

NEWSPAPER ARTICLE FOR THE RESILIENCE AGRICULTURE CLUSTER PROJECT (RACP) ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL SAFEGUARD DOCUMENTS DISCLOSURE

A. General

As part of the implementation of its sector policy Resilience Agriculture Cluster project (RACP), the Government of Zimbabwe, with the support of the African Development Bank, initiated the Zimbabwe Resilience Agriculture Cluster Project (RACP) P-ZW-AA0-023 of an amount of USD \$9,428,194 for a period of four years. The project will be implemented in the following areas/localities: Mashonaland East, Mashonaland Central, Midlands and Matebeleland North.

B. Summary description of the Project

The Resilience Agriculture Cluster Project (RACP) is a targeted investment designed to strengthen smallholder farmers' ability to withstand droughts, floods and other climate shocks. Building on the ongoing Smallholder Agriculture Cluster Project, RACP focuses on increasing incomes, improving household nutrition and making rural livelihoods more resilient. The project has three main objectives. (i) It promotes inclusive, climate smart and nutrition sensitive value chains by training farmers in improved production practices, post harvest management and climate information use. It will also pilot weather based agricultural insurance to help farmers manage risk; (ii) It will climate proof key rural infrastructure. This includes strengthening irrigation schemes, improving feeder roads, expanding rainwater harvesting systems, supporting catchment restoration and installing automated weather stations to improve early warning systems. These investments are meant to stabilise production, protect water resources and reduce losses during extreme weather events; and (iii) The project will strengthen institutional capacity for climate resilience. This involves supporting coordination platforms, building technical skills within government institutions and ensuring environmental and social safeguards are properly implemented. RACP is expected to directly benefit over 90,000 smallholder farmers, with at least half being women and a strong focus on youth inclusion. By improving water access, strengthening market linkages and promoting sustainable land management, the project aims to deliver more reliable harvests, higher incomes and stronger community resilience in some of Zimbabwe's most climate vulnerable districts.

C. Compliance with environmental and social safeguards provisions and procedures

In accordance with the requirements of national legislation on environmental and social safeguards, and the requirements of the environmental and social Operational Safeguards (OS) of the African Development Bank (AfDB), the following mandatory environmental and social management documents have been prepared: (i) Environmental and social management plans (ESMPs); (ii) a stakeholder participation plan (SEP); (iii) Grievance Redress Mechanism (GRM); (iv) Integrated Pest Management Plan (v) Financial Agreement – Environmental and Social management Plans (FA-ESMP).

The specific objectives of these studies are respectively:

- assess all environmental and social risks and impacts (negative and positive) of the project;
- adopt measures, activities and mechanisms to be implemented to avoid or minimize E&S risks and negative impacts;
- adopt measures, activities and mechanisms to be implemented to maximize/optimize the positive E&S impacts of the project;
- assess the risks of damage/loss to physical assets (land, real estate) and sources of income, etc.;

- adopt participatory mechanisms to compensate for damage and loss of physical property and livelihoods;
- prevent or manage the direct and indirect harmful effects of the use of pesticides and other synthetic chemical inputs that could be used as part of the project.

In compliance with national legislation on environmental and social assessments, and the E&S requirements of the African Development Bank (AfDB) mentioned above, the Ministry of Environment, Climate, and Wildlife (MECW) through the Environment Management Agency has approved the said documents as well as the management measures proposed there. The Environmental Compliance Certificates/Environmental Permits no. L10000166521, L10000166521, L10000166530, L10000165501 and L10000165502 of 09/02/26, 09/02/26, 09/02/26, 05/02/26, 06/02/26 respectively, was issued for this purpose.

D. Availability and accessibility of documents approved by the Government

The approved reports are available for consultation by any interested party at the following addresses:

- Smallholder Agriculture Cluster Project, 15 Coventry rd, Harare, Zimbabwe;
- Environmental Management Agency, Cnr Lorraine Dr/Faber Rd, Blufhill Harare, www.ema.co.zw;
- Kusile RDC, Stand 250, P.O Box 21 Lupane
- Murehwa RDC, Private Bag 601, Murewa, www.murewardc.org.zw
- Mutoko RDC, Box 130 Mutoko
- Hwange RDC, Stand 119 Lukosi Service Centre, P.O Box 165 Hwange
- Zibagwe RDC Stand 1211-1214 ED Munangagwa Way, Kwekwe
- Pfura RDC, Dotito Council Offices, Box 277 Mt Darwin pfurardc1@gmail.com
- Chaminuka RDC, 1 Mugabe Street, Shamva
- Sanyati RDC, No 8 Warwick Street, Kadoma
- Zvimba RDC, 156 Nyamangara Road, P.O Box 2010, Murombedzi
- Chegutu RDC, No 3 Alexander Avenue, P.O Box 13 Chegutu

District	Matched Irrigation Scheme (from SACP RPA)
1. Hwange	Lukosi Irrigation Scheme
	Msuna Irrigation Scheme
2. Lupane	Tsokongwe Irrigation Scheme
3. Kwekwe	Sessombi Irrigation Scheme;
	Senkwasi Irrigation Scheme;
	Wozoli Irrigation Scheme
	Igogo irrigation Scheme
4. Shamva	Milsonia Irrigation Scheme
	Eben Irrigation Scheme
	Princippe A & B Irrigation Schemes
5. Mt Darwin	Banana Irrigation Scheme
	Tsakare A & B Irrigation Scheme
	Chippa Irrigation Scheme
	Mutondwe Irrigation Scheme
6. Zvimba	Chesa Mutondwe Irrigation Scheme
	Chomutamba Irrigation Scheme
	Lazenby irrigation Scheme
7. Chegutu	Shamrock B Irrigation Scheme

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8. Sanyati	Seke Sanyati Irrigation Scheme
	Chiwirirano Irrigation Scheme
	Takavinga Irrigation Scheme
9. Murehwa	Don Rungano Irrigation Scheme
	Athlone irrigation Scheme
	River Valley Farm Irrigation Scheme
10. Mutoko	Chipo Irrigation Scheme


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