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23 September 2020

Adaptation Fund Board

**Proposal for Zimbabwe**

Zimbabwe: Strengthening Local Communities’ Adaptive Capacity and Resilience to Climate Change Through Sustainable Groundwater Exploitation in Zimbabwe (Fully-developed project; The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO); ZWE/CIE/Water/2018/1; US$ 5,000,000).

Having considered the recommendation of the Project and Programme Review Committee, the Adaptation Fund Board (the Board) decides to:

1. Not approve the fully-developed project document, as supplemented by the clarification responses provided by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) to the request made by the technical review;
2. Suggest that UNESCO reformulate the proposal taking into account the observations in the review sheet annexed to the notification of the Board’s decision, as well as the following issues:
3. The proposal should address the issues related to compliance with the ESP and the GP, and in particular in relation to the USPs and the ESMP; and
4. The proposal should better inform its implementation arrangements, providing detailed information on the specific roles and responsibilities of the executing entities.
5. Request UNESCO to transmit the observations under subparagraph b) to the Government of Zimbabwe.

**Decision B.35.a-35.b/57**