

# “Building Urban Climate Resilience in South-Eastern Africa”



2<sup>nd</sup> Regional Workshop  
Blantyre, Malawi

21-24 March 2022

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Governments of Madagascar, Malawi,  
Mozambique and the Union of Comoros



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# Workshop overview



- Three meetings in one:
  - **Annual Regional Workshop** for the project “Building Climate Resilience in S-E Africa”
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Project **Steering Committee**
  - 7<sup>th</sup> **DiMSUR Executive Board meeting**
- Bring together the **key partners and stakeholders from the city-, national- and regional-levels** involved in the project.
- Provide **updates on the project implementation** for all the three components and discussion on the way forward.
- **Exchange of best practices** in each city and country and **reinforce the mechanism for sharing information** at the **regional level**
- Conduct a **site visit in Zomba** to show the progress on the city-level activities.

# Agenda

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**DAY 1 /** 21 March

— Welcome session, Project update, 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Project Steering Committee, and 7<sup>th</sup>  
DiMSUR Executive Board meeting

**DAY 2 /** 22 March

— Site visit in Zomba  
*Departure from Amaryllis Hotel 6.00am*

**DAY 3 /** 23 March

— Thematic working groups

**DAY 4 /** 24 March

— UN-Habitat and Oxfam Team Retreat



# Some data about the project

**Donor:** Adaptation Fund

**Total amount:** US\$ 14M

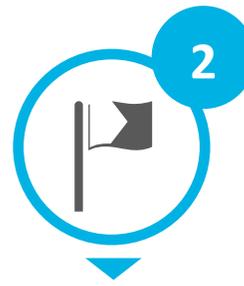
**Duration:** 4 years (2020-2024)

**Where:** 4 cities | 4 countries

## Project components:



Preparation, implementation and sustainable management of priority sub-projects at the **city level**



Tools and guidelines development and training delivery at the **national level**



Inter-country experience sharing, cross-fertilisation and dissemination of lessons learned at the **regional level**

## Objectives:

- 1 | to **develop** capacities and establish conditions to adapt to the adverse effects of climate change in vulnerable cities and towns
- 2 | to **promote** inter-country experience sharing and cross-fertilisation





# The city level

Main partner:  
Oxfam Italia



MORONDAVA



ZOMBA



CHOKWE



MORONI

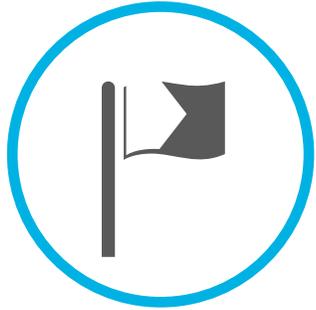
- Sub-projects **implementation plans** fully developed with communities and municipalities, including detailed engineering studies.

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- **Priority sub-projects** are implemented in the four target cities mainly through community involvement as labour-intensive manpower.

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- Municipal staff and community members **mobilised, trained and equipped** for ensuring the sustainable management and/or maintenance of the implemented priority sub-projects.



# The national level

## Main partners:

- Government of **Madagascar**
- Government of **Malawi**
- Government of **Mozambique**
- Government of the **Union of Comoros**

➤ National **tools, guidelines, policies** and/or legislation for promoting urban climate adaptation developed.

➤ National and local **officers trained** in urban climate adaptation techniques and approaches.



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# The regional level

## Main partners:



Oxfam  
Italia

**OXFAM**

**DiMSUR**  
Disaster Risk Management,  
Sustainability and Urban Resilience



➤ **Lessons learned** and **best practices** captured and disseminated through the SADC DRR Unit in partnership with DiMSUR as regional knowledge management platform.

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➤ **Cross-fertilisation** activities among the participating countries are discussed and prepared.

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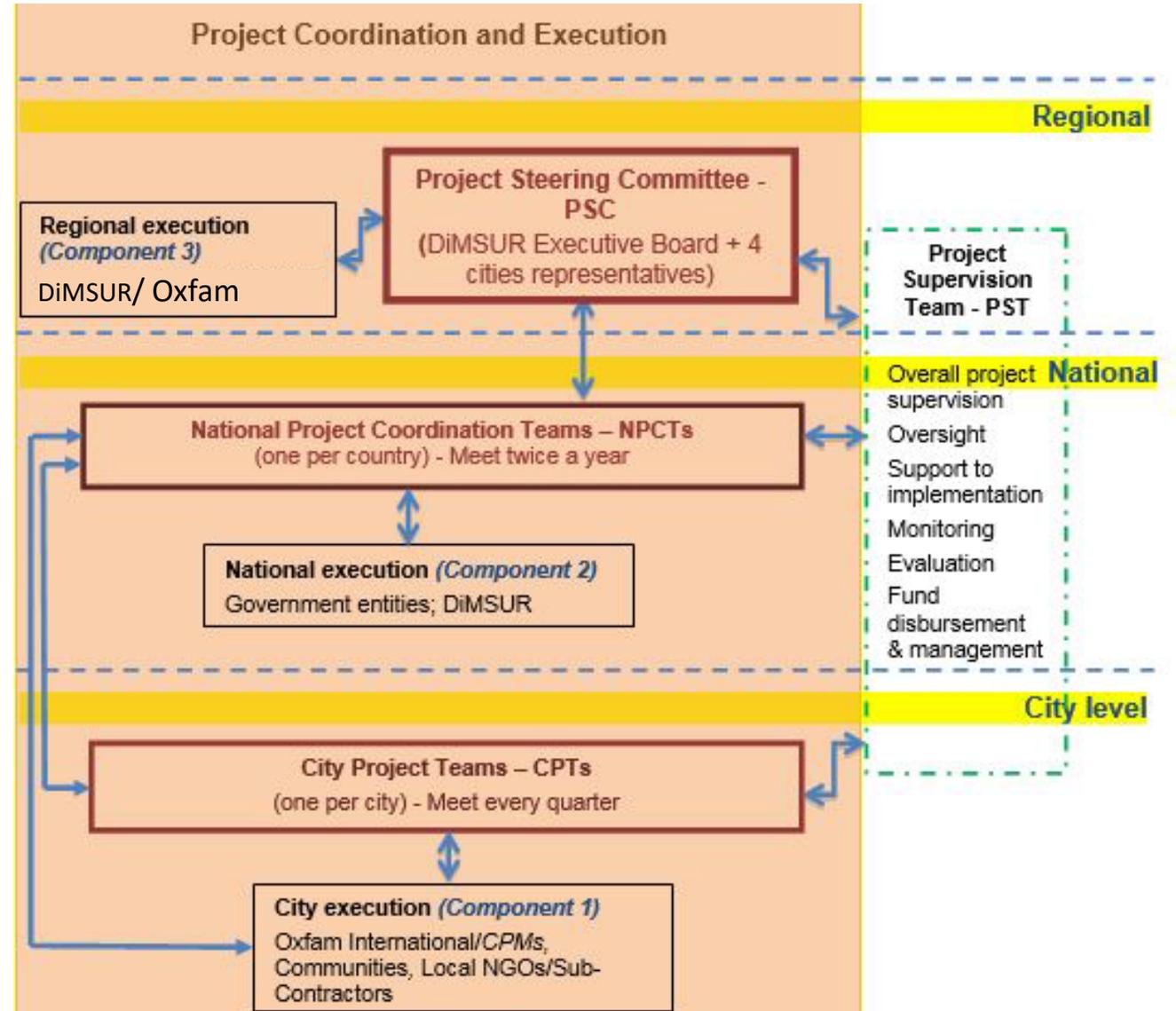
➤ **Regional workshops** organized for experience sharing among the different countries, and participation to global events.

# Implementation arrangements

**Multilateral Implementing Entity:**  
**UN-Habitat**

**Executing Entities:**

- > Regional Executing Entities:  
**DiMSUR/ Oxfam**
- > National Executing Entities:  
**National Government Entities**
- > Local Executing Entity:  
**Oxfam** in collaboration with municipalities, communities, local NGOs and sub-contractors.



# Where we left off

Virtual launch event held on 23-24 June 2020:

1<sup>st</sup> Annual Regional Workshop + 1<sup>st</sup> PSC meeting + 6<sup>th</sup> DiMSUR ExBo.

## General milestones/ updates:

- NPCTs and CPCTs established and well-oiled
- Oxfam administering the regional component for the first two years
  - – DiMSUR leadership put in place
- First Project Performance Report submitted to the donor (June-August 2021)
- Monitoring missions: Comoros, Malawi, Mozambique (Madagascar to be done)

# Introducing UN-Habitat team

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**Mathias Spaliviero**  
Senior Project Manager



**Fruzsina Straus**  
Project Manager



**Monica Gakindi**  
Finance and Administrative  
Officer



**Sandrine Andriantsimetry**  
Madagascar NPM



**Stern Kita**  
Malawi NPM



**Marcia Guambe**  
Mozambique NPM



**Hamidi Soulé**  
Union of Comoros NPM

# Introducing Oxfam team



**Dailes Judge**  
Programme Director –  
Oxfam in Southern Africa



**Lynn CHIRIPAMBERI**  
Zimbabwe Country  
Representative & Humanitarian  
Lead SAF



**Andrew Mkandawire**  
Project Manager in Malawi



**Sergio Zimba**  
Project Manager in  
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Project manager in  
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**Jean Michael Raharivelo**  
Technical Project Manager  
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**Salima Hamada**  
Project Manager in  
Comoros



**Toufael Hassane Rambou**  
Technical Project Manager in Comoros

# Introducing Oxfam team

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**Riccardo Sansone**  
External Programme Director,  
Oxfam Italy



**Silvia Testi**  
Regional Project  
Coordinator



**Benedetta Gualandi**  
Urban Resilience Expert



**Antonio Mancini**  
Grant Manager



**Jessica Valerani**  
Communication officer



**Federica Ceragioli**  
Civil service OIT



## DiMSUR

- Sub-regional **Technical Centre for Disaster Risk Management, Sustainability and Urban Resilience (DiMSUR)**
- Established by **four countries** with common vulnerabilities in southern Africa, with the facilitation of UN-Habitat
- **Entity in charge of Component 3**  
“Inter-country experience sharing, cross-fertilisation and dissemination of lessons learned at the regional level”



# The DiMSUR initiative



## Mandate

to provide technical assistance and knowledge for:

- **Disaster Risk Reduction**
- **Climate Change Adaptation**
- **Urban Resilience**

in Southern Africa and the South-West Indian Ocean.

## Status

non-profit, autonomous, regional organization, international in status and non-political in management, staffing and operations.

## Founding members

- **Madagascar**
- **Malawi**
- **Mozambique**
- **Union of Comoros**

## Headquarters

**Maputo**, Mozambique with sub-units in each Member State.

# Updates on the regional component

## ➤ Achievements of the Regional Component so far

During the first 2 years of implementation of the project, Oxfam, in cooperation with UN-Habitat, has focused on setting the stage for proper implementation by:

- ✓ supporting the organisation of the launch regional workshop in June 2020 and the organisation of the present regional workshop (one regional workshop is expected to take place each year of the project). The regional workshops are important platforms to reflect on the project results and experience sharing.
- ✓ strengthening the DiMSUR by establishing the basis for its functioning: the physical presence in Maputo, recruit the DiMSUR's Executive Director and staff. The Regional Component of the project is expected, by the end of the project, to be fully managed by DiMSUR, the sub-regional Technical Centre for Disaster Risk Management, Sustainability and Urban Resilience.



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# Updates on the regional component

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## ➤ Supporting the DiMSUR

The support to the DiMSUR has resulted in having the staff operational - Executive Director and Secretary on board since the beginning of 2022.

Oxfam and UN Habitat have provided the necessary training and facilitated the link with the relevant stakeholders involved.

They will continue to provide support not only in terms of logistics but also facilitating the planning, the relationship with relevant stakeholders in the region, funding efforts in the relevant sectors, with a view for DiMSUR to be part of an international network of centres of excellence and to bring in high level expertise from other regions as well.



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Thank you!

Merci!

Obrigado!



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