

LCFP

AFRICA'S LARGEST REDD+ PROJECT

Protecting almost 1 million hectares of forest, the Luangwa Community Forests Project is on its way to becoming one of the largest REDD+ projects in the world.

The Luangwa Valley is one of the greatest wildlife strongholds remaining on earth, home to African wild dogs, elephants, leopards and lions.

The Luangwa river is a pivotal lifeline for some of the richest forest areas in Africa. The valley topography presents breathtaking beauty in the landscape while also keeping wildlife population density in the area high, resulting in a strong tourism industry that contributes significantly to Zambia's economy.

The Luangwa Community Forests Project works to address key drivers of deforestation while also benefitting local communities by reducing poverty, creating sustainable incomes, improving social services and encouraging conservation.

More than 80,000 local people in one Zambia's most impoverished provinces are already benefitting from LCFP through income generation and social services development.

The LCFP acts as an important protective buffer to the South Luangwa, Luambe, Lower Zambezi and Lukusuzi National Parks, providing safe habitat and protected migration paths for wildlife.

959,291 hectares

163,973 community beneficiaries

US\$1,000,000 directly invested in local communities

Reduces emissions by approx 700,000 tons annually

Livelihood projects:
Honey - 6,000 hives
Conservation Farming

Infrastructure projects:
Boreholes
Teachers' houses & classrooms
Community business development



The co-benefits of this project support 16 of the 17 United Nations SDGs.



The LCFP was established with funding from the United States Agency for International Development in 2014.



LCFP is currently undergoing VCS and CCB verification, which is anticipated in 2019.

IMPACTS



COMMUNITY

80,000 Zambians benefitting from livelihood opportunities and community development.

1,232 small businesses linked to new markets

600 households receiving extra income through forest honey projects



CLIMATE

Helps avoid 700,000+ tons of carbon emissions per year

1,480 farmers trained in land use methods that reduce land clearing

82 government institutions provided climate-change mitigation training



BIODIVERSITY

Close to 1 million hectares of wildlife habitat protected

Habitat connecting 4 National Parks protected in one of Africa's most significant wildlife migration routes

African wild dog, elephant and lion habitat protected