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PROJECT FACTSHEET

Supporting Regional CSO Networks and Non-State Actors in the SADC Region

EU contribution: € 2.400.000 (approx. BWP 37.5 million)

Period of implementation: December 2024 to December 2027

Location: Southern African Development Community (SADC) Countries

Implementing organisation(s): GIZ, SADC

Project objectives and description:

This project aims to strengthen the role of civil society organisations across the Southern African Development Community (SADC) region in helping to shape, monitor, and support the implementation of regional development priorities under the Regional Indicative Strategic Development Plan (RISDP 2020–2030) and SADC Vision 2050. The project works with regional institutions, civil society organisations (CSOs), and other non-state actors to promote democratic governance, accountability, human rights, and inclusive participation. Key areas of support include strengthening civil society engagement in electoral and parliamentary processes, supporting anti-corruption efforts, increasing the participation of women and young people in regional decision-making, promoting human rights and the rule of law, expanding opportunities for citizen engagement, and improving collaboration between civil society and regional institutions.

Achievements / expected results:

The project is expected to strengthen the ability of the SADC Parliamentary Forum and the Electoral Commissions Forum of SADC Countries (ECF-SADC) to carry out their regional mandates and contribute more effectively to democratic governance. It will also improve cooperation between these regional bodies and enhance their effectiveness. In addition, the project will build the capacity of civil society organisations and non-state actors to develop shared positions on regional issues, provide evidence-based policy recommendations, and monitor the implementation of regional policies and commitments. Through these efforts, civil society will be better equipped to contribute to regional development, accountability, and citizen participation across the SADC region.

Incoming public / visibility events:

Project website / Social media account links:

- <https://www.giz.de/en/downloads/giz2025-en-strengthening-the-national-regional-linkages-fact-sheet.pdf>