

**African Development Fund Approves \$9.4 Million Grant for Nature-Based Flood Adaptation in Western Rwanda 2025**

**Overview**

In the framework of creating the investment case for climate resilient water resources and WASH services, the outcomes of the Global Water Leadership Program (GWL) implemented by GWP-Eastern Africa through GWP-Rwanda, have informed the elaboration of the project “Nature Based Flood Adaptation to Increase Community Resilience in the Western Part of Rwanda” funded by The African Development Fund to the tune of \$9.4. This project will be implemented by the Rwanda Water Resources Board.



**The Nature Based Flood Adaptation to Increase Community Resilience in the Western Part of Rwanda**

**Project Objectives:**

To build climate resilience in flood-prone catchments of Rusizi and Karogi districts, by implementing nature-based flood adaptation and promoting community-led soil conservation and catchment restoration.

**The Expected outcomes:**

Reduced flood and landslide exposure, decreased soil erosion and water siltation, and improved land productivity.

**Expected Beneficiaries**

- Over 620,000 people protected from flood and landslide risks.
- 1.2 million residents benefit from improved early warning systems.
- Reforestation of 10,000 hectares.
- Rehabilitation of degraded riverbanks and hillsides.
- Climate adaptation training for more than 6,000 people.
- Practical eco-engineering training for 120 students.

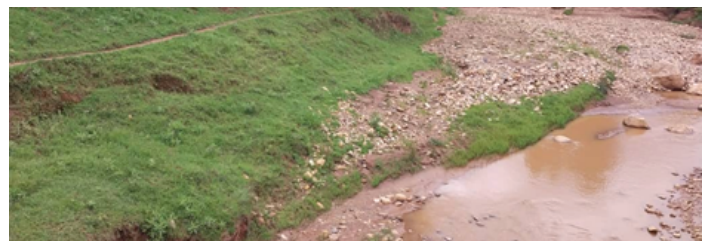
**Long-Term Impact**

This project will demonstrate how nature-based solutions can deliver lasting impact — protecting lives today while building prosperity for tomorrow.



**GWL Rwanda at a Glance**

- ▶ Implemented in seven countries including Rwanda from 2021 to 2024. Its primary focus was to support governments to implement impactful and inclusive climate resilient water policies and strategies that will result in better served and more climate resilient communities. It will also engage the water and WASH sectors to identify the impacts of climate change on their resources and services and to identify and leverage large-scale opportunities for climate financing.
- ▶ Funded by FCDO and implemented by GWP Eastern Africa and Water Partnership Rwanda in collaboration with Rwanda Water Resources Board and UNICEF.
- ▶ Formed four working groups to identify the bottlenecks that hinder IWRM and WASH in Rwanda. Subsequently identified the root causes and developed a response strategy to address the bottlenecks identified. The response strategy was validated by the stakeholders and launched on 22 March 2024.



**Why It Matters**

The initiative aligns with Rwanda’s Green Growth and Climate Resilience Strategy and supports the African Development Bank Group’s goals under ADF-16 to build sustainable, climate-resilient infrastructure and inclusive livelihoods.