

SANBI Launches Communication Products Developed for the Community Adaptation Small Grants Facility project

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The South African National Biodiversity Institute (SANBI) recently launched a set of communication products at a workshop which brought together the Small Grant Facility's (SGF) project implementation partners, SGF Small Grant Recipients, and representatives from local and national government institutions. The set of communication products include a series of [nine case studies and an overview](#) of the 'Taking adaptation to the ground: A small Grants Facility for enabling local-level responses to climate change' [project](#) that was funded by the Adaptation Fund in two Districts of South Africa. The case study series was compiled by the project's Executing Entity (SouthSouthNorth) and the project's Facilitating Agencies (Conservation South Africa and ChoiCe Trust) as project deliverables, with inputs from partners and stakeholders.

The SGF project, now in its closing stages, supported twelve community-based organisations to develop and implement projects aimed at building resilience to climate change impacts. The projects delivered a range of tangible local benefits for **1921** direct and **9006** indirect beneficiaries through implementing projects under the following themes: climate smart-agriculture, climate-resilient livelihoods and climate-proof settlements.

Drawing directly on the experience of institutional role-players and especially the Small Grant Recipients themselves, the nine case studies aim to document the project processes, capture the outcomes and gather lessons learned towards the future scaling up and replication of small grant financing approaches, in South Africa and beyond.



'The SGF project unfolded almost in tandem with the development of the Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment's National Climate Change Adaptation Strategy. The project was invaluable for the Strategy's practical implementation insofar as community-based adaptation is concerned and allowed the Department to understand how international donor finance can be utilized in an innovative way so that resources flow to the most vulnerable groups of society' mentioned Mr Jonathan Ramayia from the National Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment.

SANBI's Chief Executive Officer, Mr Shonisani Munzhedzi indicated that the SGF project's learnings and outputs will unlock opportunities that contribute to achieving the Sustainable Development Goals related to food security and water provision, and could be scaled up to amplify benefits.

Following the workshop, the communication products were also shared with the international community at a hybrid side event on 'Partnerships for Climate Change Adaptation in South Africa' at the COP26 Climate Conference held in Glasgow.