

## ACBF PORTFOLIO IN ZIMBABWE

The co-operation between the Government of the Republic of Zimbabwe (GoZ) and the African Capacity Building Foundation (ACBF) dates as far back as 1991. Zimbabwe is the host country for ACBF's and has extended a Headquarters Agreement to the Foundation at its creation in 1991. This note aims to give the status of the ACBF portfolio in Zimbabwe since year 2000. The Note presents an overview of ACBF supported projects in Zimbabwe with regional and national scope and gives an update on the preparation of new interventions, namely: the Zimbabwe Capacity Development Needs Assessment and Country Program and a regional project to support enhancement of local governance submitted by the Municipal Development Partnership- Eastern and Southern Africa (MDP-ESA).

### I. Overview of ongoing ACBF supported projects

1.1 Since 2000 ACBF has approved 10 operations with total commitment amounting to US\$ 18,400,000. Grants approved to support implementation of projects with a national scope are 6 and correspond to ACBF committed investment of US\$ 10,100,000, equivalent to 55% of total committed investment. Grants approved for projects with a regional scope are 4 and amount to US\$ 8,300,000, equivalent to 45% of total committed investment.

1.2 Support to economic policy management constitutes the largest proportion of ACBF investment at national level and accounting for about 35% of total ACBF investment in national projects. For projects with a regional focus, the bulk (about 90%) of the intervention is directed to training institutions (including tertiary institutions offering degree and non-degree training) in the areas of financial management and accountability and public administration and management.

#### National Active Projects

1.3 *Zimbabwe Economic Policy Analysis and Research Unit (ZEPARU phase II)*. In September 2009, the ACBF Executive Board approved a grant of US\$ 2,000,000 to support implementation of ZEPARU phase II. The goal of ZEPARU phase II project is the enhancement of economic policy research and analysis in Zimbabwe with a view to contributing to evidence-based policy formulation, including policy advice support to the implementation of Government economic development agenda. The project objectives are to: (a) provide evidence-based policy options and trade-offs to the Government of Zimbabwe and other stakeholders; (b) consolidate gains in capacity building of key economic ministries and agencies in economic policy formulation and management, including consolidating ZEPARU's institutional capacity; (c) provide demand-driven professional advice to the State and other stakeholders on emerging development issues, and (d) strengthen partnerships and networks with other national, regional and international research centers and other organizations.

1.4 *The Capacity Building Project to Strengthen the National Statistical System in Zimbabwe (ZIMSTAT-Project)*. The Grant of US\$ 1,600,000 was approved to support the implementation of the ZIMSTAT – Project. The overall development goal of the Project is to facilitate the transformation of Zimbabwe's NSS to support the process of formulating and monitoring of evidence based policies and strategies for national development. The specific objectives of the proposed project are to: (a) Entrench the Census and Statistics Act and transform the CSO into a Semi-Autonomous Statistics Agency and thereby raising its profile; (b) Enhance the institutional and human capacity of the new Statistics Agency to effectively discharge its mandate and provide high quality, timely and reliable statistical information as an input in evidence based and results focused policy formulation and monitoring; (c) Strengthen monitoring, evaluation and reporting on Government's programs, including the MDGs and PRPs by providing data and information required to assess results and impacts through the recently

adopted Results Based Management framework; (d) Raise awareness about statistics through advocacy; and (e) Improve coordination of the NSS.

1.5 *Capacity Development Program for the Ministry of Regional Integration and International Cooperation in Zimbabwe (MoRIIC-P)*. A Grant of US\$ 2,000,000 was approved in December 2010 to support the implementation of MORIIC-P. The project's goal is to strengthen the Ministry of Regional Integration and International Cooperation's internal efficiency and effectiveness in the delivering of its mandate. The Program focuses in three areas: (a) strengthening the Ministry's internal efficiency and effectiveness; (b) enhancing regional integration and (b) improving coordination of development assistance.

### **Regional Active Projects**

1.6 *Public Sector Management Training Programme (PSMTP - AU)*. A Grant of US\$ 3,000,00 was approved to support the implementation of PSMTP-AU. The main goal of the PSMTP-AU is to improve performance of the public sector through the provision of a balanced academic and professional training in public sector management in Africa. The project objectives are to: (a) establish a sustainable Public Sector Management Training Programme for Eastern and Southern African countries; (b) build and strengthen institutional and human capacity of Africa University to organize a Master's Degree in Public Sector Management and to manage a network of Institutes of Public Administration/Management in Eastern and Southern Africa; (c) provide graduate training leading to a Master's Degree in Public Sector Management for middle and high-level public sector managers from Eastern and Southern African countries, and (d) expose participants to relevant management concepts, principles, theories, and practices with a view to enrich their understanding of, and improve their skills in, public sector management.

1.7 *The Macroeconomic and Financial Management Institute of Eastern And Southern Africa (MEFMI phase III)*. In December 2006 a grant of US\$2,000,000 was approved to support implementation of MEFMI II activities. The goal of MEFMI III is to improve the macroeconomic and financial management of member states in order to create an environment for productive investment and economic growth conducive to the formulation and implementation of poverty reduction initiatives. The project has three objectives are: (a) To continue to develop skills through training in the core areas of macroeconomic, financial sector and debt management in MEFMI member countries; (b) To continue to create awareness among senior officials of member states of global trends and international best practices in macroeconomic and financial management, and (c) To continue to strengthen MEFMI's internal capacity in the areas of governance, program management, staff development and program delivery systems.

1.8 *Women's University In Africa Capacity Building Project (WUA)*. The main goal of Women's University in Africa's Capacity Building Project (WUA) is to improve the performance of WAU so that it can become a center of world-class University with academic programs enabling women of all age in general and adult women in particular to exploit their full potential in Africa's development process. Specific Objectives are: (a) To build/strengthen sustainable institutional capacity of WUA to enable it to improve the teaching and learning environment of African women in general and adult women in particular, and (b) To build/strengthen sustainable human capacity of WUA so as to improve the quantity and quality of faculty and retain them.

1.9 Annex 1 presents an overview of the ACBF portfolio of projects in Zimbabwe.

## II. New Interventions under preparation (pipeline)

### Projects with National Coverage

#### *Zimbabwe Capacity Development Needs Assessment (ZCDNA) and Country Program*

2.1 **Overall goal:** To assist the Ministry of Finance to undertake a Capacity Development Needs Assessment, a comprehensive review of the Government's capacity for improved economic management. This will inform the design of the associated Country Capacity Development Program.

2.2 **Current status:** The Zimbabwe Capacity Needs Assessment is completed. The Country Program is awaiting validation by the taskforce. It is expected that the program will be submitted to the up-coming ACBF Executive Board for consideration. Assessment and strategic focus of the program completed and to be discussed with the Government, Development Partners and other stakeholders. This program is expected to be submitted to the next ACBF Executive Board.

### Projects with Regional Coverage

#### *Municipal Development Partnership- Eastern and Southern Africa (MDP-ESA)*

2.3 **Current status:** Municipal Development Partnership- Eastern and Southern Africa (MDP-ESA) submitted a request to ACBF to support enhancement of local service delivery, poverty reduction and development through strengthening professional public administration and management of urban local authorities and undertaking applied policy research focused upon public administration and management of urban local authorities. The project was submitted to the PRC on 18 June 2011 who recommended its continued development and appraisal.

## ANNEXE 1 - ACBF on-going portfolio in Zimbabwe

Date: September 2011

	ACBF Competence area/project	Grant Approval	Effectiveness	Closing Date	Current Status	Amount Approved (US\$)
<b>National Coverage</b>						
<i>Economic Policy Analysis and Management</i>						
1	Zimbabwe Economic Policy Analysis and Research Unit (ZEPARU I)	December 1, 2000	April 7, 2004	March 31, 2009	Closed	1,500,000
2	Zimbabwe Economic Policy Analysis and Research Unit (ZEPARU II)	September 1, 2009	February 4, 2010	February 28, 2014	operational	2,000,000
<i>National Statistics and Statistical Systems</i>						
3	The Capacity Building Project to Strengthen the National Statistical System in Zimbabwe (ZIMSTAT-Project)	December 15, 2006	July 11, 2008	December 31, 2011	operational	1,600,000
<i>Professionalization of the Voices of the Private Sector and Civil Society</i>						
4	National Economic Consultative Forum Project (NECF)	December 1, 2000	June 1, 2002	April 30, 2009	Closed	2,000,000
5	Zimbabwe Women's Resource Centre (ZWRCN)	December 9, 2005	April 24, 2006	October 31, 2009	Closed	1,000,000
<i>Public Sector Management - Pilot new ways deliver capacity development</i>						
	Capacity Development Program for the Ministry of Regional Integration and International Cooperation in Zimbabwe (MoRIIC-P)	December 1, 2010	Not Yet Effective	Grant not yet signed	operational	2,000,000
	<b>Sub-total ongoing projects with national coverage</b>					<b>10,100,000</b>
<b>Regional Coverage (Eastern and Southern Africa)</b>						
<i>Public Administration and Management</i>						
6	Public Sector Management Training Program (PSMTP-AU)	December 15, 2004	March 30, 2006	September 30, 2011	operational	3,000,000
<i>Financial management and Accountability</i>						

	ACBF Competence area/project	Grant Approval	Effectiveness	Closing Date	Current Status	Amount Approved (US\$)
7	Macroeconomic and Financial Management Institute (MEFMI III)	December 15, 2006	March 29, 2007	September 30, 2012	operational	2,000,000
<i>Training</i>						
8	Women's University in Africa Capacity Building Project (WUA)	December 15, 2004	July 20, 2007	September 30, 2012	operational	2,500,000
<i>Others</i>						
9	Project of Lectures and Workshops on Peace, Leadership and Development in Africa by Eminent Persons (PEARL-AU)	December 15, 2006	not effective	not effective	not effective	800,000
<b>Sub-total ongoing projects with regional coverage</b>						<b>8,300,000</b>
<b>Total</b>						<b>18,400,000</b>