PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION REPORT

Project ID:	11941
Project Name:	Drought Resilience Support Facility
Countr(ies):	Global
Implementing Agency:	World Bank

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I. Overview

A. Description

Project name
Drought Resilience Support Facility

Country
Global

GEF ID	Implementing Agency
11941	World Bank

Executing Entity
World Bank

Trust Fund	Project Type
GET	MSP

PIR Submission	Fiscal Year , PIR Number
9/2/2026	FY 2026 , 1st PIR

Objective
Support countries with advisory and analytical services to identify tangible measures, activities, and investments for enhancing drought resilience

B. Ratings and Disbursements

Implementation Progress	Development Objective
Not Rated	Not Rated

Overall risk
NA

Project Financing	Cumulative Disbursement
2,500,000.00	100,305.00

C. Key Dates

CEO Endorsement/Approval	Agency Approval
8/4/2025	6/2/2025

Implementation Start	First Disbursement
6/2/2025	10/8/2025

Expected MTR	Actual MTR
8/31/2026	
Expected Completion	Actual Completion
4/30/2028	

II. PROGRESS STATUS AND ISSUES

A. Progress: Information on progress and outcomes of project implementation activities

During its first year of implementation, the Drought Resilience Support Facility (DRSF) completed two rounds of grant proposal evaluations and issued grants to 15 regional teams to carry out drought risk management analytics to support their operations at the country and regional level. The calls for proposal received significant interest with 26 teams applying for funding, showing strong demand for funding. Grantees included 6 teams in the Africa East region, 3 in Africa West and Latin America and the Caribbean, 1 in East Asia/Pacific and 1 in Europe and Central Asia. Funding was disbursed to these teams and they have begun analytical activities. The DRSF coordination team began monitoring activities to establish baseline values for indicators and issued guidance to the grantee regional teams for indicator tracking, funding requests and knowledge management. Significant progress towards the outcome is expected in FY27 as regional teams begin to obtain results from their analytical work.

The DRSF also contributed to the Drought Risk Management Forum: SADC Platform for Disaster Risk Management & Regional Drought Resilience Workshop in September 2025 in Eswatini. This included support for the launch of the Eswatini Drought Centre of Excellence, as well as a two-day intensive technical and capacity building training for 20 senior officials (i.e., 'Drought Champions') on drought management and monitoring and early warning systems.

B. Challenges: Information on challenges of project implementation activities

Challenges thus far have been mainly logistical, including coordination with budget and trust fund staff to ensure proper transfer of funds from GEF - GEF WBG Coordination Unit - DRSF Coordination team/regional teams and ensuring proper mechanisms for hiring firms and consultants for regional teams to implement portions of the drought risk management analytics. Additional challenges may arise as regional teams begin to implement their analytics.

C. Stakeholder Engagement

External stakeholder engagement has largely not begun yet, as regional teams are still mostly in the preparation phase of their activities. Extensive internal stakeholder management was done by the DRSF coordination team to prepare proposal templates and distribute widely within the WBG to solicit proposals and carry out coordination meetings and emails with regional grantee teams. Applicants were required to submit information on their planned stakeholder engagement and the strength of this aspect of their proposals was one of the evaluation criteria used to select proposals for funding.

D. Gender Equality

Gender results have largely not been acheived yet, as regional teams are still mostly in the preparation phase of their activities. Applicants for funding were required to submit information on their gender action plan and the strength of this aspect of their proposals was one of the evaluation criteria used to select proposals for funding.

E. Knowledge Management

Several links related to the Eswatini Forum and training:
https://worldbankgroup.sharepoint.com/teams/DroughtTeam-WBGroup/_layouts/15/stream.aspx?id=%2Fteams%2FDroughtTeam%2DWBGroup%2FShared%20Documents%2FGeneral%2FCommunications%2FEswatini%2FPhotos%20and%20Videos%20from%20DRM%20Forum%20Eswatini%2FCENTER%20OF%20EXCELLENCE%203min%20%2D3%2Emp4&ct=1786727701985&or=OWA%2DNT%2DMail&cid=c9688ac5

%2D3543%2D0a7c%2Db2b3%2D617ffa5e2ab7&ga=1&referrer=StreamWebApp%2EWeb&referrerScenario=AddressBarCopied%2Eview%2Eadd569d1%2D6951%2D4ee8%2D96ab%2Dfbb1eaf915af

https://eswatinipositivenews.online/eswatini-leads-africas-fight-against-drought-with-centre-of-excellence/

https://www.worldbank.org/en/events/2025/09/15/drm-forum-2025-eswatini-sadc-platform-for-disaster-risk-management-regional-drough

https://worldbankgroup.sharepoint.com/teams/DroughtTeam-WBGroup/_layouts/15/stream.aspx?id=%2Fteams%2FDroughtTeam%2DWBGroup%2FShared%20Documents%2FGeneral%2FCommunications%2FEswatini%2FPhotos%20and%20Videos%20from%20DRM%20Forum%20Eswatini%2FART%20NEVER%20DRIES%20SHORT%20DOCUMENTARY%201%2Emp4&ct=1786727675157&or=OWA%2DNT%2DMail&cid=e2f4a709%2D48ec%2D106d%2Dc161%2D7b2fa3d88158&ga=1&referrer=StreamWebApp%2EWeb&referrerScenario=AddressBarCopied%2Eview%2E09fd0a47%2Dae6d%2D4573%2D853c%2Db45f6dea71f2

https://worldbankgroup.sharepoint.com/sites/gsgRDRM/SitePages/Blogs/%5BBlog%5D%20Painting%20hope-1764786981729.aspx

III: Minor Amendments

CONTEXT	
Result Framework	
Components and Cost	
Institutional And Implementation Arrangements	
Financial Management	
Implementation Schedule	
Executing Entity	
Executing Entity Category	
Minor Project Objective Change	
Safeguards	
Risk Analysis	
Increase of GEF Financing up to 5%	
Co-Financing	
Location of Project Activity	
others	

IV: Geographic Coordinates of Project Activities

Location Name	Latitude	Longitude	GeoName ID
Eswatini	-26.56415701644909	31.505837516515065	

Location Description:

Activity Description:

Drought risk management conference

Location Name	Latitude	Longitude	GeoName ID
Kenya	0.6899	37.9530	

Location Description:

Activity Description:

Recipient of grant to carry out drought risk management analytics

Location Name	Latitude	Longitude	GeoName ID
Cambodia	12.6991	105.0397	

Location Description:

Activity Description:

Recipient of grant to carry out drought risk management analytics

Location Name	Latitude	Longitude	GeoName ID
Uruguay	-32.7819	-56.0191	

Location Description:

Activity Description:

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Location Name	Latitude	Longitude	GeoName ID
Turkiye	38.9320	35.5688	

Location Description:

Activity Description:

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Location Name	Latitude	Longitude	GeoName ID
Zimbabwe	-18.9270	29.7178	

Location Description:

Activity Description:

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Location Name	Latitude	Longitude	GeoName ID
Ethiopia	8.7293	39.9149	

Location Description:

Activity Description:

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Location Name	Latitude	Longitude	GeoName ID
Chad	15.2834	18.4271	

Location Description:

Activity Description:

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Location Name	Latitude	Longitude	GeoName ID
Cameroon	6.2941	12.9484	

Location Description:

Activity Description:

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Location Name	Latitude	Longitude	GeoName ID
Comoros	-11.6588	43.3482	

Location Description:

Activity Description:

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Location Name	Latitude	Longitude	GeoName ID
Madagascar	-19.0416	46.6849	

Location Description:

Activity Description:

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Location Name	Latitude	Longitude	GeoName ID
Mexico	23.8743	-101.5539	

Location Description:

Activity Description:

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Location Name	Latitude	Longitude	GeoName ID
Syria	35.0975	38.5117	

Location Description:

Activity Description:

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Location Name	Latitude	Longitude	GeoName ID
Namibia	-21.9085	18.1645	

Location Description:

Activity Description:

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Location Name	Latitude	Longitude	GeoName ID
Chile	-37.8293	-70.7686	

Location Description:

Activity Description:

Recipient of grant to carry out drought risk management analytics

V. ANNEX

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