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UNIDO's Resilient Investment in Southern Africa

CONTEXT

Across Southern Africa, poor rural populations, already exposed and vulnerable to climate change, will see the risk they face increase further, given their dependence on rain-fed agriculture for subsistence farming and increased climate variability. The Resilient Investment in Southern Africa (RISA) technical assistance and investment facilities (TAF | IF) will provide economic growth, improved livelihoods, food security, social, and environmental benefits to smallholder farmers by supporting and investing in adaptation SMEs

UNIDO CONTRIBUTION AND STRATEGY

RISA is an innovative finance mechanism based on a partnership with an impact fund manager. It will be the first dedicated funding facility in the SADC region targeting SMEs with climate adaptation solutions for smallholder farmers and combining it with dedicated technical assistance. It will address persistent barriers and

lead to long lasting changes, by facilitating and enabling a market for SMEs creating climate adaptation and resilience impact. GCF participation will crowd-in private investments with a gender lens in the underfunded agricultural value chain focused on smallholders.

RISA will invest in companies offering affordable and accessible products and services improving smallholder farmers resilience, including solar-powered drip irrigation systems, greenhouses, cold storage, resilient crops, climate adaptation information technologies, and solar power transport to better access markets or renewable productive use of energy (PUE) equipment for more efficient processing.

IMPACT

RISA will contribute towards the global efforts to attain climate change goals by funding climate resilient solutions within the food and agricultural value chain.

WORKING TOWARDS THE SDGs















COUNTRIES

Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC), Lesotho, Madagascar, Malawi, Mozambique, Namibia, South Africa, Zambia



GCF FUNDING
TA Facility (UNIDO):
USD 5 million
Investment Facility (CAMCO):
USD 30 million

TOTAL FUNDING
USD 90 million

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