



QUARTER PROGRESS REPORT¹
QUARTER One | YEAR 2025

A. BASIC INFORMATION

Quantum Project ID	00099475	Reporting Date:	3/31/2026
Full Title:	Strengthening Climate Resilience in Agro-Ecological Regions I and II in Zambia (SCRALA Project)		
Start Date:	9/27/2018	Completion Date (and approved extension, if any):	7/7/2027
Total Project Fund (and fund revisions, if any):	USD 32,000,000.00	Annual Project Fund: AWP Budget \$	USD 5,506,005.00
Implementing Partner:	Ministry of Agriculture		
Donor/s:	Green Climate Fund		
Responsible Parties:	Water Resources Management Authority (WARMA), Zambia Meteorological Department (ZMD) UN World Food Programme (WFP) and UN Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO)		
Project Description	<i>Guidance: Provide a brief introduction of the project so that even someone who is not familiar with the project (e.g. staff in donors' HQs) will get a good sense of what the project is about and what it is trying to change—i.e. results it is trying to produce. [2000 characters max]</i> The Strengthening Climate Resilience of Agricultural Livelihoods in Agro-Ecological Regions I and II in Zambia (SCRALA) project is implemented by the Ministry of Agriculture through the support to the Government of Zambia by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and a grant from Green Climate Fund (GCF). The project aims to strengthen the resilience to climate change risks of the vulnerable smallholder farmers in the country's Agro-Ecological Regions I and II. The project is implemented through a value chain approach, addressing risks posed across key stages of planning, inputs, production, and post-production. The project has targeted interventions to capitalize on opportunities to strengthen and promote viable climate-resilient value chains relating to smallholder agriculture in the target regions, specifically targeting value chains that are gender sensitive and provide viable economic opportunities for women. These include three interrelated outputs: (1) Strengthening capacity of farmers to plan for climate risk. (2) Strengthening resilient agricultural production and diversification practices (for both food security and income generation); and (3) Strengthening farmers' access to markets and commercialization of introduced resilient agricultural commodities. The project interventions will have a strong focus on women, given their unique capacities and vulnerabilities. This program is targeting selected beneficiaries in 16 districts and will run up to 2025 since inception in 2018. The district Agriculture Offices in the Ministry of Agriculture lead implementation of activities, supported by responsible parties (WFP, WARMA, FAO and ZMD) and the Project Management Unit.		
Target Group	Levels	Shocks and Fragility	Socio-Economic
			Status

¹ UNDP CO Template for project Quarterly Progress Reporting, Updated as of January 2024

	☒ National ☐ Regional ☐ Sub-National (Provincial/Municipal/Brgy.) ☒ Community/Sectoral Groups	☐ Internally displace persons ☐ Migrants ☒ Persons directly affected by natural disasters ☐ Persons negatively affected by armed conflict or violence ☐ Refugees	☒ People living in multi-dimensional poverty ☒ People living under the national poverty line ☒ People living in Geographically Isolated and Disadvantaged Areas (GIDA) ☐ Unemployed persons	☐ Key populations for HIV, tuberculosis, and malaria ☐ Minorities (race, ethnicity, linguistic, religions, etc.) ☐ Persons with disabilities ☐ Sexual and gender orientation ☒ Women ☒ Youth ☐ Indigenous People
Gender Marker	☐ Gen 0 No noticeable contribution to gender equality	☐ Gen 1 Some contribution to gender equality	☒ Gen 2 Gender equality as a significant objective Insert Link to GAP	☐ Gen 3 Gender equality as a principal objective Insert Link to GAP
Contributing to Directions of Change	☐ Structural transformation accelerated, particularly green, inclusive, and digital transition	☒ Gender and Leaving no-one behind No-one left behind, centering on equitable access to opportunities and a rights-based approach to human agency and human development	☒ Building resilience Resilience built to respond to systemic uncertainty and risk	
Adopting the Development Enablers	☒ Strategic Innovation Empowering governments and communities to enhance the performance of entire systems, making them adaptive and resilient	☐ Digitalization Supporting countries to build inclusive, ethical, and sustainable digital societies	☐ Development Financing Partnering with governments and the private sector and other partners to align public finance and private capital flows with the SDGs and mobilize finance at scale	
Contributing to Moonshots	☒ Helping 100 million people to escape out of multidimensional poverty	☐ Supporting 500 million people to gain access to clean energy,	☐ Supporting 800 million people to participate in elections, many for the first time	☐ Promoting over US\$1 trillion of public expenditure and private capital investment in the SDGs.
2023-2027 CPD Outcome alignment	By 2027, ecosystems are healthier, and more people, including the marginalized and vulnerable, are more resilient, contribute to and benefit from the sustainable management and use of natural resources and environmental services, and more effective responses to climate change, shocks and stresses (UNSDCF Outcome 4)			
B.2 CPD Output indicator alignment [Choose between 1-3 applicable indicators]	Choose an item. <i>Indicator 1.3.2.: Number of small-scale farmers supported to implement gender-responsive and climate-resilient agriculture and alternative livelihoods.</i>			

	2.1.2 Number of farmers implementing climate change adaptation and mitigation strategies in UNDP-assisted communities
2022-2025 UNDP SP IRRF Output Indicator Alignment See [link] for full list of indicators.	Resilience: Supporting countries and communities in building resilience to diverse shocks and crises, including conflict, climate change, disasters and epidemics. Poverty and inequality: Tackling inequality of opportunities by investing in the enhanced capabilities people need to move above the poverty line and keep moving forwards
SDG Target Tagging	SDG 2 and 13

B. PROGRESS REVIEW

[CPD 2023-2027 indicator tracking 2024.xlsx](#)

Status of Output Indicators²

Expected output	Project Output Indicator	Accomplishment for the Reporting Period		Links to Evidence
		Quarter Target	Quarter Result	
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CPD Indicator 1.3	Indicator 1.3.2.: Number of small-scale farmers supported to implement gender-responsive and climate-resilient agriculture and alternative livelihoods.	Annual Target 66,115		Delayed implementation due to non-funding to the implementing districts in quarter one, 2026. FP072_PIMS5858_Side Letter No.1 Closing and Completions Dates Extension-signed

Status of Activities³

	Physical Performance	Financial Performance
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² Ensure Consistency with ProDoc and AWP indicators

³ Ensure Consistency with AWP

Expected output	Activity Indicator	Quarter Target	Accomplishment for the Quarter ⁴	Planned Budget	Donor Code	Expenditure ⁵	Delivery Rate ⁶
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Output 1: Smallholder farmers are able to plan for and manage water resources to support resilient agricultural production	ACTIVITY 1.1 Strengthen generation and interpretation of climate information and data collection to ensure timely and detailed weather, climate, crop and hydrological forecasts are available to support smallholder farmers in planning and management of water resources used in resilient agricultural practices	- Construction of 1 Water Quality Laboratory. - Engage ZASTI, NIPA, UNZA, CBU, MoA and WARMA to strengthen Curriculum and develop Competence Assessment Framework for Meteorology and Climate Curriculum that speaks to Agromet and Hydromet needs	Construction of the water laboratory has reached 78% progression rate with completion expected in Q4 of 2026.	\$ 689,614.00 \$40,550.00		0	
	Activity 1.2 Strengthen dissemination and use of tailored weather/climate-based agricultural advisories to ensure smallholder farmers receive the information they need for	Provide management and technical coordination of project implementation of early warning systems, generation of weather crop and water advisories.	Not started	\$56,000.00		0	0

⁴ Use traffic light to indicate progress vis-à-vis annual output targets in AWP: **Green** (Completed), **Yellow** (Ongoing), **Red** (Delayed/Not started). Data provided can be qualitative or quantitative based on the nature of the output indicator [UNDP PHL CO Data Clean-up Guidelines].

⁵ Expense + commitment + advances

⁶ (cumulative expenditure/planned budget) * 100

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		- Construction of processing/market centres in 16 project districts Chama, Nyimba, Luangwa, Rufunsa, Chongwe, Chirundu, Siavonga, Kazungula, Senanga, Sesheke, Sioma, Mulobezi, Mambwe, Gwembe, Mafinga and Chama to benefit 1600 farmers (60% F, 40%M) - Conduct training in agro processing to 1,765 (55% F, 45% M) farmers	Not started	\$720,000.00			
	Activity 3.2 Strengthen storage, aggregation and transportation of resilient products to enhance commercialization and linkages to markets and SMEs	Promote and support capacity of smallholder farmers' organizations on the use of ZAMACE and the warehouse receipt system by facilitating certification for 16 centres.	Not started	\$ 0			

C. Key Challenges and Next Steps

Explain why activity indicator targets were not met and plans to catch-up in the next quarter

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Delays in receiving funding resulted in a delayed implementation of Q1 planned activities.

D. RISK LOG UPDATE⁷

Assess identified risks and record new risks that may affect project implementation.

⁷ Ensure consistency with Risk Log in ProDoc and Quantum

Include risks identified in the Project's Social and Environmental Screening, Programme Visits, audit/spotcheck findings, if any.

Risk Category	Risk Description	Risk Validity	Risk Level	Risk Owner	Risk Status	Risk Mitigation Measure	Risk Treatment Owner	Status of Risk Treatment	Links to Evidence
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Social and Environmental	Occurrence of extreme climate events during the implementation of the project that can negatively impact construction work	12/06/2026	Low	Project Manager	Completed	The project will undertake careful planning informed by weather and climate information and scheduling of the interventions in conjunction with forecasting information.	Project Manager	The project adhered to the 2025/26 ZMD weather and climate information advisories to plan for its activities. This helped to reduce risk from moderate to low-Completed	
Operational	High government staff turnover and limited numbers of government extension staff impede retention of skills and knowledge in the relevant sectors/institutions	12/31/2026	Moderate	Project Manager	On-going	While the project will strengthen the capacity of government extension staff and build on these existing structures. It will continue to target lead farmers and champion farmers to ensure sustainability of interventions.	District Agriculture Coordinators	Trainer training activities, refresher courses, and working through the lead farmer extension model are used to ensure capacities are maintained in the districts.	
Social and Environmental	Potential adverse impacts to habitats and/ or ecosystems	12/31/2026	Moderate	Project Manager	On-going	Existing infrastructure will be utilized and	Project Engineer	Developed ESMPs are developed and are used at	

	as a result of changed hydrology through construction of weirs, boreholes and reservoirs					rehabilitated where possible. Weirs will allow high/ flood flows to pass. Dams/ ponds will not be large and will not be constructed in sensitive environments. Pump tests and hydrogeology assessments will be undertaken to confirm sustainable yields. Yield of boreholes is expected to be approx. 1.4-10 l/ s.		construction sites. On-going	
Environmental	Project involves extraction, diversion or containment of surface or groundwater. Risks include potential contamination of groundwater as a result of exposing aquifer, over-extraction of water resources, impacts to downstream habitats and users	12/31/2026	Moderate	Project Manager	On-going	The size of water storage is relatively small. Relatively few boreholes are proposed, and volume of water proposed to be extracted is not significant. Drilling of boreholes will be undertaken by experienced drilling companies and all appropriate environmental protection measures will be put in place during	Project Engineer	ESMP for irrigation schemes have been developed and are being implemented: On-going.	

							drilling. Boreholes will be protected from surface contamination once installed.			
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E. Emerging SES risks, issues of concern (All Projects)

(List new risks identified in the period under review- Emerging risk to be added to the register in quantum/Quantum +)

Non

F. Status of complaints/grievances/Feedback

*(List grievances, and current status, issues of concern, feedback received from stakeholders)
Not applicable*

Grievance/Feedback Register

No.	Description of Grievance/Feedback	Date Received	Reported By	Action Taken	Comments
1	Late payment of salaries by contractor to workers in Kazungula and Mulobezi districts	October 2025	The worker from the contractor	The country office engaged the contractor and the workers on site. The pending salaries were confirmed to have been paid to the workers, from the contractor	Final BTOR for Monitoring Mission_Site Monitoring_BZ_pm-BZ.doc (003).pdf

G. Stakeholder Engagement

Dates of Engagement (dd/mm)	Who was engaged (Name of Institution)	Issues discussed	Main Outcomes
17 th March, 2026	District Commissioner, Council Secretary, Private Partners Consortium of Barotse Ranching and Cropping	Operationalization of Malombe Irrigation Scheme. The engagement included	MOU signed between Private entity Community Beneficiaries and Ministry of

	and Brian Pickney, the Malombe community and various district government officers from Agriculture.	provincial and Headquarters of the Ministry of Agriculture and the UNDP CO for the operationalization of the irrigation scheme.	Agriculture. with well stipulated timelines, (3 years and profit sharing mechanism, and roles for each part)
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H. Communications and Visibility

Description of all communication and visibility activities & budget		Link	
A field monitoring visit was conducted in Sioma district to check on works for the Malombe Irrigation Scheme, No public communication content was produced from the mission		Final BTOR for Monitoring Mission_Site Monitoring_BZ_pm-BZ.doc (003).pdf	
Public Disclosure of Project ESMPs (bulking centre and irrigation Schemes) on CO Website		Stakeholder Response Mechanism United Nations Development Programme undp.org/sites/g/files/zskgke326/files/2026-04/final_environmental_and_social_management_plan-mini_solar_irrigation_schemes.pdf	

I. Monitoring & Evaluation

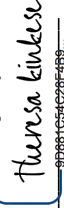
Description of all M&E activities conducted and budget		Link	
Click or tap here to enter text. - The first draft of the 2025 Annual Progress Report was submitted to the RTA. - Endline Evaluation TORs for procurement of Evaluation Consultant prepared. - Commenced review of work plans from MoA districts and Responsible parties. - Planned for field monitoring missions for the 16 districts for 2026 – focus will be final evaluation.		Evaluation ToRs 2025 APR	

J. Lessons Learned SES * (All Projects)

(Examples that highlight either successes or failures in implementing SES; lessons learnt to improve SES implementation).

#	Type	Date Identified	Successes	Shortcomings	Recommended Solutions	Submitted, updated by
	Project Management/Project Results/Human Factor/Other		Describe what has worked well. What factors supported this success?	Describe the challenges or areas for improvement and what was unanticipated	How were challenges overcome and how should things have been done differently/better?	
	SES management	January, 2026	Stakeholder Response Mechanism United Nations Development Programme undp.org/sites/g/files/zskgke326/files/2026-04/final_environmental_and_social_management_plan-mini_solar_irrigation_schemes.pdf	Continue publishing the ESMPs on the UNDP website, including the on-going engagements with the community, contractor and relevant stakeholders in the targeted sites.	The ESMPs were advertised on the UNDP website to ensure increased coverage and feedback mechanism	SES specialist

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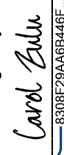

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