

CLIMATE ACTION, RESILIENCE AND SUSTAINABLE LIVELIHOODS

CAPACITY STATEMENT (2026 EDITION)



ABOUT WORLD VISION ZIMBABWE

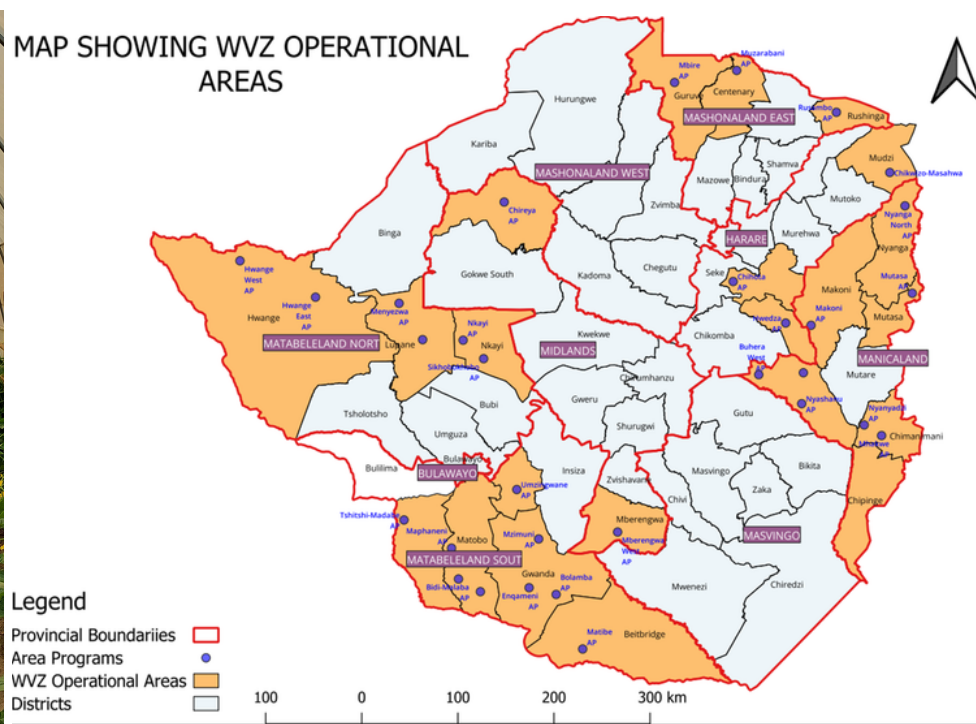
World Vision Zimbabwe (WVZ) is one of the country's largest and most established development and humanitarian organisations, with over five decades of experience supporting vulnerable children, households, and communities. As part of the global World Vision Partnership operating in nearly 100 countries, WVZ combines international technical expertise, robust fiduciary systems, and deep community presence to deliver large-scale, high-impact development programmes.

WVZ currently implements an annual portfolio exceeding USD 40 million across all ten provinces of Zimbabwe through long-term development programmes, emergency responses, and donor-funded initiatives. The organisation maintains an extensive operational footprint through district-based offices, technical specialists, and strong partnerships with government institutions, local authorities, research institutions, private sector actors, and community structures.

Our work is anchored in strengthening resilience, promoting inclusive economic growth, restoring ecosystems, improving food and nutrition security, and supporting climate adaptation among vulnerable populations. WVZ has established itself as a trusted implementation partner for government and development finance institutions through its proven ability to deliver complex, multi-sectoral programmes at scale while maintaining high standards of accountability, transparency, and results management.



MAP SHOWING WVZ OPERATIONAL AREAS



STRATEGIC ALIGNMENT WITH AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT BANK PRIORITIES

World Vision Zimbabwe's Climate Action and Livelihoods portfolio directly contributes to the African Development Bank's High 5 priorities and strategic commitments on climate resilience, food security, inclusive growth, and sustainable natural resource management.

Our programming strongly aligns with:

- Feed Africa
- Improve the Quality of Life for the People of Africa
- Industrialise Africa
- Climate Change and Green Growth Strategy
- African Emergency Food Production Facility
- Climate Action Window
- African Adaptation Acceleration Programme (AAP)

WVZ's interventions contribute to strengthening food systems, building climate resilience, restoring degraded landscapes, increasing agricultural productivity, enhancing water security, expanding access to finance, and creating sustainable livelihood opportunities for women, youth, refugees, and vulnerable communities.

The organisation possesses demonstrated capacity to design and implement integrated programmes that simultaneously address poverty, environmental degradation, food insecurity, climate vulnerability, and economic exclusion.

ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP AND CLIMATE ACTION FRAMEWORK

World Vision Zimbabwe's climate programming is guided by World Vision International's Environmental Stewardship and Climate Action (ESCA) Framework, which provides a globally recognised approach for integrating climate resilience, ecosystem restoration, biodiversity conservation, and sustainable livelihoods across all development programmes.

The framework seeks to ensure that communities not only adapt to climate change but actively participate in restoring and sustainably managing the natural resource base upon which their livelihoods depend.

In Zimbabwe, the framework is implemented through integrated approaches that combine:

- Climate-smart agriculture
- Farmer Managed Natural Regeneration (FMNR)
- Landscape restoration
- Water resource management
- Disaster risk reduction
- Renewable energy promotion
- Sustainable livelihoods development
- Financial inclusion
- Community-based natural resource governance

All interventions are fully aligned with Zimbabwe's National Climate Policy, National Development Strategy 1, National Adaptation Plan, Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs), and Vision 2030 aspirations.

CLIMATE ACTION, RESILIENCE AND LIVELIHOODS TECHNICAL CAPACITY

World Vision Zimbabwe has developed one of the most comprehensive climate resilience and livelihoods portfolios among development organisations operating in Zimbabwe.

The organisation possesses multidisciplinary expertise covering:

Climate Adaptation and Resilience	Sustainable Agriculture & Food Systems	Landscape Restoration & Natural Resource Management
WVZ designs and implements climate adaptation programmes that strengthen household, community, and institutional capacity to anticipate, withstand, and recover from climate shocks. These interventions include climate information services, anticipatory action, resilience planning, risk reduction, and adaptation financing mechanisms.	WVZ promotes climate-smart and regenerative agricultural systems that improve productivity while conserving natural resources. Key interventions include conservation agriculture, integrated crop-livestock systems, agroforestry, irrigation development, soil fertility restoration, and climate-resilient value chain development.	The organisation is a recognised leader in landscape restoration & Farmer Managed Natural Regeneration (FMNR). Through community-driven restoration approaches, WVZ supports the rehabilitation of degraded forests, rangelands, watersheds, wetlands, & agricultural landscapes while strengthening ecosystem services and biodiversity conservation.
Water Security & Climate-Resilient Infrastructure	Inclusive Economic Development	Climate Finance and Community Investment Models
WVZ has extensive experience in integrated water resource management, watershed restoration, solar-powered water systems, irrigation development, groundwater management, and climate-resilient community infrastructure.	The organisation implements market-led livelihood programmes that strengthen household incomes through enterprise development, value chain strengthening, financial inclusion, savings groups, youth entrepreneurship, private sector engagement, and market systems development.	WVZ has successfully piloted & scaled innovative financing approaches including Savings for Transformation (S4T), Local Adaptation Funds, revolving funds, community enterprises, & financial inclusion models that enhance resilience & investment capacity among vulnerable households.

RECENT LARGE-SCALE CLIMATE AND RESILIENCE PROGRAMMES

World Vision Zimbabwe currently manages and implements several high-value climate resilience and sustainable livelihoods programmes funded by bilateral, multilateral, and philanthropic partners.

Notable programmes include:

Drylands Sustainable Landscapes Impact Programme (GEF-7) A large-scale landscape restoration initiative implemented across the Save and Runde catchments focusing on ecosystem restoration, climate adaptation, sustainable land management, biodiversity conservation, and resilient livelihoods.	Chimanimani Ecosystems Restoration Programme A multi-sector initiative restoring degraded mountain ecosystems, strengthening watershed management, promoting climate-resilient livelihoods, and supporting post-disaster recovery through nature-based solutions.	Mberengwa Farmer Managed Natural Regeneration Programme A flagship restoration initiative supporting large-scale greening, community governance systems, ecosystem restoration, clean energy promotion, and climate-resilient livelihoods.
Tongogara Refugee Settlement Resilience Programme An integrated resilience programme supporting refugee and host communities through climate-smart agriculture, fisheries development, enterprise support, environmental restoration, and financial inclusion.	FISH4ACP Aquaculture Development Programme A value chain development programme promoting sustainable aquaculture, enterprise development, market linkages, youth employment, and climate-resilient livelihoods.	Mberengwa Farmer Managed Natural Regeneration Programme A flagship restoration initiative supporting large-scale greening, community governance systems, ecosystem restoration, clean energy promotion, and climate-resilient livelihoods.

DEMONSTRATED RESULTS & DEVELOPMENT IMPACT

World Vision Zimbabwe's investments have generated measurable and transformative outcomes across livelihoods, resilience, and environmental restoration.

Recent programme achievements include:

- More than 10,500 hectares of degraded land restored.
- Over 3,200 hectares currently under active restoration and rehabilitation.
- More than 27,000 trees established through community-led restoration initiatives.
- Over 14,800 community members directly benefiting from ecosystem restoration interventions.
- Household resilience capacity increased from 20 percent to 77 percent across targeted programme areas.
- Household dietary diversity increased from 56 percent to 91 percent.
- Food insecurity reduced from 87 percent to 61 percent.
- Households with regular income sources increased from 21 percent to 41 percent.
- Women's participation in economic and environmental decision-making significantly strengthened through savings groups, enterprise development, and natural resource governance structures.

These outcomes demonstrate WVZ's ability to translate climate investments into tangible improvements in food security, resilience, environmental sustainability, and household economic well-being.

PARTNERSHIP, GOVERNANCE AND SYSTEMS STRENGTHENING

WVZ works through and alongside government systems rather than parallel structures.

The organisation maintains strong partnerships with:

- Ministry of Lands, Agriculture, Fisheries, Water and Rural Development
- Ministry of Environment, Climate and Wildlife
- Environmental Management Agency (EMA)
- Forestry Commission
- Climate Change Management Department
- Rural District Councils
- Traditional Leadership Structures
- Research and Academic Institutions
- Financial Service Providers
- Private Sector Value Chain Actors

WVZ actively participates in national technical working groups and policy platforms that support climate adaptation, food systems transformation, environmental management, disaster risk reduction, and community resilience.

This collaborative approach strengthens institutional sustainability while ensuring programme ownership and long-term impact.

FINANCIAL, OPERATIONAL AND FIDUCIARY CAPACITY

World Vision Zimbabwe possesses the systems and controls required to manage large-scale donor and development finance investments.

The organisation maintains internationally recognised financial management systems, enterprise resource planning platforms, procurement systems, risk management frameworks, and audit mechanisms that meet the requirements of major bilateral and multilateral funding institutions.

WVZ has successfully managed grants from:

- Global Environment Facility (GEF)
- European Union
- USAID
- FAO
- WFP
- Rotary International
- Global Affairs Canada
- UN Agencies
- World Vision Support Offices
- Corporate Foundations
- Bilateral Development Partners

The organisation maintains strong internal and external audit records and applies rigorous financial oversight, compliance monitoring, procurement controls, safeguarding standards, and results-based management systems.

WHY WORLD VISION ZIMBABWE FOR ADB-FUNDED PROGRAMMES

World Vision Zimbabwe offers a unique combination of:

- National scale and reach.
- Proven ability to implement complex multi-sector programmes.
- Deep community trust and presence.
- Strong government partnerships.
- Demonstrated climate resilience expertise.
- Landscape restoration leadership.
- Robust fiduciary and operational systems.
- Strong private sector engagement experience.
- Proven results in fragile, remote, and climate-vulnerable contexts.

This combination positions WVZ as a highly capable implementation partner for African Development Bank investments aimed at accelerating climate resilience, food systems transformation, ecosystem restoration, and inclusive economic growth across Zimbabwe.



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