

## **Ecosystem-Based Adaptation and Mitigation in Botswana's Communal Rangelands**

ANNEX 25: Letter of Support from MOA DVS

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## **Ministry of Agricultural Development and Food Security**

14 September 2020

Vice President  
Green Climate Fund Implementing Agency  
Conservation International  
2011 Crystal Drive, Suite 500  
Arlington, VA 22202 USA  
**Attention: Stephen Panfil**

Dear Sir

### **RE: LETTER OF COMMITMENT TO SUSTAINING THE PROJECT: BUILDING RESILIENCE TO CLIMATE CHANGE AMONGST COMMUNAL FARMERS IN BOTSWANA**

I trust this finds you in good health.

This letter serves to confirm that the Ministry of Agricultural Development and Food Security (MoA) of the Government of Botswana supports to proposed project submitted to the Green Climate Fund (GCF) by Conservation International entitled Ecosystem and Livelihood Resilience in Botswana's Communal Rangelands. The project was designed under the guidance of our department and involved national, district, and local stakeholders over a year of consultations. The proposed project is therefore grounded in meeting stakeholder needs and is aligned with national interests of reducing poverty and ecosystem degradation. It clearly will improve livelihoods of farming communities grappling with climate extremes induced by global climate change through improved governance and veterinary support, restored ecosystems, and expanded market access and enterprise development activities linked to sustainable livestock production and commodity-based trade.

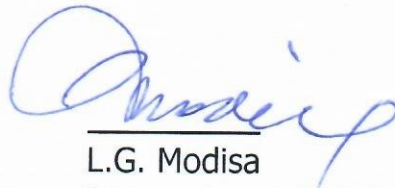
It is to this end that I inform you that MoA is committed to sustaining the project activities in Ngamiland, Kgalagadi, and Bobirwa and maintaining the equipment and systems developed through the GCF investment. Specifically, the MoA will proactively ensure funding is available for the following:

Integration of staff positions: Department of Veterinary Services Commodity Based Trade Director by 2027 and 2 Vet technicians' contractual staff per project area (Ngamiland, Kgalagadi, and Bobirwa) by 2030.

Deployment and maintenance of six new long-range drones for the delivery of vaccines to ecorangers teams (2 per project area) and village development committees as established during the project.

Thank you in anticipation of your usual co-operation.

Yours sincerely,



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To Vice President,  
Green Climate Fund Implementing Agency  
Conservation International  
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**Attn: Mr. Kurt Lonsway**

Dear Sir

**LETTER OF SUPPORT AND CO-FINANCE FOR THE PROJECT: BUILDING  
RESILIENCE TO CLIMATE CHANGE AMONGST COMMUNAL LIVESTOCK  
FARMERS IN BOTSWANA.**

1. This letter serves to confirm that the Poverty Eradication Unit (PEU) of the Office of the President supports the concept note submitted by the GDSDA/CI on building resilience to climate change amongst communal livestock farmers in Botswana'. The concept note was discussed at a national key stakeholder workshop held on the 4<sup>th</sup> April 2017 that the PEU attended. The proposed project is well aligned to national interests and has potential to improve livelihoods of farming communities and also build capacity of low skilled labourers through an innovative eco-ranger programme.
2. To this end, the PEU is willing to co-finance the project using funds from our national social security programme on labour, called Ipelegeng, for the next six years (total budget USD 56,250,000/Fifty Six million two hundred and fifty thousand) The precise amount of co-finance will be confirmed during the preparation of the full funding proposal.
3. We look forward to implementation of this project.

Yours Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Bme'.

Ms. Bernadette Malala  
**COORDINATOR-POVERTY ERADICATION**