



**Enhancing Resilience of Communities and Ecosystems
in the Face of a Changing Climate in Arid and Semi-
Arid Areas of Zimbabwe**



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ADAPTATION FUND

- USD 4.989 Million Adaptation Fund Grant (2025–2029)
- Implemented by Environmental Management Agency (NIE)
- Coverage: 4 Provinces | 5 Districts
- Target: 6,000 Households
- Executing Entities: TSURO & ORAP
- Focus: Climate Adaptation in Arid & Semi-Arid Areas



Project Overview & Inception



•5-year climate adaptation initiative by EMA under the Adaptation Fund

•Objectives: Strengthen climate resilience through agroforestry, conservation agriculture, fire management, and community engagement

Key milestone meetings:

- EMA internal inception (Aug 26–29, 2024)
- High-level inception & contract signing with Executing Entities (Dec 18, 2024)
- Technical workshop for Executing Entities (Feb 18–19, 2025)
- Provincial, district, and ward inception meetings held in Mberengwa, Bulilima, and Chimanimani





Training & Capacity Building

Strengthening Community Resilience



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- **Conservation Agriculture:** 105 lead farmers trained; each leads at least 10 farmers
- **Agroforestry Practices:** 111 farmers trained; 500 tree seedlings distributed
- **Farmer Field Schools:** 14 lead farmers + 8 AGRITEX officers trained in Chimanimani
- Gender inclusion: 9 female, 5 male lead farmers
- Goal: Equip communities with climate-smart agricultural practices for improved livelihoods





Community Engagement & Environmental Initiatives

Fire Awareness & Tree Planting Activities



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- Fire awareness campaigns reached 648 people; radio talk-show conducted with ZRP, EMA, Forestry Commission, BTL
- 6 community fire-fighting committees established (15 members each)
- National Tree Planting: 650 seedlings distributed (200 to schools, 450 to communities)
- 4 community feedback meetings conducted; identified FFS and nutrition garden sites
- Outcome: Strengthened local participation, ownership, and preparedness





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Challenges, Lessons & Way Forward

CHALLENGES

- Delays in baseline study & PMU establishment
- Procurement delays (vehicles & motorbikes)
- Need for stronger coordination mechanisms

LESSONS & WAY FORWARD

- Strengthen stakeholder coordination (monthly & quarterly reviews)
- Develop communication & conflict management strategies
- Accelerate baseline study & full PMU operationalization