

**Republic of Botswana**

**FINANCING FOR THE OKAVANGO RIVER BASIN  
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# Introduction



- Botswana is a member to 4 RBOs being; Zambezi (ZAMCOM, Okavango - OKACOM, Limpopo - LIMCOM, Orang-Senque - ORASECOM)
- Botswana is arid to semi-arid, water shortages continue to persist as a result of growing demand, mostly worsened by the effects of climate change.
- We also experience hydrological droughts which have become severe and more frequent, over the years, resulting in water supply challenges that overwhelm our insufficient resources.
- To ensure that every person in Botswana has access to safe and affordable drinking water, the Government has prioritized the development of water resources and infrastructure projects through increasing the Development Budget for Water and Sanitation projects from an average of 16% prior to 2020/2021 financial year to an average of 32% during the past 3 years.
- With regard to progress made towards attainment of targets under SDG 6, overall 98% of our population has access to portable water services; 83% of urban population use safely managed drinking water services with another 15% using basic services; compared to 70% rural population who use basic services and 15% using only limited services.

# FINANCING SOURCES FOR THE OKAVANGO RIVER BASIN

Funding is divided into:

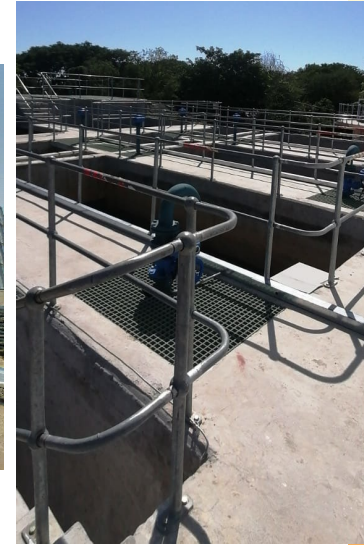
## **Member States Contributions**

- The operational expense budget (OEB ) : covered by member states annual contributions.
- **The Cubango-Okavango River Basin (CORB) Fund –**
  - aims to provide a vehicle for mobilizing long-term resources that will enable the countries to provide more coordinated support to local livelihoods and sustainable resource use.
  - This is a hybrid fund (sinking and endowment vehicles) that aims to enhance livelihoods and provide equitable benefits to its member states (Angola, Botswana and Namibia).
- Project budget (Projects that are fully funded by member states
- **Development Partners Support:** The projects: financed by development partners. These area SAP projects to support institutional and sustainable livelihoods in the basin (UNDP, GEF , SADC, Resilient Waters e.t.c).

<b>Project Name</b>	<b>Donors</b>	<b>Thematic Focus</b>
<b>Ekis Small Grants Programme: “Supporting community adaptation to climate change and biological conservation in the Cubango-Okavango River Basin (CORB) through climate smart practice in Angola, Botswana and Namibia”</b>	German Ministry of Environment through GIZ	Community Livelihoods
<b>USAID ECCO Project in the Upper Cubango-Okavango Basin in Angola: Conservation and Biodiversity.</b>	USAID - TNC	Environment and Biodiversity
<b>World Bank Support to Climate Resilience in the CORB</b>	World Bank CIWA	Livelihoods and water resources management
<b>Support to the implementation of the CORB Strategic Action Programme</b>	GEF through UNDP	Transboundary Water Resources Management
<b>The EU Program on Transboundary Water Resources Programme</b>	EU	Transboundary Water Resources Management
<b>Institutional Development Livelihoods Demonstration</b>	UK AID – CRIDF	Livelihoods
<b>Multi-sectoral Investment Opportunity Analysis</b>	World Bank	Identification of investment opportunities with the basin
<b>Implementation of the OKACOM mandate and the SADC protocol on shared watercourses and institutional capacity development/support,</b>	GIZ	Institutional capacity development
<b>Support to the Human Resources Manual and OKACOM agreement negotiations</b>	USAID - RWP	Institutional Development
<b>Support to the OKACOM Institutional Development</b>	Swedish International development Agency (SIDA)	Building OKACOM Institutional Capacity
<b>Environmental Protection and Sustainable Management of the Okavango River Basin (EPSMO).</b>	GEF through UNDP	Transboundary Water Resources Management
<b>CORB Transboundary Diagnostic Analysis</b>	UNDP-GEF	Transboundary Diagnostic Analysis

# Initiatives by Government

- Government considers provision of water as a basic necessity to economic development and sustainable livelihoods
- Botswana Government Prioritised supply of portable water to the communities living along the Okavango River
- Water Treatment Plants and pipelines construction prioritized by Government over and above RBO activities to provide access to reliable and clean drinking water
- Infrastructure is meant to encourage communities to use disinfected water due to prevent water borne diseases
- Currently Government in investing US\$300 million in water and sanitation infrastructure in Maun and Surrounding villages for water security and protect the Okavango delta from human population.





*Thank you!!*