

Scaling Urban NbS for  
Climate Adaptation in  
Sub-Saharan Africa  
(SUNCASA)



The project aims to enhance climate adaptation, gender equality, and biodiversity protection in Ethiopia, Rwanda, and South Africa's urban communities.

The project contributes to increasing the capacity of women's organizations and underrepresented groups to plan, implement, and monitor gender-responsive Nature-based Solutions for climate change adaptation. It also seeks to increase the capacity of women, women's organizations, and underrepresented groups to participate in local government decision-making processes to advance gender-responsive Nature-based Solutions.

Project activities include: (1) conducting dialogues and training on gender-based barriers to Nature-based Solutions, addressing social norms and local power dynamics for community members, especially men and local leaders; (2) restoring watershed lands with agroforestry, afforestation, and reforestation practices in upstream farmlands, bare lands, and degraded forests with local landowners and women cooperatives; and (3) providing training programs for women's organizations and underrepresented groups to influence municipal policy on gender-responsive Nature-based Solutions.

**Approximately 43.3% of the total contribution area overlaps with Key Biodiversity Areas**