

Empower to Adapt: Creating Climate-Change Resilient Livelihoods through CBNRM Management in Namibia

EDA Project

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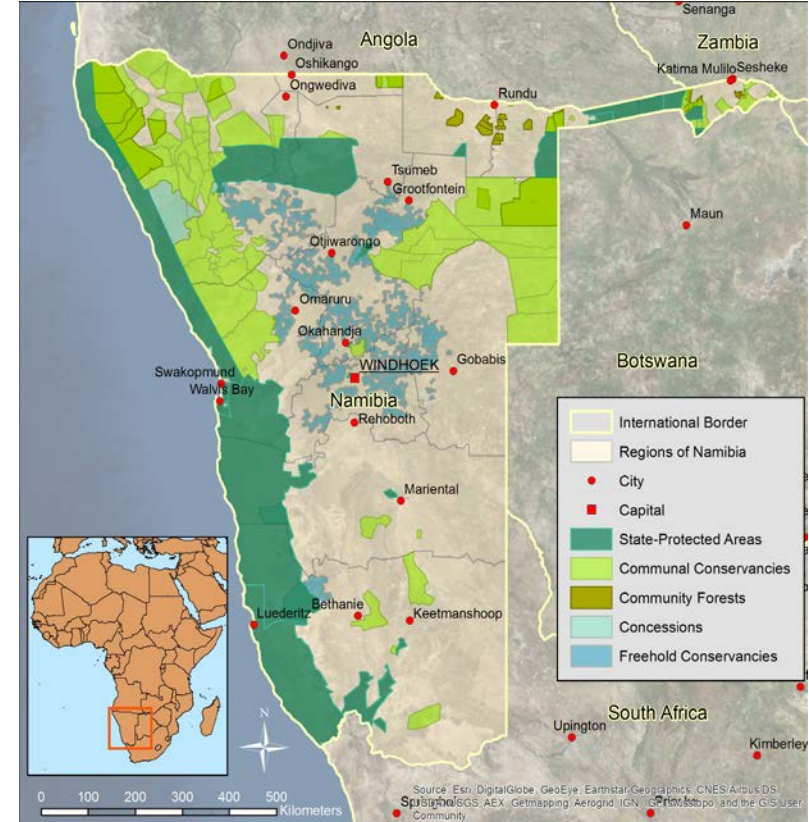
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Introduction of the Project

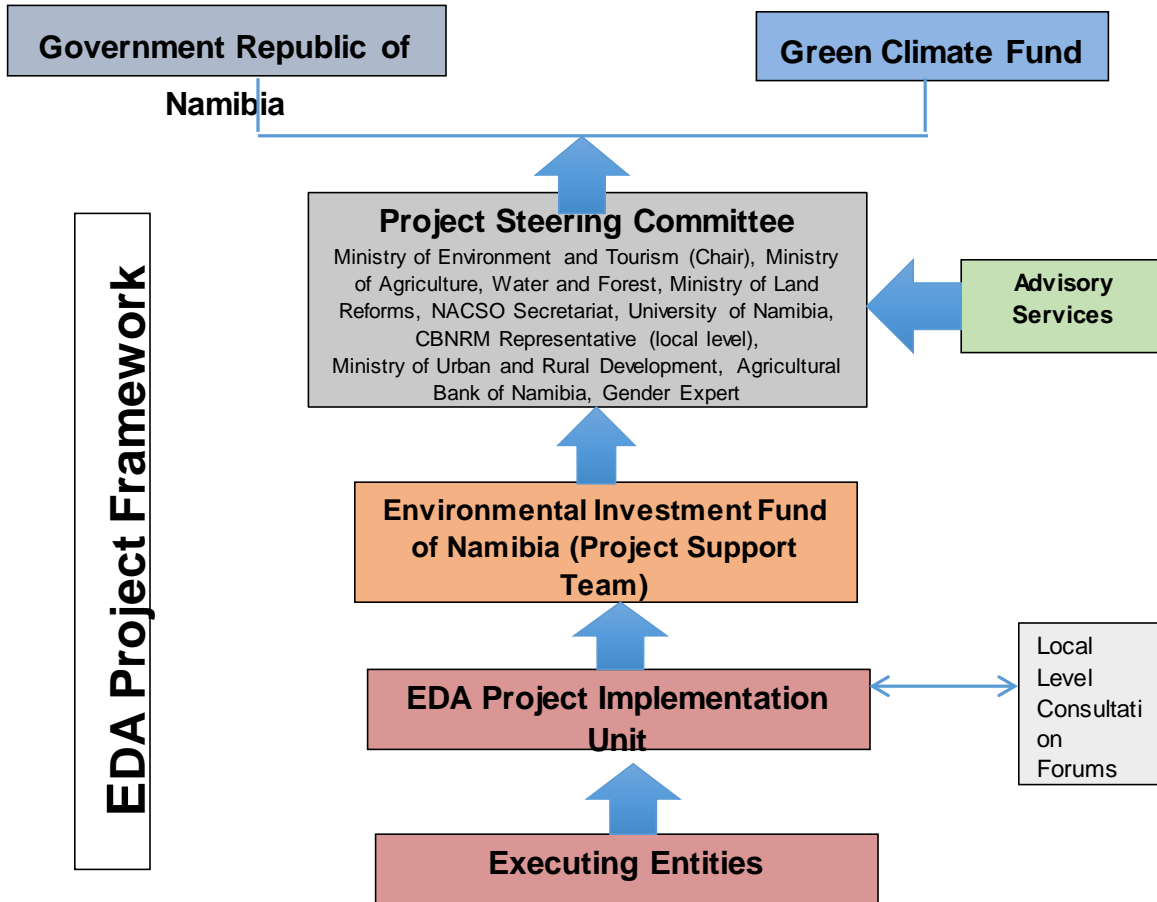
- 1. Size:** Micro Project (US\$10 Million)
- 2. Duration:** 5 years
- 3. Focus:** Adaptation Focus
- 4. Result Areas:** Most vulnerable people and communities; Health and well-being, and food and water security; Ecosystem and ecosystem services
- 5. Impacts:** +- 15,000 direct & estimated 61,000 indirect beneficiaries
+- 7,200,000 hectares sustainable management
- 6. Impl Entity:** EIF Namibia
- 7. Ex. Entities:** CBNRM CBOs and NGOs esp NACSO members.

Introduction of the Project

- seeks to build on CBNRM institutional foundation
- Seeks to address threats to CBNRM's successes by CC impacts.
- **Seeks to ensure that local communities within CBNRM areas have reduced vulnerability and increased resilience to the anticipated impacts of climate change by incorporating climate adaptation strategies into local practices so that assets, livelihoods and ecosystem services are protected from climate-induced risks associated with expected droughts, seasonal shifts and other climate disaster events.**



Introduction of the Project (cont.)



Component 1. Capacity Building and Community Support:

Supports awareness raising, capacity building and support to CBOs:

- *Climate change awareness creation*
- *Local-level climate monitoring*

Component 2. Resilient Grant Facility for CBNRM Livelihoods in Namibia:

Establishes a grant facility for resilient CBNRM livelihoods through self-determined local climate change adaptation initiatives:

- *Climate Resilient Agriculture – 6 grants, est 37,000 beneficiaries*
- *Climate Resilient Infrastructure – 15 grants, 5,600 beneficiaries*
- *Ecosystem Based Adaptation – 12 grants, est 36,000 beneficiaries*
- **Grant sizes: USD 100 000 – USD 400 000**
- **Duration: 3 years**

Funding Proposal Development Process

Process to discuss project idea with NDA and national stakeholders

- Focused stakeholder brainstorming sessions under NDA
 - Generated a tentative a pipeline
 - Secured agreement on projects for immediate development
 - Consensus – early in the process EEs as CBNRM presented a ready-made institutional arrangement

Process to develop project, including choosing of EE/delivery partners

- Procured external expertise – feasibility studies (FS)
- FP developed based on FS – by a programming specialist & subject matter experts
- Maintained consultations with NDA & stakeholders thru out

Funding Proposal Development Process

- **Main difficulties encountered related to the FP requirements:**

- Costly process: external expertise came at huge costs
- GCF readiness and PPF facilities not readily accessible at the time
- Envisaged a programmatic approach - GCF not ready at the time
- Template: same template for EDA & normal projects
- Required to demonstrate tangible results & impacts up front – not practical for EDA

- **Interaction between entity and GCF:**

- Extremely positive – Secretariat helpful in guiding;
- weekly and often daily communications
- Opportunities to respond to ITAP comments & to directly dialogue with board advisors of contributing countries were precious

Key Features of the EDA Project

- Aimed at facilitating direct benefit by CBOs (primarily) and CSO (secondary)
- Decision-making (sub-grant selection, supervision of implementation, M&E etc) devolved to multi-stakeholder NSC – chaired by NDA but with strong stakeholder
- In-built mechanisms for capturing lessons for replication, up scaling & sustainability

Lessons Learned

Lessons learned throughout the FP development and revision process

- Importance of quick turn around times – self-imposed
- Importance of demonstrating link to national policies & priorities
- Importance of good rapport with NDA & other govt entities
- FP template at the time not conducive for EDA modality
- Requirement to demonstrate real impacts & results was inconvenient esp for an on-granting project
- Communication needed on post-board approval processing – to prepare entities

What we would do differently next time

- Secure adequate funding up front for project development costs

Recommendations

Type of assistance to be sought from Secretariat during the formulation of future projects

- Facilitate easier access to PPF or Readiness support
- Subject matter expertise familiar with local or regional contexts – preliminary review and advise

To GCF as whole

- More consideration for CBO capacity-building needs
- Own proposal template for EDA (different from normal projects')
- Flexibility (without lowering standards) wrt requirements for tangible results – for EDA esp on-granting