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STOSAR - Support Towards the Operationalization of the SADC Regional Agricultural Policy Project

The EU-funded STOSAR project is supporting the Southern African Development Community (SADC) to operationalize its Regional Agricultural Policy (RAP). The Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) is overseeing implementation of two components of the SADC RAP whose goal is to improve agricultural production, productivity, competitiveness, food and nutrition security, and agro-industry development. This is to be achieved through two result areas:

- enhancing information on agricultural production, sustainability and competitiveness for evidence-based decision-making, and
- improving access to markets through implementation of plant and animal pest and disease control strategies at the regional level.

Through the intervention, FAO seeks to develop the long-term capacities of Member States and SADC Secretariat by strengthening the management of agricultural information systems, and improving the control of five emerging plant pests and three high-impact transboundary animal diseases. Establishing a harmonized regional agricultural and food security information system (AIMS) in SADC will facilitate collection, analysis, and dissemination of comparable agricultural information and statistical data, further enhancing compatibility of the various information systems of Member States.

Agricultural information systems and market access

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PROJECT COMPONENTS /

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AGRICULTURAL INFORMATION MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS (AIMS)

- 40% project funds

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PLANT HEALTH

- 30% project funds

Five transboundary plant pests and diseases

- Tuta absoluta
- Fall armyworm
- Fruit fly
- Maize Lethal Necrotic
- Banana Fusarium (Foc TR4)

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ANIMAL HEALTH

- 30% project funds

Three transboundary animal diseases

- Foot-and-mouth disease
- Peste des petits ruminants
- Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza

BENEFICIARIES /

Member States of the Southern African Development Community (SADC), namely: Angola, Botswana, Comoros, Democratic Republic of Congo, Eswatini, Lesotho, Madagascar, Malawi, Mauritius, Mozambique, Namibia, Seychelles, South Africa, United Republic of Tanzania, Zambia, Zimbabwe.



SADC REGION /



- Population: 345 million
- Countries: 16
- Land area: 556 781 km²



• Livestock resources

FAOSTAT, 2016.
(in millions)

- Poultry: 419.8
- Cattle: 74.9
- Goats: 56.5
- Sheep: 37.1
- Pigs: 15.1
- Equine: 1.9

PARTNERS /

SADC Secretariat, Governments of the SADC Member States through Ministries of Agriculture (MoA), National Statistics Offices (NSO), the World Organization for Animal Health (OIE), FAO/WHO Codex Alimentarius Commission, European Commission for Control of Foot and Mouth Disease (EUFMD), Regional International Academic and Research institutions, Inter-Africa Phytosanitary Council (IAPSC).

Implementing entities

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