

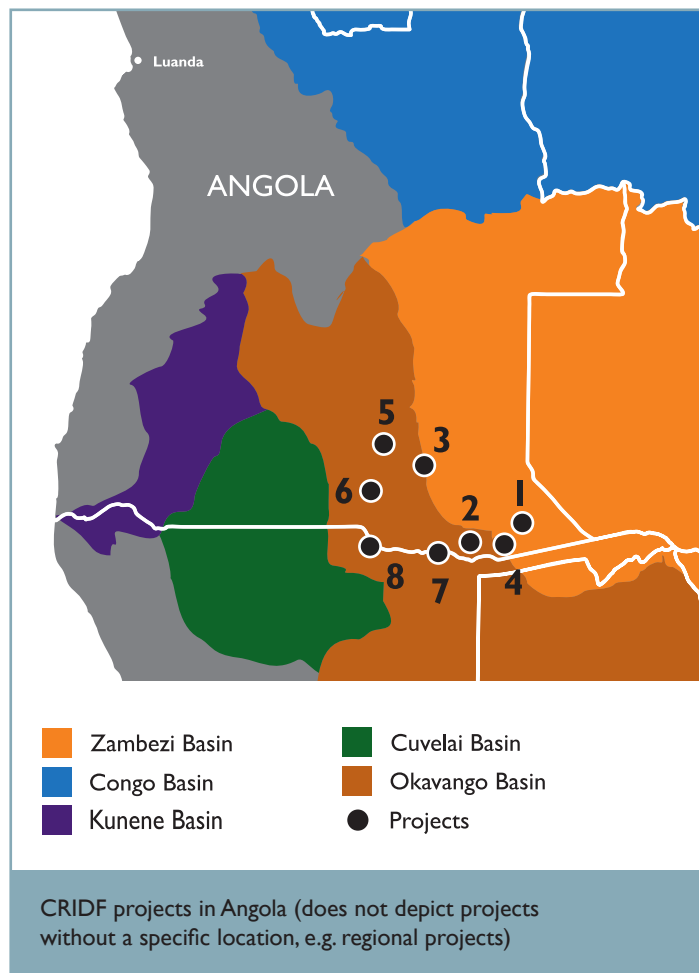
CRIDF in Angola

An overview of projects the Climate Resilient Infrastructure Development Facility (CRIDF) has engaged with in Angola

Angola has a population of 30 million and is a lower middle income country which has been affected by the recent fall in oil prices. Angola is home to the headwaters of five transboundary river basins including the Congo, the Okavango and the Zambezi. CRIDF's work in Angola has focused on supporting the Permanent Okavango River Basin Water Commission (OKACOM) and the Kavango–Zambezi Transfrontier Conservation Area (KAZA TFCA). These partnerships aim to build climate resilience for the poor through livelihood interventions.

Infrastructure planning and development in the Zambezi Basin (Angola, Botswana, Malawi, Mozambique, Namibia, Tanzania, Zambia, Zimbabwe)

In its support of the Zambezi Watercourse Commission (ZAMCOM), CRIDF developed and is supporting the implementation of the livelihoods component of the Zambezi Strategic Plan (ZSP). This will ensure water and food security for the rural poor and in so doing reduce vulnerability to climate change. To achieve this, CRIDF is supporting ZAMCOM to prepare the Programme for Integrated Development and Adaptation to Climate Change in the Zambezi Watercourse (PIDACC Zambezi) for African Development Bank funding in association with the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD).
2017–ongoing



Infrastructure planning and development in the Okavango Basin (Angola, Botswana, Namibia)

CRIDF is helping OKACOM to develop and finance a livelihoods programme that will ensure water and food security for the rural poor and reduce vulnerability to climate change. This has culminated in the establishment of the Cubango-Okavango River Basin (CORB) Fund, a fully independent hybrid fund that aims to enhance livelihoods, improve ecosystems resilience and provide equitable benefits to the riparian states of Angola, Botswana and Namibia in the shared Cubango-Okavango River Basin. CRIDF is supporting the governance, structuring and capitalisation of the fund.
2017–ongoing

Angola hydrometric gauging stations

In support of OKACOM's Protocol on Hydrological Data Sharing for the Okavango Basin, CRIDF has supported the implementation of hydrological equipment. At an OKACOM Water Resources Technical Committee (WRTC) Workshop, in November 2017 in Namibia, it was agreed that four priority hydrological gauges, all in Angola, should be refurbished. CRIDF facilitated a reconnaissance visit to the four sites with one representative from each Okavango Basin country attending. Based on decisions reached during this visit and with the agreement of the Member States, CRIDF undertook design work for the four sites. This work included detailed costings. The CRIDF work has been used by a European Commission-funded programme operating in the basin to contract both the construction and equipping of the four sites.

2018–2019

See map: project numbers 3 and 6

Calai Community Gardens

CRIDF has been supporting a UNDP-GEF programme in the Okavango Basin with the preparation of community irrigation projects in Calai District in Angola. Specifically, CRIDF is providing technical advice for feasibility studies, community mobilisation, procurement and implementation of projects that will provide climate resilience to nearly 100 households through the provision of irrigation to 14 hectares. Subject to the successful outcome of these studies, CRIDF plans to co-finance project implementation with a total estimated value of more than £500,000.

2019–ongoing

See map: project numbers 7 and 8



Okavango analysis of multi-sector investment opportunities (Angola, Botswana, Namibia)

CRIDF worked closely with OKACOM and the World Bank to identify, assess, cost and develop a multi-sectoral portfolio of potential projects focused on livelihoods, socio-economic development and water resources management. The analysis was designed within the context of the OKACOM Basin Development Management Framework. It identified livelihoods, tourism institutions and major water infrastructure as key areas for development. It also identified the benefits of transboundary collaboration.

2016–2017



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Climate resilient development pathways (Angola, Botswana, Namibia)

In partnership with OKACOM, CRIDF developed a methodology to assess and select programmes of water-related development projects designed to help reconcile tensions between river basin development and climate resilience. An important aim was to ensure that the 'climate resilient development pathways' approach is rolled out as much as possible, as such strategic decision-making can impact the lives of millions.

2016–2017



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Shared economic growth in protected areas of high biodiversity (Angola, Botswana, Namibia, Zambia, Zimbabwe)

High-value tourism areas in Southern Africa are rich in biodiversity and home to millions of poor rural people. Producing quality food in these areas would offset the water and carbon footprints associated with imports, create economic opportunities for local communities and mitigate climate risks. CRIDF identified opportunities for developing infrastructure to produce high-quality food and encourage linkages into local tourism-related value chains. Such interventions build climate resilience for the poor, support wealth creation and mitigate climate risks.

2015–2017

Water for livelihoods (Angola, Namibia, Zambia, Zimbabwe)

CRIDF has supported the KAZA TFCA Secretariat to identify livelihood interventions aimed at alleviating water shortages, reducing incidences of human–wildlife conflict and enhancing people’s basic standard of living in Angola, Namibia, Zambia and Zimbabwe. There will be more than 3,000 potential beneficiaries at the locations where feasibility studies for permanent water provisions have been completed. Power for the infrastructure needed will be provided by solar panels and wind turbines. Infrastructure construction has been completed at one site in Namibia and funding applications prepared at other sites. The approach of working with KAZA TFCA has considerable potential to be scaled-up across the region in other Transfrontier Conservation Areas.

2014–2017

See map: project number 1

Calai District water supply and sanitation

CRIDF completed the preliminary design of water supply and sanitation projects that would build water security for more than 20,000 rural people in the Calai District. The Facility also provided advice on the institutional requirements for the operation of water infrastructure in the district.

2014–2016

See map: [project number 2](#)

OKACOM engagement (Angola, Botswana, Namibia)

CRIDF helped OKACOM develop a common vision for the sustainable and equitable development of the Okavango River Basin in support of economic growth and poverty eradication in each of its member states. This project also updated and created communications products and supported key events with products and displays.

2013–2016

Useful links to the CRIDF website

[CRIDF tools and tables](#): guidance and learning produced by the programme

[CRIDF case studies](#): a demonstration of the work delivered so far by the programme

[CRIDF infographics](#): useful statistics from CRIDF countries

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ABOUT CRIDF

The Climate Resilient Infrastructure Development Facility (CRIDF) is a UK Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office (FCDO) supported programme working to provide long-term solutions to water issues that affect the lives of the poor in Southern Africa. Our focus is to work together with organisations to show them how they can better build and manage their own water infrastructure to improve people's lives. Because rivers, lakes and river basins cross borders, CRIDF is working with 12 different countries in Southern Africa that share water resources. In so doing, CRIDF aims to improve the lives of over 200 million people, many of them extremely poor.

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