



Enhancing the Capability and Effectiveness of SADC's Peace and Security Architecture (ECESPA)

EU contribution: € 12.800.000 (approx. BWP 200 million)

Period of implementation: June 2024 – June 2028

Location: Southern African Development Community (SADC) countries

Implementing organisation(s): SADC secretariat

Project objectives and description:

The main aim of the project is to promote peace, security, stability, and democracy as a foundation for regional integration and development in line with the SADC Regional Indicative Strategic Development Plan (RISDP) 2020-2030. It aims to do so by enhancing the effectiveness of SADC Peace and Security Architecture to enable early response and action, as well as by strengthening the capacities of Non State Actor (NSA) in Conflict tracking and early response. Project activities are inter-disciplinary and are designed to ensure strong synergies between early warning and mediation and conflict prevention and management structures leveraging additional research and technical capacities from NSAs.

Achievements / expected results:

SADC has strengthened its capacity to promote peace, security, and stability across the region through improved early warning, conflict prevention, mediation, and peace support efforts. Greater coordination and information sharing have enhanced the ability to identify and respond to emerging risks, while efforts to build institutional capacity have improved preparedness and accountability. Progress has also been made in integrating gender considerations into peace and security initiatives and in supporting the meaningful participation of women and youth in peacebuilding processes. Together, these efforts contribute to a more effective and inclusive regional approach to conflict prevention, management, and sustainable peace.

Incoming public / visibility events:

Project website / Social media account links:

- Access to the project activities is through the SADC website weblink: <https://www.sadc.int/latest-news> and the Facebook account at <https://www.facebook.com/sadc.int/>