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Key data

Activity basics

Type	Standard
Short name	BRIG in Wetland Communities
Contract party	Local Initiatives And Development LID Agency (30059918)
ODA	Yes
Amount and Currency	96395 USD
Amount EUR	86274
Start date	21-07-2025
End date	20-07-2026
Full name	Building Resilience & Inclusive Growth (BRIG) for Wetland-Dependent Communities in Zvishavane and Shurugwi Districts
Summary	Destructive, unregulated mining activities and climate change are driving environmental degradation and disrupting the hydrological cycle in Zvishavane and Shurugwi. This is severely impacting agriculture, livelihoods, and health and nutrition in the local communities. This project will promote community-led watershed protection including better wetland management while capacitating communities in sustainable agriculture and natural resource management. This includes training in climate issues, wetland protection, and creating community gardens and tree nurseries. Natural resource governance will be enhanced by empowering/capacitating local stakeholders including communities, CSOs, and rural district councils to co-create and implement Local Environmental Action Plans (LEAPs).

Activity details

Date of receipt of proposal	25-06-2025
Proposal’s reference number	LiD1
Budget holder	Ambassade Harare (8221HAR)
Limit access	No
Related activity	n/a

Accounting data

SAP application number	
Funds center	HAR Strengthening civil society (1703U03040023)

Policy data

Aid modality	Project support
Technical assistance	0% of the activity budget
Beneficiary location	Country
Country	Zimbabwe
Location type	District
Specific location	Shurugwi and Zvishavane Districts
CRS code	15150 Democratic participation and civil society
Policy Keywords	
Refugees & host communities	No
Team Europe Initiative	No
Policy Markers	
__Trade & The Economy	Not targeted
_Security & Stability	Not targeted
Biodiversity	Not targeted
Climate change: adaptation	Principal
Climate change: mitigation	Not targeted
Desertification	Not targeted
Equality between men & women	Principal
Migration	Not targeted
Environmental protection	Principal
Food security	Principal
Integrated water management	Principal
Wetlands	Significant
Explain your choices	This project is principally about improving food and water security by improving agriculture and natural resource management in the targeted areas that are severely affected by mining and climate change impacts. Women, who are worst affected by these issues are the primary beneficiaries across the project. Food security will be enhanced through trainings in climate-smart agriculture including the creation of community gardens and nurseries. Given the presence of wetlands in the area, attention will be paid to their value and protection, including during the development of Local Environmental Action Plans (LEAPs) in coordination with local government and the communities. All these actions have a significant bearing on progress towards climate adaptation in these areas.

Policy Appraisal

Policy relevance

- HAR Annual Plan 2025: EUR400.000 to support climate action around water.
- Programme Fund Policy Markers: Civic Space Fund
  "The thematic areas that are mentioned in the policy framework 'Strengthening Civil Society' and are relevant for CSF are: climate mitigation and adaptation, **sustainable value chains, food security, sustainable water management and/or WASH**, SRHR, women's rights and gender equality..."
- Dutch International Approach to Climate as Described in Climate Diplomacy Toolbox
  "In developing countries NL works on (access to) renewable energy, combating deforestation, **improving water management** and **climate smart agriculture**. NL stands firmly behind the Paris Agreement affirmations of the importance of providing financial resources for developing countries, including support for technology transfer and **capacity building**."

Rationale

- The problems that will be addressed by this activity are declining agricultural yields/food security and water access by communities in Shurugwi and Zvishavane due to worsening environmental conditions caused by mining impacts and climate change.
- The activity helps to address the problem by capacitating communities in climate and environment issues and climate-smart agriculture. Additionally, local councils will be supported to draft Local Environmental Action Plans in coordination with communities, to tackle some of the abovementioned threats.

Contextual analysis

- The target is to reach 734 direct beneficiaries, primarily women, who will participate in trainings, meetings, garden/nursery development, and LEAP formulation processes with local authorities.
- The participants are drawn from mostly low-income, subsistence farming households, heavily reliant on environmental services for their nutrition and water requirements, but facing worsening conditions due to the impacts of mining on the local watershed, as well as climate change impacts especially reduced rainfall and rising temperatures.
- The project partner LiD has a long track record of work in these communities, and this project is based on their experience in working on the key issues emerging from previous projects in the area.
- The intervention will reach communities in the rural districts of Shurugwi and Zvishavane where formal and informal mining is taking a heavy environmental toll, especially given weak governance and disregard for the rights and needs of communities.

Additional remarks (if applicable)

Results

Water

3.5. Empowerment of groups in vulnerable situations

Indicators
3.5. What has been achieved by this activity on empowerment of groups in vulnerable situations?
Measurements:

Food and Nutrition Security

1. Ending hunger and malnutrition

Our 2030 target is to lift 32 million people out of undernourishment, especially women and children.

Indicators
Description how the activity contributes to the result area Ending hunger and malnutrition?
Measurements:

2. Improving the performance, sustainability and resilience of smallholder farming systems

Our 2030 target is to double productivity and income of 8 million small scale food producers and to convert 8 million hectares of farmland to sustainable land use.

Indicators
Description how the activity contributes to the result area Improving the performance, sustainability and resilience of smallholder farming systems
Measurements:

D. D. Knowledge & Innovation Systems

Indicators
D.1. Number of SSFPs applying new technologies/practices that aim to transform food systems towards desirable outcomes (disaggregated for male/female)
Measurements:

B. Productivity and Income

Indicators
Outcome B.1.3. Number of female SSFPs who progressively became more empowered
Measurements:

Climate

3. Sustainable Value Chains for Critical Raw Materials & Minerals

Improve responsible business conduct and transparency in minerals and metals value chains, improve governance of the mining sector and responsible mining practices in developing countries to reduce negative impacts on people and the environment of the extraction and processing of metals and minerals.

Indicators
What has been achieved by this activity on the result area Sustainable Value Chains for Critical Raw Materials & Minerals?
Measurements:

4.1. Policy development and diplomatic outreach

Indicators
4.1.A. Adoption and implementation of inclusive forest (smart) public and private policies, plans, commitments and practices in the landscape / jurisdiction as a result of Dutch support
Measurements:

4.4. Capacity Building and Technology Transfer (Beleid voor kennis)

Indicators
What has been achieved by this activity on Capacity Building?
Measurements:

Climate Change Adaptation (SDG 13.1)

Indicators
What has been achieved by this activity on Climate change adaptation (SDG 13.1)?
Measurements:

Monitoring and evaluation

Monitoring

- **Monitoring**: the project will be monitored as follows:
  - Short call/catch-up meetings every 2 months
  - Minimum of 1 field visit by the policy officer to a project site during the 12 month implementation period
- **Reporting**: Short mid-term combined financial and narrative reports are required for submission to the Embassy. Full end of project financial and narrative reports are required for submission to FSO.

Finance

Budget breakdown

Indicative Budget Summary

Indicative Budget Summary	Cost (USD)	% Cost
Objective 1: To enhance the resilience of two wetland ecosystems by promoting sustainable market gardening and fruit tree orchard development that supports biodiversity conservation and strengthens local women's livelihoods.	13,144.00	14%
Objective 2: To strengthen smallholder women's capacity through targeted training activities that promote resilient livelihoods and adaptation to climate change impacts in Mapanzure and Chitora communities.	23,208.00	24%
Objective 3: To enhance environmental governance and wetlands protection frameworks in Shurugwi and Zvishavane districts by empowering stakeholders to reduce environmental degradation in mining communities.	28,936.00	30%
Monitoring, Evaluation and Learning	21,627.00	22%
Administration and Other Support	9,480.00	10%
Total	**96,395.00**	**100%**

Budget Summary by Cost Category

Cost Category	Cost USD	% cost
Material Inputs and equipment	12,744.00	13%
Transport Costs	13,280.00	14%
Conferencing (Venue Hire, Food and refreshments)	14,425.00	15%
Trainings and exhibitions (Facilitator allowances, SACCO, Stationery, Agric Shows)	12,096.00	13%
Media and publicity - Documentation	1,300.00	1%
Travel and subsistence (Periderms)	4,750.00	5%
Salaries	33,600.00	35%
Overheads	4,200.00	4%
Total	**96,395.00**	**100%**

- The budget of USD 96.395 is broken down/summarised above first by objectives, and then by the major cost carriers. The detailed budget forms part of the project documents.
- The budget is arithmetically correct and in the correct currency.
- Overheads are around 4%, within reason. These include salary contribution for the finance manager, phone call allowances, bank fees, and servicing a vehicle that will be used to reach the remote project sites.
- Implementation is not conditional on the budget being amended in an inception phase.

Earmarking

- NL is the sole donor and the contribution is not earmarked but based on the budget above.

Prepayments

- The activity qualifies for prepayment
- The payment structure for this activity will be:
  - 60% prepayment on signing of contracts
  - 30% on approval of mid-term reports (for assessment at Embassy, not FSO)
  - 10% on approval of final financial and narrative reports (including assessment from FSO)