

PROJECT BRIEF

Community-Based Adaptation: Scaling up Community Action for Livelihoods and Ecosystems in Southern Africa and Beyond (CBA Scale+)

Rationale Communities across Southern Africa are facing escalating climate impacts – intensifying droughts and heatwaves, floods, extreme rainfall events, and tropical cyclones – that severely affect ecosystems, land productivity & soil health, food & water security, livelihoods, and infrastructure. The CBA Scale+ Project offers a strategic response to these challenges by integrating nature-based solutions for adaptation into Community-Based Adaptation (CBA) across Mozambique, Zimbabwe, and Zambia, with lessons for the region and globally.

Objective Inclusive, gender-responsive and nature-based community-based adaptation to climate change in the targeted communities in Mozambique, Zambia and Zimbabwe acts as a stimulus for scaling locally, nationally and internationally, delivering the ultimate impact that *all* people are resilient to climate change.

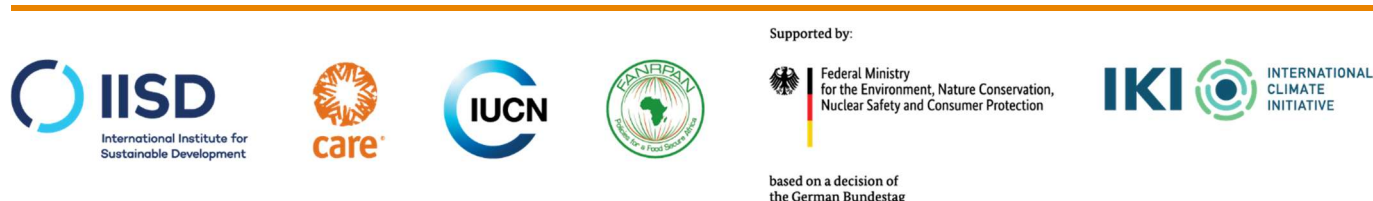
Scope CBAScale+ integrates Ecosystem-based Adaptation (EbA) and ecosystem-based disaster risk reduction (eco-DRR) into CBA, emphasising participatory processes, gender equality, and healthy ecosystems to enhance resilience and livelihood opportunities for communities facing climate shocks. The project operates at both implementation and policy levels, enables direct support to local actors while working with national and international stakeholders to strengthen the enabling environment for CBA, leveraging climate finance, sharing knowledge and influencing policy.

Expected Benefits The project aims to build resilience and adaptive capacity of over 45,000 people across nearly 100 communities through development of community-led adaptation plans. These approaches will feed into an enabling environment for nature-based CBA through vertical integration in local, national and regional climate policies. The knowledge generated will be shared to scale nature-based CBA horizontally. By creating this ripple effect – from direct community impact to systemic change – the initiative demonstrates how locally rooted action can catalyse action towards global commitments, including the Paris Agreement, Sustainable Development Goals, the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework, and the United Nations Convention on Combating Desertification.

AT A GLANCE

PROJECT GOAL	DATES	BUDGET
People of all genders and social groups in Southern Africa are resilient to the impacts of climate change. 	Nov. 2023 – Aug. 2028	€19,996,120
	REGIONS/COUNTRIES	TARGET
	Zimbabwe, Mozambique, Zambia	45,300 direct beneficiaries 370,500 indirect beneficiaries
NATURE 2030 PRIORITIES	SDGs: 1, 2, 5, 6, 13, 15, 16	
		

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