SAP006 EbA Project

Building resilience of communities living in landscapes threatened under climate change through an Ecosystems-based Adaptation approach in Namibia



Project Background

The Environmental Investment Fund (EIF) of Namibia is a State-Owned Enterprise, established through the Environmental Investment Fund Act of 2001 with the main purpose of raising financial resources for direct investment in environmental protection and natural resource management activities and projects.

In 2015, the Fund obtained accreditation to the Green Climate Fund (GCF), a unique global fund, established within the rubric of the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), as a response to climate change for investing in low-emission and climate-resilient development. The status of accreditation makes EIF eligible for accessing climate change funding from the GCF on behalf of the Namibian government.

At its 22nd meeting of the Board in March 2019, the GCF approved funding under the recently-created Simplified Approval Process (SAP) funding window, Namibia's proposal titled **"Building resilience of communities living in landscapes threatened under climate change through an Ecosystems-based Adaptation approach (EbA)**". The project, expected to build the resilience of more than 200,000 people living in eight (8) landscapes in Namibia, will be implemented over a five-year period.

The **overall objective** of the project is to increase climate change resilience of productive landscapes in Namibia through implementation of ecosystem-based adaptation actions that strengthen social and ecological systems to sustain livelihoods at local level and facilitate value chains of natural resources.

What are the project's specific objectives?

- To enhance the resilience of natural resources and livelihoods sensitive to climate change impacts through improving community adaptive capacities to sustainably manage natural resources; and
- To maintain and enhance ecosystem integrity to continue to support the generation of food and income in order to reduce the severity of negative socio-economic impacts of climate change on vulnerable rural households.

Project Proposal link

https://www.eif.org.na/index.php/download/sap006-ecosystembased-adaptation-eba-project-proposal





Financing

Green Climate Fund grant through the Simplified Approval Process (SAP) USD 8.9 Million

Co-Financing Ministry of Environment and Tourism (USD 160,000)

Duration 2019 – 2024 (5 years)

Location

Eight (8) selected landscapes covering 13 of Namibia's 14 geopolitical Regions



Figure 5: Project implementation landscapes

Project budget Total budget:

USD 9.1 million

Project Partners

<u>National Designated Authority</u>: Ministry of Environment & Tourism

Accredited Entity: Environmental Investment Fund of Namibia

Executing agencies: Environmental Investment Fund of Namibia Ministry of Environment & Tourism

Beneficiaries

All communities living in Namibia's communal areas through relevant sectoral and legally-established community-based organizations (CBOs) (e.g. waterpoint committees, grazing committees, and farmers' associations, communal area conservancy associations and community forestry associations) within proposed landscapes. The project is envisaged to benefit a total of **216,000** people residing within these landscapes.

Project components and activities

The project activities will be implemented through three complementary components:

<u>Component 1:</u> Development and implementation of climate change resilient ecosystem management and production practices that reduce the vulnerability of communities.	<u>Component 2:</u> Increase the resilience of productive landscapes to support ecosystem goods and services that improves livelihoods for local communities	Component 3: Documentation, dissemination and uptake of lessons learned
This component supports activities seeking to achieve landscape-level (also ecosystems-level) integration and coordination between GRN, CSO CBO sectors across various natural resources sectors. Such measures may include landscape-level planning, goal-setting, institution- building, landscape governance measures & development & implementation of landscape management plans Sub-component 1.1: Create & strengthen institutional landscape governance systems through participatory decision-making processes and knowledge sharing at local level. Support will be provided to strengthen or build landscape governance systems through participatory decision-making processes among community groups within landscapes or with neighboring communities, promoting knowledge sharing including with outside stakeholders. Su-component 1.2: Enhance institutional capacity for ecosystem landscape management and climate change resilience at sub-national and local levels. The focus here is on building institutional capacities at sub-national and local levels for ecosystem and agricultural landscape management as well enhancing climate resilience across the landscapes.	 This component establishes a grants facility that seeks to support eligible practical projects initiated, organized and executed at community level but based on funding criteria. Grants Facility A minimum of 30 small grants for development and implementation of community-led landscape ecosystembased adaption initiatives will be financed. The size of such grants will range from USD 100,000 - USD 400,000 per grant: Grants will be disbursed in 2 investment windows namely: Restoration and Climate Proofing, and; Eco-Enterprise Adaptation Investments. Specific activities: Design of guidelines and proposal templates for the Small Grants Facility; Undertake training in each landscape to build capacities of all stakeholders on project development and management; Implement a Small Grants Facility to support EbA interventions in the eight landscapes 	 This component aims to strengthen the capacities of different actors and stakeholders in order to upscale the EbA Concept. As a result, capacity building is provided in the mainstreaming of EbA at landscape level. The component will also focus on strengthening the technical, organizational and environmental actors regarding: Environmental skills; Joint management of water resources; Conflict management, and Environmental monitoring. Specific activities: Develop knowledge products, including photo stories, presentations and briefing notes, for use in policy advocacy activities; Conduct annual policy advocacy activities; Develop a national EbA Strategy in consultation with the NDC and NAP teams that will mainstream EbA into national development plans; and Produce a policy-based assessment report that provide recommendations for up-scaling and mainstreaming EbA into national development plans;
Budget: USD 1,045,000	Budget: USD 6,930,000	Budget: USD 635,000

A budget of USD 454,000 is set aside for project management

Green Climate Fund Results Areas

- Health, food and water security
- Livelihoods of people and communities
- Ecosystems and ecosystem services

UN Sustainable Development Goal

#13 Climate action **#14** Life below water **#15** Life on land

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