

Adaptation in Drought Struck South-Western African Communities (ADSWAC)

#Community-based Adaptation #Drought Management #Climate-Resilient Agriculture

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The transboundary region spanning Cuando-Cubango in Angola and Kavango in Namibia faces mounting challenges such as recurring droughts, prolonged dry seasons, unpredictable weather patterns, and fluctuating water levels, all of which pose significant threats to local crop production.

To address these issues and enhance the resilience of communities in dealing with extreme weather events, ADSWAC focuses on strengthening adaptation capabilities.

This project specifically aims to bolster drought resilience through three main approaches:

1. enhancing climate change adaptation capacities at the local, sub-national, and regional levels;
2. developing expertise in climate-resilient agriculture and water management;
3. improving food security for rural and vulnerable populations.

By collaborating with local structures and communities, the project promotes:

- climate-resilient agricultural practices;
- diversification of livelihoods;
- access to climate information;
- knowledge dissemination;
- cross-border coordination.

The program actively engages with 160 Producer Organizations and 160 Water User Associations to address the growing frequency and severity of droughts. Additionally, 6 Climate Change Action Centers (CCACs) are being established in partnership with local communities, while Community Adaptation Action Plans (CAAPs) are being developed together with 160 communities, benefiting approximately 140,000 individuals.

