

Small Grants Facility project (SGF) approves two more projects in Mopani

The Small Grants Facility project has recently approved two more projects in the Mopani District. The two projects aim to respond to climate change impacts by introducing adaptation measures to support livelihoods, settlements and agricultural practices in the Giyani and Letaba Local Municipalities.

Through the “*Hlula Ndlala*” project, rural communities of the Sikhunyani and Shawela village will improve the productivity of two food gardens run by the Vuyeriwani Development and Tanani Matiko cooperatives. The small grant project, which will be run by World Vision South Africa, will use climate smart agriculture interventions such as drip irrigation, composting, crop rotation and the introduction of drought resilient crops. At least 93 households are expected to benefit from the two food gardens. The project will also improve income livelihoods for the two cooperatives by establishing connections with local vegetable retailers.



Members of the Tanani Matiko cooperative in the Shawela village

The “*Ga-Ntata rainwater harvesting system and rain gauge*” project will respond to water security challenges exacerbated by the increase in temperature in the Mopani District. Tsogang Water and Sanitation, the small grant recipient for the project, aims to supplement an already constrained water supply system by refurbishing two earth dams and installing rainwater harvesting and storage facilities. The earth dams will cushion irrigation for crops and supply drinking water to cattle, sheep and goat livestock farmers.

The SGF project is an Adaptation Fund project which is implemented and governed by the Department of Environmental Affairs (DEA), South African National Biodiversity Institute (SANBI), SouthSouthNorth (SSN) and CHoiCe Trust in the Mopani District in the Limpopo Province.