

 Early Warning System

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ZIMBABWE - Skills for Youth and Women Employability and Productivity
Project



Quick Facts

Countries	Zimbabwe
Financial Institutions	African Development Bank (AFDB)
Status	Approved
Bank Risk Rating	C
Voting Date	2024-09-27
Borrower	Government of Zimbabwe
Sectors	Education and Health, Law and Government
Investment Type(s)	Grant
Investment Amount (USD)	\$ 3.52 million
Loan Amount (USD)	\$ 3.50 million



Project Description

According to bank provided information, the proposed project is in line with priority number 3 of the National Development Strategy 1 (NDS1), moving the economy up the value chains and structural transformation. The NDS1 is aimed at realizing the Country's vision 2030 by among other things prioritizing the promotion of enterprise development and job creation. The project is also aligned to Zimbabwe's Youth Policy (2000) particularly strategic areas 5.2 and 5.3 youth empowerment and participation and youth employment and access to resources, respectively.. The project is aligned with the objectives and priorities of the Zimbabwe Country Brief (CB) 2024-2026 specifically, Priority Area 2-Enhanced private sector investment for inclusive growth.

The objective is to increase employment opportunities among youth and women through skills training, increased productivity, market linkages and entrepreneurship in selected agricultural value chains. Specifically, the project is aimed at (i) building critical skills for productivity through TVET institutions in the agricultural sector, (ii) support work integrated learning (WIL) through internships and job placements and (iii) link on-farm production and private off takers for the youth and women around the targeted TVET institutions.

Le projet devrait beneficier directement aux institutions d'enseignement et de formation techniques et professionnels (TVET), ainsi qu'aux femmes et aux jeunes dans des regions specifiques, notamment Mutasa dans le Manicaland, Insiza dans le Matabeleland Sud, Gweru dans les Midlands, Chegutu dans le Mashonaland Ouest, Mt Darwin dans le Mashonaland Central, Binga dans le Matabeleland Nord et Goromonzi dans le Mashonaland Est. Il est prevu que le projet ait un impact positif sur 6 groupes, beneficiant a 200 femmes, 1 000 jeunes, 400 micro, petites et moyennes entreprises (MPME) comprenant des femmes et des jeunes, et 10 cooperatives au sein de la chaine de valeur de l'agriculture. Au total, 5 000 participants devraient beneficier de diverses initiatives de formation technique et de gestion d'entreprise par le biais d'une approche de proximite. Ces beneficiaires seront activement engages dans la production, la transformation et la commercialisation des produits agricoles dans les chaines de valeur de l'horticulture, de la chevre et du poisson. Au total, six centres de formation professionnelle ont ete identifies pour beneficier du projet, notamment Binga dans le Matabeleland Nord (aquaculture), Kaguvi dans les Midlands (horticulture), Chaminuka Mashonal et Central (horticulture), Phangani dans le Matabeleland Sud (caprins), Kukwanisa dans le Manicaland (aquaculture) et Mashayamombe Mashonaland West (aquaculture). En outre, un centre national de formation pour les femmes sera egalement soutenu pour former les femmes a l'entreprenariat, a la production aquacole et a la valorisation de l'aquaculture¹⁹. La selection des sites du projet s'est appuyee sur les elements suivants (i) les entreprises existantes dans la province sur la base de leurs conditions climatiques (ii) la disponibilite de l'institution de formation professionnelle qui fournirait la formation technique requise et agregerait les produits a proximite de la communaute (iii) la disponibilite des preneurs du secteur prive qui fourniraient un marche pret pour les produits qui seront produits et iv) la disponibilite des groupes de jeunes et de femmes orientes vers la croissance qui participent deja aux chaines de valeur selectionnees.



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