

Ecosystem-based Adaptation(EbA)

“Building Resilience of Communities Living in Landscapes Threatened Under Climate Change Through an Ecosystem Based Adaptation Approach”



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.

At its 22nd meeting of the Board in 28th February 2019, the Green Climate Fund approved funding for the EbA project entitled “Building Resilience Of Communities Living in Eight Landscapes Threatened Under Climate Change Through an Ecosystem Based Adaptation Approach”

The project, expected to build adaptation measures for more than 216000 (direct 60 000 and indirect 156 000) Namibians. EbA project is focus on gender responsive adaptation measures thus 50% of the beneficiaries are women. The beneficiaries constitute 7.5% of Namibia’s total population.

Project Location

- The project is implemented in 13 of the 14 political regions of Namibia which are clustered into 8 landscapes:
- Southern Landscape
- Kunene South and Daures Landscape
- Kunene North Landscape
- Lower Eastern Landscape
- North Central Landscape
- Kavango East & West
- Zambesi East
- Zambesi West
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Project Objectives

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.

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**.

Financing

Green Climate Fund

Duration

2019 – 2024 (5 years)

Stakeholders

Namibia’s rural communities, communal conservancies, forestry conservancies, academia, farmers associations and unions, water point committees and regional councils

Project budget

Total budget: USD 9,064,000.00
(GRN 160,000.00 + GCF 8,904,000.00)

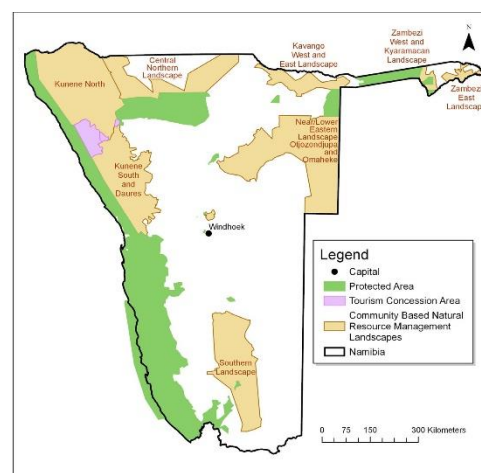
Project Partners

National Designated Authority:
Ministry of Environment Forestry & Tourism

Accredited Entity:
Environmental Investment Fund of Namibia

Fund Management:
Environmental Investment Fund of Namibia

Target Landscapes



EbA Project Components

The project activities will be implemented through three complementary components

Component 1	Component 2	Component 3
Awareness Raising & Institutional Development	Grant Making & Disbursement Facility	Policy Development & Documentation of Best Practices
USD 945 000.00	USD 6 930 000.00	USD 575 000.00
Activities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ 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: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Restoration and Climate Proofing: Grant Support implementation of landscape and local level adaptation plans in respective landscapes ➤ Eco-enterprise Adaptation: Financial Investment directly to SME supporting the strengthening of value chains and market access 	Activities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Develop knowledge products ➤ EbA policy & strategy development and advocacy workshops ➤ Mainstream EbA into national development plans ➤ Policy based assessment and documentaries on best practices produced

EbA Project Beneficiaries

- Gazetted *Communal Conservancies*.
- Gazetted *Community Forests* in Namibia
- NACSO - Non-Government Organizations (NGOs) and the Academia e.g. University of Namibia.
- *NACSO will provide direct services to rural communities residing within the eight landscapes targeted by the project.*
- Village Councils and Settlement Committees, Farmers Associations & Unions
- Relevant sectoral CBOs in (water point committees, grazing committees, Grazing/rangelands, water, fisheries, and agriculture at ecosystems level).

EbA Project Proposal Link

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

EbA Project Anticipated Impact

- Secure 3501 sustainable climate resilient jobs
- Empower more than 100 individuals who promote the integration of climate change risk into spatial planning and land allocation among rural communities
- Develop an EbA strategy and policy that will be inclusive of national development plans
- Promotes collaboration among stakeholders and pioneer activities that secure livelihoods of target audiences
- Empower and Improve living standards of marginalised and vulnerable members of the resident society within target landscapes

Green Climate Fund Results Areas

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

UN Sustainable Development Goal



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