(SAP006-EbA) Project

"Building Resilience of Communities Living in Landscapes Threatened Under Climate Change Through an Ecosystems-Based Adaptation Approach''

Project Background

The Environmental Investment Fund of Namibia (EIF) 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.

At the 22nd meeting of its Board on 28th February 2019, the Green Climate Fund approved funding for the project entitled "Building resilience of communities living in landscapes threatened under climate change through an ecosystem-based adaptation approach'' (SAP006-EbA Project), with the EIF as the accredited entity for the project.

The SAP006-EbA Project is expected to build adaptation measures for more than 216,000 Namibians (60,000 direct beneficiaries and 156,000 indirect beneficiaries). The beneficiaries constitute 7.5% of Namibia's total population. With its focus on gender responsive adaptation measures, 50% of the project's beneficiaries are women.

Project Location

The SAP006-EbA Project is implemented in 13 of the 14 political regions of Namibia and is clustered into 8 landscapes:

- Southern Landscape
- Kunene South and Daures Landscape
- Kunene North Landscape
- Lower Eastern Landscape
- North Central Landscape
- Kavango East and West
- Zambezi East
- Zambezi West
- ✓ Ovitoto and Otjimbingwe

Project Objectives

To increase climate change resilience of productive landscapes in Namibia through implementation of ecosystems-based adaptation actions that strengthen social and ecological systems to sustain livelihoods at local level and facilitate value chains of natural resources.

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 the negative socio-economic impacts of climate change on **vulnerable rural households**.

Financing

Green Climate Fund

Duration

2019 - 2024 (5 years)

Stakeholders

Namibia's rural communities, communal conservancies, community forests, academia, farmers' associations and unions, water point committees and Regional Councils.

Project budget

Total budget: USD 9.064 million
(USD 8.904 million from the Green Climate Fund and USD 160,000 from the Government of the Republic of Namibia)

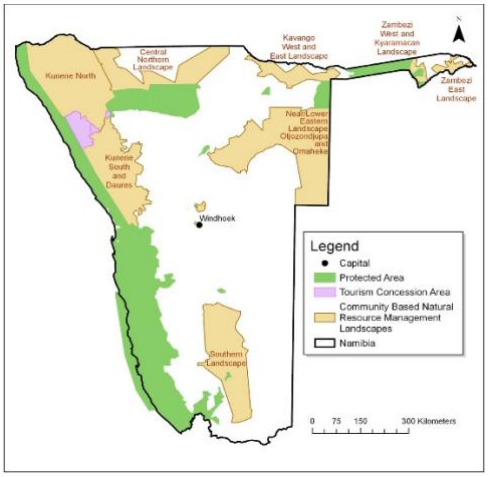
Project Partners

National Designated Authority and Executing Entity:
Ministry of Environment Forestry and Tourism

Accredited Entity:
Environmental Investment Fund of Namibia

Fund Management:
Environmental Investment Fund of Namibia

Target Landscapes



SAP006-EbA Project Components

The project activities will be implemented through three complementary components:

Component 1 Awareness Raising and Institutional Development	**Component 2** Grant Making and Disbursement Facility	**Component 3** Policy Development and Documentation of Best Practices
USD 1,045,000	**USD 6,930,000**	**USD 635,000**
Activities: ➢ Develop landscape management investment plans and strategies ➢ Undertake training to deploy EbA concepts ➢ Develop land use compliance monitoring and enforcement systems at landscape level.	**Activities:** ➢ Restoration and climate proofing: grant support implementation of landscape and local level adaptation plans in respective landscapes ➢ Eco-enterprise adaptation: financial Investment directly to Small and Medium Enterprises supporting the strengthening of value chains and market access	**Activities:** ➢ Develop knowledge products ➢ Ecosystems-based adaptation policy and strategy development and advocacy workshops ➢ Mainstream ecosystems-based adaptation into national development plans ➢ Policy based assessment and documentaries on best practices produced

SAP006-EbA Project Beneficiaries

- Gazetted Communal Conservancies
- Gazetted Community Forests
- Namibian Association of CBNRM Support Organizations (NACSO) (NACSO will provide direct services to the rural communities) residing within the eight landscapes targeted by the project.
- Non-Government Organizations (NGOs) and Academia
- Village Councils and Settlement Committees, Farmers' Associations and Unions
- Relevant sectoral Community-Based Organizations active in water point and basin management, grazing and rangeland management committees, fisheries management, and agriculture management at ecosystems level).

SAP006-EbA Project Links

- https://eba.eif.org.na
- https://www.greenclimate.fund/project/sap006

SAP006-EbA Project Anticipated Impacts

- 3,501 sustainable climate resilient jobs secured and potential for 150-200 spin-off or seasonal jobs
- More than 100 individuals empowered to promote the integration of climate change risk into spatial planning and land allocation among rural communities
- Ecosystems-based adaptation strategy and policy that will be mainstreamed into national development plans
- Strengthened collaboration among stakeholders and activities that secure livelihoods of target audiences are pioneered
- Living standards and empowerment of marginalised and vulnerable members of the resident society are improved within target landscapes

Green Climate Fund Results Areas

- Ecosystem and ecosystems services
- Health, food and water security
- Livelihoods of people and communities

Contribution towards UN Sustainable Development Goals

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