

The TCF, supported under this Action, will be used to finance specific studies, dialogues, peer-to-peer exchanges, and communication campaigns targeting environment protection and climate change.

This will complement actions already foreseen under the “Green Transformation” focal sector, and namely in the area of sustainable energy, biodiversity conservation and the promotion of the circular economy.

Gender equality and empowerment of women and girls

As per OECD Gender DAC codes identified in section 1.1, this action is labelled as G1. This implies that Gender will be a significant objective. The action will contribute actively in the implementation of the gender Action Plan III (2021-2025). Special attention will be given to ensure that gender equality, women’s empowerment as well as GBV education and services are integrated into the CSO component. It will also be prevention, ensuring that women not only have equal opportunities but also are effectively able to benefit from the opportunities created by the actions and ensuring that women will not be left out. The same applies to youth and most marginalized groups.

The action will also use sex-disaggregated data and GAP III indicators to monitor its contribution to the EU commitments to gender equality.

Human Rights

The Action operationalises the human rights-based approach by ensuring that all rights are respected and that empowerment, participation, non-discrimination, accountability and transparency are promoted. It will capacitate "rights-holders" in claiming their rights and "duty-bearers" in meeting their obligations. The HRBA will be applied at all stages of the intervention cycle. The action will also take advantage of the capacity building components to strengthen the capacity of development partners to apply the HRBA.

Disability

As per OECD Disability DAC codes identified in section 1.1, this action is labelled as D1. This implies that people with disabilities will be included in all planned activities. Effort will be made to ensure that some actions to be financed under the CSO call for proposals are focused on and directly benefit people living with Disabilities.

In July 2021, Botswana ratified the Convention of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities. Effort will be made to reach out to CSO’s in this sector as they have benefitted the least from previous interventions. There is need to support this sector to better understand and operationalise the Convention.

Democracy

Much action is needed in the area of strengthening civil society, including civic education so as to empower rights holders to demand their rights and duty bearers to better fulfil their obligations. Some actions will be directed to the promotion of selected human rights, such as freedom of expression and information.

Depending on the pace of the ongoing constitutional review consultations, some actions could target the constitutional reform and the strengthening of democratic institutions.

Conflict sensitivity, peace and resilience

Not applicable

Disaster Risk Reduction

Actions targeting DRR mainstreaming could be included in both the TCF and/or the CSOs components of this AAP. These actions could be complementary to what is already planned at the regional level or through ECHO in the region.

Wherever possible, the Action will include crisis modifiers to ensure sufficient flexibility of activities’ implementation vis-à-vis shocks, being they COVID related or natural disasters.

Other considerations if relevant

The HIV/AIDs pandemic and maternal mortality remain a major challenge for Botswana. Although some progress has been made, there are still issues that could be supported. Should the need arise; this project can be used to support specific interventions targeting these challenges.