

SAP057: AY4SF - Adolescents and Youth for a Sustainable Future: strengthening climate change adaptation and community resilience through green jobs in Zimbabwe

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We welcome and support the proposed Adolescents and Youth for a Sustainable Future (AY4SF) project. We particularly commend the project's Gender Assessment and Action Plan, which stands out compared to several other projects we see at this board meeting. The GAP is not just a check-box exercise, it actually integrates gender-transformative objectives across youth livelihoods, local planning, and community restoration work.

We also welcome the project's clear targeting of young women and marginalized youth in climate-resilient value chains and local adaptation planning, and the integration of locally-led systems that can support both immediate livelihood strengthening and longer-term value chain development.

We have some questions regarding the implementation arrangements, especially regarding the inclusion of Save the Children Italy in the project. That seems to be an unnecessary layer between STC Australia and Save the Children's Zimbabwe office, despite the co-financing STC Italy provides. We hope this arrangement does not imply that a share of GCF proceeds is spent on overheads or transaction costs beyond what is necessary, nor that it results from a GCF preference of having financial management be based in the Global North.

Overall, we welcome this well-designed, socially responsive SAP that aligns with the locally led adaptation principles and the gender-responsive mandate of the Fund. We encourage other entities to learn from this AE when it comes to targeting the most vulnerable and to developing gender action plans.