

CDKN PROJECT AT A GLANCE

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TITLE: *Strengthening regional climate change governance through integration of gender responsive climate action into regional development plans and projects.*

BACKGROUND: *The [ASSAR](#) project identified factors that are constraining adaptation planning and implementation in Namibia. Related to (i) ineffective decentralisation characterised by a mismatch in the governance system; (ii) Patriarchy, cultural barriers and limited institutional and individual capacity that is hindering socially inclusive rural development; and (iii) the blanked view of seeing local communities as homogenous people and not as socially differentiated communities.*

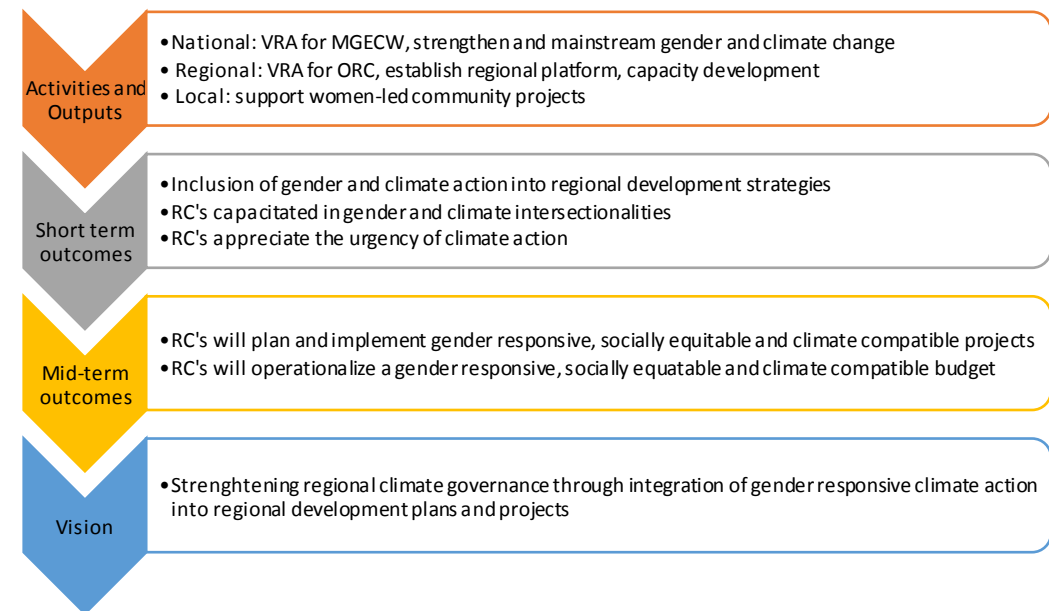
There is a need to transform ways in which Regional councils engage with rural communities to implement activities that support socially differentiated communities to improve their living conditions and reduce food insecurities. Specifically, support is needed to mainstream gender responsive climate change action into rural development governance system as well as projects and community engagement at local level.

*The **aim** of this project is to strengthen the horizontal relationship among government departments at sub-national level, support the mainstreaming of gender and climate change into national rural development strategy and enhance local participation of vulnerable people on income generating activities as livelihood strategies.*

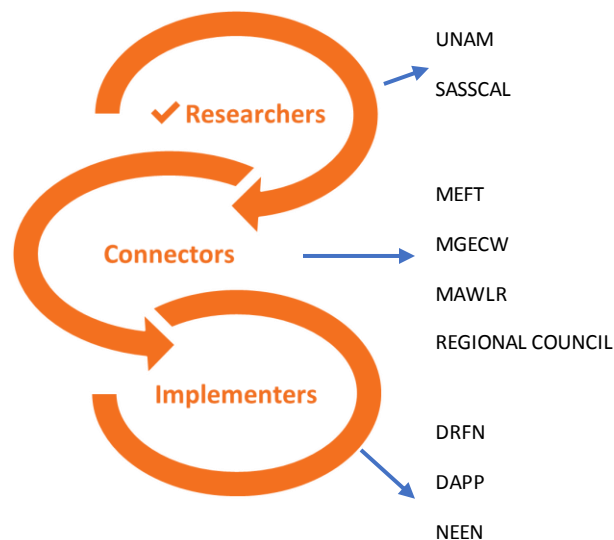
PROJECT RATIONALE: *The main aim of the project is to mainstream the gender responsive climate actions into regional (sub-national) rural development strategy and community projects. At the national level, we will engage with MGECW using a VRA to guide selection of women*

beneficiaries on the income generation activities programme in a socially differentiated manner. The VRA for Oshana region shall identify social groups and differentiated risks and vulnerabilities bringing it on par with Omusati ASSAR outputs. At strategic levels we will strengthen a gender responsive climate change governance by engaging sub-national multi-stakeholder platforms. At local level we are targeting women projects in Oshana region and vulnerable men and women group in Omusati Region. A gender – responsive approach will be applied whereby knowledge users and beneficiaries are selected for training, to attend the VRA or as income generating project beneficiaries. In Oshana Region, the two projects targeted involve women only. A project planned for support in Omusati Region targets the minority ethnic group and will involve both marginalised men and women.

THEORY OF CHANGE:



PROJECT TEAM:



PROJECT PARTNERS:

UNAM: will provide overall coordination of the project, responsible for selecting and/or synthesising and re-packaging research findings needed for engagement activities. All knowledge production activities are coordinated by UNAM in collaboration with DRFN and MEFT.

DRFN: responsible for the overall coordination of all research for impact activities, stakeholder engagement and will serve as the boundary organisation between UNAM and MGECW, MURD (University and Government).

NEEN: will provide input and play an advisory role regarding capacity building and awareness creation at all levels.

MGECW: will coordinate MGECW engagement, provide gender policy advice and contribute towards networking strengthening between MGECW climate change line ministries and other institutions.

MURD: is responsible for coordinating and mobilising the participation of decision-makers from Oshana and Omusati Region (sub-national level). MURD is expected to work closely with the National Climate Change Coordination Unit from the Ministry of Environment and Tourism (MET) and UNAM who are leading this project.

Oshana Regional Council: responsible for advisory role and coordination of Regional collaboration with this project team partnership. She is responsible for coordinating the Oshana Regional Council’s participation on VRA and selection of stakeholders to be engaged by this project.

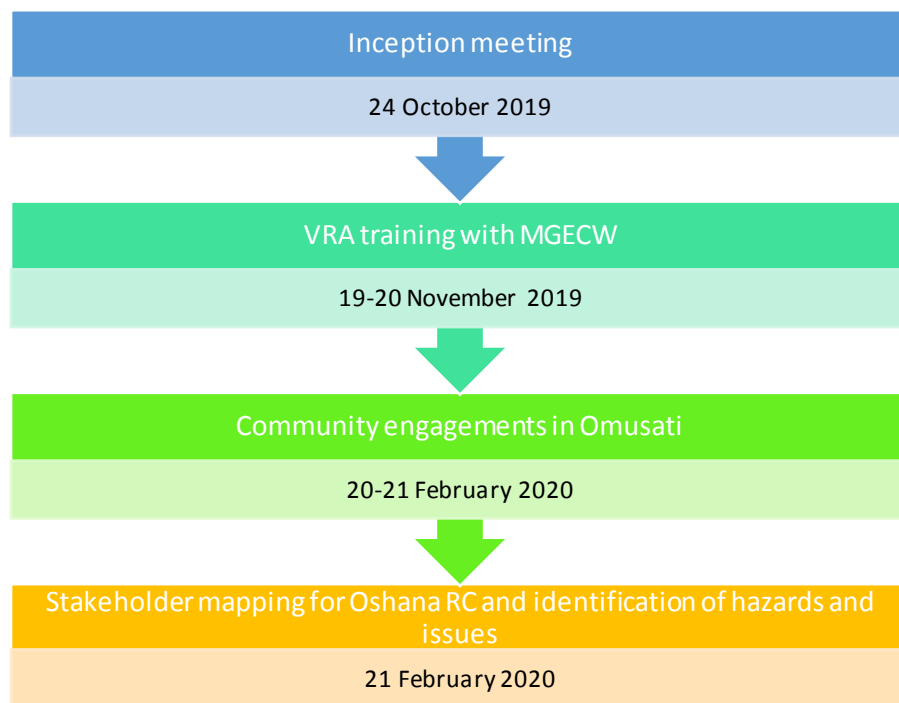
DAPP: co-facilitate the Oshana Region VRA, support community empowerment projects in Oshana and Omusati Regions and harmonise researchers and implementers’ ideas during engagement processes

MEFT: the National Climate Change Coordination Unit is responsible for providing Climate Change policy advisory role regarding the National, Regional Development Review and the decentralisation of a gender responsive climate change into regional level platforms of Oshana and Omusati Regions.

MAWF: participate as a national climate change member providing policy, scientific and practice related advisory on climate smart agriculture.

SASSCAL: responsible for giving input and advice on packaging of information for community engagements.

PROGRESS TO DATE:



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FUTURE PLANNED ACTIVITIES:

Project Outcomes	#	Deliverable (provide comment below each on update where applicable)	status
Outcome 1	1.1	Two-day training event of MGECW staff on the use of VRA as a tool.	Done
	1.2	On-going engagements, presentations and one on one meetings with relevant decision-makers and implementers from MGECW on building awareness and utilising climate change knowledge products.	Ongoing
	1.3	VRA report for MGECW on the Income Generating Activities Strategic Plan	Done
	1.4	Identification of one (1) women-only project to be funded by the MGECW through the use of the VRA tool in the Oshana region.	Done
	1.5	Identification, in collaboration with MGECW and Omusati and/or Oshana Regional Council, or marginalised groups (including both men and women) to be recipients of two small grants through this project.	July 2020
	1.6	Report on the selection process, implementation and administration of two (2) small grant projects to build climate resilience of recipients in Omusati and/or Oshana.	Aug 2020
	1.7	At least one (1) application from each region is drafted and submitted to the UNDP Adaptation Small Grants Programme for funding.	Sep 2020
Outcome 2	2.1	Inputs are provided into the National Rural Development Strategy review in order to mainstream gender responsive climate action into the updated strategy.	July 2020
	2.2	Vulnerability and Risk Assessment for Oshana Region conducted, including engagement with representatives of selected communities.	July 2020
	2.3	Platform for discussing and planning climate change that is socially equitable and gender responsive is established (either created or integrated into an existing platform) in Oshana and Omusati Regional Councils.	July 2020
	2.4	Co-creating and dissemination of relevant communicated material on climate change, and integrating gender and livelihood implications in a socially equitable manner to regional and local level decision-makers and implementers. This includes an infographic and a 20-minute documentary film product.	June 2020
Outcome 3	3.1	Conduct a desktop gender assessment of constituencies where identified projects are located to identify the social groups and main risks in targeted constituencies from Oshana and Omusati Regions.	Aug 2019
	3.2	A community level social network group is established for each selected community in which the income generating grants are allocated.	Feb 2020
	3.3	Training provided to up to three (3) CDCs and two (2) selected communities on climate change, gender and intersectionality.	Jul-Dec 2020