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MANAGEMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION	
13. Type of financing	Indirect management with United Nations Capital Development Fund (UNCDF) Indirect management with the entities to be selected in accordance with the criteria set out in section 4.4

1.2 Summary of the Action

Mozambique is a petri dish of climate change. It is a large, growing, resource- and biodiversity-rich country where magnitude and impact of climate shocks have become so enormous over last few decades to make any further hesitations or delay of decisive interventions untenable. The increasingly frequent and devastating cyclones, the longer and more extensive droughts, recurrent floods and erratic rain patterns are marring Mozambique's development potential and raise every year the obstacle that most of the population - especially vulnerable groups - have to overcome in their strive out of poverty.

As the first of a multi-annual set of interventions intended to contribute to tackle these challenges, gearing the new cycle of EU support towards Green Deal principles and commitments, this Action will deliver on the EU's commitment to step up international action for climate resilience¹. It will do so by addressing selected bottlenecks hampering Mozambique's capacity to adapt efficiently to climate change, and supporting the expansion of concrete adaptation interventions on the ground.

First, on the institutional front, capacities would receive a boost on two main strategic functions: strengthening inter-ministerial coordination structures and processes (for a genuine whole-of-economy approach to climate change) and - most importantly - building state of the art Measuring, Reporting and Verification (MRV) capacities. The latter are essential to ground policies and interventions on solid data and - critically - to provide the country with the necessary tools to engage in the global climate architecture and access dedicated, badly-needed financial resources.

Secondly, the action intends to expand and reinforce the EU flagship MERCIM² intervention, contributing to the implementation of Local Adaptation Plans (LAPs) through the financing of climate resilient socio-economic infrastructures in selected districts, strengthening resilience of communities through a participatory model which develops in parallel local authorities' knowledge and capacities.

Finally, the Programme would engage local communities and civil society, including women and women's organisations, organisations of persons with disabilities, and others in inclusive emergency response and coping strategies, while supporting the dissemination and enactment of sustainable and climate-resilient solutions aimed at reinforcing their livelihoods.

The programme contributes directly to SDG 13 (climate action) and is delivering on SDG 1 (no poverty), 2 (zero hunger), SD5 (gender equality) 14 (life below water) and 15 (life on land).

This Action is embedded within the framework of the Team Europe Initiative "Green Deal for Mozambique" (GDxM) and its "engage-protect-grow" integrated approach and will contribute directly to strategic objectives 1³ and 2⁴ of the TEI Joint Intervention Logic.

Within the TEI framework, it will build on EU Member States-funded successful interventions and also provide a strong example of complementarity, as several MS (such as Sweden and Belgium) are supporting the implementation Local Adaptation Plans (LAPs) with very similar methodologies in other areas of the country.

¹ EU Adaptation Strategy adopted, February 2021.

² Melhorando a Resiliência Climática em Moçambique (MERCIM) – Financing Agreement N°MZ/DCI-ENV/040-491: GCCA+ Building Local Climate Resilience in Mozambique.

³ TEI GDxM JIL S.O.1: Protecting, restoring and enhancing natural capital.

⁴ TEI GDxM JIL S.O.2: Increasing access to socio-economic opportunities for people benefitting from resilient, low-carbon and sustainable infrastructure.