

South African Entity of the Adaptation Fund and Green Climate Fund

The AF's first 'Enhanced Direct Access' project: Empowering South Africa's NIE to directly identify and fund local adaptation projects

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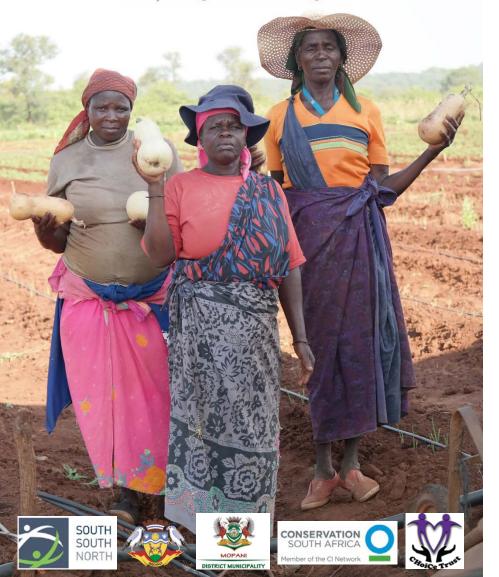


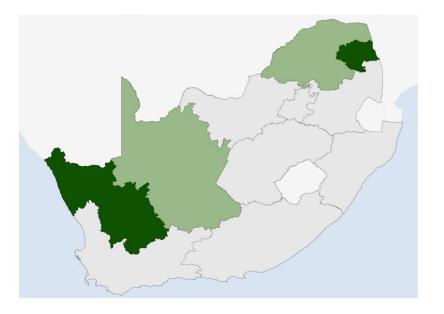
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Taking Adaptation to the Ground: A Small Grants Facility for enabling local level responses to climate change

(USD 2.5 million)

- Fund at least 12 small grants
- Approx. USD100 000 each
- Provide ongoing support

The SGF process to date

October 2016 to present

- Advertisements in local media
- Capacity building and match-making events
- Concept note submission and review (over 70 received)
- Detailed proposal solicitation (onging)
- Review and safeguard screening
- Contracting
- Implementation including iterative management and learning
- Transparent local and national governance throughout



Biodiversity and Red Meat Cooperative Project – Land & Livestock Adaptation



High level progress to date

9 projects approved, 4 in advanced implementation

Interventions include:

- Raising climate resilient livestock
- Producing climate resilient rooibos tea
- Climate smart vegetable production
- Investments in water security
- Investments in saving schemes
- Investments in climate proof infrastructure

$2931 \ {\rm direct} \ {\rm project} \ {\rm beneficiaries}$



Enhancing Food Security with Climate-Smart Agriculture - Khanimamda





Climate proofing settlements – Environmental Monitoring Group

What has the AF's investment in 'Enhanced Direct Access' enabled?

- EDA has significantly increased country ownership of the climate change agenda
- EDA has **strengthened governance** for Climate Change Finance in SA
- EDA has come to be a recognised modality for climate finance - note GCF
 EDA pilot Request for Proposals
- SANBI is developing a USD 10 million GCF SGF project that builds on the AF project.



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Take home messages:

Adaptation is a local issue and if we are to fully address it, nuanced and iterative local responses are needed

We need to not be afraid to step into the fire and stay there as we figure out how to address the challenges, and make a real lasting impact in vulnerable communities who need these interventions most



Climate proofing small-scale rooibos tea production project – Heiveld Cooperative





SANBI staff in the field with project implementers

Thank you Adaptation Fund!





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