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This Report

Scope, boundary and reporting cycle

This Integrated Annual Report (report) covers the financial period from 01 April 2022 to 31 March 2023. The scope of this report covers the Environmental Investment Fund of Namibia's (EIF) core operations' financial and non-financial performance. The EIF reports on strategy, the capital on which it relies, opportunities, risks and governance.

This report is available in an electronic format on the EIF's website: www.eif.org.na.

The EIF strives to improve the quality and relevance of its stakeholder communications and welcomes feedback on the report. Please send any comments regarding the report to info@eif.org.na.

Reporting principles contained in the International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRSs), the Corporate Governance Code for Namibia (NamCode), and the Companies Act, 2004 (Act No. 28 of 2004) were applied in the preparation of this report. This report was developed following the International Financial Reporting Standard for Small and Medium-sized Entities. The external auditor is engaged to express an independent opinion on the Annual Financial Statements.

The Annual Financial Statements were prepared in accordance with the International Financial Reporting Standard for Small and Medium-sized Entities and are based on appropriate accounting policies consistently applied and supported by reasonable and prudent judgements and estimates. The EIF aims to enhance its alignment with this framework in future.

Target audience

This report has been prepared primarily for the Government of the Republic of Namibia as the EIF's sole shareholder, and for multilateral institutions and key development stakeholders. The report is also relevant to other stakeholders who have an interest in the EIF's performance in terms of its core mandate of mobilising resources for sustainable development for the benefit of all Namibians.

Materiality

This report aims to disclose matters that substantively affect the EIF's ability to create and preserve value over the short, medium and long term. The short term refers to the next 12 months, while 12 months to five years is considered the medium term. The period beyond five years is considered the long term.

REPORT

EIF has ensured the reliability of this report. The following factors underpin the reliability of the information in this report:

- The EIF has transparent and sound business processes underpinned by an ethical culture.
- The Board of Directors (Board) sets the Delegation of Authority Framework and delegates responsibility to executive management to oversee the EIF's departments, divisions and units.
- The EIF's Annual Financial Statements are subject to external audits.
- The Internal Audit Department is independent and reports directly to the board sub-committee.
- The report of the external auditors is included in this report.

Acronyms

BBB	Build Back Better
CBNRM-EDA	Community Based Natural Resource Management – Enhanced Direct Access
CRAVE	Climate Resilient Agriculture in three Vulnerable Extreme Northern Crop Growing Regions
DFI	Development Finance Institution
DFRC	Development Finance Resource Centre
GEF	Global Environment Facility
EbA	Ecosystem-based Adaptation
EDA	Enhanced Direct Access
EEF	Eswatini Environmental Fund
EIF	Environmental Investment Fund of Namibia
EIFNA	Environmental Investment Fund of Namibia Act, 2001 (Act No. 13 of 2001)
ESS	Environmental and Social Standards
EU GCCA+	European Union Global Climate Alliance
EWS	Early Warning System
EXCO	Executive Committee
FARC	Finance, Audit and Risk Committee (of the Board)
FMC	Fund Management Committee
GCF	Green Climate Fund
GIZ	Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit GmbH (German Development Agency)
ha	hectares
HRRC	Human Resources and Remuneration Committee (of the Board)
ICT	Information and Communication Technology
IRDNC	Integrated Rural Development and Nature Conservation
IREMA	Improving Rangeland and Ecosystem Management Practices of Smallholder Farmers under Conditions of Climate Change in Sesfontein, Fransfontein and Warmquelle Areas of the Republic of Namibia

M&E	Monitoring & Evaluation
MAWLR	Ministry of Agriculture, Water and Land Reform
MADI	Mashare Agricultural Development Institute
MCRAACE	Mashare Climate Resilient Agriculture Centre of Excellence
MEFT	Ministry of Environment, Forestry and Tourism
MIT	Ministry of Industrialisation and Trade
MOU	Memorandum of Understanding
MSMEs	Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises
nbc	Namibian Broadcasting Corporation
NDA	National Designated Authority
NDT	Namibia Development Trust
NNF	Namibia Nature Foundation
NYS	National Youth Service
PSC	Project Steering Committee
PRET	Promotion of Renewable Energy Technologies as a Catalyst to Improve Local Communities' Livelihoods in the Zambezi Region of Namibia
RC	Review Committee (of the Board)
SADC	Southern African Development Community
SAP	Simplified Approval Process
SDGIF	Sustainable Development Goals Impact Facility
SGP	Small Grants Programme
SUNREF	Sustainable Use of Natural Resources and Energy Finance
TAP	Technical Advisory Panel (of the Board)
ToT	Training of Trainers
UNDP	United Nations Development Programme

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1. About EIF

The Environmental Investment Fund of Namibia (hereafter “the Fund” or “EIF”) was established by the Environmental Investment Fund of Namibia Act, 2001 (Act No. 13 of 2001) (hereafter “EIFNA”). The Fund is a statutory entity outside the public service with clear and separate roles and functions distinct from any Government body or entity. The Fund is an investment institution set up under Namibian law to provide funding sources for environmentally sound development in Namibia in a manner that complements programmes and actions of both the public and private sectors.

The Fund is mandated to raise financial resources for direct investment in environmental protection and natural resource management activities and projects that support the sustainable economic development of Namibia. The Fund does not merely finance “conservation activities.” It pursues a broader investment portfolio by providing economic opportunities and a stake in natural resources for the poorest

sections of society. The ultimate goal is to improve the quality of life and economic well-being of these sections of society, to reduce activities that degrade Namibia’s fragile environment and generate waste, and to prevent the over-utilisation of natural resources.

The Fund invests in and supports projects and activities that promote the Government of the Republic of Namibia’s national development strategies.



VISION

To be a recognised leader in the development and application of innovative financing mechanisms to support environmentally and climate resilient development pathways in Namibia.



MISSION

To promote sustainable economic development in Namibia through investing in and promoting activities and projects that protect and maintain the natural and environmental resources of the country.



CORPORATE VALUES



Professionalism



Integrity



Transparency & Accountability



Teamwork

STRATEGIC FOCUS AREAS

The strategic aim of the EIF is to mobilise sustainable financing to support our investment strategy across four focus areas in Namibia.

1

Natural Resource Management and Utilisation

- Biodiversity-based Business
- Community-based Natural Resource Management
- Land Use Management and Models
- Community-based Climate Change Action
- Adaptation Projects and Plans
- Value Addition to Natural Resources
- Sustainable Agricultural Practices

2

Green Climate Technologies, Low Carbon and Climate Change

- Climate Adaptation Techniques
- Renewable Energy
- Water Efficiency
- Waste Management and Recycling
- Sustainable Water Treatment
- Biogas and Biomass
- Sustainable Transport
- Sustainable Waste Management

3

Tourism and Development

- Eco-tourism Development
- Tourism Concessions on State Land Financing

4

Research Training and Capacity Building

- Climate Change Adaptation and Mitigation Research and Awareness
- Multidisciplinary Research
- Tertiary Education Study Grants

2. Impact at a Glance

The Fund is one of the few state-owned enterprises that has successfully blended a financing approach that considers the three main pillars of sustainable development, namely, social, economic and environmental

considerations. This has been achieved by financing sustainable business concepts, and ensuring environmental protection.

Achievements of the Fund



44

natural resource-based enterprises created in **23** constituencies



32

product supply agreements facilitated with formal markets



950

employment opportunities created, primarily rural-based and including seasonal opportunities



169

boreholes rehabilitated, benefitting over **77,000** people



92

nature-based enterprises created



40 MW

combined installed capacity made available through solar power plants

IMPACT



36

students supported
at undergraduate and
postgraduate levels



N\$3.6 billion

accessed through development
partners to support adaptation and
other initiatives



258

grants for environmental
projects approved



238,000

people benefitted from
livelihood diversification



N\$6 million

of income generated
from enterprise



123,000

small-scale farmers
gained access to fresh
drinking water



N\$2.3 billion

worth of grants disbursed



310.35

tonnes of cereal and
horticultural products
produced



240,256

hectares of land under
conservation protection



3,277.6

hectares of land under
conservation agriculture
(ripping service)



162

households retrofitted
with solar-powered home
appliances

Women Empowerment



1,728

women trained in
climate-resilient
farming systems



1,785

livestock of resilient
breeds distributed
to female-headed
households



25

female tractor
drivers trained





3. Chairperson's Overview

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Environmental Investment Fund of Namibia, it gives me great pleasure to present the annual report for the period 01 April 2022 to 31 March 2023.

The overall outlook for the EIF is positive. With the COVID-19 pandemic behind us, we now have the opportunity to tackle an all-out drive towards repositioning our business. Our work to improve business and operational processes, investments in infrastructure and technology, and the pursuit of strategic partnerships is already in full swing and yielding positive results. We are constantly working to stay ahead of global trends and, equally important, to exceed market demands and expectations. Our growing focus on efficiency, risk management, aggressive marketing efforts and the rationalisation of costs will ensure our continued recovery, long-term sustainability and inevitable growth.

It is encouraging that our ongoing efforts to proactively seek alternatives, diversify the EIF's investment, invest in sustainability, and continuously innovate, are bearing positive results. Despite economically challenging times,

the EIF's financial and operational performance for the year outstripped both the budget and the previous financial year's performance.

The 2022/2023 financial year was undoubtedly one of the most historic years in the EIF's existence, accounting for the success of high-impact project interventions and resource mobilisation initiatives, which will ensure a sustainable business model far into the future. Highlights included the Fund's 11-year anniversary and accessing over N\$3 billion of funding through development partners to support adaptation and other initiatives in Namibia. This development alone has far-reaching benefits for the country's socio-economic growth.

The enhancement of operational efficiencies to improve customer satisfaction, the protection and growth of employment opportunities, and the overall drive towards financial sustainability remain core as embedded in the foundation of the EIF.

The watershed MOUs signed between the public and private sectors during the reporting period are testament to a joint commitment to focus on leveraging off each other's strengths, the effective utilisation of resources, and the maximisation of returns accruing from public and private investments.

During the reporting period, the EIF successfully implemented the final year of the Integrated Strategic Business Plan for the period 2017 – 2022, reaching an overall performance of 70% of the set targets. Building on this foundation, the Board looks forward to launching the new Integrated Strategic Business Plan 2023/2024 – 2027/2028, which is currently being drafted.

The Board provides ethical and value-based leadership to the EIF, premised on the foundation as set

out in the EIF Code of Ethics and the corporate values of professionalism, integrity, transparency and accountability, and teamwork. These values cement the corporate culture of the EIF.

The Annual Financial Statements for the financial year under review were audited and received an unqualified audit opinion.

As a responsible corporate citizen, the EIF has a Corporate Social Responsibility and Sponsorship Investments Programme, with both an inward and outward focus, to support the country's national development plans and objectives. The EIF also provided sound advice to the Minister of Finance and Public Enterprises, which served as a catalyst in the transformation of the challenges and opportunities of today's environmental sector. In line with our Corporate Social Responsibility policy, the EIF supported different social causes in support of the pillars of education, the environment and community upliftment. These projects are aligned with the National Development Plan, the Growth at Home Strategy, the Harambee Prosperity Plan, the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals and other national development agendas with a view to creating jobs to enhance livelihoods, eliminate poverty and create prosperity for all Namibians.

Stakeholder engagement continues to be high on the EIF's agenda, centred around helping the shareholder, policy makers, beneficiaries and the general public to understand the EIF's business model as well as the challenges and opportunities associated with its mandate.

EIF REPORT

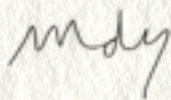
From a human capital perspective, we continue to strengthen our human resources as our staff remain the driving force behind the execution of our mandate.

I wish to express my sincere gratitude to my fellow EIF Board members, Kisco Sinvula, Desire Pieters, Olavi Hamutumwa and Karen Nott. Looking back at our tenure, which came to an end during the year under review, I applaud them for their immense contribution to the Board and the EIF as a whole.

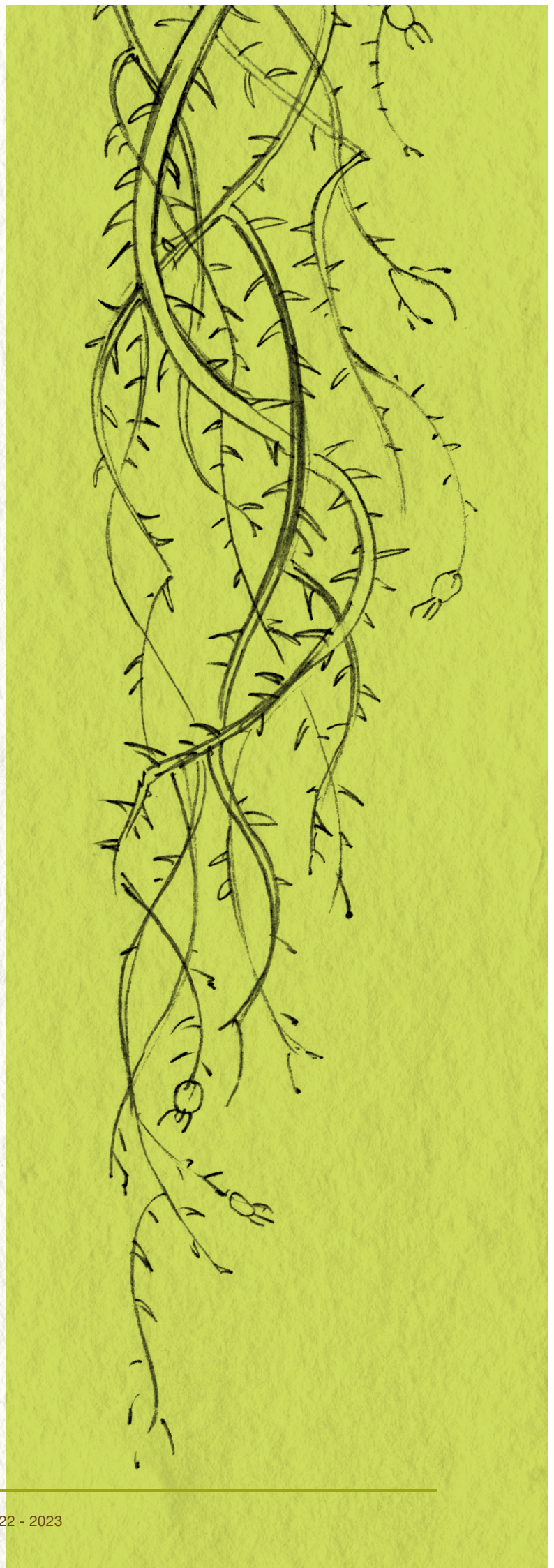
I wish to convey my deep appreciation for our shareholder, the Government of the Republic of Namibia, as represented by the Minister of Finance and Public Enterprises, Honourable Ipumbu Shiimi, and the Minister of Environment, Forestry and Tourism, Honourable Pohamba Shifeta, for their immense and resolute support, leadership and guidance throughout the year, which enabled the Board to execute its role effectively.

In closing, on behalf of the Board, I would like to express gratitude to the Chief Executive Officer, Benedict Libanda, the management team and staff for the great turnaround in our business prospects and outlook, and the commendable financial performance for the year ended 31 March 2023. We have seen a giant leap in our drive towards financial sustainability and I am confident that we remain on the trajectory to becoming one of the fastest-growing green and climate financing institutions in Africa.

Finally, I am profoundly thankful to the EIF leadership for their exemplary implementation of the Board's directives and policies and for continuously ensuring sustainability. Together, we will continue to maintain excellence and sustainable development.



Titus Ndove
Chairperson &
Independent Non-Executive Director



4. Board of Directors



Titus Ndove
Board Chairperson



Karen Nott
Board Vice Chairperson and Technical
Advisory Panel Chairperson



Desire Pieters
Board Member and Review
Committee Chairperson



Olavi Hamutumwa
Board Member and Finance, Audit
and Risk Committee Chairperson



Kisco Sinvula
Board Member and Human Resources and
Remuneration Committee Chairperson

BOARD

GOVERNANCE



5. Corporate Governance Report

5.1 Determining Strategic Direction

The Fund acknowledges that virtuous corporate governance is fundamental to executing its mandate. The Board and its sub-committees are responsible for strategically directing the Fund by ensuring timely decision-making. Actions and resolutions of the Board and its committees are based on robust, value-driven discussions. The Board approves the Fund's strategy and budget, and exercises oversight over implementing that strategy.

Section 7(1) of the EIFNA establishes the composition of the Fund's Board of Directors. The Board consists of five members, as far as practicable, who are appointed by the Minister of Finance and Public Enterprises. The powers and functions of the Board of Directors are to account for efficiently and adequately managing and controlling the affairs and properties of the Fund.

The Board is committed to robust corporate governance to support the creation of long-term sustainable value. The Fund has a strong and effective governance system. The overall responsibility for governance of the Fund is vested with the Board of Directors, and its roles and responsibilities are laid out in the EIFNA and the Board Charter. The Board is the custodian of corporate governance and is structured to perform this function effectively.

The Board of Directors is appointed in terms of section 7(7) of the EIFNA, read with section 7(8) of the Public Enterprises Governance Act, 2019 (Act No. 1 of 2019) (hereafter referred to as "PEGA"), supported by NamCode and the Companies Act, 2004 (Act No. 28 of 2004).

The Board's primary responsibilities are, among other things, setting the Fund's strategy and overall direction in line with the shareholder's mandate; bringing independent, informed, and practical judgement to bear on material decisions affecting the Fund; approving annual business plans and budgets – inclusive of operational and capital budgets; ensuring that an effective governance framework is in place at the Fund; and recruiting and terminating the services of the Chief Executive Officer. The Board of Directors is accountable for implementing an effective governance framework within the Fund. Other responsibilities of the Board are to direct, control and account for the overall performance of the EIF.

The Board is also responsible for ensuring that the Fund subscribes to governance requirements and complies with good governance in terms of NamCode. The Board ensures that ethics is entrenched in the corporate vision, strategies, policies and

general operations of the Fund. The Board directs overall leadership and ensures that the Fund operates based on the principle of socio-economic development towards sustainable development. Furthermore, the Board is responsible for leading and directing the Fund's operations and strategy to build a sustainable enterprise that complies with the necessary and supportive legislation, regulations and policies, and supports national efforts.

The Board meets quarterly or on an ad-hoc basis, as circumstances arise. Directors have access to any information from the Fund or any senior employee of the Fund, which they may need to exercise their independent judgement on the affairs of the Fund, and may seek independent advice individually or collectively on any matter concerning the Fund, should they need to do so in fulfilment of their fiduciary mandate.

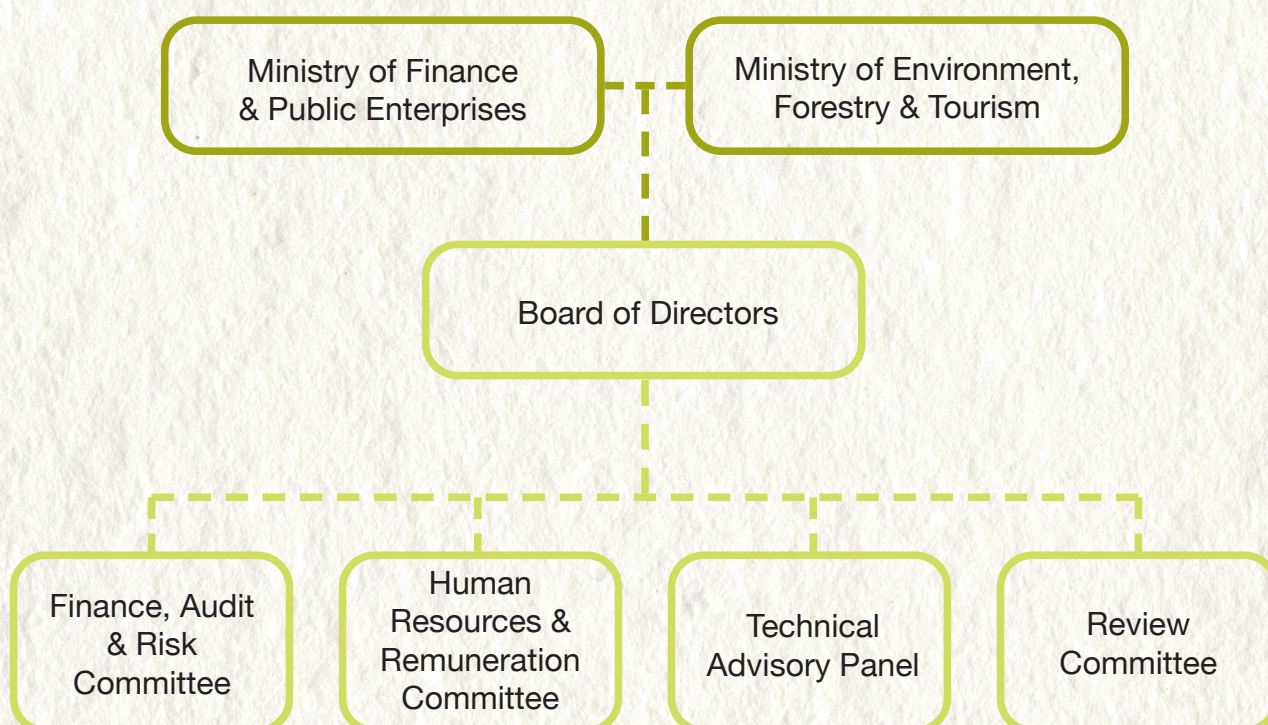
The Directors are drawn from diverse backgrounds and bring a wide range of experience, insight and professional skills to the Board, thus ensuring effective leadership. The Fund has a unitary Board of five independent non-executive Directors.

Four Board sub-committees were established to ensure oversight of significant strategic and operational matters:

- Finance, Audit and Risk Committee (FARC)
- Human Resources and Remuneration Committee (HRRC)
- Review Committee (RC)
- Technical Advisory Panel (TAP)

The Board committees have clearly defined Terms of Reference. The Board assures the shareholder and stakeholders that all the sub-committees met their respective obligations in all material aspects during the reporting period.

5.2 Governance Framework and Board Structures



5.3 Stakeholder Relations

The Fund engages in ongoing dialogue with its stakeholders and business analysts/advisers. The shareholding ministers, namely the Minister of Finance and Public Enterprises, and the Minister of Environment, Forestry and Tourism, preside over the strategic and policy directions of the Fund.

5.4 Board Charter

The Board's function is guided by principles enshrined in the Board Charter and committee charters, which serve as Terms of Reference for the work of the Board and its committees. The Board of Directors constantly strives to adhere to best practices in corporate governance to ensure efficient policy direction for effective operations of the Fund.

5.5 Corporate Governance Executive and Company Secretary

The Company Secretary, Legal Advisor and Compliance Officer oversees the portfolio of the secretariat and governance advisory services, and, as the legal and governance advisor to the Board, plays a critical role in risk and compliance management. In addition, the Company Secretary attends all Board and committee meetings as secretary. The Company Secretary's role is pivotal to entrenching good corporate governance.

The Board and its individual directors have access to the Company Secretary, who is tasked with guiding members in the discharge of their duties and responsibilities in the best interests of the EIF. The Company Secretary oversees the preparation and coordination of induction and ongoing training of Board members.

5.6 Governance and Compliance

During the reporting period, a series of successful Board and Board sub-committee meetings took place.

From 23 to 24 March 2023, the Ministry of Finance and Public Enterprises hosted a workshop on PEGA regulations, which was attended by the Fund. The workshop provided a platform for CEOs, Board members, legal advisors and company secretaries to discuss and review the draft regulations. These regulations define the implementation guidelines for PEGA, imposing strict compliance requirements on public enterprises regarding corporate governance.

On 03 March 2023, the Fund presented the EIF Bill to the Ministry of Finance and Public Enterprises. Subsequently the Ministry provided valuable feedback and comments, which will be instrumental in refining the Bill and formulating effective implementation strategies. The EIF is actively advancing stakeholder engagement efforts concerning the Bill, and making steady progress in this regard.

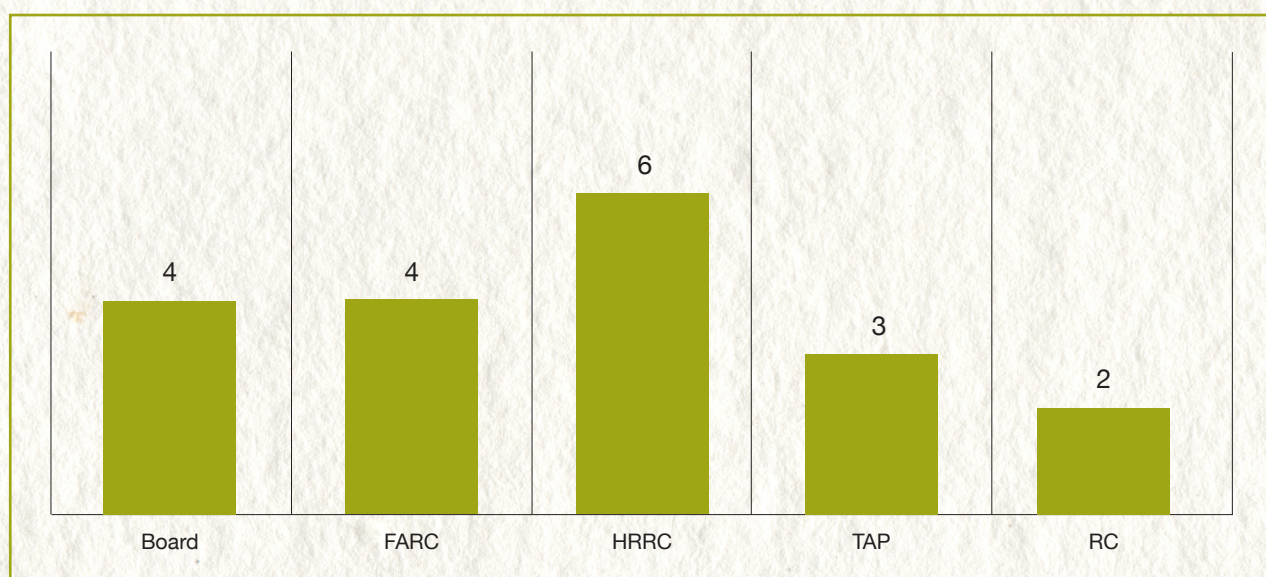
5.7 Board and Board Sub-Committee Meetings

5.7.1 Board Meetings

Board meetings are held at least quarterly and special meetings are convened as the need arises. There were four ordinary Board meetings and one special Board meeting during the reporting period.

The EIF Act requires the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) to attend Board meetings. The Chief Operations Officer, Chief Financial Officer and Executive for Business Strategy and Performance Management attend Board meetings at the invitation of the Board of Directors, through the CEO.

Board and Committee Meetings 2022/2023



Membership & Attendance of Board & Board Committee Meetings 2022/2023					
Member	Board	Finance, Audit & Risk Committee	Human Resources & Remuneration Committee	Review Committee	Technical Advisory Panel
Titus Ndove	4/4 (Chairperson)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Karen Nott	3/4 (Vice Chairperson)	N/A	N/A	N/A	3/3 (Chairperson)
Olavi Hamutumwa	4/4	4/4 (Chairperson)	N/A	N/A	N/A
Desire Pieters	4/4	N/A	N/A	2/2 (Chairperson)	N/A
Kisco Sinvula	4/4	N/A	6/6 (Chairperson)	N/A	N/A

5.7.2 Board Sub-Committee Meeting: Responsibilities and Meetings

Committee meetings were held during the reporting period, between 01 April 2022 and 31 March 2023.

Board Meeting Dates & Attendance 2022/2023					
Member	Role	41 st Meeting: 16.06.2022	42 nd Meeting: 15.09.2022	43 rd Meeting: 08.12.2022	44 th Meeting: 30.03.2023
Titus Ndove	Chairperson	Y	Y	Y	Y
Karen Nott	Vice Chairperson	Y	N	Y	Y
Olavi Hamutumwa	Member	Y	Y	Y	Y
Desire Pieters	Member	Y	Y	Y	Y
Kisco Sinvula	Member	Y	Y	Y	Y

5.7.3 Human Resources and Remuneration Committee

The specific responsibilities of the Human Resources and Remuneration Committee include:

- To review and advise on matters pertaining to the remuneration of the Board of Directors, management and staff; and

- To review and advise on human capital issues pertaining to training and development, recruitment and selection, industrial relations, organisational development, strategic planning, succession planning, affirmative action, performance management and other human capital issues.

The Human Resources and Remuneration Committee met six times during the period under review, as outlined in the following table.

Human Resources & Remuneration Committee Meetings & Attendance 2022/2023							
Member	Role	31.05.2022	11.08.2022	19-22.08.2022	15.11.2022	10.01.2023	03.03.2023
Kisco Sinvula	Chairperson	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Barbara Seibes	Member	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Eixab Erich	Member	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y
Lisa Matomola	Member	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y

5.7.4 Finance, Audit and Risk Committee

The Finance, Audit and Risk Committee's mandate is to:

- Ensure that a sound system of risk and internal control is maintained to protect and safeguard the Fund's assets
- Review the activities and effectiveness of the Internal Audit function
- Evaluate the independence, objectivity and effectiveness of the external auditors
- Review any accounting and auditing concerns identified by internal and external auditors

- Promote the accuracy, reliability and credibility of financial reporting
- Consider and recommend the audited Annual Financial Statements to the Board of Directors
- Conduct oversight over the risk management of the Fund
- Provide internal assurance to the integrated annual report of the Fund
- Conduct oversight over Information Technology governance

The Finance, Audit and Risk Committee met four times during the period under review, as outlined in the following table.

Finance, Audit & Risk Committee Meetings & Attendance 2022/2023					
Member	Role	01.06.2022	30.08.2022	24.11.2022	02.03.2023
Olavi Hamutumwa	Chairperson	Y	Y	Y	Y
Elsie Skrywer	Member	Y	Y	Y	Y
Raymond Vilander	Member	Y	Y	Y	Y
Edla Kaveru	Member	Y	Y	Y	Y
Nicholas Mukasa	Member	N	Y	Y	Y

5.7.5 Review Committee

The Review Committee (RC) consists of seven experts from multidisciplinary backgrounds, and is supported by an EIF staff member, namely the Internal Auditor, who serves as secretary to the committee.

The objectives of the RC are to review, investigate and inquire into any activities and processes by any person employed by the EIF in taking decisions and/or following procedures. In terms of Chapter 7 of the EIF's Operations

Manual, the Chief Executive Officer of the EIF refers grievances made by members of the public to the RC.

The Chairperson of the RC is a substantive member of the Board, as prescribed by the EIF Act, and is appointed by the Board, from time to time. EIF management level staff members may not serve on the RC.

The Review Committee held two meetings during the period under review, as outlined in the following table.

Review Committee Meetings & Attendance 2022/2023			
Member	Role	01.07.2022	28.02.2023
Desire Pieters	Chairperson	Y	Y
Adv. Clement Daniels	Member	Y	Y
Awonke Mwellie	Member	Y	Y
Vesoraune Mbaha	Member	Y	Y
Dawid Gawaseb	Member	N	Y
Romie Nghitevelekwa	Member	N	N
Selma Nangolo	Member	N	Y
Benedict Libanda	EIF CEO	Y	Y
Leonard Ambuga	Internal Auditor: EIF Secretariat	N	Y

5.7.6 Technical Advisory Panel

The Technical Advisory Panel (TAP) was established with the primary purpose to advise the EIF Board on technical matters related to the objects of the Fund. Specifically, the TAP appraises, assesses, evaluates and monitors proposals, projects and institutions applying

for EIF funding. The TAP also makes recommendations of a technical nature to the Board, but has no policy or implementing function.

During the reporting period, the Technical Advisory Panel met three times, as outlined in the following table.

Technical Advisory Panel Meetings & Attendance 2022/2023				
Member	Role	09.06.2022	10.08.2022	06.02.2023
Karen Nott	Chairperson	Y	Y	Y
Petrus Muteyauli	Vice Chairperson	N	Y	Y
Hans Sauer	Member	Y	Y	Y
Jacob Nyambe	Member	N	Y	N
Talen Katoma	Member	N	Y	Y
Prof. Mutjinde Katjiua	Member	Y	Y	N
Olga Katjiuongua	Member	Y	Y	Y
Karl Aribeb	EIF COO	Y	Y	Y
Margaret Nashandi	Manager: Monitoring & Evaluation: EIF Secretariat	Y	Y	Y

5.8 Board Fees

Board Members' (BM) Fees 2022/2023	
Member	Total Remuneration (N\$)
Titus Ndove (BM)	73,299.19
Karen Nott (BM)	83,213.34
Olavi Hamutumwa (BM)	88,515.46
Desire Pieters (BM)	82,774.54
Kisco Sinvula (BM)	72,068.43
Total	399,870.96

Independent Members' (IM) Fees 2022/2023	
Member	Total Remuneration (N\$)
Petrus Muteyauli (IM)	23,877.91
Hans Sauer (IM)	28,134.53
Jacob Nyambe (IM)	28,143.53
Taleni Katoma (IM)	30,276.34
Mutjinde Katjiua (IM)	26,010.72
Olga Katjiuongua (IM)	28,143.53
Adv. Clement John Daniels (IM)	21,745.01
Vesoraune Mbaha (IM)	21,745.01
Dawid Gawaseb (IM)	21,745.01
Awonke Mwellie (IM)	21,745.01
Selma Nangolo (IM)	19,612.29
Romie Nghitevelekwa (IM)	17,479.48
Elsie Skrywer (IM)	26,010.72
Raymond Vilander (IM)	26,010.72
Edla Kaveru (IM)	26,010.72
Nicholas Mukasa (IM)	23,877.88
Barbara Seibes (IM)	28,143.53
Eixab Erich (IM)	30,276.34
Lisa Matomola (IM)	30,276.34
Total	479,264.62



RISK MANAGEMENT



6. Risk Management Statement

The Fund's risk management framework is supported by an effective risk governance structure made up of various assigned Board and management committees manned by members with appropriate skills and expertise, and with a robust policy framework and risk-focus culture. The strong governance structures and policy frameworks foster the embedding of risk considerations in business processes and ensure that consistent standards exist within the Fund.













In line with the Fund's corporate governance framework and charters, the Board retains ultimate responsibility for providing strategic





direction, approving risk appetite and ensuring that risks are adequately identified, measured, monitored, managed and reported. This enables the Fund to take advantage of opportunities while managing risk.




The Fund has consistently implemented a set of strategies to manage its risk profile and determine an acceptable level of risk appetite. These strategies are aligned with the Fund's mandate and designed to prevent adverse conditions, support the execution of the Fund's strategic plans and ensure sustainability and development impact.



6.1 Risk Dashboard

EIF Top 6 Risks						
	Risk Operating Principle	Risk Area	Risk Rating	Colour Code	Trend	Remarks
1	Strong governance management	Internal control	Medium			Decline
2	Strong governance management	Non-performing loans	High			No change
3	Financial sustainability	Funding	Low			Decline
4	Regulatory compliance	Compliance	Low			Decline
5	Human capital	Staff and employment	Medium			Decline
6	Stakeholder conflict	EIF operational procedures	Low			Decline

Rating Codes		
Rating	Colour	Description
Low		If the consequences of an event/activity are LOW, it is safe to proceed with the event/activity
Medium		If the consequences of an event/activity are MEDIUM, it is advised that risk mitigation efforts are implemented
High		If the consequences of an event/activity are HIGH, it is advised that additional event planning support is sought
Extreme		If the consequences of an event/activity are EXTREME, it is advised that the event is not held without prior consultation with Risk Management

Trends	
Symbol	Indication
	No change
	Increase
	Decrease

7. Transparency, Ethics and Integrity

REPORT THEFT, FRAUD, BRIBERY, CORRUPTION, MISCONDUCT AND NEPOTISM ANONYMOUSLY

The Environmental Investment Fund of Namibia is committed to ethical behaviour and integrity in all its transactions and operations.

Our online accountability platform provides a reporting channel for prohibited practices. The platform is confidential, operates 24 hours a day, 7 days a week and 365 days a year.

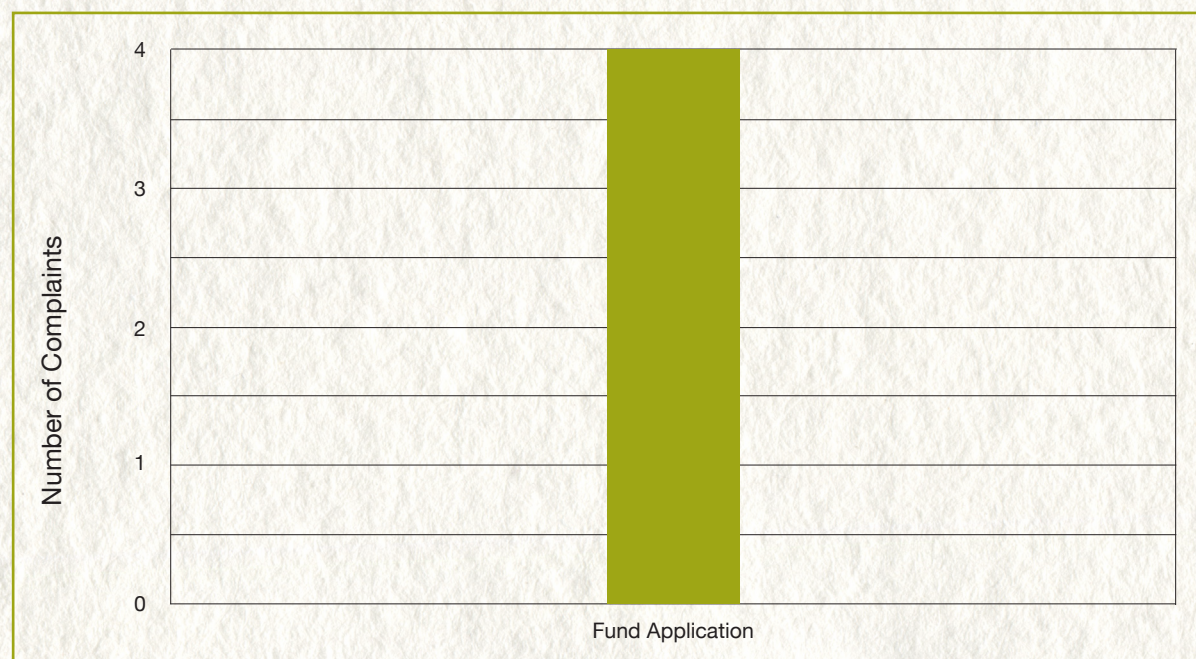
E-mail a tip-off to complaints@eif.org.na
Call +264 61 431 7740
Website: www.eif.org.na

Handling clients properly is critical to the success of the EIF. To this end, management introduced a system for properly monitoring and recording complaints with the aim of increasing transparency, loyalty and positive brand perception. Understanding the benefits and objectives of settling customer complaints

has assisted the Fund to develop and implement a proper system to handle complaints.

The following graph shows that four Fund application complaints were received during the reporting year. All complaints were resolved and closed.

Number of Complaints Registered 2022/2023



7.1 Zero Tolerance Stance on Unethical and Inappropriate Conduct

The EIF has zero tolerance for prohibited practices, which include fraud, theft, bribery, misconduct, nepotism, corruption and any form of inappropriate and unethical conduct. This applies to all staff members, third-party suppliers, executing entities and counterparties involved in EIF-related activities. As employees and representatives of the EIF, we must practise honesty and integrity in fulfilling our responsibilities and comply with all applicable laws and regulations.

The EIF Code of Business Conduct and Ethics (the Code) outlines the Fund's zero tolerance policy on prohibited practices and establishes the specific conduct and activities that are prohibited by the EIF, as well as the obligations of all employees and persons acting on behalf of the EIF to uphold the highest standards of integrity and to refrain from prohibited practices, and the actions which the EIF may take when prohibited practices are alleged to have occurred. The Code requires all employees, persons, third-party contractors, executing entities and counterparties acting on behalf of the EIF to behave in an ethical and professional manner, upholding the EIF's core values, standards and principles at all times.

The Code clarifies what is deemed acceptable business behaviour by an EIF employee so as to ensure the EIF's sustainable business. The following values are at the core of the Code:

- Service
- Integrity
- Transparency
- Excellence

Demands for kickbacks, requests for loans, soliciting gifts, requests for discounts, irregular payments to third parties, demands for payment for rapid processing of applications, and insistence on specific suppliers and contractors are all prohibited practices that require action and whistle-blowing. For the EIF, reporting of possible or suspected corruption and/or unethical behaviour is an enabler for deterring unethical conduct, fostering high ethical standards and maintaining accountability and

public confidence in the EIF, its operations and funded activities.

Through our accountability platform, the Fund seeks to encourage a culture of speaking out against wrongdoing and facilitates the redress of any grievances arising from the conduct of our staff, operations and funded activities. This platform is an enabler for deterring unethical conduct. Reporting of possible corruption and/or unethical behaviour is important for fostering high ethical standards and maintaining public confidence in the EIF and its operations. Through this platform, the Fund seeks to encourage a culture of speaking out against any form of wrongdoing.

7.2 Reporting Unethical Practices

Reports of prohibited practices are investigated anonymously. Find out how to report prohibited practices at

<https://www.eif.org.na/accountability>.

8. EIF's Commitment to UN SDGs

The EIF contributes to the attainment of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (UN SDGs) and aims to positively contribute to their achievement by supporting Namibia's fifth National Development Plan (NDP5) and the Harambee Prosperity Plan II (HPP II). In addition, by implementing our strategy, the EIF supports and sustains economic advancement by developing implementation plans that attract private sector investment into the green and blue economy, and contribute to the economy and its people in a sustainable manner.

Climate change poses a serious threat to ecosystems, natural resources and the communities that depend on them, and undermines progress towards achieving the SDGs. As such, the EIF is committed to resource mobilisation for investment towards natural resource management, biodiversity conservation and climate change.

The EIF is constantly in pursuit of effectively attaining SDG 17: Partnerships for the Goals, which plays a crucial role in achieving the 16 other SDGs. SDG 17 recognises the need for collaborative and multi-stakeholder partnerships at the global, regional and national levels to mobilise resources, share knowledge, and implement sustainable solutions to the world's most pressing challenges.

The EIF's mandate in relation to the UN SDGs is linked to the following specific goals:





9. Chief Executive Officer's Report

I am pleased to report on the progress achieved by the Fund for the financial year 01 April 2022 to 31 March 2023. The 2022/2023 reporting period represents a catalogue of high-impact achievements that will deliver favourable returns to the shareholder and the Namibian nation at large.

The EIF celebrated its 11-year anniversary on 13 February 2023 under the theme "Celebrating the past while managing for the future." The Fund is proud to highlight that since inception, it has become one of the fastest-growing green and climate financing institutions in Africa. The Fund's multi-stakeholder approach enables us to create and sustain value in our work.

The Fund remains committed to rebuilding natural capital as a critical economic asset and source of public benefits – especially for poor and disadvantaged Namibians. It is time that most – if not all – Namibians from all walks of life join the Fund's crusade for an environmentally prudent and socio-economically sound populace. The Fund's first strategy (2012 – 2016), aimed at positioning the Fund as a key player in environmental and climate change investment, saw the deployment of N\$1 billion of financing, and the second strategy (2018 – 2022), aimed at consolidating the gains and capitalising on mobilising resources, growing financial services of the Fund, and striving for sustainability, enabled the Fund to mobilise N\$3 billion in funding.

As the EIF celebrated its anniversary and reaffirmed its commitment to and relentless pursuit of excellence, the Minister of Finance and Public Enterprises, Honourable Ipumbu Shiimi, delivered his 2023/2024 National Budget speech, during which he announced the new EIF green concessional loan facility for youth entrepreneurs wishing to undertake economically viable investment that integrates low carbon and climate adaptation instruments. The facility will deploy N\$72 million over the next 12 months and is expected to grow to N\$300 million by the 2024/2025 financial year. The establishment of the green credit facility enhances opportunities to attain sustainable financial growth and revenue diversification for the EIF. In order to achieve its investment objective, the facility will target investments that have the potential to have a tangible long-term

impact on the lives and livelihood of rural communities, thereby unlocking significant economic activity and value. In addition, the facility will provide credit financing to individuals, small and medium enterprises, and farmers over loan terms ranging from 12 – 72 months, and invest in a range of other loan products designed to avail access to finance, and aimed at poverty alleviation, employment creation and rural development.

The Fund remains confident that it is on the right track towards improving the living standards of Namibia's people through deliberate Government interventions that put livelihoods at the centre of the development agenda, and to contributing to the overall attainment of the global commitment to the UN Sustainable Development Goals.

We find ourselves at an opportune time when the global energy sector is directing its focus to new frontiers to address looming energy shortages. The Fund is strategically positioned to facilitate the latest developments in the energy sector and Namibia's exploration and exploitation of comparative advantages across its energy sector, especially around the green hydrogen value chain, world-class renewable energy resources and international carbon markets. Namibia is well positioned to become Africa's energy hub and aspires to become the first carbon neutral country on the continent by 2040. We are certain that it will be able to leverage the energy sector, emerging investment opportunities and the various interventions being implemented to catalyse the attainment of Namibia's bold ambitions to become the sustainable energy capital of Africa.

Successful companies adapt to changing market conditions and technologies. At the EIF, we recognise that change is necessary, given our ever-evolving industry. Our mantra

going forward is to constantly strive for relevance, excellence and continuous improvement in response to customer demands. The enhancement of customer value will be underpinned by the various initiatives aimed at amplifying customer satisfaction levels and optimising sustainable growth in the environmental sector. It is critical that we operate efficiently, generate sustainable value, earn a return for our shareholder and ensure consistent, high-quality service delivery to our customers. We have embarked on various strategic initiatives to improve our sustainability and have implemented an across-the-board review of our operations to identify and address wastage and inefficiency. We aim to attain maximum efficiency of our resources.

Our employees are our key stakeholders and most important assets, and they play a critical role in the realisation of our strategic objectives. We are working towards building institutional capacity through cultivating a high-performance culture and creating a sustainable talent pipeline. This will, in turn, enable us to improve our customer service capacity and quality.

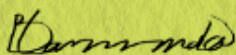
I would like to express my gratitude to the EIF's committed and passionate leadership team for decisively and steadfastly upholding the Fund's leadership creed in their efforts to champion the execution of the Fund's mandate and strategy. In addition, my profound and sincere appreciation goes to the Fund's staff and esteemed stakeholders. The execution of our mandate was made possible by each EIF team member's commitment to collaboration and driving performance excellence. I look forward to continuing to work towards embedding our standing as one of the jewels in the Namibian public sector for the ultimate benefit of our shareholder, the Namibian nation.



I would also like to thank the Board for their guidance throughout the year, as we worked on rolling out our new integrated strategic business plan. The Board's visionary leadership is indubitably responsible for ensuring the EIF's continued excellent performance. I would also like to thank the independent professional members serving on the various committees, who dedicated their valuable time and efforts to standards development. Finally, I am equally grateful for the phenomenal support from our valued customers, without whom we would not have achieved the year's commendable financial performance.

In addition to extending our gratitude to the staff of the Ministry of Finance and Public Enterprises, and the Ministry of Environment, Forestry and Tourism for their invaluable support during the period under review, we wholeheartedly thank the Minister of Finance and Public Enterprises, Honourable Ipumbu Shiimi, and the Minister of Environment, Forestry and Tourism, Honourable Pohamba Shifeta, for their sterling leadership.

As we celebrate the strides we have made and remain committed to our pursuit for excellence, we look towards the future with optimism and invite our fellow Namibians to be formidable partners in the sustainable development of our resources for the benefit of us all.



Benedict Libanda
Chief Executive Officer



10. Executive Committee



Benedict Libanda
Chief Executive Officer



Karl M. Aribab
Chief Operations Officer



Pauline Mugore
Chief Financial Officer
(Effective 1 November 2022)



Isoldah Hijamutiti
Chief Financial Officer
(Resigned effective 31 May 2022)



Aina-Maria Iteta
Executive Business Strategy &
Performance Management



Carol-lee Pick
Corporate Secretary, Legal Advisor
& Compliance Officer
(Secretary to EXCO)



11. Green Hydrogen Initiatives

The Environmental Investment Fund of Namibia, in collaboration with the Republic of Namibia, initiated SDG Namibia One, securing a EUR 40 million grant from the Dutch Government during COP27 to establish this transformative investment platform. This platform, centered on green hydrogen, aims to drive the transition of Namibia's energy mix and position the country as a renewable energy hub.

SDG Namibia One, a blended financing platform, results from a partnership between the Namibian Government-owned Environmental Investment Fund of Namibia, Climate Fund Managers, and Invest International from the Netherlands. This collaboration sets the stage for a diverse group of players to contribute to Namibia's development journey through innovative blended finance, accelerating the growth of the green hydrogen sector.

Namibia is poised to receive nearly N\$9 billion (€500 million) from the European Investment Bank, supporting renewable energy projects, particularly green hydrogen. The funding agreement, signed with the Dutch Government, aims to de-risk private capital and encourage significant investments to foster the development of high-quality green hydrogen assets and associated value chains.

The strategic partnership with the European Union positions Namibia as a renewable energy hub, fostering trade, mobilizing investment, cooperating on research, and aligning on standards. Green hydrogen's development is expected to reshape Namibia's economic structure, generating foreign currency earnings, government revenue streams, and substantial employment opportunities.

Green hydrogen emerges as the key solution for Namibia's energy transition, leveraging the country's exceptional conditions for renewable electricity generation. The Namibian Government's ambitious plans involve building large-scale solar and wind farms, with Climate Fund Managers and Invest International establishing the 'SDG Namibia One Fund' to channel all renewable hydrogen financing. This

blended finance approach attracts public and private capital to support green hydrogen projects, providing access to developers throughout all project stages.

Invest International's role as an anchor investor, contributing a €40 million grant, kickstarts the fund, with the aim of growing it to €1 billion (N\$ 17.8 billion). This fund empowers the Namibian government to strategically invest in projects that bolster the local green transition, fostering economic growth, job creation, and the utilization of green hydrogen.

The Environmental Investment Fund of Namibia plays a pivotal role, benefiting from capacity building and direct involvement in fund management, investment, fundraising, and capital mobilization. This engagement enhances the Fund's capabilities and exposes it to sophisticated capital raising and deal structuring elements, contributing to its overall strength and effectiveness within the Namibian government.



European Commission President Ursula Von Der Leyen and H.E Dr. Hage G Geingob, President of the Republic of Namibia at the SDG Namibia One signing ceremony at the Namibia pavilion, COP27, Egypt



REVIEW OF THE 2022/2023 FINANCIAL YEAR

12. The Year Under Review

The forthcoming report will delineate the Fund's performance throughout the 2022/2023 financial year, emphasizing its quintessential governance principles rooted in Environmental, Social, and Governance (ESG) considerations. Guided by five strategic focus areas, our governance framework is engineered to yield tangible results and uphold our commitment to sustainability.

Each strategic pillar encapsulates high-level objectives meticulously aligned with the Fund's mission, vision, and adaptive responses to internal and external dynamics. Our operational priorities harmonize seamlessly with prevailing environmental, economic, and social imperatives, reinforcing our holistic ESG approach.

To catalyze strategic execution, these objectives are meticulously deconstructed into initiatives characterized by clarity and measurability. Rigorous quarterly assessments, conducted by departmental heads, comprehensively gauge progress and the attainment of predefined targets. This structured approach not only fosters strategic engagement but also crystallizes outcomes that serve as benchmarks for gauging objective fulfillment.

In essence, our strategy doesn't merely propose initiatives; it crystallizes into strategic outcomes, thereby empowering the Fund to decisively ascertain the realization of each specific objective. This result-oriented approach ensures the strategic plan's effectiveness and aligns the Fund with its overarching commitment to ESG excellence.

12.1 Corporate Communications

Environmental Investment Fund of Namibia (EIF) is proud to report on a year of strategic initiatives in our corporate communications domain. Our comprehensive public relations (PR) program aimed not only at enhancing brand reputation but also at engaging key stakeholders and fostering positive sentiment. The evolution of our corporate messaging framework ensures consistent and impactful communication across diverse channels.

Strategic Goal: Improve transparency through reporting, public disclosure, awareness raising and maintaining a high public profile of the Fund

12.1.1 Corporate Communications Initiatives for 2022/2023

During the reporting period, several outcomes were realised under this strategic goal, as outlined hereunder.

12.1.1.1 Policy briefings and engagements

These strategic initiatives showcase our proactive approach in shaping impactful environmental policies, forging strategic partnerships, and strategically positioning ourselves at the forefront of sustainable development in Namibia.

In the assessment period, the Fund actively forged strategic alliances through 21 policy dialogues with key partners, demonstrating our commitment to driving impactful change in the environmental sector. Noteworthy engagements include:

- a) **Namibia Chamber of Commerce and Industry business breakfast:** Benedict Libanda, EIF's CEO, played a pivotal role at the NCCI event held at the Windhoek Country Club on 25 October 2022. Under the theme "Road to COP27 – Role of the Private Sector in Climate Change and Adaptation," his participation underscored our strategic dedication to catalyzing private sector involvement in advancing climate resilience.
- b) **Climate finance capacity building workshops:** The Fund orchestrated cutting-edge climate finance workshops, generously supported by GIZ. These workshops were strategically designed to expedite the realization of Nationally

Determined Contributions (NDC) targets. By fostering collaboration with both state and non-state actors, we successfully crafted Five Zero Drafts of Project Concept Notes and two Project Idea Notes (PINs). These initiatives strategically target diverse sources of public and private finance, providing crucial support to priority sectors in Namibia.

- c) **World Electrification Day 2022:** On World Electrification Day 2022, the Fund took a strategic and impactful role in a panel discussion on "Accessing Finance to Accelerate Electrification." Moderated by Carol-lee Pick, the Fund's Corporate Secretary, Legal Advisor, and Compliance Officer, the panel featured industry experts from the Development Bank of Namibia, Standard Bank, First National Bank, and Nedbank. The objectives were to raise awareness of energy usage, ensure affordable and sustainable energy, and increase access to reliable electricity services, aligning with the universal access goal by 2040.

During the discussion, the Fund highlighted its success in implementing the SUNREF Programme, a €46 million partnership credit line facility with the French Government,

involving key financial institutions in Namibia. This showcased our strategic prowess in forging impactful partnerships to drive electrification initiatives.

- d) **SADC DFRC Board meeting:** Furthermore, our participation in the SADC DFRC Board meeting in Mozambique demonstrated our commitment to being a regional leader. The SADC DFRC serves as a sub-regional centre of excellence, enhancing the capacity of Development Finance Institutions (DFIs) in the SADC region. Our engagement has significantly benefited the Fund, particularly in strategic financial reporting, performance management, investment appraisal, and risk analysis, reinforcing our strategic capabilities.

- e) **CBNRM-EDA and IREMA Project handover:** The Minister of Environment, Forestry, and Tourism, Honourable Pohamba Shifeta, undertook the handover of completed projects under the CBNRM-EDA and IREMA initiatives. These projects, spanning sustainable resource management, climate change mitigation, and water provision in drought-stricken areas, showcase our commitment to environmental conservation, climate resilience, and sustainable development in Namibia.



Some of the project sites handed over by the Minister of Environment, Forestry and Tourism, Honourable Pohamba Shifeta, during the period under review

f) Strategic Impact at COP27: Paving the Way for Environmental Collaboration:

In a defining moment at COP27 in Egypt (November 2022), the Fund emerged as a linchpin, orchestrating pivotal discussions at the Namibian pavilion. Teaming up with the Ministry of Environment, Forestry, and Tourism (MEFT), the Fund secured approximately N\$1 million from diverse partners to underwrite the pavilion's costs. Notably, collaborations are underway to amplify this support, aiming to double the funds for an expanded presence at COP28 in Dubai.

A highlight of COP27 was the Dutch Government's commitment, channelled through Invest International, infusing a €40 million grant. Simultaneously, the Fund inked a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the European Investment Bank, formalizing a €500 million facility. These ground-breaking financial strides mark a robust endorsement of environmental initiatives.

To ensure inclusive engagement, all pavilion activities were live-streamed, fostering wider accessibility. During COP27, one significant moment unfolded as an MOU was signed and a seed capital grant of €40 million was confirmed, underscoring the Fund's influence on a global stage. Watch one of the insightful discussions hosted at the Namibian pavilion via this link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83414635411?pwd=RkZvZDY0L3krSDQzMytMSWU5cXhPUT09>

This strategic positioning solidifies Namibia's commitment to environmental stewardship and sets the stage for even more impactful engagements in the global arena.



Events at the Namibian pavilion at COP27 in Egypt in November 2022

g) EU GCCA+ PRET Project's Strategic Milestone: Enhancing Sustainable Futures

In a pivotal step towards sustainable development, the Fund welcomed a delegation from the SADC Secretariat in the Zambezi Region for a mission related to the "Promotion of Renewable Energy Technologies as a Catalyst to Improve Local Communities' Livelihoods in the Zambezi Region of Namibia" (PRET) Project in July 2022.

This mission, overseen by the SADC Secretariat representing the EU GCCA+ program, undertook a comprehensive monitoring and expenditure verification initiative. The central focus of this mission was on the key landscapes of the project—Makanga and Muyako Villages, along with the Regional Council Offices. The primary objective was to ensure meticulous project management and stringent quality control, aligning with the EU GCCA+ standards.

For an immersive understanding of this mission's impact, a video capturing the essence of the visit is available at:
<https://youtu.be/Zogs366d8mM>



This strategic engagement reaffirms our commitment to advancing renewable energy technologies, fostering sustainable livelihoods, and contributing to the overall well-being of local communities. The Fund remains at the forefront of driving impactful initiatives that resonate with global environmental objectives.

h) Strategic Oversight: Field Visits by Parliamentary Committee:

In collaboration with MEFT, the Fund engaged in field visits from August 7 to

20, 2022, alongside the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Natural Resources. These visits evaluated climate change projects in regions such as Kunene, Ohangwena, Zambezi, //Kharas, and Kavango East and West.

Assessments involved direct engagement with stakeholders and beneficiaries, strengthening partnerships. In December 2022, revisiting the Fransfontein Community Garden showcased project success through a fruitful harvest. These efforts emphasize our commitment to impactful climate change interventions and effective project management.

- i) Strategic Collaboration: EEF Engages with EIF:** In the second quarter of 2022/2023, the Eswatini Environmental Fund (EEF) initiated a three-day study of the EIF, seeking valuable benchmarks for its National Environment Fund. The EIF showcased institutional setups and best practices, fostering knowledge exchange.

Courtesy meetings with MEFT and the Ministry of Finance and Public Enterprises provided platforms for networking, discussion of opportunities and challenges, and potential collaboration exploration, emphasizing the establishment of a Memorandum of Understanding. This sustainable partnership aims to enhance environmental initiatives.

- j) Strategic Discourse: Bridging Gender and Climate Finance:** In alignment with the UNFCCC Gender Action Plan, the Fund and MEFT jointly orchestrated a pivotal round table discussion on gender mainstreaming and climate finance on September 8, 2022. This collaborative event became a nexus for sharing insights from diverse projects funded by various entities in Namibia. The focus was on unraveling lessons that illuminate the symbiotic relationship between climate finance and gender integration within national policies and strategies.

k) Strategic Exposure: SDG Namibia One on Global Stage: In a milestone moment on September 7, 2022, the Fund propelled the SDG Namibia One project into the international spotlight. The prestigious platform was a conference hosted by the Asian Development Bank in Manila, Philippines. The presentation skillfully delved into blended financing and the nuanced capital structuring essential for large-scale infrastructure, emphasizing their pivotal role in shaping the landscape of future climate financing. The conference, centered around the dynamic interplay of public and private finance, fortified the project's standing on the global stage.

l) Strategic Partnership Advancement: UNDP Collaboration Unveiled: Marking the inception of the first quarter in 2022/2023, the Fund orchestrated a pivotal strategic meeting with the Country Representative of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP). The primary objective was to elevate the existing partnership, fortifying collaboration in the execution of transformative projects. Notable among these are the Namibia Integrated Landscape Approach for Enhancing Livelihoods and Environmental Governance to Eradicate Poverty (NILALEG) Project and the Sustainable Development Goals Impact Facility (SDGIF). The meeting went beyond the current endeavors, delving into the exploration of potential future avenues for cooperation.

m) Strategic Collaboration Unveiled: Zambezi Regional Council: Engaging in fruitful discussions, the Fund convened with the Zambezi Regional Council to assess the advancement of ongoing initiatives within the region. The dialogue encompassed comprehensive reviews of projects like NILALEG, CRAVE, and CBNRM-EDA. Moreover, the meeting served as a platform to deliberate on the possibilities of securing funding for prospective project ventures, thereby fostering a collaborative partnership for sustainable development.

n) Strategic Dialogue on Green Hydrogen Development: German Green Hydrogen Envoy's Visit:

In a significant collaboration, the Fund hosted Germany's Green Hydrogen Envoy, Rainer Baake, and Namibia's Presidential Economic Advisor and Green Hydrogen Commissioner, James Mnyupe, during the first quarter of 2022/2023. The purposeful meeting delved into discussions about Namibia's potential in developing green hydrogen and ammonia for export to Germany and the European Union. Germany's keen interest in supporting Namibia's renewable energy endeavors and optimizing fiscal revenue from green hydrogen was highlighted.

Recognizing Namibia's prioritization of green hydrogen in national development plans, the meeting shed light on the establishment of the Green Hydrogen Council by the Namibian Government. Leveraging its project management expertise and accreditation with the Green Climate Fund (GCF), the EIF emerged as a pivotal player in mobilizing blended financing for Namibia's green hydrogen economy. The Fund's active involvement in the SDG Namibia One concept positions it as a comprehensive hub, seamlessly connecting and blending capital sources with green projects in the country.

o) Strategic Collaboration for Sustainable Development Awards: Partnership Milestones. In a proactive move, the Fund initiated discussions with the chairperson of the Sustainable Development Advisory Council and the Environmental Commissioner. The primary agenda was to solidify the partnership for the upcoming Sustainable Development Awards. Both entities acknowledged the significance of enhancing their collaboration and committed to formulating a comprehensive Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to steer the management of the awards event.

Currently in its final stages of completion, the MOU reflects a shared vision for fostering sustainable development initiatives. As preparations gain momentum for the next edition of the Sustainable Development Awards, the collaborative efforts promise to yield impactful outcomes in recognizing and celebrating noteworthy contributions to sustainable development.

- p) Strategic Collaboration for Climate Resilience: MOU Signing with Ministry of Works and Transport:** In a significant development, the Fund formalized a collaborative venture with the Ministry of Works and Transport during the first quarter of 2022/2023. The Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) inked between the entities delineates a partnership focused on advancing the Kunene Early Warning System (EWS) under the IREMA Kunene Project.

The Kunene EWS stands as an adaptive climate change measure, leveraging integrated communication systems. This initiative aims to empower communities in the Kunene Region to prepare for climate-related hazards, ensuring the protection of lives, jobs, ecosystems, and critical infrastructure. Notably, the strategic collaboration with MTC facilitated the procurement of four Automated Weather Stations, amounting to N\$800,000. These stations are earmarked for installation in Warmquelle, Fransfontein, Kamanjab, and Bergsig in the Kunene Region, bolstering the region's resilience to climate challenges.

- q) Strategic Investment for Climate Action: Budget Highlights 2023/2024:** In the Budget Statement for the fiscal year 2023/2024, presented by the Minister of Finance and Public Enterprises, Honourable Ipumbu Shiimi, on 22 February 2023, the Environmental Investment Fund (EIF) took centre stage in advancing climate-focused financial initiatives.

Under the theme "Economic Revival and Caring for the Poor," Minister Shiimi unveiled the launch of the EIF's green concessional loan facility. With a predominant focus on empowering youth entrepreneurs, the facility

is set to deploy a substantial N\$72 million over the next 12 months. Ambitiously, the EIF targets reaching N\$300 million by the 2024/2025 financial year.

Complementing these efforts, the EIF, through the Ecosystem-based Adaptation Project funded by the Green Climate Fund (GCF), is committed to providing grants amounting to N\$120 million. These grants will be allocated to 36 community-based organizations, fostering climate change adaptation, resilience, and capacity building in the upcoming 2023/2024 financial year. This strategic investment aligns with the EIF's dedication to sustainable climate action and community empowerment.

- r) Promoting Integrity: ACC Compliance Education Session.** The Fund played a pivotal role in promoting ethical practices and transparency by hosting the Anti-Corruption Commission of Namibia (ACC). This collaborative effort involved the ACC delivering a comprehensive compliance overview presentation. This initiative, a key component of the ACC's education outreach campaign, underscores the EIF's commitment to fostering a culture of integrity and adherence to ethical standards. The ACC's expertise combined with the EIF's dedication contributes to a strengthened foundation for responsible and accountable practices in the pursuit of environmental sustainability..

- s) Advancing Water Access: MOU with MAWLR.** The Fund signed a transformative collaboration with the Ministry of Agriculture, Water and Land Reform (MAWLR) through the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding. This strategic alliance, backed by a N\$15 million allocation from MAWLR, aims to address hard water challenges and enhance access to clean, softened water in rural communities.

In a landmark initiative, EIF is implementing water-softening systems, including mini desalination plants, across ten regions—Erongo, Hardap, //Kharas, Oshikoto, Kunene, Kavango East, Kavango West, Ohangwena, Omusati, and Zambezi. The successful installation of reverse osmosis units at

community water points in the Spitzkoppe area of Erongo Region, witnessed by MAWLR and EIF in September 2022, marks a significant milestone. These state-of-the-art facilities not only enhance water quality for consumption and irrigation but also demonstrate a commitment to technological advancements for sustainable community development.

The EIF and MAWLR continue to work hand in hand to reinforce solar panel infrastructure, implement theft-proofing measures, and convert windmills into solar energy at locations like Goeiegeluk Pos and Santamab Pos 1. These comprehensive efforts exemplify our joint dedication to fostering resilient and improved livelihoods for communities in Namibia.

- t) **Resilience in Fisheries: A Strategic Approach.** In response to the intricate challenges facing Namibia's fisheries due to external economic, ecological shocks, and climate change impacts, the Environmental Investment Fund (EIF) embarked on a strategic engagement initiative. Recognizing the vulnerability of the fishing industry to unpredictable catch volumes and distribution shifts in marine species, the EIF conducted a thorough assessment from 15 to 17 February 2023.

During this period, EIF collaboratively engaged with stakeholders in the fisheries sector to evaluate proposed interventions and identify alternative opportunities that extend beyond traditional fishing practices. The meeting underscored the pressing need to address the heightened vulnerability of small-scale and artisanal fisheries to environmental changes and variability.

Understanding the ongoing concerns associated with climate change, EIF is committed to building resilience within the sector. The strategic focus begins with small-scale fisheries, emphasizing the importance of proactive measures to mitigate the impacts of climate change on employment, income, and government revenue. This initiative aligns with our broader commitment to fostering sustainable practices and safeguarding the

livelihoods of those dependent on the fisheries industry.

- u) **On-site Insight: EIF Board Explores Impactful Projects.** In a dynamic move towards enhancing transparency and deepening connections with the Environmental Investment Fund's (EIF) projects, the EIF Board of Directors, sub-committees, and dedicated staff undertook insightful field visits in February 2023. The focus was on gaining firsthand experience and comprehensive understanding of EIF's initiatives, particularly the IREMA and CBNRM-EDA Projects, spanning across the Kunene and Erongo Regions.

This strategic on-site engagement involved meaningful interactions with project beneficiaries, dedicated staff, and local communities. These interactions provided valuable insights into the positive impact of EIF projects on the ground. The visit not only served as a platform for learning but also allowed Board members to witness EIF's transformative work in action.

Recognizing the pivotal role of EIF in shaping policies and contributing to the betterment of Namibian lives, these field visits underscored the alignment of the Board's decisions with the tangible outcomes of EIF projects. This hands-on approach reinforces the commitment to effective governance and strengthens the collective resolve to improve and uplift communities across Namibia.

12.1.1.2 Awareness raising and outreach programmes

During the reporting period, the Fund held 11 awareness raising and outreach events:

- a) **NILALEG Road Show Empowers Communities:** In a strategic initiative to empower communities and foster awareness, the Environmental Investment Fund (EIF), in collaboration with the Ministry of Environment, Forestry, and Tourism (MEFT) and the National Designated Authority, orchestrated a series of workshops under the NILALEG Project.

The road show spanned across five key areas—Omaipanga in the Kunene Region, Okongo in the Ohangwena Region, Nkulivere in the Kavango West Region, Zambezi Region, and Ruacana in the Omusati Region. The primary objective was to cultivate understanding and awareness among beneficiaries regarding the NILALEG Project, its grant facility, and overarching mandate.

These workshops served as interactive platforms, allowing community members to actively engage with the project's essence and potential benefits. By extending the reach of knowledge and clarifying the NILALEG Project's goals, the road show aimed to empower local communities and strengthen their active participation in the sustainable development journey. The EIF remains committed to fostering meaningful partnerships and knowledge-sharing for the holistic advancement of Namibian communities.

b) Promoting Green Hydrogen for Climate

Action: In a proactive stance towards climate action, the Environmental Investment Fund (EIF) played a pivotal role in producing Namibia's green hydrogen video. This strategic initiative aims to promote and engage stakeholders in the burgeoning green hydrogen sector, offering a sustainable solution to combat climate change and address global warming.

The video features insights from EIF's CEO, Benedict Libanda, who articulates the importance of climate finance in steering the nation towards a greener, more sustainable future. For a comprehensive perspective on the pivotal role of green hydrogen and EIF's commitment to climate finance, follow the link to watch the video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DFKsXOSwbochhttps>

c) Celebrating Namibia Arbour Day for Environmental Sustainability:

In a commitment to environmental sustainability, the Environmental Investment Fund (EIF) actively participated in Namibia's Arbour Day celebration on October 14, 2022. Aligned with the global theme, "Forests and Sustainable Production and Consumption,"

as endorsed by the United Nations Collaborative Partnership on Forests, EIF engaged in impactful activities.

EIF's contributions encompassed the ceremonial planting of a designated national tree, coupled with advocacy for widespread tree planting. This initiative was part of a broader collaboration with residents across all 14 regions. Notably, these efforts coincided with the three-month #CleanUpWhk campaign, reinforcing the message of "My Waste, My Responsibility."

By integrating environmental stewardship with community involvement, EIF continues to champion initiatives that resonate with global sustainability goals.

d) Transformative Collaboration Spotlights at COP27: EIF-GCF Project Videos.

In a momentous journey of collaboration with the Green Climate Fund (GCF), the Environmental Investment Fund (EIF) has achieved significant strides in enhancing adaptation finance in Namibia. This collaboration marks a transformative shift in the conception and financing of adaptation projects.

EIF's unwavering efforts have yielded successful outcomes through projects like CBNRM-EDA, IREMA, and CRAVE. The impactful progress and outcomes of these projects were highlighted through compelling videos screened at the Namibian pavilion during COP27 in Egypt in November 2022.

These videos serve a dual purpose, offering a comprehensive overview of the projects while documenting their progress and impact. This initiative stands as a testament to EIF's commitment to knowledge management and sharing valuable insights on sustainable climate action.

e) SDGIF Empowering Lives: Video Success Stories and Information Webinar.

In collaboration with the UNDP and the Ministry of Industrialisation and Trade (MIT), the Sustainable Development Goals Impact Facility (SDGIF) has become a beacon of positive change in Namibia. Under the adept management of the Environmental Investment Fund (EIF) and co-financed by

Standard Bank Namibia, the SDGIF has been instrumental in broadcasting success stories on NBC.

These impactful videos not only showcase the transformative projects supported by the facility but also shed light on the tangible ways they have positively impacted the lives of Namibians. As part of its ongoing initiatives, the SDGIF has opened its fourth funding window, inviting proposals from potential beneficiaries.

To ensure transparency and accessibility, the EIF hosted an informative webinar session. This session provided interested parties with in-depth information about the SDGIF, outlining the myriad opportunities available for support and fostering sustainable development in Namibia. The SDGIF stands as a testament to collaborative efforts driving positive change in the country.

- f) IREMA Project's Impact Unveiled: Small Stock Revolving Scheme Documentary.** Embarking on a journey of sustainable change, the IREMA Project proudly presents a documentary capturing the essence of its small stock revolving scheme. Delving into the heart of Sesfontein and Fransfontein in the Kunene Region, this initiative aims to empower vulnerable households with a sustainable livelihood through the provision of high-quality breeding flocks of local goats.

Narrated by Daniel Hakweenda, Senior Agricultural Scientific Officer of the Ministry of Agriculture, Water and Land Reform (MAWLR), the documentary unfolds the project's concept and its transformative journey. Valerie Garases, a beneficiary of the IREMA Project, shares her personal experience, providing a poignant perspective on the positive impact of the scheme.

To witness the profound stories and impact of the IREMA Project, click on the link: [IREMA Project Documentary] <https://youtu.be/IYXqvJrZY0Q>

Join us in celebrating a sustainable future and the lives touched by this remarkable endeavour.

- g) Clean Up Windhoek Campaign:**

A Collective Call for Environmental Rejuvenation. In a collaborative effort with Mobile Telecommunications Limited (MTC), Namibia National Reinsurance Corporation (NamibRe), and the City of Windhoek, the EIF proudly initiated the three-month Clean Up Windhoek Campaign in August 2022.

With a commitment to restoring Windhoek's pristine cleanliness and reclaiming its status as the cleanest city in Africa, the campaign emphasizes fostering a culture of cleanliness among Namibians. Allocated with N\$100,000, the initiative addresses various facets of environmental sustainability. Advocating for clean energy, tree planting, environmental restoration, improved sanitation, and the promotion of biodegradable plastic bags, the campaign strives to create a clean, healthy, and green city.

This collective endeavour rejuvenated Windhoek's environment and promoted sustainable practices for a greener, cleaner future.

- h) Unlocking Adaptation Finance: EIF-GCF Journey Unveiled.** Embark on the transformative odyssey of the Environmental Investment Fund (EIF) with the Green Climate Fund (GCF) through our experience report. Our journey has been both rewarding and transformative, significantly amplifying adaptation finance in Namibia and reshaping the conception and financing of adaptation projects.

The EIF-GCF report offers insights from the perspective of the EIF, a direct access entity (DAE). It delves into the particularly transformative role of the CBNRM-EDA Project in devolving adaptation finance and decision-making to local communities. This comprehensive document shares positive and challenging experiences, documenting lessons and best practices gleaned along the way.

For those navigating the landscape of adaptation finance, the report provides valuable recommendations tailored for developing country. Download the full report

from the EIF website: https://www.eif.org.na/download/eif_gcf-report-2022 and explore the evolution of adaptation finance in Namibia.

- i) **Empowering Farmers: CRAVE Value-Addition Workshop Unveiled.** Experience the impactful strides of the "Climate Resilient Agriculture in three of the Vulnerable Extreme northern crop-growing regions" (CRAVE) Project. Recently, CRAVE conducted a value-addition workshop tailored for farmers in the Zambezi Region.

Witness the transformative insights and practices shared during this workshop by exploring the project's video feature. Delve into the intricacies of climate-resilient agriculture and its positive implications for vulnerable crop-growing regions. Watch the broadcast on One Africa TV through this [link] <https://fb.watch/eFOgUEaxNs/>.

CRAVE continues to be a beacon of sustainable practices, empowering farmers and fostering resilience in the face of climate challenges. Join us in celebrating the strides toward climate-resilient agriculture!



Honourable Calle Schlettwein, Minister of Agriculture, Water and Land Reform, visiting the CRAVE Project in Zambezi Region

- j) **Celebrating 11 Years of Impactful Sustainability: EIF's Anniversary Highlights.** In commemoration of its 11th anniversary, the Environmental Investment Fund (EIF) embarked on a celebration under the theme "Celebrating the past while managing for the future." The festivities included insightful interviews broadcasted strategically on the Namibian Sun Evening Review and NBC's Good Morning Namibia.

To further share its journey and contributions, EIF featured prominently in publications such as the Brief Newspaper, Windhoek Observer, and Namibian Sun during Namibia's Independence celebration period.

- k) **Unlocking Environmental Insights: EIF's Climate Change Series on NBC.**

In collaboration with the Namibian Broadcasting Corporation (NBC), the Environmental Investment Fund (EIF) proudly presents a three-series broadcast delving into impactful climate change interventions in the Kunene Region. Focused on projects like IREMA and CBNRM-EDA, this insightful series aims to enhance knowledge management.

The series broadcast enabled stakeholders to gain a deeper understanding of EIF's commitment to environmental resilience and sustainable practices. The stories explored the shaping a greener future for Namibia.

12.2 New Agreements and Strategic Partnerships

12.2.1 Memorandum of Understanding with NYS

During the period under review, the EIF and the National Youth Service (NYS) signed an MOU for the implementation of the landscape restoration component of the "Namibia Integrated Landscape Approach to Enhance Livelihoods and Environmental Governance to Eradicate Poverty" (NILALEG) Project.



12.2.2 Parliamentary Committee's Follow-up on Climate Change Projects

In August 2022, the Environmental Investment Fund (EIF), in collaboration with the Ministry of Environment, Forestry and Tourism (MEFT), continued its partnership with the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Natural Resources. This collaboration involved follow-up field visits to climate change projects, with a notable focus on the early-stage production activities at the Fransfontein Community Garden.



12.2.3 Positive Harvest Amid Challenges in Kunene Region.

On December 7, 2022, the Parliamentary Committee conducted a follow-up visit to the Kunene Region, where farmers had faced severe challenges due to prolonged drought, impacting both livestock and crop production. Encouragingly, the visit showcased a successful harvest, reflecting positive strides. The delegation also extended a courtesy visit to Magrietha Haradoes, a local farmer benefiting from the small stock revolving scheme (SSRS) under the IREMA Project. This underscores the resilience and progress within the agricultural initiatives despite adverse conditions.



12.2.4 EEF Follow-Up Visit Coinciding with Climate Conference

Continuing their pursuit of benchmarks for the national environment fund, the Eswatini Environmental Fund (EEF) conducted a follow-up visit to the EIF. This visit, strategically timed, aligned with the continental conference on climate and development in Africa. The conference, orchestrated by the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa and the African Union Commission, unfolded in Windhoek, Namibia. This convergence facilitated a comprehensive exchange of insights and experiences in the environmental sector.



12.2.5 Green Hydrogen Summit Participation

Engaging in the discourse on sustainable energy, the Fund took part in Offshore Technology Africa in Cape Town, South Africa, spanning from 30 November to 02 December 2022. A noteworthy session, the "Interactive Boardroom: Leveraging Existing Infrastructure and Renewable Potential for Green Hydrogen," explored the pivotal role of Africa's flourishing offshore ecosystems in advancing offshore renewables and fostering green hydrogen production. This summit marked a crucial juncture for insights and collaborations in the realm of environmentally sustainable energy.

12.3 Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) Overview

At the heart of EIF's ethos lies an unwavering commitment to the well-being of Namibia's communities. During the reporting period, the EIF channelled over N\$276,000 into CSR initiatives, emphasizing direct engagement with communities linked to its operations. Noteworthy highlights include:

- a) **CCDA Conference Support:** EIF played a pivotal role in the CCDA conference hosted in Windhoek, collaborating with the Namibian Government, UNECA, and AUC. A sponsorship of N\$50,000 underscored EIF's commitment, coupled with active involvement in moderating sessions and hosting a reception for around 200 delegates.
- b) **Wakapinya Youth Environmental Show:** EIF's contribution of N\$20,000 to this initiative reflects a focus on nurturing environmental awareness among Namibian youth. The program aims to equip the younger generation with educational resources, empowering them as future custodians of Namibia's environment and advocates for sustainable development.
- c) **Humanitarian Sponsorship: Empowering a Respiratory Patient.** In a compassionate response to Abed Nghipandulwa's plight, a Havana informal settlement resident coping with tuberculosis complications since 2005, the EIF extended a N\$20,000 sponsorship. Nghipandulwa, having undergone the removal of his right lung, relies on an oxygen machine for breathing. The lack of a consistent power supply exacerbated his challenges. EIF's support facilitated the purchase and installation of solar panels at his residence, guaranteeing uninterrupted power for the crucial oxygen machine. This initiative underscores EIF's commitment to making a positive impact in individuals' lives.
- d) **Supporting Biodiversity Awareness: Nagoya Protocol Implementation.** As part of Namibia's commitment to the Nagoya Protocol, the EIF contributed N\$30,000 to the Ministry of Environment, Forestry, and

Tourism (MEFT) for the Access to Biological and Genetic Resources and Associated Traditional Knowledge Act, 2017 (ABS Act) Awareness Campaign. This initiative aligns with creating legal frameworks for access and benefit-sharing modalities. The campaign's objectives encompass public education on the ABS Act, fostering awareness of bio trade and prospecting potentials, and showcasing natural products related to ABS processes. EIF's support reflects its dedication to biodiversity conservation and legal compliance.

- e) **Investing in Education and Community Transformation: Mount View Secondary School Garden Project.** In its commitment to community development, the EIF sponsored N\$27,962.36 for the Mount View Secondary School Garden Project. This initiative addresses socio-economic challenges in the community surrounding the school. With 700 learners enrolled for the 2023 academic year, the project contributes to transforming students' circumstances and positively impacting the broader community. EIF's support reflects its dedication to education and fostering positive change at the grassroots level.
- f) **Fostering Sustainable Energy Solutions: Green Hydrogen Conference Sponsorship** Demonstrating its commitment to sustainable energy solutions, the EIF sponsored N\$50,000 for the Green Hydrogen Conference in Namibia. Benedict Libanda, EIF CEO, played a pivotal role by presenting the SDG Namibia One program concept. This event showcased EIF's active involvement in initiatives like SDG Namibia One, reinforcing its role in advancing impactful and sustainable solutions in the green energy sector.
- g) **Empowering Research and Innovation: UNAM Annual Research Conference Sponsorship.** In a commitment to support research and innovation, the EIF sponsored N\$7,400 towards the University of Namibia Annual Research Conference on Agriculture, Engineering, and Natural Resources. This contribution underscores EIF's dedication to fostering academic endeavours and advancements in critical fields, contributing

to the growth of knowledge and sustainable practices.

- h) **Enhancing Water Access: Support for Masokotwani Community.** Demonstrating a commitment to community welfare, the EIF unveiled funding of N\$3,802 for the Masokotwani Community in the Zambezi Region. This financial support aims to facilitate the completion of a borehole, a crucial step toward improving water supply for both the community and their livestock. The initiative aligns with EIF's dedication to sustainable projects that positively impact local livelihoods.
- i) **Empowering Environmental Awareness: Support for #Aodaman Traditional Authority.** In a commitment to fostering environmental consciousness, the EIF allocated funding of N\$10,500 to bolster the #Aodaman Traditional Authority's initiatives. This financial support aims to enhance environmental awareness among community members within its jurisdiction. The Fund's contribution aligns with its dedication to supporting projects that promote sustainability and community engagement.
- j) **Promoting Sustainable Local Governance: NALAO Annual Conference Support.** In its commitment to fostering sustainable local governance, the EIF has allocated N\$30,000 to support the 20th Annual General Conference of the Namibia Association of Local Authority Officers (NALAO). Scheduled for April 19-21, 2023, in Tsumeb, the conference aims to facilitate networking, professional development, and advocacy for local government professionals. With a thematic focus on "RISE: Resilience, Innovation, Sustainability, and Engagement," the conference aligns with the Fund's objectives, particularly in waste management and the development of inclusive, safe, resilient, and sustainable towns and cities.
- k) **Empowering Women in Agriculture: Support for Women and Agriculture Summit (WAS)** In a stride towards empowering women in agriculture, the EIF has approved funding of N\$20,000 for the Women and Agriculture Summit (WAS). Set

to be hosted on September 28, 2023, under the theme "Leveraging Technology and Innovation to Unleash the Potential of Agriculture and Value Addition," the summit aims to bring together female farmers, women interested in farming, innovators, organizations, and sponsors from across Namibia. The Fund anticipates building new partnerships and contributing significantly to discussions addressing challenges faced by women in the agricultural sector.

12.4 Information and Communication Technology

Leveraging ICT for Strategic Success

Recognizing the pivotal role of Information and Communication Technology (ICT) as a strategic enabler, the EIF remains committed to employing cutting-edge technology. Our ICT department is dedicated to supporting and enhancing business processes and functions through the adept deployment of innovative systems and technology, aligning seamlessly with the EIF's overarching corporate strategy.

12.4.1 Key ICT Business Performance Highlights

In the 2022/2023 financial year, the EIF's ICT unit diligently executed strategies aligned with its operating model and the broader needs of the organization. Despite encountering challenges, notable achievements were realized.

Cybersecurity measures received a significant upgrade, with the implementation of a sophisticated solution aimed at averting security breaches and safeguarding resources. This included the use of compliance models to monitor devices and users, enhancing the network's ability to detect and address security policy breaches.

The EIF's commitment to digital transformation remains steadfast. Ongoing projects and initiatives are directed towards empowering the organization to achieve

strategic objectives efficiently and cost-effectively. This involves cultivating a digitally-enabled workforce and automating processes to ensure the seamless operation of the Fund's activities and interactions with stakeholders.

12.4.2 Plans for 2023/2024

In the upcoming 2023/2024 financial year, the EIF's ICT unit is poised to implement a targeted operational strategy, aiming to foster a digitally-enabled workforce and ensure productive, customer-centric, efficient, and sustainable operations.

Key strategic results for the year ahead include:

- Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) System Implementation:
 - Enhancing customer centricity by streamlining business processes for efficient client service and effective accounting cycles.
 - Leveraging low-code capabilities for minimal customization, reducing technical and financial implications.
 - Enabling high integration capability with standard and custom applications, including Performance Management.
- ICT Service Delivery Programme Implementation:
 - Introducing new call center capabilities to enhance multi-stakeholder ICT support.
- Cost Containment and Efficiency Measures:
 - Phasing out legacy systems and reviewing operations and structures for reduced expenditure.
 - Strengthening organizational controls to enhance governance.
- Policy and Security Enhancements:
 - Revising, reviewing, and updating the EIF ICT policy.
 - Integrating and upgrading cybersecurity preventative measures.
- Governance and Security Controls Improvement:
 - Implementing the ICT security program to minimize negative impacts of audit exceptions.
 - Reducing overall risk exposure for critical assets such as SAGE, PMS, etc.

These initiatives collectively aim to propel the EIF's ICT infrastructure towards greater efficiency, security, and adaptability in the digital landscape.

12.5 Human Capital and Corporate Services

"We believe that our employees are our most valuable assets." Benedict Libanda, Chief Executive Officer

Strategic Goal: Strengthen institutional capacity, develop skills and increase efficiency, building on existing strengths and addressing institutional gaps

Under this strategic goal, the Fund has to ensure that institutional capacity remains strong to facilitate and implement the Fund's mandate. The Human Capital and Corporate Services department plays a critical role in achieving this goal.

12.5.1 Key Appointment: Chief Financial Officer

In the reporting period, the EIF welcomed Pauline Mugore as the new Chief Financial Officer. Her appointment to this pivotal role within the Finance and Administration department has been instrumental in elevating operational efficiency, fostering growth, and contributing to the ongoing success of the EIF. Mugore's expertise and experience bring valuable insights to financial management, aligning with the EIF's commitment to excellence in its financial operations.

12.5.2 Student Bursaries

The Fund is in the process of finalising the reinstatement of its student bursary programme and remains hopeful that it will be implemented in the next financial year. The programme will provide financial assistance to deserving and qualifying

Namibians to pursue relevant career paths, thereby supporting the development of an effective, efficient and competent national workforce to fulfil the sustainable development needs of the country.

12.5.3 Performance Management

For the year under review, the performance cycle covered the period from January 2022 to December 2022. All performance contracts and key performance areas were established, agreed upon, signed and recorded in the system. As per the performance policy, employees who received scores between 3.5 and 5 were eligible for performance rewards, which will be disbursed in April 2023.

12.6 Internal and External Audit

Audit Success: Achieving Excellence in Accountability

The EIF is pleased to report the successful completion of all external audits for both EIF- and GCF-funded projects in the financial year 2022/2023, with unqualified opinions. Projects, including CBNRM-EDA, IREMA, CRAVE, and EbA, underwent rigorous examination, attaining a high standard of financial scrutiny.

Internal Audit recognized a commendable 88% compliance rate across departments and units in addressing audit recommendations. Ongoing efforts are dedicated to achieving a 100% compliance rate, demonstrating the EIF's commitment to accountability and continuous improvement. The engagement with departmental heads and units remains active to ensure the effective implementation of audit findings.

12.7 Environmental and Social Safeguards

Championing Environmental and Social Sustainability

In alignment with Article 95 of the Constitution of the Republic of Namibia, the EIF prioritizes environmental and social sustainability as

integral to economic growth and a sustainable future. Our safeguard system adheres to the Environmental and Social Standards (ESS) of the World Bank, reinforcing our commitment to supporting clients in achieving environmentally sustainable and inclusive economic growth. Notably, all projects currently under implementation fall under the C category, underscoring our dedication to robust environmental and social considerations.



ESS assessment at Fransfontein Garden

12.7.1 ESS Assessment at Fransfontein Community Garden

In October 2022, we conducted an Environmental and Social Standards (ESS) assessment for the construction of ablution facilities at Fransfontein Community Garden. The primary goal was to ensure compliance with Category C, as outlined in the ESS policy requirements. This thorough assessment covered all eight Performance Standards (PS), and the comprehensive findings are documented in the ESS report, affirming our commitment to rigorous environmental and social considerations.

12.7.2 Water Quality Assessment at the IREMA Project: Prioritizing Environmental and Social Standards

In collaboration with hydrologists from the Ministry of Agriculture, Water, and Land Reform (MAWLR), our ESS office conducted a meticulous assessment of water quality at Warmquelle in the Kunene Region. Focusing on ESS 3: Resource Efficiency and Pollution Prevention and Management, and ESS 4: Community Health and Safety, water samples were meticulously collected at key points.

These samples underwent thorough laboratory testing, with results shared transparently with stakeholders. Beyond scientific evaluations, the assessment team engaged with community members, valuing their perspectives and ensuring a holistic approach. This proactive assessment aims to guarantee the water quality at Warmquelle, addressing contamination concerns, and prioritizing the health, safety, and security of the local community.



ESS assessment in collaboration with hydrologists from the MAWLR on the water quality at Warmquelle in the Kunene Region

12.7.3 Addressing Land Conflict: Decision-Making in Compliance with ESS Standard

The EIF encountered challenges due to an ongoing land conflict at the CRAVE Project's Muyako demonstration site. The conflict persisted, preventing an ESS assessment in the previous financial year. In the subsequent period, a resolution was reached through a judgement delivered at a Traditional Authority meeting attended by our EIF team.

However, ESS Standard 4 emphasizes the importance of a fair process with the presence of all relevant parties. As the judgement was made in the complainant's absence, posing risks to community health, safety, and security, the EIF made a strategic decision to withdraw its investment from the Muyako site. Prioritizing compliance and risk mitigation, this decision aligns with our commitment to uphold environmental and social standards in all project endeavours.

12.8 Promoting Gender Mainstreaming and Inclusivity in Climate Actions

Gender mainstreaming and planning remain focal points in our policy implementations, ensuring compliance and heightened awareness among stakeholders. Here are key initiatives:

12.8.1 Round Table Discussion on Gender Mainstreaming and Climate (September 8, 2022)

EIF, in collaboration with MEFT and UNDP, hosted a round table discussion. This platform allowed financiers to share insights on gender mainstreaming and climate finance, fostering dialogue on how climate finance practices influence gender integration in national policies.

12.8.2 Application for Technical Assistance from the Investment Climate Reform Facility

The EIF sought gender mainstreaming technical assistance from the Investment Climate Reform (ICR) facility. The goal is to strengthen our capacity for impactful projects, particularly focusing on women's economic empowerment (WEE) and gender-lens investing (GLI). The application was approved, outlining a comprehensive workplan for 2023 to 2025.

12.8.3 Panel Discussion on Gender Transformative and Inclusivity Practices for Implementation of NDCs and Climate Actions in Africa

The EIF actively participated in the CCDA-X conference, leading a panel discussion on "Gender Transformative and Inclusivity Practices for Implementation of NDCs and Climate Actions in Africa." The session aimed to facilitate discussions on integrating gender considerations into African Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) and climate policies. The conference explored strategies for an inclusive approach, ensuring climate actions are responsive to gender needs and priorities.



Panel discussion on gender transformation and inclusivity at Climate Change and Development in Africa summit

12.8.4 Gender Mainstreaming for the EDA Project

The EDA Project continues to promote gender mainstreaming through the implementation of the Gender Action Plan. Gender representation in new employment opportunities created during the reporting period is shown in the diagram on the next page. The jobs were in line with several climate change adaptation options/activities implemented throughout the reporting period, such as water resource management, fire management, hydroponics and horticulture.

12.8.5 Gender Mainstreaming Awareness and Reporting under the NILALEG Project

Gender awareness training was aimed at increasing general sensitivity to and knowledge of gender equality at the NILALEG Project. The training provided reliable and accessible information to build a better understanding of gender equality and improve gender reporting during project implementation. A total of 115 people were trained, of which 66 were men and 49 were women, which represents 57% and 43%, respectively.

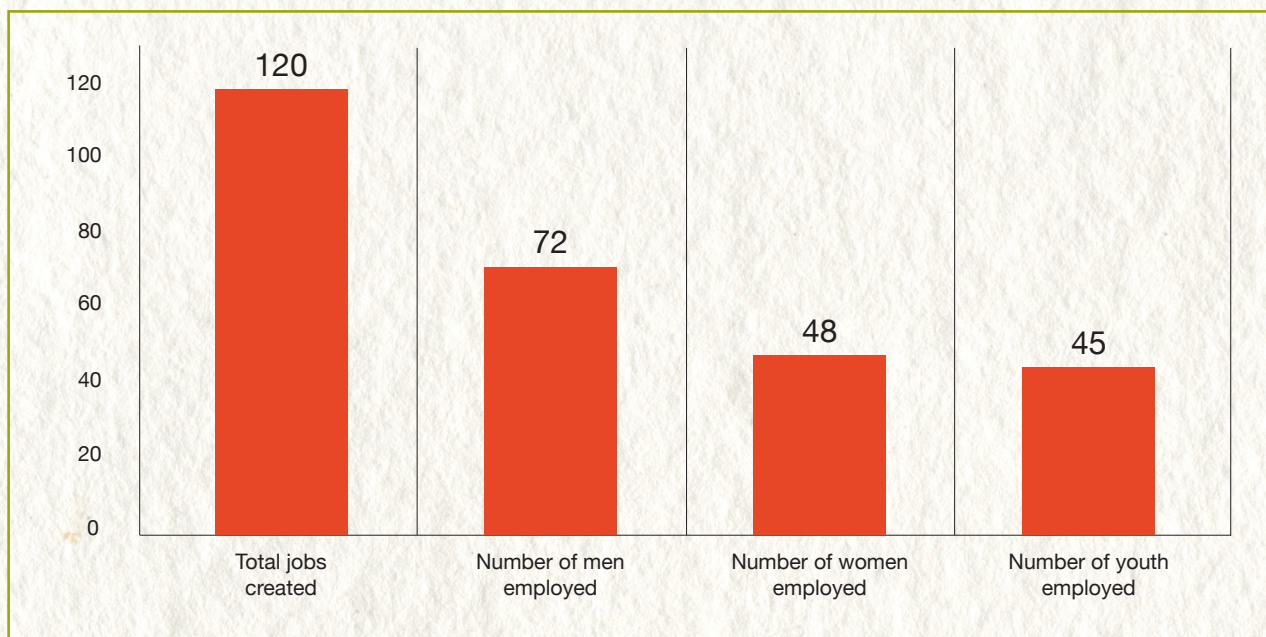
12.8.6 Gender mainstreaming for the Fransfontein Community Garden under the IREMA Project

A gender assessment was conducted on 01 November 2022 to ascertain compliance of activities of the IREMA Project with the EIF and

GCF gender policy. The purpose of the assessment was to recognise and address the specific needs of women and men, while also promoting the inclusion of women in decision-making bodies and committees. These aspects

are crucial for ensuring the success of the project. The aim was to identify the potential effects of the project on gender relations, capitalise on positive impacts and mitigate any negative consequences.

EDA Project Employment Creation 2022/2023



Gender Awareness Training under NILALEG Project				
Number of Participants			Gender Representation	
Total	Men	Women	Men	Women
115	66	49	57%	43%

* Source: NILALEG M&E Report

Gender Assessment at Fransfontein

Community Garden: The evaluation of the Fransfontein Community Garden management revealed distinct but complementary roles for men and women. Men typically handle labour-intensive tasks like water infrastructure and fencing, while women predominantly engage in gardening activities. Recommendations include:

Increased Participation: Encouraging higher involvement of women and people with disabilities in the management committee aligns with EIF and national gender policies, fostering gender equality and inclusivity within the project.

Leadership Committee Composition:

- **Men:** Engaged in tasks requiring heavy labour.
- **Women:** Primarily involved in gardening activities.

This approach acknowledges diverse strengths and aims to enhance the project's effectiveness through broader inclusivity.

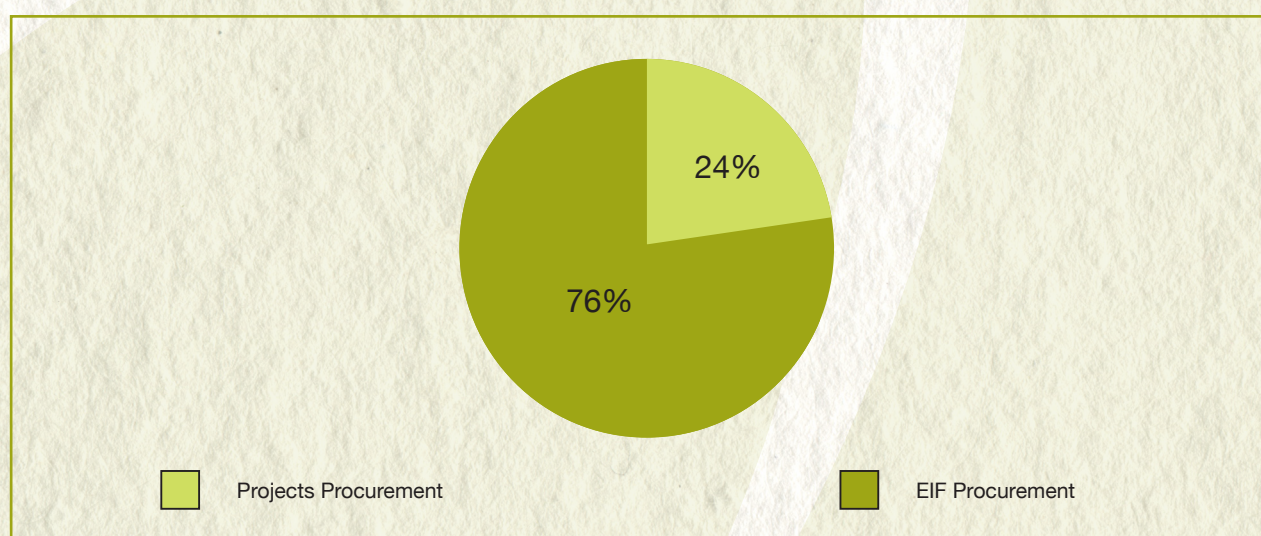
Fransfontein Community Garden: Participant and Leadership Composition								
Indicator	Numbers per Demographic					Total	Gender Distribution	
	Female	Male	Youth	Marginalised	Disabled		Female	Male
Participants in project activities	52	38	18	16	3	90	58%	42%
Leadership positions in project	2	5	2	2	0	7	29%	71%

12.9 Procurement

In the reporting period, the EIF's procurement activities amounted to N\$24,839,291. This procurement was instrumental in advancing strategic objectives, contributing significantly to both national and regional development. Key highlights include:

1. Fund's Significance: The EIF accounted for approximately 76% of the total expenditure, underscoring its substantial role in driving impactful initiatives.
2. Diversity in Allocations: The remaining 24% of the expenditure was distributed across various projects, emphasizing the Fund's commitment to diverse and inclusive development efforts. This procurement strategy reflects the Fund's dedication to fostering comprehensive development and achieving meaningful impact across a spectrum of initiatives.

EIF & Projects Procurement Distribution 2022/2023



12.9.1 Contracts Issued during the 2022/2023 Financial Year

During the reporting period, the EIF issued contracts for strategic consultancy services, works, and goods. The contracts were awarded through both open competitive bidding and direct procurement methods. The table below provides an overview of these strategic short-term and long-term procurement contracts:

2022/2023 Procurement					
EIF Procurement					
No.	User	Contracts	Procurement Method	Company(s) Awarded	Value (N\$)
1.	EIF	Consultancy services for revision and updating of EIF Operational Manual	Request for Proposals	Lavenham Investment cc	276,000.00
2.	EIF	Consultancy services for graphic design of Operational Manual	Request for Proposals	Advantage Advertising and Communications cc	345,000.00
3.	EIF	Re-implementation of Sage X3	Request for Proposals	Blu Dot ERP Solutions (Pty) Ltd	319,600.00
4.	EIF	Provision of green credit financing facility and management services mandate in partnership with EIF	Request for Proposals	Bellatrix SME Finance (Pty) Ltd	6,900,000.00
				Kongalend Financial Services (Pty) Ltd	9,300,000.00
5.	EIF	Consultancy services to develop term sheet and agreement for green credit line facility	Request for Proposals	Obuzu Investments cc	45,000.00
6.	EIF	Consultancy for risk assessment and enterprise risk management	Request for Proposals	Shishani Actuaries Consulting (Pty) Ltd	175,000.00
7.	EIF	Extension of external audit services for 2022/2023 financial year	Direct Procurement	BDO	330,050.00
8.	EIF	Provision of national consultancy for the formulation of two climate change project concept notes for the adaptation fund	Request for Proposals	AMLIH Consulting cc	297,000.00
9.	EIF	Provision of national consultancy for the formulation of two climate change project concept notes for GCF submission	Direct Procurement	Red-Dune Consulting cc	303,600.00
10.	EIF	Formulation of terminal evaluation, F024: "Empower to Adapt", CBNRM-EDA Project	Request for Proposals	Prof. John Mufune	400,000.00
11.	EIF	Consultancy to review the EIF's M&E framework and develop the new five-year business strategy	Request for Proposals	BSM Capacity Consulting cc	240,000.00
EIF Total					18,931,250.00

2022/2023 Procurement					
Project Procurement					
No.	User	Contracts	Procurement Method	Company(s) Awarded	Value (N\$)
12.	IREMA Project	Gender expert consultancy services for IREMA's direct beneficiaries and key stakeholders	Request for Proposals	Immaculate Mogosti	80,000.00
13.	EbA Project	Consulting services for interim independent evaluation for SAP006 Project (EbA Project)	Direct Procurement	Lavenham Investment cc	271,000.00
14.	NILALEG Project	Drilling, testing and installation of two boreholes for Oshalande and Linaelao community projects	Request for Sealed Quotations	Energy Afrique Investment cc	692,898.00
15.	NILALEG Project	Solar installation with new elevated tanks and domestic tap stand with relevant pipeline interconnections at Oshalande and Linaelao community projects	Request for Sealed Quotations	Mshani Construction cc	658,417.55.00
16.	CRAVE Project	Consultancy services to conduct gender mainstreaming short study	Request for Proposals	Margaret Angula	173,750.00
17.	CRAVE Project	Installation of irrigation system at Makanga demonstration site in Zambezi Region	Direct Procurement	Valomek Civil cc	275,081.00
18.	CRAVE Project	Consultancy services for supporting implementation of CRAVE Project activities	Direct Procurement	Mkwetu Mweutota	200,000.00
19.	CRAVE Project	Pre-assessment on marketing and business development for small-scale horticultural and dryland farmers in Zambezi, Kavango West and East Regions	Execution by Public Entity	University of Namibia	306,900.00
20.	EbA Project	Consultancy for the development of socio-economic evaluation tools and guidelines for assessing grant applications under SAP006 Project (EbA Project)	Direct Procurement	Inference Consulting Services cc	200,000.00
21.	EbA Project	Consultancy to conduct interim independent evaluation for SAP006 Project (EbA Project)	Direct Procurement	Lavenham Investment cc	276,000.00
22.	EDA Project	Support with the implementation of CBNRM-EDA Project activities	Direct Procurement	Selma Shitilifa	68,000.00
23.	TIDRET Project	Technical expert project development for implementation of TIDRET Project	Direct Procurement	Selma Shitilifa	408,000.00

2022/2023 Procurement					
Project Procurement					
No.	User	Contracts	Procurement Method	Company(s) Awarded	Value (N\$)
24.	IREMA Kunene Project	Supply and delivery of 630 boer goats	Open National Bidding	1. Gerson T. Muzuma 2. Heina Trading cc 3. Mamuseuani James 4. Kambwa Trading cc 5. Retoveni Muhenje	1,510,644.50
25.	EDA Project	Extension of consultancy for the development of socio-economic evaluation tools and guidelines for assessing grant applications under FP024 Project (CBNRM-EDA)	Direct Procurement	Mwala Lubinda	250,000.00
26.	CRAVE Project	Supporting the implementation of CRAVE Project activities (Kavango East Region)	Direct Procurement	Ladislau Kudumo	40,000.00
27.	CRAVE Project	Supporting the implementation of CRAVE Project activities (Zambezi Region)	Direct Procurement	Laudika Nanhapo	40,000.00
28.	CRAVE Project	Supporting the implementation of CRAVE Project activities (Kavango West Region)	Direct Procurement	Simon Amakali	40,000.00
29.	TIDRET Project	TIDRET electrification programme (EIF, GIZ-CCIU and NABA consulting) – Inception report	Direct Procurement	NABA Consulting and Engineering	217,350.00
30.	TIDRET Project	Consultancy to conduct needs assessment for the CCIU-EU TIDRET Project	Request for Proposals	BRL	200,000.00
31.	TIDRET Project	Short-term consultancy services for feasibility study to develop innovative finance for community-based conservation in Namibia beyond tourism and hunting	Request for Proposals	BRL (leader) & Pegays (JV partner)	2,317,099.52
32.	EbA Project	Provision of consultancy services for expert support for SAP006/ EbA Project	Request for Proposals	LOTS	165,000.00
33.	EDA Project	Consultancy for assessing grant applications under F024: “Empower to Adapt”, CBNRM-EDA Project	Request for Proposals	Inference Consulting CC	250,000.00
Project Total					5,908,041.05
Procurement Total					24,839,291.00

This proactive approach to procurement demonstrates the Fund's commitment to engaging a diverse range of services and expertise, fostering efficiency, and strategically advancing its initiatives.

13. Loan Portfolio

Strategic Goal: Initiate and roll out targeted interventions in support of low carbon development pathways and securing sustainable rural livelihoods.

Under the strategic goal of transformative impact, the Fund actively engages in various project initiatives and livelihood interventions through green concessional loan facilities, aligning with its mandate. These activities play a pivotal role in transforming the lives of Namibians by generating job opportunities, fostering income generation, promoting infrastructural development, ensuring water security, and more.

13.1 Green Blended Facility

During the reporting period, significant progress was made in the Green Credit Line Portfolio:

- **Fund Managers:** Two fund managers, Kongalend Financial Services and Bellatrix Investment Managers, were contracted to manage the Green Credit Line Portfolio.
- **Disbursement:** The facility successfully disbursed a total of N\$32 million, responding to drawdown requests of N\$16 million each from both fund managers.
- **Roadshow:** The EIF conducted a roadshow to introduce the facility to key stakeholders and raise awareness, emphasizing its commitment to fostering green initiatives and sustainable development.

These efforts underscore the Fund's dedication to driving positive, transformative changes in Namibia through strategic financial initiatives and partnerships.



14. Green Climate Fund Portfolio

EIF Accreditation to the Green Climate Fund (GCF):

The EIF achieved accreditation to the Green Climate Fund (GCF) in 2016 and successfully underwent reaccreditation in October 2021. The accreditation is at the micro level, featuring a Category C environmental and social risk, Intermediary 3, with a focus on grant award and project management.

Accomplishments since Accreditation:

Since becoming accredited to the GCF, the EIF has secured over N\$640 million worth of projects in the form of grants and readiness support. This signifies a substantial commitment to obtaining financial resources for climate change adaptation and mitigation projects.

Current GCF-Funded Projects:

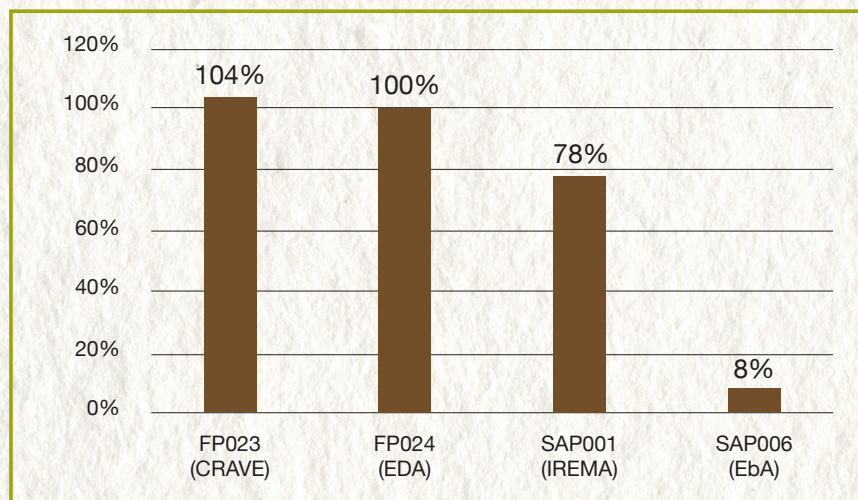
The EIF is actively involved in implementing the following GCF-funded projects:

1. CRAVE (FP0023)
2. EDA (FP0024)
3. IREMA (SAP001)
4. EbA (SAP006)

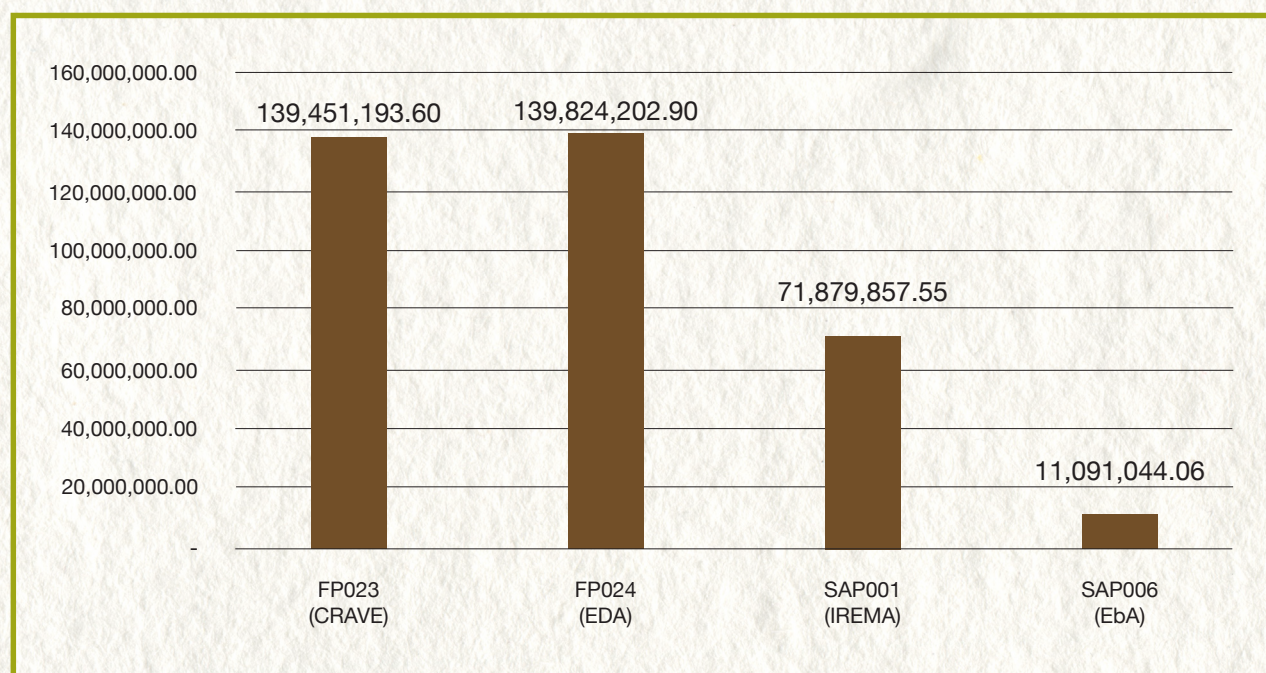
These projects underscore the EIF's dedication to leveraging international climate finance to implement impactful initiatives addressing climate change challenges and fostering social and economic benefits for Namibia.

14.1 Budget Absorption Capacity and Total Expenditure

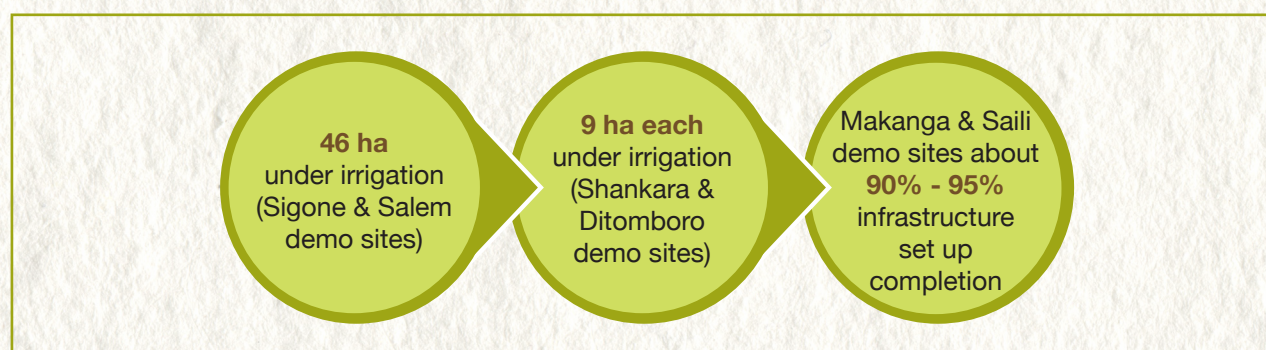
14.1.1 Budget Absorption Capacity as at March 2023



Total Expenditure as at March 2023 (in N\$)



14.1.2 CRAVE Project



In the pursuit of sustainable agriculture, the EIF conducted mentorship programs benefiting 143 farmers. The mentorship covered essential aspects of farming, including crop production techniques, packaging methods, efficient storage practices, and strategic marketing approaches. This initiative aimed to enhance the skills and knowledge of farmers at various locations, namely Sigone, Ditomboro, Salem, Shankara, Saili, and Makanga. Through such programs, the EIF contributes to the capacity-building of local farmers, fostering a more resilient and productive agricultural community.

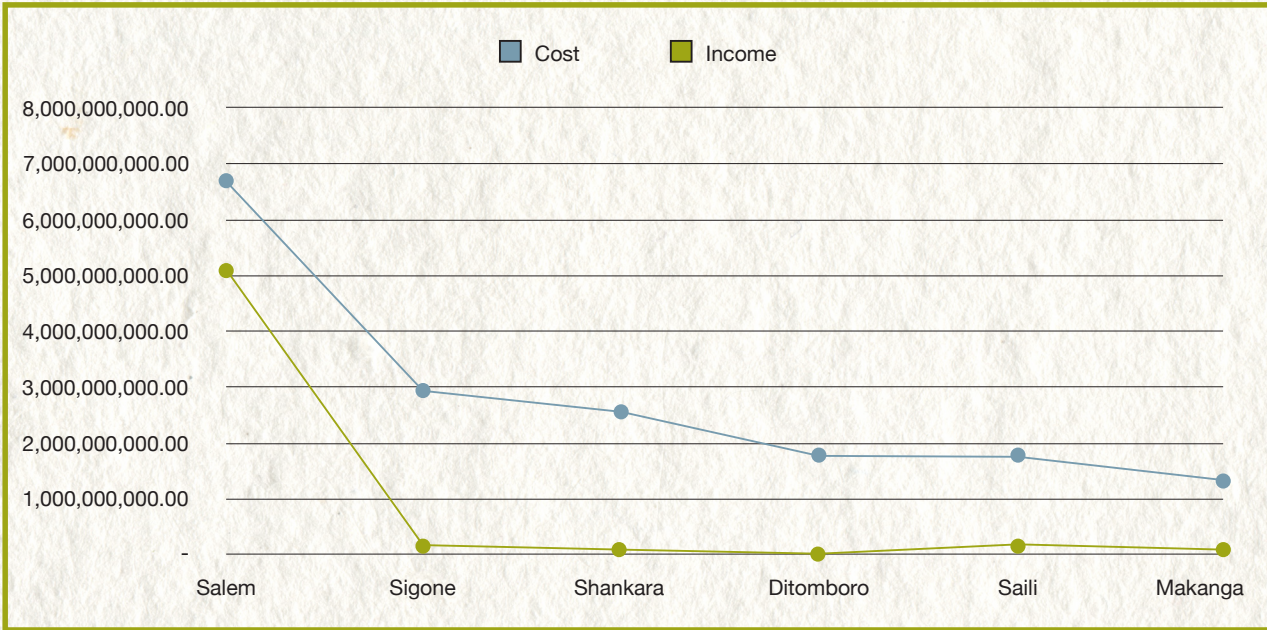


The successful implementation of increased production at demonstration sites has had a notable impact on the region's market share. Horticulture products, including high-value crops like tomatoes, cabbage, onions, squash, carrots, watermelon, and butternut, were expected to contribute significantly during the fourth quarter of the 2022/2023 financial year. Salem's demonstration site emerged as a leader, commanding the largest production share in the local market, followed by Sigone and Saili demonstration sites. This achievement signifies the positive outcomes of the EIF's efforts in enhancing local horticulture production and market presence.



Parliamentarians visited the Sigone demonstration site to witness the harvest and buy products to support the community

Demonstration Site Investment: Cumulative Costs & Gains 2022/2023



14.1.2.1 Community-based demonstration sites

The CRAVE project is actively working towards formalizing and transforming beneficiary associations of community-based demonstration sites into sustainable business enterprises. Seven associations have been successfully registered with the Business Intellectual Property Authority of Namibia (BIPA). Each demonstration site has a tailored management plan covering various aspects like production, marketing, and post-harvesting, incorporating climate-resilient technologies.

Salem Demonstration Site:

- Approximately 34 hectares cultivated with a variety of crops.
- Crop diversity includes green maize, tomato, cabbage, onion, watermelon, and more.
- Sales from March to December 2022 amounted to N\$764,950.

Ditomboro (Hambukushu) Demonstration Site:

- 4 hectares prepared with a micro drip irrigation system.
- Despite storm impact, generated N\$5,156.20 from remaining produce.

Shankara (Gciriku) Demonstration Site:

- 5 hectares cultivated with crops like watermelon, butternut, tomato, and more.
- Generated N\$514,140 income, selling produce to formal and informal markets.

These achievements reflect the positive impact of the EIF's efforts in fostering sustainable agricultural practices and income generation.

14.1.2.2 Small-scale horticulture farmers

Financial Impact: Small-scale horticulture farmers, excluding demonstration site beneficiaries, generated a total of N\$256,000.

14.1.2.3 Job creation

The CRAVE project facilitated job creation by hiring 165 casual laborers for various tasks such as planting, weeding, field guarding, and harvesting.

14.1.2.4 Knowledge management and learning

The CRAVE Project actively engaged in knowledge-sharing initiatives.

Presented on gender equality and equity at the Women Livelihood Symposium, attended by 86 women.

Organized visits to agricultural research stations and organic farms for participants from the Kavango East Region.

- Two individual farmers visited the Oshana Region and Olushandja in the Omusati Region to enhance knowledge. The participants were drawn from the six Agricultural Development Centres across the Kavango East Region.

14.1.2.5 Conservation agriculture in Chinchimani

Through the CRAVE project, comprehensive training in agricultural technologies, inputs, and production practices were carried out which strengthened agricultural production in the

Chinchimani area of the Zambezi Region. The results of the training resulted in an area of 8,732 hectares being covered and benefited 833 farmers during the 2021/2022 production season.



Dryland maize crop biomass mulching practice at Chinchimani

14.1.3 EDA Project

14.1.3.1 High-level project handovers

CBNRM-EDA

During the period under review, eight community projects were completed under the CBNRM-EDA initiative. The official handover ceremonies for the eight community based projects were conducted in the Erongo, Ohangwena, Kavango East, Zambezi, Hardap, //Kharas, Otjozondjupa, and Omusati regions. Honorable Pohamba Shifeta, Minister of Environment, Forestry, and Tourism, officiated these high-level ceremonies.

These handovers represent a significant milestone in the successful implementation and completion of community projects, contributing to environmental sustainability and community development across diverse regions in Namibia.

The ceremonies were attended by key stakeholders, including governors, regional heads of line ministries, traditional authorities, development partners and NGOs operating within the CBNRM areas.



Handover of Sikanjabuka Community Forest Project



Handover of !Han /Aweb water point

14.1.3.2 Training and capacity building

Two community projects implemented by Likwaterera Community Forest and the Kunene crop cluster of conservancies focused on training participants in various climate change adaptation strategies and actions. The training covered essential topics such as sustainable water management, hygiene and sanitation, rain harvesting techniques, and organic production techniques. The aim was to equip community members with knowledge and skills to address climate challenges and promote sustainable practices.

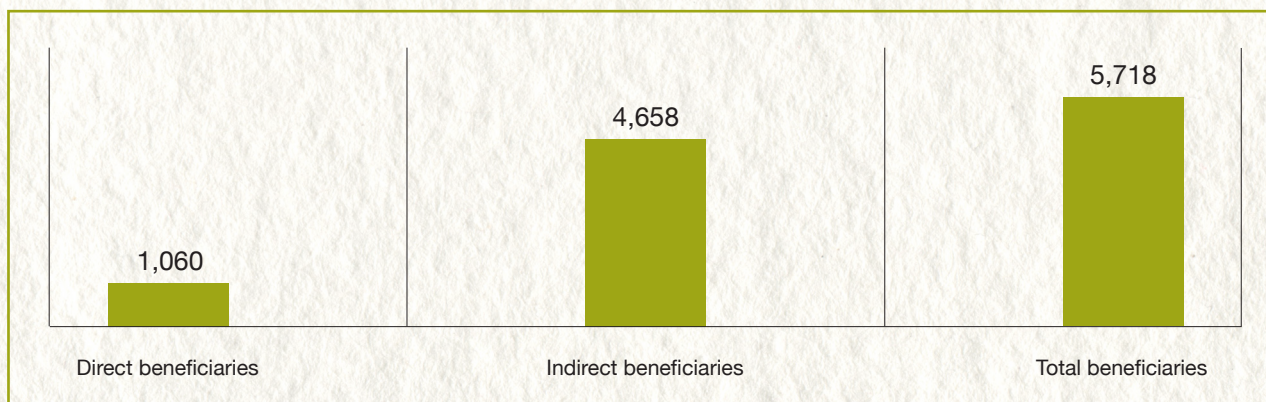
EDA Project Capacity Building 2022/2023



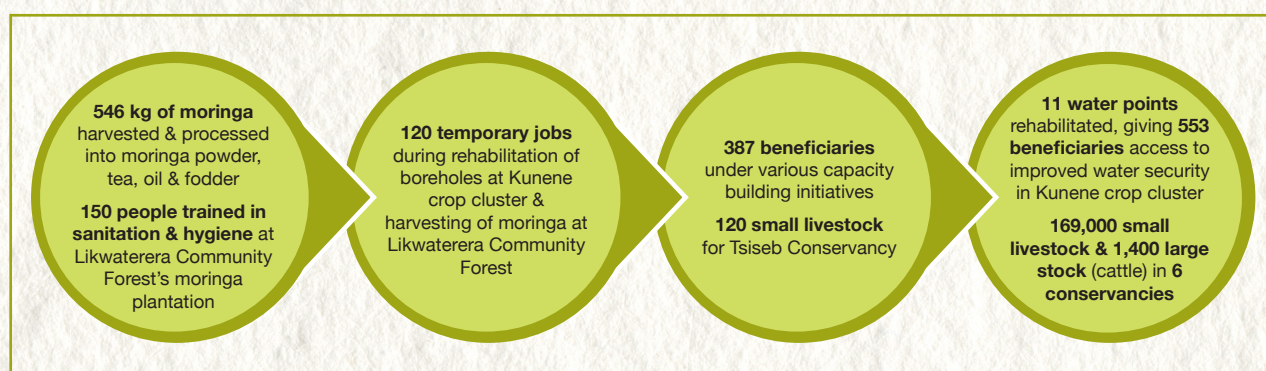
14.1.3.3 Resilient EDA-CBNRM Project livelihood grants facility

The EDA Project continues to support the implementation of the remaining 13 active self-determined local adaptation and mitigation actions implemented through the CBNRM grant facility.

Number of EDA-CBNRM Project Beneficiaries 2022/2023



14.1.3.4 Impact

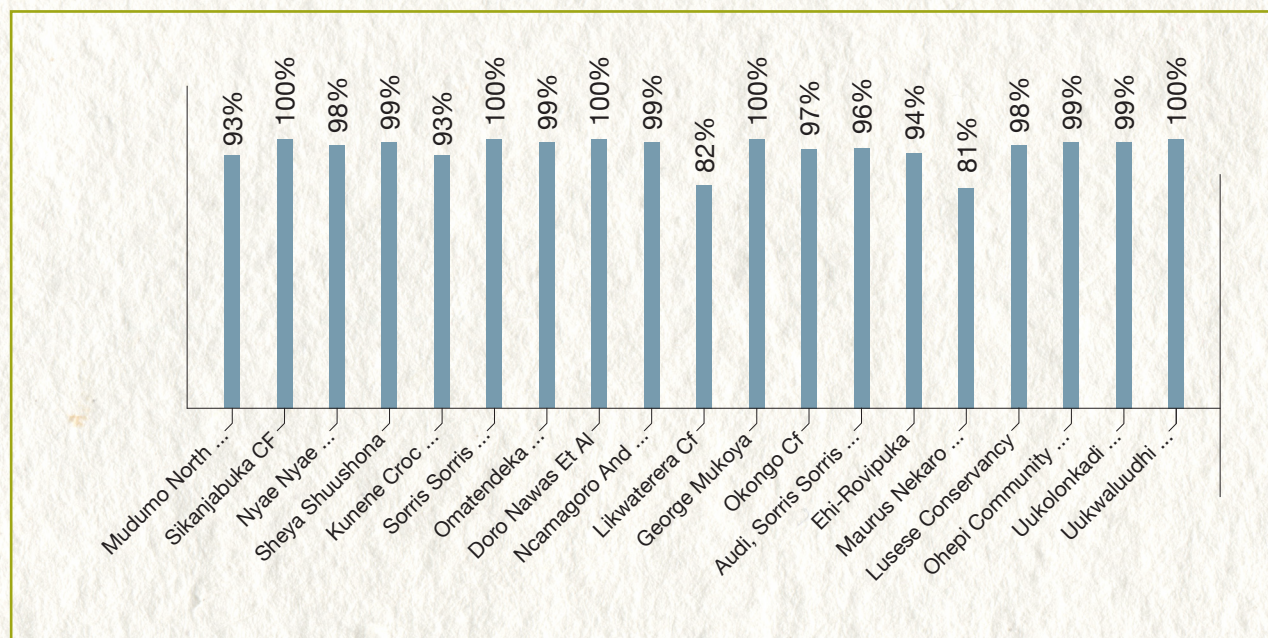


14.1.3.5 Absorption capacity of CBNRM-EDA grants facility

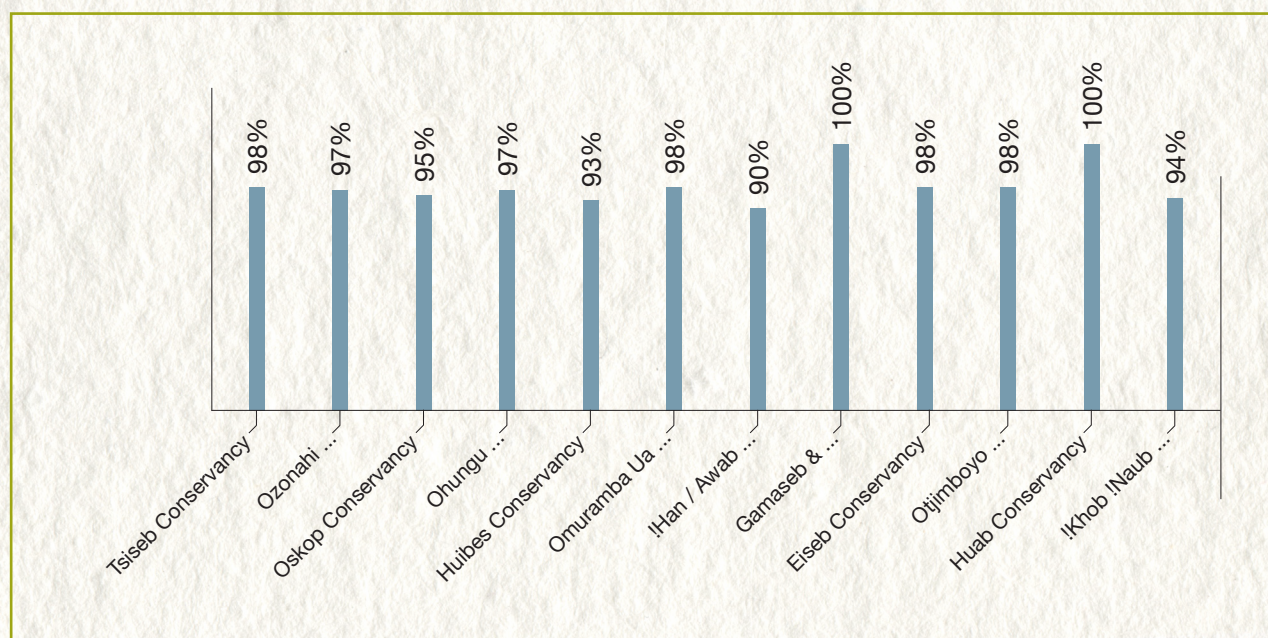
To date the CBNRM-EDA Project has achieved significant progress. The project disbursed 95% of the awarded amount with total disbursement totalling to N\$108,219,622.19 from the initial awarded amount of N\$112,195,556.68.

This demonstrates effective financial management and the successful allocation of resources toward the realization of the EDA Project's objectives.

Absorption Capacity for First Call Grants



Absorption Capacity for Second Call Grants



14.1.4 EbA Project

The EbA Project is in the final stages of completing the disbursement request. Additionally, the roll-out mechanism for the grant component is being finalized.

These achievements indicate progress in the operational aspects of the EbA Project, ensuring effective coordination with the GCF for successful implementation. During the period of review the following milestones were achieved:

Component 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Training manual approved by PSC on 30 October 2022 • ToT workshop held with MEFT staff and EbA landscape coordinators • Contracts signed with Landscape Service Providers (IRDNC/NDT & NNF) • 40 landscape beneficiaries trained on Ecosystem-based Adaptation concepts
Component 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FMC (2), TAP (4) and PSC (2) meetings held • Due diligence reports for 8 sites produced • 34 grant proposals approved in October 2022

14.1.5 IREMA Project

14.1.5.1 Rehabilitation of Fransfontein Community Garden

The table below provides an overview of the crops planted, quantities harvested, and the corresponding monetary value from the rehabilitation of the 16-hectare Fransfontein Community Garden during the period from July to December 2022.

Fransfontein Community Garden Harvest July to December 2022			
Crop	Quantity harvested (kg)	Unit price	Value (N\$)
Watermelon	19,987.5	N\$7/kg	139,912.50
Pumpkin	1,364	N\$10/kg	13,640.00
Maize cobs	14,000	N\$5/cob	600,000.00
Tomato	3,200	N\$10/kg	32,000.00
Butternut	1,077	N\$10/kg	10,770.00
Sweet potato	2,240	N\$10/kg	22,400.00
Crop residue	-	-	5,100.00
Spinach	200 bunches	N\$10/bunch	2,000.00
Total			825,822.50

Fransfontein Community Garden Inauguration and Handover:

The official inauguration and handover of the Fransfontein community garden to beneficiaries took place on 31 October 2022, officiated by Honourable Pohamba Shifeta, Minister of Environment, Forestry, and Tourism.

The garden, which employs ten casual laborers on a rotational basis, faced challenges related to market access. However, despite these challenges, the community managed to sell some of its produce, generating a total income of N\$21,178.08 as of 31 December 2022. Ongoing efforts are in place to secure a formal market for the horticultural produce from the garden.



Fransfontein Community Garden

On 07 December 2022, the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Natural Resources visited the Fransfontein Community Garden to witness its successful harvest. Committee members acknowledged the project's

achievements in enhancing food security at household and national levels.

The challenge of market access for local producers was noted, and lawmakers committed to addressing the issue through policy intervention.

Additionally, the project finalized the procurement of 630 goats for Phase 2 of the Small Stock Revolving Scheme (SSRS). The goats underwent vaccination and parasite treatment. A ceremonial handover of the goats to 29 beneficiaries occurred on 01 November 2022, officiated by the Minister of Environment, Forestry, and Tourism



Goats provided as part of the IREMA small stock revolving scheme

14.1.5.2 Warmquell Green Scheme

Warmquell Green Scheme's First Harvest

In December 2022, the Warmquell Green Scheme celebrated its inaugural harvest, yielding 13 tonnes of cherry tomatoes, equivalent to 408 crates. This entire harvest was generously donated to vulnerable communities in the area through the Traditional Authority. The distribution of the tomatoes was facilitated by Sesfontein Constituency Councilor, Honourable Hendrik Gaobaeb.



Production at Warmquelle



Beneficiaries with produce from the Warmquelle Green Scheme

14.1.5.3 Khowarib

Despite earlier challenges related to water supply, the IREMA Project is making strides at the Khowarib site, achieving an overall progress rate exceeding 30%.

Key milestones include the submission of technical and financial feasibility findings, completion of the topographical survey, and ongoing activities in design, costing, and bulk pipeline trenching. The project remains dedicated to overcoming challenges and advancing its objectives at the Khowarib location.

14.1.5.4 Sesfontein Community Garden

Significant progress has been achieved in the Sesfontein Community Garden, with key milestones accomplished during the reporting period. This includes sediment removal from the fountain, completion of fencing, capacity testing of the top fountain, trenching of the bulk water pipe, repair and maintenance of the garden fence, installation of shade netting, a water pump, and solar power for the water pump, electrification of the security fence, and securing the water storage tanks.

14.1.5.5 Water security

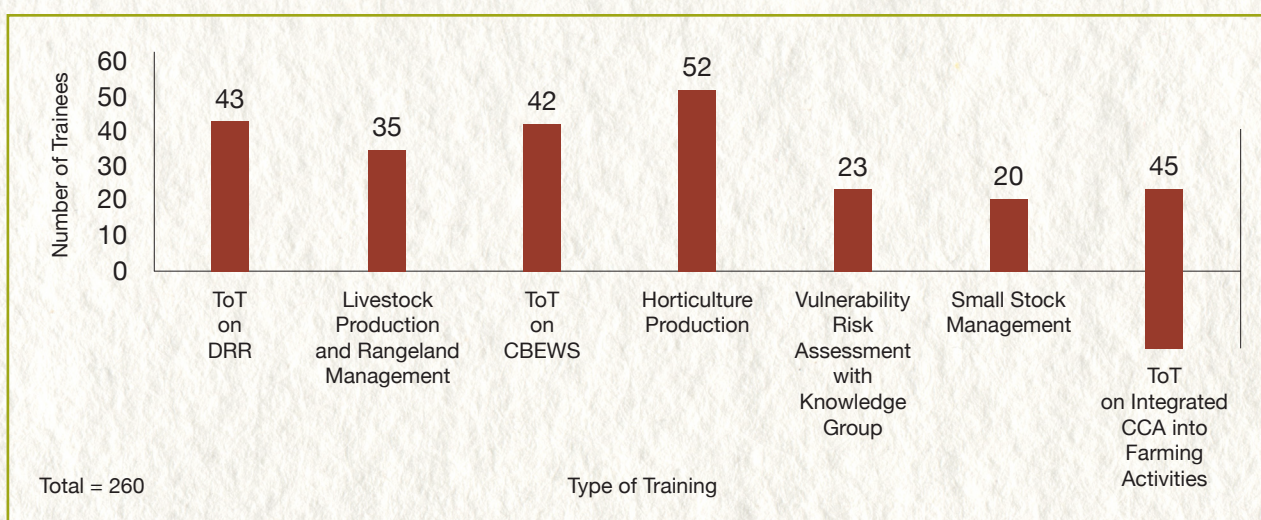
In a commendable achievement, nine boreholes have been successfully rehabilitated and officially handed over to the local community by the Honourable Minister of Environment, Forestry, and Tourism. This initiative aims to enhance the quality of life and livelihoods by ensuring sustainable access to clean water for the vulnerable rural community.

14.1.5.6 Rangeland management

Benefiting from favorable rainfall during the 2022 season, the Kunene Region witnessed improved vegetation and biomass. Acknowledging the importance of preserving this newfound vitality, the IREMA Project strategically constructed nine fire cutlines in December 2022 across selected villages in Khorixas and Sesfontein Constituencies. These 15-meter-wide firebreaks, totaling approximately 101 km, play a crucial role in preventing and controlling wildfires, safeguarding around 30,000 hectares of grazing land. Moreover, the firebreak network enhances accessibility for rescue teams during fire outbreaks.

14.1.5.7 Training and capacity building

Capacity Development under the IREMA Project



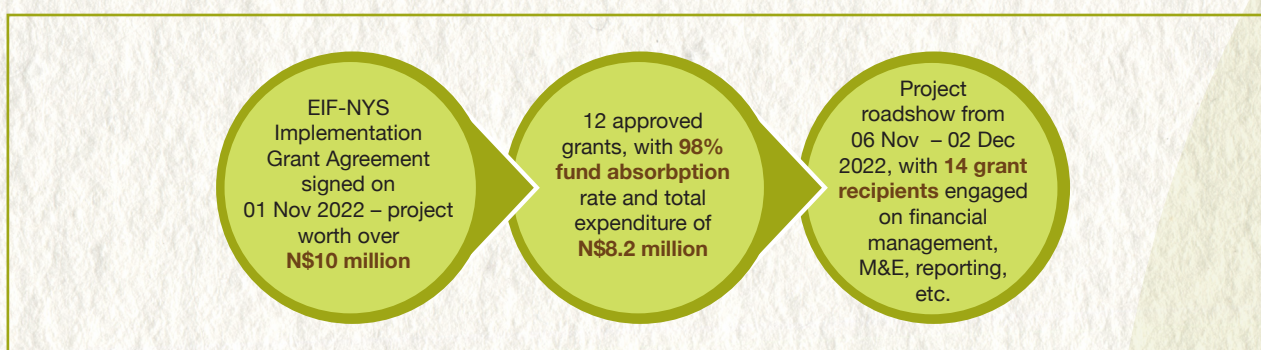
14.2 GEF/UNDP, SADC and GIZ Portfolios under the EIF

The EIF is actively involved in the co-implementation of several projects within the Global Environment Facility (GEF)/UNDP portfolio. These projects, including Namibia Integrated Landscape Approach for Enhancing Livelihoods and Environmental Governance to Eradicate Poverty (NILALEG), Sustainable Development Goals Impact Facility (SDGIF), UNDP Small Grants Programme (SGP), and Urban Agriculture – Build Back Better (BBB), contribute to advancing environmental sustainability, livelihood enhancement, and the pursuit of Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in Namibia.

14.2.1 NILALEG Project

The EIF, in collaboration with the Ministry of Environment, Forestry, and Tourism (MEFT), is actively engaged in the implementation of the Global Environment Facility (GEF)-funded NILALEG Project. This project focuses on specific landscapes, including Omaipanga in the Kunene Region, Ruacana in the Omusati Region, Okongo in the Ohangwena Region, Nkulivere in the Kavango West Region, and Zambezi in the Zambezi Region. The EIF plays a crucial role as a project delivery partner, overseeing grant management for effective project execution.

NILALEG Key Achievements



14.2.2 PRET Project

The EIF, in collaboration with the Ministry of Agriculture, Water, and Land Reform (MAWLR), is actively involved in the implementation of the “Promotion of Renewable Energy Technologies as a Catalyst to Improve Local Communities’ Livelihoods in the Zambezi Region of Namibia” (PRET) project. Funded by the EU GCCA+ and administered by the SADC Secretariat, the project aims to promote renewable energy technologies in the agricultural sector, specifically by implementing solar-powered boreholes to support small-holder production and minimize greenhouse gas emissions in remote rural communities in the Makanga and Muyako areas of the Zambezi Region.

As of the reporting period, core project activities have been completed, and additional funding has been requested to address specific needs, including desalination systems for salty boreholes and further rehabilitation of a low-yielding borehole. The project coordinator presented best practices at COP27 in Sharm El-Sheikh, Egypt, during a SADC Secretariat event, showcasing the project's achievements. The EIF also hosted a mid-term review mission of the SADC Secretariat to assess the project's progress and implementation, engaging stakeholders at both the community and council levels for valuable insights. The request for additional funds is currently under consideration by the donor agency.



EIF Project Coordinator with SADC Senior Programme Officer at the COP27 SADC event



EIF Project Accountant with Makanga community members during the mid-term review

14.2.3 Sustainable Development Goals Impact Facility (SDGIF)

The EIF serves as the fund manager for the SDGIF, a collaborative initiative by the UNDP and MIT aimed at fostering entrepreneurship, social innovation, and blended capital to generate sustainable economic and social returns. Co-financed by Standard Bank Namibia, this facility addresses the financing gap for women and youth in business, social enterprises, and micro, small, and medium enterprises (MSMEs). The SDGIF provides mentorship grants and debt financing.

The facility includes two tiers of grants:

- 1) Tier 1 Grants: Covering up to 70% of project costs (or up to N\$650,000), with the recipient contributing the remaining amount or securing a loan from a financial institution.
- 2) Tier 2 Grants: Covering up to 90% of project costs (or up to N\$50,000), with the remaining 10% to be matched in-kind.

The SDGIF has disbursed funds through different windows, including the most recent Window 4 for projects related to renewable energy, sustainable agriculture, and manufacturing. In this window, grants covered up to 85% of project costs (or up to N\$100,000), with recipients contributing the remaining portion.

Fifteen grants, totaling N\$945,000, have been awarded to MSMEs across Namibia, contributing to the SDGIF endowment facility.

15. Resource Mobilisation Report

Strategic Goal: Mobilise domestic and international capital for project financing

The EIF is strategically focused on its Resource Mobilisation Strategy, which targets the attainment of ample, predictable, and sustainable financial resources. The key objectives include expanding the donor base and consolidating existing and anticipated resources. This strategy underscores the Fund's commitment to securing the necessary financial backing to effectively fulfil its mission.

The Fund's remarkable growth from an initial balance of N\$15 million to a portfolio of projects worth N\$1.7 billion over ten years underscores its impact and effectiveness. Accessing significant funds from sources like the GCF and the French Development Agency has enabled the Fund to positively impact numerous Namibians. Additionally, the Fund's ability to procure nearly N\$92 million directly reflects successful resource mobilisation efforts during the reporting period.

Resource mobilisation efforts during the reporting period are summarised in the following table.

Resource Mobilisation Tracker & Report as at 31 March 2023							
	Project Title	Funder	Location	Contract Mechanism	Duration	Amount (N\$)	Status
Projects Approved since Q1							
1	Promoting inclusive use of natural resources for resilient livelihoods and climate action in Namibia	German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ); co-financed by European Union	Namibia	Grant	2 years	19,813,933.96	Agreement between EIF and GLZ signed Project tenure: 15.05.22 – 15.03.24 Consultant to be appointed
2	Building biodiversity knowledge	Agency for French Development (AFD)	Namibia	Grant		15,000,000.00	Project approved Implementation process underway

Resource Mobilisation Tracker & Report as at 31 March 2023							
	Project Title	Funder	Location	Contract Mechanism	Duration	Amount (N\$)	Status
Project Pipeline							
1	Adaptation in fisheries sector in response to climate change through improving resilience, promoting onshore aquaculture, and sustainably managing marine parks	GCF	Namibia	Grant	5 years	160,900,000.00	Application preparation by EIF in progress
2	Foster transition to climate-resilient urban planning and development through green space initiatives that integrate socio-economic growth trajectories	GCF/Adaptation Fund	Namibia	Grant	5 years	321,800,000.00	Application preparation by EIF in progress
3	Improved resilience in communities relocated to group resettlement farms	Adaptation Fund	Namibia	Grant	5 years	275,037,000.00	Application preparation by EIF in progress
4	Upscaling NamWater adaptation fund project	Adaptation Fund	Namibia	Grant	5 years		Application preparation by EIF in progress Appointment of consultant by PC pending
Total						792,550,933.00	

Resource Mobilisation Tracker & Report as at 31 March 2023							
	Project Title	Funder	Location	Contract Mechanism	Duration	Amount (N\$)	Status
Projects under Implementation							
1	Strengthen Namibian food systems to recover from emergencies and disease-related shocks through the Build Back Better (BBB) programme	United Nations Development Programme	Namibia	Grant	6 months	112,855,747.49	Project closed and M&E to be completed
2	Promotion of renewable energy technologies as a catalyst to improve local communities' livelihoods in the Zambezi Region	Intra-ACP GCCA+ Programme in the SADC Region	Namibia	Grant	2 years	6,436,000.00	Phase 1: Drilling of boreholes – completed Phase 2: Water softening technologies
3	Promoting inclusive use of natural resources for resilient livelihoods and climate action in Namibia	German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ); co-financed by European Union	Namibia	Grant	2 years	19,813,933.96	Agreement between EIF and GIZ signed Project tenure: 15.05.22 – 15.03.24 Consultant to be appointed
4	Exploring carbon credit/markets in Namibia	Government of Japan	Namibia	Grant	1 year	16,090,000.00	Application in partnership between EIF and UNDP
5	Readiness to develop the Green Hydrogen Strategy	GCF	Namibia	Grant	6 months	48,270,000.00	Application preparation by EIF in progress
6	Promoting technology, innovation and entrepreneurship	GEF 7/UNIDO	Namibia	Grant	3 years	1,300,000.00	Application preparation by EIF in progress
7	Spatial biodiversity assessment prioritisation and planning (SBAPP)	AFD	Namibia	Grant		17,926,976.00	Application preparation by EIF in progress
8	Feasibility assessment and designing payment mechanism for EbA	AFD	Namibia	Grant		14,987,628.00	Application preparation by EIF in progress
Total						226,926,604.00	

Resource Mobilisation Tracker & Report as at 31 March 2023							
	Project Title	Funder	Location	Contract Mechanism	Duration	Amount (N\$)	Status
Funding Applications Submitted since Q1							
1	Nationwide forestry proposal	GCF	Namibia	Grant	5 years	587,285,000.00	Application in partnership with Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) and DAPP
2	Strengthening and building resilience of Namibia's peri-urban communities to climate change through climate smart agricultural production, access to solar technologies, climate information and early warning systems	Government of Japan	Namibia	Grant	1 year	22,798,886.40	EIF/UNDP/ MEFT application preparation in progress
3	Blended finance tool targeting women in entrepreneurship/ SMEs	Canadian Fund (Convergence)	Namibia	Grant	1 year	14,481,000.00	EIF/Bank Windhoek application preparation in progress
Total						625,564,886.00	

Resource Mobilisation Tracker & Report as at 31 March 2023							
	Project Title	Funder	Location	Contract Mechanism	Duration	Amount (N\$)	Status
Environmental Levies							
1	Environmental levies	-	-	-	-	83,058,937.00	Actual received in the 2022/2023 financial year



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16. Annual Financial Statements

General Information

Country of incorporation and domicile	Namibia
Nature of business and principal activities	Procurement of moneys for maintenance of an endowment fund that will generate income in perpetuity and to allocate such income to activities and projects aimed at promoting sustainable development.
Directors	T. Ndove K. Nott D. Theunissen K. Sinvula O. Hamutumwa
Business address	8933 Heinitzburg Heights Klein Windhoek Windhoek Namibia
Bankers	Bank Windhoek Limited First National Bank of Namibia Limited
Secretary	Benedict Libanda
Auditors	BDO Namibia Registered Accountants and Auditors Chartered Accountants (Namibia)
Line ministry	Ministry of Finance and Public Enterprises

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Directors' Responsibilities and Approval

The directors are required by the Environmental Investment Fund of Namibia Act of 2001, to maintain adequate accounting records and are responsible for the content and integrity of the annual financial statements and related financial information included in this report. It is their responsibility to ensure that the annual financial statements fairly present the state of affairs of the Fund as at the end of the financial year and the results of its operations and cash flows for the period then ended, in conformity with the International Financial Reporting Standard for Small and Medium-sized Entities. The external auditor is engaged to express an independent opinion on the annual financial statements.

The annual financial statements are prepared in accordance with the International Financial Reporting Standard for Small and Medium-sized Entities and are based upon appropriate accounting policies consistently applied and supported by reasonable and prudent judgements and estimates.

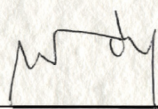
The directors acknowledge that they are ultimately responsible for the system of internal financial control established by the Fund and place considerable importance on maintaining a strong control environment. To enable the directors to meet these responsibilities, the directors set standards for internal control aimed at reducing the risk of error or loss in a cost effective manner. The standards include the proper delegation of responsibilities within a clearly defined framework, effective accounting procedures and adequate segregation of duties to ensure an acceptable level of risk. These controls are monitored throughout the Fund and all employees are required to maintain the highest ethical standards in ensuring the Fund's business is conducted in a manner that in all reasonable circumstances is above reproach. The focus of risk management in the Fund is on identifying, assessing, managing and monitoring all known forms of risk across the Fund. While operating risk cannot be fully eliminated, the Fund endeavours to minimise it by ensuring that appropriate infrastructure, controls, systems and ethical behaviour are applied and managed within predetermined procedures and constraints.

The directors are of the opinion, based on the information and explanations given by management, that the system of internal control provides reasonable assurance that the financial records may be relied on for the preparation of the annual financial statements. However, any system of internal financial control can provide only reasonable, and not absolute, assurance against material misstatement or loss.

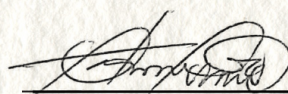
The directors have reviewed the Fund's cash flow forecast for the year to 31 March 2024 and, in the light of this review and the current financial position, they are satisfied that the Fund has or has access to adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future.

The external auditors are responsible for independently auditing and reporting on the Fund's annual financial statements. The annual financial statements have been examined by the Fund's external auditors and their report is presented on pages 84 to 85.

The annual financial statements set out on pages 88 to 107, which have been prepared on the going concern basis, were approved by the Board of Directors on 31 August 2023 and were signed on its behalf by:



Director
Windhoek
31 October 2022



Director

Independent Auditor's Report

To the Ministry of Finance

Opinion

We have audited the annual financial statements of Environmental Investment Fund of Namibia set out on pages 88 to 107, which comprise the statement of financial position as at 31 March 2023, and the statement of comprehensive income, statement of changes in equity and statement of cash flows for the year then ended, and notes to the annual financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies.

In our opinion, the annual financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Environmental Investment Fund of Namibia as at 31 March 2023, and its financial performance and cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standard for Small and Medium-sized Entities and the requirements of the Environmental Investment Fund of Namibia Act of 2001.

Basis of opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Annual Financial Statements section of our report. We are independent of the fund in accordance with the International Ethics Standards Board for Accountants International Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (including International Independence Standards) and other independence requirements applicable to performing audits of financial statements in Namibia. We have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the ethical requirements applicable to performing audits in Namibia. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Other information

The directors are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the Directors' Report as required by the Environmental Investment Fund of Namibia Act of 2001, the Project Funds per supplementary information of the annual financial statements and the detailed income statement, which we obtained prior to the date of this report. Other information does not include the annual financial statements and our auditor's report thereon.

Our opinion on the annual financial statements does not cover the other information and we do not express an audit opinion or any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the annual financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the annual financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

Responsibilities of the directors for the financial statements

The directors are responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the annual financial statements in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standard for Small and Medium-sized Entities and the requirements of the Environmental Investment Fund of Namibia Act of 2001, and for such internal control as the directors determine is necessary to enable the preparation of annual financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the annual financial statements, the directors are responsible for assessing the Fund's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and

Independent Auditor's Report

using the going concern basis of accounting unless the directors either intend to liquidate the Fund or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the annual financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with International Standards on Auditing will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these annual financial statements.

As part of an audit in accordance with ISAs, we exercise professional judgement and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the annual financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Fund's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the directors.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of the directors' use of the going concern basis of accounting and based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Fund's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Fund to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We communicate with the directors regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

BDO

BDO (Namibia)
Registered Accountants and Auditors
Chartered Accountants (Namibia)

Per: A Musarurwa
Partner

Windhoek
28 September 2023

Directors' Report

The directors have pleasure in submitting their report on the annual financial statements of Environmental Investment Fund of Namibia for the year ended 31 March 2023.

1. Incorporation

The Fund was established in Namibia on 22 December 2001 in terms of the Environmental Investment Fund of Namibia Act, 2001.

2. Nature of business

The Fund is engaged in procurement of moneys for the maintenance of an endowment fund that will generate income in perpetuity and to allocate such income to activities and projects aimed at promoting sustainable development and operates in Namibia.

There have been no material changes to the nature of the Fund's business from the prior year.

3. Review of financial results and activities

The annual financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the International Financial Reporting Standard for Small and Medium-sized Entities and the requirements of the Environmental Investment Fund of Namibia Act of 2001. The accounting policies have been applied consistently compared to the prior year.

Full details of the financial position, results of operations and cash flows of the Fund are set out in these annual financial statements.

4. Going concern

The Fund's annual financial statements have been prepared on the basis of accounting policies applicable to a going concern. This basis presumes that funds will be available to finance future operations and that the realisation of assets and settlement of liabilities, contingent obligations and commitments will occur in the ordinary course of business.

The ability of the Fund to continue as a going concern is dependent on a number of factors. The most significant of these is that the directors continue to procure funding for the ongoing operations for the Fund from the Ministry of Finance and Public Enterprises and that the operations of the Fund are scaled according to the available cash resources.

5. Events after the reporting period

The directors are not aware of any material event which occurred after the reporting date and up to the date of this report.

6. Property, plant and equipment

There was no change in the nature of the property, plant and equipment of the Fund or in the policy regarding their use.

At 31 March 2023 the Fund's investment in property, plant and equipment amounted to N\$5,589,387 (2022: N\$25,749,121), of which N\$394,398 (2022: N\$506,716) was added in the current year through additions.

Directors' Report

7. Appointment of fund managers for Green Credit Loan

In line with our commitment to sustainable finance and responsible investment practices, the Fund appointed Kongoland and Bellatrix as fund managers to oversee and manage the Green Credit Loan. This decision is not only aligned with the Fund's commitment to sustainable finance and responsible investment practices but also reinforces the Fund's dedication to creating a positive impact on both financial returns and environmental stewardship. An amount of N\$32,000,000 was disbursed equally to the two fund managers during the financial year.

8. Directors

The directors in office at the date of this report are as follows:

Directors	Designation	Nationality
T. Ndove	Non-executive	Namibian
K. Nott	Non-executive	Namibian
D. Theunissen	Non-executive	Namibian
K. Sinvula	Non-executive	Namibian
O. Hamutumwa	Non-executive	Namibian

9. Secretary

The secretary is Benedict Libanda.
Business address

8933 Heinitzburg Heights
Corner of Heinitzburg and Dr. Theo-Ben Gurirab Streets
Klein Windhoek
Windhoek
Namibia

10. Auditors

BDO Namibia will continue in office as auditors for the Fund for the 2023 financial year.

11. Date of authorisation for issue of financial statements

The annual financial statements have been authorised for issue by the directors on 01 August 2023. No authority was given to anyone to amend the financial statements after the date of issue.

12. Directors' interests in contracts

During the financial year, no contracts were entered in which directors or officers of the Fund had an interest and which significantly affected the business of the Fund.

13. Acknowledgements

Thanks and appreciation are extended to all of our project partners, donors, staff, suppliers and the government for their continued support of the Fund.

Statement of Financial Position as at 31 March 2023

	Notes	2023 N\$	2022 N\$
Assets			
Non-Current Assets			
Property, plant and equipment	2	5,589,387	25,749,121
Other financial assets	3	-	963,818
		5,589,387	26,712,939
Current Assets			
Trade and other receivables	4	9,471,517	7,446,614
Other financial assets	3	-	2,445,681
Cash and cash equivalents	5	141,656,355	102,976,689
		151,127,872	112,868,984
		156,717,259	139,581,923
Total Assets			
Equity and Liabilities			
Equity			
Retained income		109,801,268	59,789,936
Liabilities			
Non-Current Liabilities			
Deferred income	6	4,000,000	24,197,473
Current Liabilities			
Trade and other payables	7	41,797,248	53,632,236
Deferred income	6	59,253	1,049,019
Provisions	8	1,059,490	913,259
		42,915,991	55,594,514
Total Liabilities		46,915,991	79,791,987
Total Equity and Liabilities		156,717,259	139,581,923

Income Statement and Statement of Comprehensive Income

	Notes	2023 N\$	2022 N\$
Revenue	9	112,753,879	77,057,752
Operating expenses	10	(67,137,683)	(51,276,800)
Operating surplus	10	45,616,196	25,780,952
Investment revenue	11	4,395,136	1,267,323
Surplus for the year		50,011,332	27,048,275
Other comprehensive income		-	-
Total comprehensive income for the year		50,011,332	27,048,275

Statement of Changes in Equity

	Retained income N\$	Total equity N\$
Balance at 1 April 2021	32,741,661	32,741,661
Surplus for the year	27,048,275	27,048,275
Other comprehensive income	-	-
Total comprehensive income for the year	27,048,275	27,048,275
Balance at 1 April 2022	59,789,936	59,789,936
Surplus for the year	50,011,332	50,011,332
Other comprehensive income	-	-
Total comprehensive income for the year	50,011,332	50,011,332
Balance at 31 March 2023	109,801,268	109,801,268

Statement of Cash Flows

	Notes	2023 N\$	2022 N\$
Cash flows from operating activities			
Cash generated from (used in) operations	12	1,269,428	(48,097,253)
Interest income		4,395,137	800,431
Net cash from operating activities		35,664,565	(47,296,822)
Cash flows from investing activities			
Purchase of property, plant and equipment	2	(394,398)	(506,717)
Receipts from loans advanced		3,409,499	110,936
Net cash from investing activities		3,015,101	(395,781)
Total cash movement for the year		38,679,666	(47,692,603)
Cash at the beginning of the year		102,976,689	150,669,292
Total cash at end of the year	5	141,656,355	102,976,689

Accounting Policies

1. Presentation of annual financial statements

The annual financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the International Financial Reporting Standard for Small and Medium-sized Entities, and the Environmental Investment Fund of Namibia Act of 2001. The annual financial statements have been prepared on the historical cost basis and incorporate the principal accounting policies set out below. They are presented in Namibia Dollar.

These accounting policies are consistent with the previous period.

1.1 Significant judgements and sources of estimation uncertainty

Critical judgements in applying accounting policies

Management did not make critical judgements in the application of accounting policies, apart from those involving estimations, which would significantly affect the annual financial statements.

Key sources of estimation uncertainty

Useful lives of property, plant and equipment

The Fund reviews the estimated useful lives of plant and equipment at the end of the financial year.

Impairment testing of non-financial assets

The Fund reviews and tests the carrying value of property, plant and equipment and intangible assets when events or changes in circumstances suggest that the carrying amount may not be recoverable. When such indicators exist, management determines the recoverable amount by performing value in use and fair value calculations. These calculations require the use of estimates and assumptions. When it is not possible to determine the recoverable amount for an individual asset, management assesses the recoverable amount for the cash generating unit to which the asset belongs.

Provisions

Provisions were raised and management determined an estimate based on the information available.

Impairment testing of financial assets measured at cost and amortised cost

The Fund assesses its financial assets measured at cost and amortised cost for impairment at each reporting period date. In determining whether an impairment loss should be recorded in the statement of comprehensive income, the Fund makes judgements as to whether there is observable data indicating a measurable decrease in the estimated future cash flows from a financial asset.

The impairment for financial assets measured at cost and amortised cost is calculated on a portfolio basis, based on historical loss ratios, adjusted for national and industry-specific economic conditions and other indicators present at the reporting period that correlate with defaults on the portfolio. These annual loss ratios are applied to loan balances in the portfolio and scaled to the estimated loss emergence period.

1.2 Property, plant and equipment

Property, plant and equipment is carried at cost less accumulated depreciation and accumulated impairment losses.

Cost includes costs incurred initially to acquire or construct an item of property, plant and equipment and costs incurred subsequently to add to, replace part of, or service it. If a replacement cost is recognised in the carrying amount of an item of property, plant and equipment, the carrying amount of the replaced part is derecognised.

Depreciation is provided using the straight-line method to write down the cost, less estimated residual value over the useful life of the property, plant and equipment as follows:

Accounting Policies

1.2 Property, plant and equipment (continued)

Item	Depreciation method	Average useful life
Buildings	Straight line	50 years
Camping equipment	Straight line	10 years
Furniture and fixtures	Straight line	10 years
Motor vehicles	Straight line	4 years
Office equipment	Straight line	3 years
IT equipment	Straight line	3 years

If the major components of an item of property, plant and equipment have significantly different patterns of consumption of economic benefits, the cost of the asset is allocated to its major components and each such component is depreciated separately over its useful life.

Land and work in progress is not depreciated.

The residual value, depreciation method and useful life of each asset are reviewed only where there is an indication that there has been a significant change from the previous estimate.

1.3 Intangible assets

An intangible asset is an identifiable non-monetary asset without physical substance.

Intangible assets are initially recognised at cost and subsequently at cost less accumulated amortisation and accumulated impairment losses.

Amortisation is provided to write down the intangible assets, on a straight-line basis, as follows:

Item	Useful life
Computer software	3 years

The residual value, amortisation period and amortisation method for intangible assets are reassessed when there is an indication that there is a change from the previous estimate.

1.4 Financial instruments

Financial instruments at amortised cost

These include loans, trade receivables and trade payables. Those debt instruments which meet the criteria in section 11.8(b) of the standard, are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method. Debt instruments which are classified as current assets or current liabilities are measured at the undiscounted amount of the cash expected to be received or paid, unless the arrangement effectively constitutes a financing transaction.

At each reporting date, the carrying amounts of assets held in this category are reviewed to determine whether there is any objective evidence of impairment. If there is objective evidence, the recoverable amount is estimated and compared with the carrying amount. If the estimated recoverable amount is lower, the carrying amount is reduced to its estimated recoverable amount, and an impairment loss is recognised immediately in profit or loss.

Accounting Policies

1.5 Impairment of non-financial assets

The Fund assesses at each reporting date whether there is any indication that property, plant and equipment or intangible assets may be impaired.

If there is any such indication, the recoverable amount of any affected asset (or group of related assets) is estimated and compared with its carrying amount. If the estimated recoverable amount is lower, the carrying amount is reduced to its estimated recoverable amount, and an impairment loss is recognised immediately in profit or loss.

If an impairment loss subsequently reverses, the carrying amount of the asset (or group of related assets) is increased to the revised estimate of its recoverable amount, but not in excess of the amount that would have been determined had no impairment loss been recognised for the asset (or group of assets) in prior years. A reversal of impairment is recognised immediately in profit or loss.

1.6 Tax

Tax exemption

The Fund is exempt from income tax in terms of the Environmental Investment Fund of Namibia Act of 2001.

1.7 Provisions and contingencies

Provisions are recognised when the Fund has an obligation at the reporting date as a result of a past event; it is probable that the Fund will be required to transfer economic benefits in settlement; and the amount of the obligation can be estimated reliably.

Provisions are measured at the present value of the amount expected to be required to settle the obligation using a pre-tax rate that reflects current market assessments of the time value of money and the risks specific to the obligation. The increase in the provision due to the passage of time is recognised as interest expense.

Provisions are not recognised for future operating losses.

1.8 Employee benefits

Short-term employee benefits

The cost of short-term employee benefits, (those payable within 12 months after the service is rendered, such as paid vacation leave and sick leave, bonuses, and non-monetary benefits such as medical care), are recognised in the period in which the service is rendered and are not discounted.

The expected cost of compensated absences is recognised as an expense as the employees render services that increase their entitlement or, in the case of non-accumulating absences, when the absence occurs.

The expected cost of profit sharing and bonus payments is recognised as an expense when there is a legal or constructive obligation to make such payments as a result of past performance.

1.9 Government grants

Government grants are recognised when there is reasonable assurance that:

- the Fund will comply with the conditions attaching to them; and
- the grants will be received.

Government grants are recognised as income over the periods necessary to match them with the related costs that they are intended to compensate.

Accounting Policies

1.9 Government grants (continued)

A Government grant that becomes receivable as compensation for expenses or losses already incurred or for the purpose of giving immediate financial support to the entity with no future related costs is recognised as income of the period in which it becomes receivable.

Grants that do not impose specified future performance conditions are recognised in income when the grant proceeds are receivable.

Grants that impose specified future performance conditions are recognised in income only when the performance conditions are met.

Government grants relating to the purchase of property, plant and equipment are included in non-current liabilities as deferred income and are credited to profit or loss on a straight-line basis over the expected lives of the related assets. Government grants are initially recognised as deferred income and they are recognised to income at the same time that depreciation is recognised.

Grants are measured at the fair value of the asset received or receivable.

Grants related to income are presented as a credit in the income statement (separately).

1.10 Revenue

Revenue is recognised to the extent that the Fund has transferred the significant risks and rewards of ownership of goods to the buyer, or has rendered services under an agreement provided the amount of revenue can be measured reliably and it is probable that economic benefits associated with the transaction will flow to the Fund. Revenue is measured at the fair value of the consideration received or receivable, excluding sales taxes and discounts.

Interest is recognised in profit or loss, using the effective interest rate method.

Administration fee revenue is measured at the fair value of the consideration received or receivable and represents the amounts receivable for goods and services provided in the normal course of business, net of trade discounts and volume rebates, and value added tax.

Donation income is recognised when the donation is received, and is measured at fair value of the donation.

1.11 Leases

A lease is classified as a finance lease if it transfers substantially all the risks and rewards incidental to ownership to the lessee. All other leases are operating leases.

Operating leases – lessee

Operating lease payments are recognised as an expense on a straight-line basis over the lease term unless:

- another systematic basis is representative of the time pattern of the benefit from the leased asset, even if the payments are not on that basis, or
- the payments are structured to increase in line with expected general inflation (based on published indexes or statistics) to compensate for the lessor's expected inflationary cost increases.

Any contingent rents are expensed in the period they are incurred.

Accounting Policies

1.12 Accounting for grants

The accounting for grants uses the principles of Section 21 of IFRS for SMEs: “Provisions, liabilities and contingent liabilities”, together with Section 2 of IFRS for SMEs: “Concepts and pervasive principles”, to determine when the grants should be recognised as contingent liabilities, grant payables, grants advances and subsequently recorded in the statement of comprehensive income.

Contingent liability

The first point of recognition for grants is at the point of Board approval, where the maximum liability of the grant becomes clear and is agreed with the Grantee. The accounting treatment at this point is to recognise the grant as a contingent liability due to the uncertainty over the amount of the grant and the substantive ability of the Fund to decommit funds if conditions are not met or funding is not available. Accordingly, the point of Board approval is not considered to be a constructive obligation as defined under Section 21 of IFRS for SMEs. Following the Board approval, the grants are governed by a written grant agreement that includes substantive conditions based on performance. There is no constructive obligation for the full value of the grant at the signing date of the grant agreement. Accordingly, an obligation only arises once all criteria have been addressed or otherwise resolved.

Recognition of grants payables, advances and expenditure

The recognition of grants payable is determined to be the point at which the conditions for the next disbursement are met and the disbursement request is made by the Grantee. At this point, the Fund has a constructive obligation to the Grantee and the valid amount requested for disbursement is therefore recognised as a grant payable and recorded as expenditure within the statement of comprehensive income only when the grant agreement does not impose specified future performance conditions on the Grantee, otherwise it is recorded as grant advance within the statement of financial position if there are specified future performance conditions. The grant advance recognised in the statement of financial position is recorded as expenditure within the statement of comprehensive income only when the specified future performance conditions are met.

Grants recoverable

During the implementation period, a part of the funds disbursed for grants may be determined as recoverable from the Grantee entity based on the audits and investigations conducted. Similarly, at the end of the implementation period, a part of the funds disbursed for grants may be determined as recoverable from the Grantee entity based on the unfulfilled specified conditions. Grants recoverable are recognised at fair value upon notification to the Grantee and are subject to the same policy of valuation and asset impairment as per the accounting policy note of financial instruments at amortised cost.

1.13 Borrowing costs

Borrowing costs are recognised as an expense in the period in which they are incurred.

1.14 Share capital and equity

If the company reacquires its own equity instruments, those instruments are deducted from equity. No gain or loss is recognised in profit or loss on the purchase, sale, issue or cancellation of the company's own equity instruments. Consideration paid or received shall be recognised directly in equity.

1.15 Foreign exchange

Foreign currency transactions

Exchange differences arising on monetary items are recognised in profit or loss in the period in which they arise.

The foreign exchange component of a non-monetary item is recognised consistently with any other gains or losses on those items, in other comprehensive income or in profit or loss.

Notes to the Annual Financial Statements

2. Property, plant and equipment

	2023			2022		
	Cost	Accumulated depreciation and impairment loss	Carrying value	Cost	Accumulated depreciation and impairment loss	Carrying value
Land	4,000,000	-	4,000,000	5,732,270	-	5,732,270
Furniture and fixtures	1,708,803	(1,065,531)	643,272	1,656,026	(926,663)	729,363
Motor vehicles	1,404,434	(1,094,212)	310,222	1,404,434	(786,326)	618,108
Office equipment	1,009,543	(873,089)	136,454	987,018	(657,910)	329,108
IT equipment	3,430,569	(2,937,364)	493,205	3,111,472	(2,489,263)	622,209
Camping equipment	23,333	(17,099)	6,234	23,333	(14,806)	8,527
Capital work in progress	-	-	-	17,709,536	-	17,709,536
Total	11,576,682	(5,987,295)	5,589,387	30,624,089	(4,874,968)	25,749,121

Reconciliation of property, plant and equipment - 2023

	Opening balance	Additions	Depreciation	Impairment loss	Total
Land	5,732,270	-	-	(1,732,270)	4,000,000
Furniture and fixtures	729,363	52,776	(138,867)	-	643,272
Motor vehicles	618,108	-	(307,886)	-	310,222
Office equipment	329,108	22,525	(215,179)	-	136,454
IT equipment	622,209	319,097	(448,101)	-	493,205
Camping equipment	8,527	-	(2,293)	-	6,234
Capital work in progress	17,709,536	-	-	(17,709,536)	-
	25,749,121	394,398	(1,112,326)	(19,441,806)	5,589,387

Reconciliation of property, plant and equipment - 2022

	Opening balance	Additions	Disposals	Depreciation	Total
Land	5,732,270	-	-	-	5,732,270
Furniture and fixtures	793,998	85,689	-	(150,324)	729,363
Motor vehicles	925,995	-	-	(307,887)	618,108
Office equipment	479,928	65,648	-	(216,468)	329,108
IT equipment	660,235	355,379	(21,358)	(372,047)	622,209
Camping equipment	10,819	-	-	(2,292)	8,527
Capital work in progress	17,709,536	-	-	-	17,709,536
	26,312,781	506,716	(21,358)	(1,049,018)	25,749,121

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	2023 N\$	2022 N\$
2. Property, plant and equipment (continued)		
Details of properties		
Erf Number 2503, Windhoek		
Measuring 1,570 square metres		
- Land purchase price: 5 November 2014	5,700,000	5,700,000
- Additions 2016	5,012,526	5,012,526
- Additions 2017	8,997,082	8,997,082
- Additions 2018	2,677,843	2,677,843
- Additions 2019	1,054,355	1,054,355
Impairment loss	(19,441,806)	-
	4,000,000	23,441,806

3. Other financial assets

At amortised cost

Loans to projects

SME Bank

Environmental Investment Fund has lent funds to the SME Bank to be used by the SME Bank to provide soft loans to successful recipients for Green Investment Projects at the soft Green Scheme Interest Rate. Relevant financing will comply with the criteria as agreed upon by the parties.

The loan is receivable from the SME Bank in the following terms:
Loan outstanding paid to EIF in equal installments arrears bi-annually.
First payment made on the 37th month from the first utilisation.
Interest rate is charged to recipients at prime rate less 4.25% per annum or 4.75% whichever is greater and this is to be split 80:20 between SME Bank and EIF respectively. Interest is payable on the 7th month from the first utilisation.

The loan is not secured and thus fully impaired.

Impairment loss on loans advanced

9,419,682	12,829,181
6,494,126	6,494,126
15,913,808	19,323,307
(15,913,808)	(15,913,808)
-	3,409,499

Loans to projects

Environmental Investment Fund has lent funds to the following entities;

Benz Manufacturing Woodwork CC

The company defaulted on the loan repayments and was ordered by court on 08 August 2018 to settle the loan as follows:

1. Payment in the amount of N\$1,322,503.67;
2. Interest on the aforesaid amount a tempore morae at the rate of 20% per annum as from the date of demand to date of final payment;
3. Costs of suit.

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3. Other financial assets (continued)

Greenfields Organic Fertilizer

The loan bears interest at a rate of 7% per annum, for a period of 120 months and the monthly installment is N\$20,000.00. The annual amount paid shall amount to no less than N\$509,630,64. The loan is secured by a notarial bond registered in respect of movable property.

Guinea Fowl Investments

The loan bears interest of prime rate minus 2% per annum, for a period of 120 months and the monthly installment is N\$53,306.57. As security, the borrower shall maintain insurance cover in relation to the assets for their full reinstatement value of a type and in an amount as is usual for prudent companies carrying on a business such as that carried on by the borrower and will record the lender as the first loss payee on such insurances. The borrower also pledges to the lender all of the member's interest held by the member ("Pledge") and cedes in securitatem debiti to the lender all of his right, title and interest in and to the member's interest ("Cession").

Ngunga Investments

The loan bears interest of prime rate less 4% per annum, for a period of 60 months and the monthly installment is N\$19,812.52. As security for the proper and timeous performance by the borrower of its secured obligations, the member hereby pledges to the lender all of the member's interest held by the member ("Pledge") and cedes in securitatem debiti to the lender all of his right, title and interest in and to the member's interest ("Cession"). In addition, the borrower shall maintain insurance cover in relation to the assets for their full reinstatement value of a type and in an amount as is usual for prudent companies carrying on a business such as that carried on by the borrower and will record the lender as the first loss payee on such insurances.

Green Grazing Solutions CC

The loan bears interest rate of prime rate less 2% per annum, for a period of 120 months and the monthly installment is N\$41,512.22. As security, the member consents to the registration of the Surety Mortgage Bond as a sixth covering bond over the property in favour of the lender as security for the fulfillment of the secured obligations. In addition, as security for the proper and timeous performance by the borrower of its secured obligations, Member One hereby cedes in securitatem debiti to the lender all of his right, title and interest in and to the Samlam Risk and Life Insurance Policy ("Life Insurance Cession").

Non-current assets

At amortised cost

Current assets

At amortised cost

4. Trade and other receivables

Trade receivables	9,809,796	7,559,970
Staff loans	742,007	503,568
Deposits	397,479	397,479
Other receivables	366,741	294,272
Provision for bad debts	(3,964,677)	(2,218,675)
Prepayments	910,000	910,000
Suppliers with debit balances	1,210,171	-
	9,471,517	7,446,614

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	2023 N\$	2022 N\$
5. Cash and cash equivalents		
Cash and cash equivalents consist of:		
Green credit finance bank balances	32,000,000	-
Bank balances	9,035,537	4,601,454
Short-term deposits	63,331,694	47,539,805
Specific project bank balances	37,289,124	50,835,430
	141,656,355	102,976,689

Restricted cash and cash equivalents

Green credit finance bank balances

Included in the cash and cash equivalents is an amount of N\$32,000,000 (2022:N\$-) relating to the Green credit finance bank balances. The Green credit finance bank balances are held in a designated bank account to be used only for the purpose of the Green credit finance facilities as per note 7 in the directors' report (refer to supplementary information).

Special projects bank balances

Included in the cash and cash equivalents is an amount of N\$37,289,124 (2022:N\$50,835,430) relating to specific projects. The funds are held in a designated bank deposit account to be used only for the purpose of the specific projects (refer to supplementary information).

6. Deferred income

This amount presents the Government grant used for the funding of assets.

Government grants are recognised as deferred income, and released to the income statement over the useful life of the purchased assets.

Opening balance	25,246,493	26,316,870
Release to the income statement	(21,187,238)	(1,070,377)
	4,059,255	25,246,493
Non-current liabilities	4,000,000	24,197,473
Current liabilities	59,253	1,049,019
	4,059,253	25,246,492

7. Trade and other payables

Trade payables	2,869,742	668,462
Project funds	37,289,124	50,835,430
Accrued leave pay	1,276,963	780,708
Accrued bonus	343,59	63,383
Other payables	(32,586)	(50,036)
Accrued operating lease liability	50,410	1,334,289
	41,797,248	53,632,236

Notes to the Annual Financial Statements

	2023 N\$	2022 N\$
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8. Provisions

Reconciliation of provisions - 2023

	Opening Balance	Additions	Total
Provision for severance pay	913,259	146,231	1,059,490

Reconciliation of provisions - 2022

	Opening Balance	Additions	Total
Provision for severance pay	474,513	136,135	610,648

9. Revenue

Environmental levies received	83,058,937	69,796,120
Donations and contributions	881,654	909,899
Administration fees	7,626,050	5,281,356
Government grant released from deferred income	21,187,238	1,070,377
	112,753,879	77,057,752

10. Operating surplus

Operating surplus for the year is stated after accounting for the following:

Auditor's remuneration	363,251	362,563
Bad debts	1,746,002	-
Conservation Relief, Recovery and Resilient Facility	-	2,000,000
Depreciation and impairment on property, plant and equipment	20,554,132	1,049,019
Employee costs	22,022,126	18,644,503
Impairment loss on loans advanced	3,977,269	7,240,062
Lease rentals on operating lease	5,301,813	6,163,969
Support to EIF projects	1,680,941	3,552,838
Travel - local and international	2,750,027	1,596,430
Other expenses	8,742,122	10,667,416
	67,137,683	51,276,800

11. Investment revenue

Interest revenue

Loans	955,994	466,891
Bank	3,439,142	800,432
	4,395,136	1,267,323

Notes to the Annual Financial Statements

	2023 N\$	2022 N\$
12. Cash generated used in operations		
Surplus for the year	50,011,332	27,048,275
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation and amortisation	1,112,326	1,049,018
Loss on sale of assets	-	21,358
Interest received	(4,395,136)	(1,267,323)
Impairment loss	19,441,806	-
Movements in provisions	146,231	302,611
Impairment of financial assets	-	7,240,062
Deferred income	(21,187,240)	(1,070,377)
Changes in working capital:		
Trade and other receivables	(2,024,903)	(4,525,474)
Trade and other payables	(11,834,988)	(76,895,403)
	31,269,428	(48,097,253)
13. Financial assets by category		
2023	Loans and receivables	Total
Trade and other receivables excluding prepayments	7,351,346	7,351,346
Cash and cash equivalents	141,656,355	141,656,355
	149,007,701	149,007,701
2022	Loans and receivables	Total
Other financial assets	3,409,499	3,409,499
Trade and other receivables excluding prepayments	6,536,614	6,536,614
Cash and cash equivalents	102,976,689	102,976,689
	112,922,802	112,922,802
The carrying amount approximates fair value.		
14. Financial liabilities by category		
2023	Financial liabilities at amortised cost	Total
Trade and other payables excluding accruals and non-financial items	40,144,104	40,144,104
2022	Financial liabilities at amortised cost	Total
Trade and other payables excluding accruals and non-financial items	52,722,236	52,722,236
The carrying amount approximates fair value.		

Notes to the Annual Financial Statements

	2023 N\$	2022 N\$
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15. Related parties

Relationships
Line Ministry

Ministry of Finance

Directors

T. Ndove
K. Nott
D. Theunissen
K. Sinvula
O. Hamutumwa

Members of key management

B. Libanda
I. Hijamutiti (resigned on 31 May 2022)
K. Aribeb
A. Iteta
P. Mugore (appointed 01 November 2022)

Related party transactions with related parties

Related party balances

Amounts included in Trade receivable (Trade payable) regarding related parties

Benedict Libanda	245,835	150,613
Isoldah Hijamutiti	16,660	46,423
Karl Aribeb	52,095	1,647

Provision for doubtful debts

Isoldah Hijamutiti	(16,660)	-
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Related party transactions

Compensation paid to key management

Directors' emoluments	846,319	47,496
Remuneration of key management	3,871,224	3,909,647

Government grants received

Ministry of Finance - deferred income	21,187,238	1,070,377
Ministry of Finance - environmental levy	83,058,936	69,796,120

Notes to the Annual Financial Statements

	2023 N\$	2022 N\$
16. Commitments		
Authorised capital expenditure		
Not yet contracted for and authorised by directors	2,465,000	480,000
Loans and grants		
The Fund has budget for commitments not yet contracted for and authorised by directors for student bursaries and loans to projects as follows.		
Minimum payments due		
- within one year	74,785,000	53,410,000
Operating leases – as lessee (expense)		
Minimum lease payments due		
- within one year	5,863,164	6,771,770

Operating lease payments represent rentals payable by the Fund for certain of its office properties. Leases are negotiated for an average term of seven years and rentals are fixed for an average of three years. No contingent rent is payable.

17. Going concern

The Fund's annual financial statements have been prepared on the basis of accounting policies applicable to a going concern. This basis presumes that funds will be available to finance future operations and that the realisation of assets and settlement of liabilities, contingent obligations and commitments will occur in the ordinary course of business.

The ability of the Fund to continue as a going concern is dependent on a number of factors. The most significant of these is that the directors continue to procure funding for the ongoing operations for the Fund from the Ministry of Finance and Public Enterprises and that the operations of the Fund are scaled according to the available cash resources.

18. Events after the reporting period

The directors are not aware of any material event which occurred after the reporting date and up to the date of this report.

Detailed Income Statement

	Notes	2023 N\$	2022 N\$
Revenue			
Environmental levies received		83,058,937	69,796,120
Donations and contributions		881,654	909,899
Administration fee		7,626,050	5,281,356
Government grants released from deferred income		21,187,238	1,070,377
	9	112,753,879	77,057,752
Other income			
Interest received	11	4,395,136	1,267,323
Expenses		(67,137,683)	(51,276,800)
Surplus for the year		50,011,332	27,048,275
Operating expenses			
Auditor's remuneration		(363,251)	(362,563)
Awareness raising programmes		(907,907)	(85,625)
Bad debts		(1,746,002)	-
Bank charges		(73,134)	(62,728)
Cleaning		(328,128)	(182,586)
Computer expenses		(286,668)	(368,312)
Conservation Relief, Recovery and Resilient Facility		-	(2,000,000)
Depreciation, amortisation and impairments		(20,554,132)	(1,049,018)
Employee costs		(22,022,126)	(18,644,503)
Entertainment		(129,982)	(73,701)
General office supplies		-	(21,359)
Grants		(677,952)	(4,110,315)
Impairment loss on loans advanced		(3,977,269)	(7,240,062)
Insurance		(155,766)	(173,997)
Lease rentals on operating lease		(5,301,813)	(6,163,969)
Legal expenses		(1,577,378)	(1,510,727)
Printing and publication		(218,783)	(259,608)
Repairs and maintenance		(329,850)	(518,653)
Software expenses		(1,119,060)	(433,232)
Staff welfare		(289,321)	(151,888)
Subscriptions		(387,193)	(486,162)
Support to EIF projects		(1,680,941)	(3,552,838)
Sustainable development awards		-	(696,834)
Telephone and fax		(601,228)	(754,845)
Training		(1,659,772)	(776,845)
Travel - local and international		(2,750,027)	(1,596,430)
		(67,137,683)	(51,276,800)

Supplementary Information

Detailed Project Funds

The Fund administers some accounts that are used to finance certain projects on behalf of the Government and multilateral organisations. The accounts are opened and operated by the Environmental Investment Fund. The Environmental Investment Fund had recorded those accounts as restricted cash with corresponding amounts included in the reconciliation below:

Accounts	2023	2022
African Draught Conference	56,467	56,467
BBB Project	(142)	998,506
Bank charges	(3,109)	(2,524)
Bank Windhoek	1,953,970	2,790,931
Bio Diversity Management & Climate Change	1,372,553	66,728
CRRRF Project	11,183	133,778
EIF / CRAVE (Green Climate Fund)	85,955	14,371,425
EIF / EDA (Green Climate Fund)	2,450,599	15,942,570
EIF / Green Climate Fund (Readiness Project)	4,844,111	44,663
INDC	(323,956)	(323,956)
Kunene SAP001	3,452,616	1,680,948
MIT: SDG Endorsement Facility	2,399,862	2,400,000
NBSAP -SSFA	591	591
NILALEG Project	197,655	8,684,903
NIP	283,249	438,717
Nagoya Protocol	7,261	10,536
OPM-NEDF	149,929	149,929
PCB Elimination Project	506,802	539,501
Dundee Precious Metals (DPMT)	198,591	219,591
SADC Project	93,592	432,476
SAP006	799,198	2,269,580
SDGIF Project	113,788	172
SGP	129,794	(2,828)
Subsidy Account	715,054	717,112
Sustainable Schools Project	-	9,260
UNCCD	(557,223)	(557,223)
UNCCD - NBSAP	(8,902)	(8,902)
UNCCD Umbrella Project	1,225,437	267,473
UNEP - Brown Agenda	(668,412)	(668,412)
UNFCCC	163,795	163,795
World Environment Day	9,622	9,622
Water Softening	14,278,900	-
TIDRET	3,349,874	-
GBFEA	138	-
BBI	138	-
SBAPP	144	-
	37,289,124	50,835,429

Supplementary Information

Balance at the end of the year is made up as follows:

Balance at the beginning of the year

Advances during the year

Payments during the year

2023	2022
50,835,430	126,002,839
95,937,228	71,658,263
(109,483,534)	(146,825,673)
37,289,124	50,835,429

The Ministry of Environment, Forestry and Tourism has various projects under management by the Environmental Investment Fund. The Ministry of Environment, Forestry and Tourism's projects with credit balances will be funded by the Ministry of Environment, Forestry and Tourism's debit cash resources. Any cash shortfalls will be recovered from the Ministry of Environment, Forestry and Tourism.

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