (MOUs), Operational Plans, and Integrated Country Strategies.
Program Indicator Reports**	High	High	All technical assistance programs report every 6 months on indicators.
Performance Progress Reports (PPR)**	High	High	All technical assistance programs report outcomes into a Performance Progress Report annually.
Press Releases, Award Announcements, and other Public Commitments	High	High	Published records include press releases, award announcements, Country Development Cooperation Strategies (CDCSs), and other public commitments.
Mission and Embassy Communications	High	High	Internal records include meeting notes, workshop reports, activity terms of reference (TOR).

*Data for assessing indicators and milestones relates to developing and implementing new or strengthened relationships, and providing diplomatic, technical, and financial support to achieve the stated objectives.

**State and USAID conduct Data Quality Assessments (DQAs) to ensure high-quality performance monitoring data within 12 months prior to external reporting.