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**REQUEST FOR DISCLOSURE OF ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL SAFEGUARD DOCUMENTS FOR THE RESILIENCE AGRICULTURE CLUSTER PROJECT (RACP) ON MINISTRY WEBSITES**

The Ministry is kindly requesting you to assist in publishing the following approved documents on your Ministry's website for the Resilience Agriculture Cluster Project (RACP):

1. Environmental and Social Management Plans (ESMP)
2. Grievance Redress Mechanism (GRM)
3. Stakeholder Engagement Plan (SEP)
4. Pest Management Plan (PMP)

The documents were developed by a consultant working under the Smallholder Agriculture Cluster Project (SACP) and approved for disclosure by the African Development Bank (AfDB). As you may be aware, the Government of Zimbabwe is seeking a grant of USD 9.4 million from the African Development Bank Fund (AfDB) under its Climate Adaptation Window (CAW). This funding is intended to bolster government initiatives aimed at strengthening smallholder farmer resilience.

The grant will serve as an additional financing component to the ongoing Smallholder Agriculture Cluster Project (SACP).


The proposed Resilience Agriculture Cluster Project (RACP) is designed to extend benefits to an estimated 14,000 smallholder farmers (with a target of 50% women and 30% youth). This will be achieved through the establishment of 100 Village Business Units, 52 automated weather stations, soil conservation works, and comprehensive capacity-building programs, all aimed at enhancing farmer resilience to climate change.

In accordance with the environmental regulations and policies of Zimbabwe and the operational safeguards of the AfDB, an Environmental and Social Impact Assessment is mandatory. Consequently, Environmental and Social Management Plans (ESMPs) were developed for Matabeleland North, Midlands, Mash East, Mash West and Mash Central provinces. This was done in close consultation with the Zimbabwe Environmental Management Agency (EMA) to ensure full compliance with national legislation and AfDB requirements.

As a final step in the approval process, the AfDB requires the Government of Zimbabwe to publicly disclose the approved documents. We therefore request you to kindly assist with the disclosure of the documents.

We appreciate your continued support and cooperation in this matter.

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