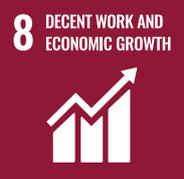




CLIMATE RESILIENCE INITIATIVE IN MALAWI (CRIM) PROJECT

- Donors: **Flanders Government**
- Project Total Budget: **US\$ 3, 393, 519**
- Implementing Partner: **Environmental Affairs Department (EAD)**
- Responsible Parties: **Kasungu and Mbelwa District Councils**



- Improved **Climate Adaptation** and Planning
- Improved **Food security**

- **Women** actively engaged and **empowered**
- Enhanced **Community resilience** and livelihoods

THE PROJECT

The Climate Resilience Initiative in Malawi (CRIM) Project commenced in 2019 to support vulnerable households improve their resilience to climate and weather-related shocks in two districts of Mzimba and Kasungu.

With funding from the Government of Flanders, the project is also supporting Government and district partners to improve the capacity of district councils to better manage, monitor and respond to climate change in the targeted districts.

The project is in line with the MW2063 and the Malawi Growth and Development Strategy (MGDS III 2017-2022) in which the Government of Malawi has made strong commitments to address the impacts of climate change.

Climate change is one of the defining challenges of our time that puts the hard-won gains that have helped communities in the sustainable development goals at risk. For the poorest and most vulnerable, climate change can undo decades of development. In Malawi, climate change has led to different climatic shocks and hazards which are increasing in intensity, frequency and unpredictability, making climate resilience ever more vital to safeguard Malawi's development gains.

Furthermore, even though Malawi has several projects in climate change and resilience, there have been few resources allocated to climate change investments from the national budget, particularly at district level, which brings in long-term sustainability challenges.





2,500

A total of 2,500 households with improved resilience

Output 1

Improved capacity of district councils to integrate climate adaptation into district development plans, budgets, and service delivery

- The project is supporting district councils to mainstream climate change adaptation interventions/issues into their district planning tools and sector plans, but also strengthen the monitoring and evaluation systems of the councils. This will enable district councils to internalize climate change into their central budgets thereby ensuring at least minimum response and management of climate risks at district and community levels.
 - **90** frontline staff and **16** local committees trained in climate resilience and adaptation.
 - **8** sectoral plans and tools with climate change adaptation.
 - **2** district budgets, **2** monitoring tools and 2 planning tools (DSOER).

Output 2

Strengthened Integrated Catchment Management

The project is supporting the councils to identify and prioritize innovative ways of implementing ecosystem-based approaches to ensure that catchments and water sheds are properly managed for sustainable livelihoods.

- **350** hectares in Kasungu and **240** hectares of land under improved soil and water conservation.
- **26** hectares of land under irrigation, (to reach 51 hectares by December with some irrigation schemes under construction)
- **348** Households benefitting from Irrigation.
- **56** hectares under planted forest, **516** hectares under natural regeneration

Output 3

Adaptive capacity of vulnerable households strengthened and exposure to climate risks reduce

The project is supporting the district councils to improve the adaptive capacities of the community members to climate change, through innovative alternative & sustainable livelihoods and income generation activities while taking into consideration the traditional knowledge and capacities in the communities.

- **MWK5,400,800** (cumulatively) income from Non-Timber Forest Products.
- A total of 51 groups accumulated **MK49,680,000**.

UNDP remains the largest service provider in the UN system supporting countries on climate change adaptation and mitigation. We are determined to protect the planet from degradation, through sustainable consumption and production, sustainably managing its natural resources and taking urgent action on climate change, so that it can work with the needs of the present and future generations.



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