

Upscaling a locally-led adaptation small grants facility for South Africa | Enhanced Direct Access Project

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Adaptation Policy and Resourcing

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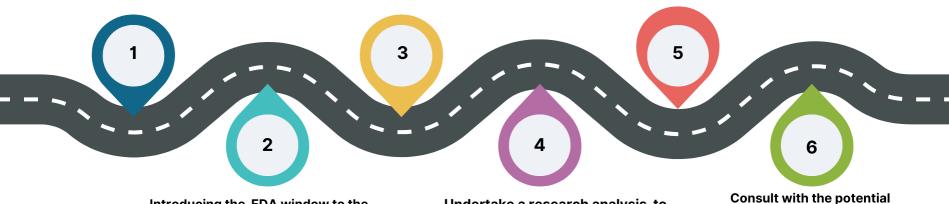
- Nominated by the National Designated Authority (Department of Forestry and Fisheries)
- Accredited in 2011, reaccredited in 2019, currently applying for reaccreditation again
- Only National Implementing Entity in South Africa
- AF only focuses on grant-based adaptation

Process to date

Attended the Adaptation Fund Enhanced Direct Access (EDA) Workshop May 2023

Developed a laundry list of potential areas to implement the project | July-August 2023

Onboard the consultant to start drafting the Concept Note October 2023



Introducing the EDA window to the National Designated Authority | June 2023

Undertake a research analysis to narrow the list to 4 District Municipalities | August 2023-February 2023 partnering municipalities | June 2024

Ongoing bilateral discussions



Project Design

COMPONENT

1.
Grant
development &
implementatio
n capacity
development

COMPONENT

2.

Locally led

concrete

adaptation

activities

Outcome 1.1

Capacity of subnational government, grant-eligible institutions and partners to support, design and implement EbA subprojects strengthened.

Outcome 1.2

Knowledge and lessons learned in grant development & implementation captured and disseminated

Outcome 2.1

Rural livelihoods enhanced and diversified in response to climate change

Outcome 2.2

Built-infrastructure assets in communities vulnerable to climate change provided/strengthened

Outcome 2.3

Ecological infrastructure assets maintained/improved in support of climate change adaptation

COMPONENT

3.
Towards a locally-led adaptation grant facility

Outcome 3.1

Knowledge and lessons learned for LLA and supporting systems captured and disseminated

Outcome 3.2

National locally-led adaptation grant facility framework established

Outputs

- 1.1.1 Local organizations supported to co-create and lead project development and implementation
- 1.2.1 Project communication plan focusing on increased awareness on LLA of subnational government, civil society, and communities
- 1.2.2 Cross-district knowledge exchanges and case studies
- 2.1.1 Sustainable and climate-resilient rural livelihood sub-project
- 2.2.1 Provision of climate-resilient assets (water tanks, solar geysers, etc)
- 2.3.1 Improved management and restoration of degraded ecological infrastructure
- 3.1.1 Project communication plan and products, focusing on increased awareness on LLA of subnational government, civil society, and communities
- 3.1.2 Inter- and intra-district knowledge exchanges & case studies
- 3.2.1 Development of a framework for an innovative National locally-led adaptation grant facility

Main Outcome

If climate adaptation response strategies are mainstreamed into local practices and concrete adaptation projects are implemented, then the vulnerability of communities in targeted municipalities to the effects of climate change will be reduced **because**

assets, livelihoods

and ecosystem

services will be

protected from

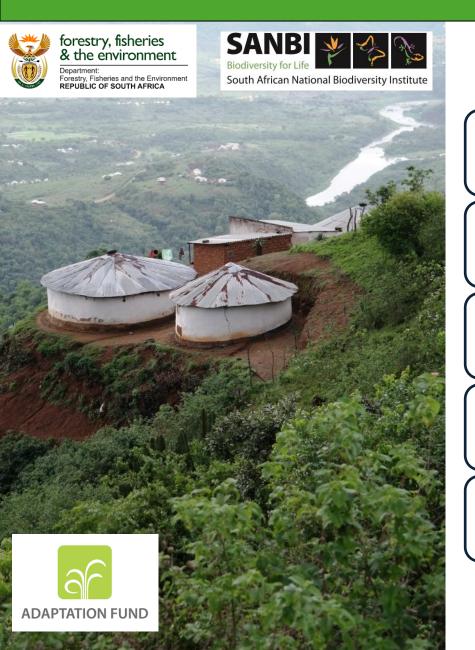
and impacts

climate change risks



This design responds to the lesson of the former Small Grant Facility Project

Challenges in project design



Co-ordinate the cross-sectoral consultations

Complexity of site selection (technical selection and readiness)

Adjusting to a new context while upscaling

Lack of standardised data at the municipality levels

Unforeseen delays in convening for strategic meeting

Lessons learned during project design

Involve the partnering municipalities early and collaborate with them to co-design the interventions.

Draw from the lessons of the former project to ensure we do not repeat the same mistakes.

Hold bilateral discussions with the NDA to keep them informed and to unlock opportunities that can expedite the project design process.

Manage the project inception tightly, adhering to deadlines, tracking action logs, and incorporating suggestions effectively.