

PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION REPORT

Project ID:	11101
Project Name:	Eastern Province Jurisdictional Sustainable Landscape Program
Countr(ies):	Zambia
Implementing Agency:	World Bank

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I. Overview

A. Description

Project name

Eastern Province Jurisdictional Sustainable Landscape Program

Country

Zambia

GEF ID

11101

Implementing Agency

World Bank

Executing Entity

Ministry of Green Economy and Environment of Zambia

Trust Fund

GET

Project Type

MSP

PIR Submission

8/26/2025

Fiscal Year , PIR Number

FY 2025 , 1st PIR

Objective

To generate payments for measured, reported, and verified Emission Reductions from reduced deforestation, forest degradation, enhancement of forest carbon stocks, agriculture, and other land use sectors, and to distribute the payments according to an agreed Benefit Sharing Plan.

B. Ratings and Disbursements

Implementation Progress

Satisfactory

Development Objective

Satisfactory

Overall risk

Substantial

Project Financing

2,190,000.00

Cumulative Disbursement

364,202.00

C. Key Dates

CEO Endorsement/Approval

7/12/2023

Agency Approval

5/20/2024

Implementation Start 5/20/2024	First Disbursement 4/15/2025
Expected MTR 10/31/2027	Actual MTR
Expected Completion 10/31/2030	Actual Completion

II. PROGRESS STATUS AND ISSUES

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

Progress toward main activities include the following: (i) the permit for the Jurisdictional Program to engage in forest carbon, in accordance with Statutory Instrument 66 of 2021, was issued by the Forestry Department; (ii) the Chiefdom Emissions Reductions Performance Agreements (CERPAs) were signed by all 56 Chiefs; (iii) one Nested Emission Reduction Purchase Agreement (NERPA) was signed by a business developer, and an agreement was reached on the other NERPA with a private sector partner, the document has been submitted for clearance to the Ministry of Justice; and (iv) Measuring, Reporting and Verification (MRV) activities were completed on time, and the project submitted the first Emission Reduction Monitoring Report (ERMR) within the June 30, 2025 deadline. The findings of the ERMR will be verified by a third-party verification scheduled to take place between September and December 2025, after which the Emissions Reductions will be registered in the Carbon Asset Tracking System (CATS) for trading.

In addition, the project has carried out the following agreed activities: (i) assessed the status of 89 existing Community Forest Management Groups (CFMGs) to further tailor the additional support required by the CFMGs; (ii) supported the Forestry Department to promote participatory forest management in 10 Protected Forest Reserves (covering 141,938 hectares) through stakeholder management; (iii) carried out fire management in 25 protected forest areas as part of sustainable forest management; and (iv) supported the Ministry of Agriculture in identifying and mapping potential sites to establish an additional 200 Farmer Field Schools and in recruiting 16,950 Lead Climate-Smart Agriculture Farmers, who will each recruit and train 10 follower farmers.

B. Challenges: Information on challenges of project implementation activities

With regard to the support envisaged under the project for wildlife management to the Department of National Parks and Wildlife, support for activities earlier planned have been paused pending the results of the ongoing institutional and capacity assessment of the Department, which include a specific review of practices in the Lukusuzi and Luambe Parks and Game Management Areas. While implementation is progressing well across all foreseen activities, delays are encountered in signing the contract for additional consultants intended to support the Project Implementation Unit. These delays are due to the new template for individual consultant contract required to be adopted by the line ministries. The Bank team has held meetings and provided additional information to the legal adviser of the Ministry of Green Economy and Environment on the new template, and will continue to follow-up to ensure contracts are signed in a manner satisfactory to the Bank.

C. Stakeholder Engagement

Stakeholders engagement activities were carried out mainly around the following (i) multiple information sessions required for signing of the Chiefdom Emissions Reductions Performance Agreements (CERPAs), (ii) collection of data for the Measuring, Reporting and Verification, (iii) preparation of the sustainable forest

management activities and implementation of the approved work plans to be supported by the project, and (iv) training of lead farmers in climate smart agriculture.

D. Gender Equality

During the reporting period the project promoted gender in community engagement and participation during the signing of the Chiefdom Emissions Reductions Performance Agreements (CERPAs), as this is key to the program strategy for including women and girls in meaningful ways in the jurisdiction program. Note that the target for women participation in all project interventions is 50%. Gender responsive measures, including training of women in leadership skills, reflecting the project's focus on active women participation in sustainable land management practices, and addresses the gender gap in adoption of sustainable land management practices and technologies are ongoing.

E. Knowledge Management

M&E Capacity building Workshop for Project Staff and Implementing Partners was carried out. The Project, together with the business developers (COMACO and BCP), held a capacity building workshop for Project staff and Implementing Partners to develop and strengthen capacities for effective and efficient monitoring & evaluation of the EPJSLP. Specifically, the training enabled participants to acquire & re-enforce knowledge on the EPJSLP: (i) M&E concepts and procedures, (ii) Results framework and the M&E plan for indicators they are responsible for, (iii) Gained a common understanding on the tools to be used in monitoring and, (iv) Reporting requirements and project results (output & outcome level).

A total of 67 (15 females and 52 males) officers drawn from the Forest Department, Ministry of Agriculture, the Local Authority, the Department of National Parks and the PIU were oriented on the use and operationalization of the EPJSLP M&E manual. Further, two project staff (Project Coordinator & M&E Officer) participated in the World Bank organized Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E) Deep Dive and Capacity Building workshop for clients in implementing agencies, including PIUs which was held from May 19-23, 2025, in Lusaka. The overall objective of the training was to enhance the monitoring and evaluation capacity of clients involved in World Bank-financed projects and programs across the Eastern and Southern Africa region. Specifically, the training aimed: i) to strengthen the design and implementation of results-focused projects and ii) to facilitate the development and use of M&E systems to improve project implementation and ensure the achievement of the objectives. Finally, the project supported a Global Experience Exchange on REDD+ Workshop: Two staff (M&E Officer and the Provincial Forest Officer) attended a three-day workshop which was part of the UN-REDD Programme capacity-building and knowledge sharing efforts to support the effective implementation of REDD+ through systematic and targeted knowledge activities in Nairobi, Kenya.

The workshop built on the REDD+ Academy's mission to address the critical capacity needs of countries engaged in REDD+, equipping 'REDD+ champions' with essential skills and understanding to drive impactful climate actions. The workshop brought together around 45 participants from Africa, Asia Pacific and Latin American and Caribbean countries with experience and/or challenges in Benefit Sharing Mechanisms thus helping put the project team in a better position as they will begin to implement and monitor their benefit sharing plan.

III: Minor Amendments

CONTEXT	
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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
Kasenengwa	-13.58229	32.516409	

Location Description:

NA

Activity Description:

Location Name	Latitude	Longitude	GeoName ID
Chama	-11.182178	32.991321	

Location Description:

NA

Activity Description:

Location Name	Latitude	Longitude	GeoName ID
Nyamba	-14.410234	30.438733	

Location Description:

NA

Activity Description:

V. ANNEX

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