

Summary of programme

Title/Number	Empowerment of Non-State actors in Botswana BW/FED/022-316
Total cost	EUR 10 000 000 European Union contribution : EUR 8 000 000 – A Envelope <u>Parallel co-financing (in kind):</u> Centre of Development for Enterprise (CDE): EUR 500 000 Government of Botswana: EUR 1 500 000
Aid method / Method of implementation	Project approach : Partially decentralised management. Joint management with the Centre for the Development of Enterprise (CDE)

Context:

A key principle of ACP-EU cooperation concerning the participation of Non-State Actors (NSAs) in the development process is enshrined in the revised Cotonou Agreement. The agreement calls for the enhancement of the capacities of these actors, in particular as regards their organisational and representational skills.

The Government of Botswana has long recognised the role that the Non-State Sectors (NSAs) have in national development. Vision 2016, Botswana's long-term strategy, singles out the principle of partnership with civil society and the private sector as a key factor to achieve the development target to become a 'prosperous, just, open, democratic and accountable nation'. The Country Strategy Paper 2008-13 for Botswana provides for support to the NSAs, to strengthen their participation in the development process with special attention being paid to the poorest and marginalised sections of the population.

Description of the programme

The overall objective of the project is to contribute to economic growth promotion and poverty reduction, through the strengthening of the role of Non State Actors in Botswana.

The purpose of the project is to enhance the role of Non State Actors (NSAs) in the development process of Botswana and to enable them to contribute more effectively to the achievement of the national development goals.

It is implemented through two components. For both components, the programme is structured to:

- i) directly support NSAs (NGOs, SMMEs, CBOs) in specific sectors;
- ii) support intermediary organisations ('umbrella NGOs, private sector associations/intermediate organisation, and business development service providers) and;
- iii) support a conducive framework between Government and NSAs (NGO Council and business environment).

In addition, both components will focus on a few sectors in priority areas of cooperation.

The programme is expected to produce the following results:

Component 1 – Support to NGO Empowerment

- Result 1.1: Structural dialogue between Government and NGO Sector is enhanced through the implementation of the National NGO Policy
- Result 1.2: Operational and financial framework in government for the administration of the public funds to NGOs is strengthened
- Result 1.3: NGOs capacitated and coordination and cooperation mechanisms among NGOs strengthened in priority sectors

Component 2: Support to the Private Sector Development Strategy

- Result: 2.1 Capacity and competitiveness of SMMEs and Community Based Organisations (CBOs) including value chains is strengthened, in a selected number of economic sectors.
- Result 2.2: Service delivery of targeted Intermediary Organisations (IOs) and Business Development Service Providers (BDPSs) is enhanced
- Result 2.3: Business environment for enterprises is improved. (Reduction of red tape and pilot scheme on improved access to financing by SMMEs)