

support to preparatory and early actions aftershocks, including for triggering of crisis modifiers to cater for them are part of the activities of this action.

**Other considerations if relevant**

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### 3.4 Risks and Lessons Learnt

<b>Category</b>	<b>Risks</b>	<b>Likelihood (High/ Medium/ Low)</b>	<b>Impact (High/ Medium/ Low)</b>	<b>Mitigating measures</b>
Risks related to the external environment	Political instability: Elections in August 2023 may create a context of post-electoral violence, which could impact development partner's willingness to re-engage steadily and strongly with the Government or make policy dialogue more difficult.	<b>Low</b>	<b>Medium</b>	Field activities are targeting local levels of the administration which arguably are less affected by the political situation at central level.  The intervention is designed to give a pivotal role to empowered communities.  In cases of need, strengthen the policy dialogue to avoid interferences in the intervention areas.
Risks related to the external environment	Unpredictable development of the socio-economic situation with negative impact on household income and purchasing power.	<b>Medium</b>	<b>High</b>	Integrate flexibility mechanisms to address uncertainties, like enhancing small scale initiatives on access to finance based on hard currency or enhance access to high value markets. Procurement of inputs in bulk quantities through tender will limit this risk up to certain degree.
Risks related to the external environment	Recurrent climatic induced shocks will continue to affect target populations.	<b>High</b>	<b>High</b>	Climate Change is part of the rural Zimbabwe, so DRM mechanisms will need to be fostered and optimized to ensure adequate prevention, mitigation and responses to shocks. Adequate rationalization of agricultural practices, via promotion of small grains in agro ecological zones
Risks related to interventions, which are not gender-responsive	The lack of gender-responsive context and problem analysis could reinforce existing gender inequalities and non-realization of human	<b>Medium</b>	<b>Medium</b>	Use gender-sensitive monitoring, use of sex-disaggregated data, and gender-sensitive indicators. Gender mainstreaming is applied in all phases of the support services.