



ADAPTATION FUND

28 July 2022

Adaptation Fund Board

Proposal for Botswana, Malawi, Mozambique, South Africa, Zambia, Zimbabwe (IFAD)

Botswana, Malawi, Mozambique, South Africa, Zambia, Zimbabwe: Enhancing Water and Food Security through Sustainable Groundwater Development in the SADC Region (Concept note; International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD); AF00000265; US\$ 13,932,000)

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

- (a) Not endorse the concept note, as supplemented by the clarification responses provided by the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) to the request made by the technical review;
- (b) Suggest that IFAD 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:
 - (i) The proposal should demonstrate compliance with the Fund's Environmental and Social Policy and Gender Policy;
 - (ii) The proposal should demonstrate the sustainability of the proposed interventions;
 - (iii) The proponent should demonstrate that adequate consultations were held, and that the risk of maladaptation associated with development of groundwater extraction is avoided;
- (c) Request IFAD to transmit the observations under subparagraph (b) to the Governments of Botswana, Malawi, Mozambique, South Africa, Zambia and Zimbabwe.

Decision B.38-39/14