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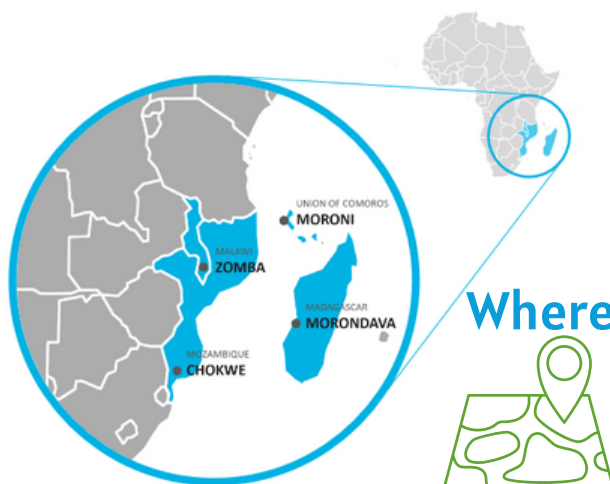
Building Urban Climate Resilience in South-Eastern Africa

What

We support 4 cities and their countries in building urban resilience in one of the region of the world most affected by climate change.

When

4 YEARS: 2020 - 2024

Where

UNION OF COMOROS
MORONI

MALAWI
ZOMBA

MADAGASCAR
MORONDAVA

MOZAMBIQUE
CHOKWE

Project components

1.

City level:

Preparation, implementation and sustainable management of 23 priority sub-projects in the 4 target cities of Morondava (Madagascar); Zomba (Malawi); Chowke (Mozambique) and Moroni (Union of Comoros).

2.

National level:

Tools and guidelines development, and training delivery ·of ministerial staff to respond to, and mitigate impact of, climate-related events in urban areas.

3.

Regional level:

Inter-country experience sharing, cross-fertilization and dissemination of lessons learned.
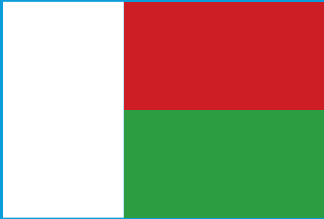
Beneficiaries

21 million urban dwellers in the four pilot countries are at risk of suffering the impact of natural disasters of these, the project is helping approximately 230,000 people in the target cities.

City level interventions

Oxfam together with the national and local authorities is in charge of the development of the following pre-identified priority sub- projects in 4 target cities:

Madagascar — Morondava

- Mangroves rehabilitation
- Urban greening interventions
- City-wide floods EWS
- Safe-haven construction
- Flood-proof elevated road construction
- Bridges reconstruction
- City drainage capacity enhancement•
- SWM improvement

Malawi — Zomba

- City-wide floods EWS
- Evacuation centres construction
- City drainage capacity enhancement
- SWM improvement
- River banks protection features
- Bridges and dams reconstruction
- Sustainable urban forest management

Mozambique — Chowke

- City drainage capacity enhancement
- Safe-havens construction
- Solid waste management improvement
- Floods EWS at community level
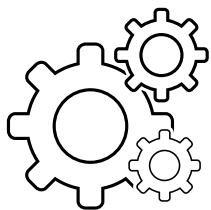
Comoros — Moroni

- Drainage capacity enhancement at neighbourhood level
- Community-managed rainwater harvesting systems
- Solid waste management improvement
- Floods EWS at the neighbourhood level

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National level interventions

UN-Habitat is leading the component 2 by leveraging the practical implementation of the projects at the city level to identify the best practices and guidelines and create the conditions for replication in other cities and towns at the national level. This component includes training and capacity-building for both central and local authorities to start laying the foundations for building urban climate resilience.

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Regional level interventions

Given that most of the extreme climate events affecting south-eastern Africa are transboundary, there is a need to enhance inter-country collaboration to mitigate the impact of natural hazards. This project through DiMSUR promotes inter-country experience sharing and cross-fertilisation and establishes a knowledge platform on urban resilience related issues that can be disseminated in the sub-region.
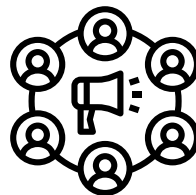
1. National tools, guidelines, policies and/or legislation for promoting urban climate adaptation developed;

2. National and local officers trained in urban climate adaptation techniques and approaches

1. Capturing and disseminating the lessons learned and best practices

2. Cross-fertilisation activities among countries

3. Experience sharing and participating to global events

Cross-cutting issues

1. MARGINALISED AND VULNERABLE GROUPS ASSESSMENT:

- Children and youth
- Women and girls
- Older persons
- Displaced/migrant families
- Persons with disabilities
- People living with HIV/AIDS

2. GENDER STRATEGY

- Reducing the vulnerability of women while building their resilience to climate risks;
- Empowering women by promoting an enabling environment where they are not considered as vulnerable individuals but as powerful agents of change

3. HUMAN RIGHTS APPROACH

The project has been designed by putting the rights of the people to a dignified life at the centre. A people-centred and human rights approach is assured with special attention to ensuring the participation,at all levels, ofmarginalised andvulnerable persons and communities