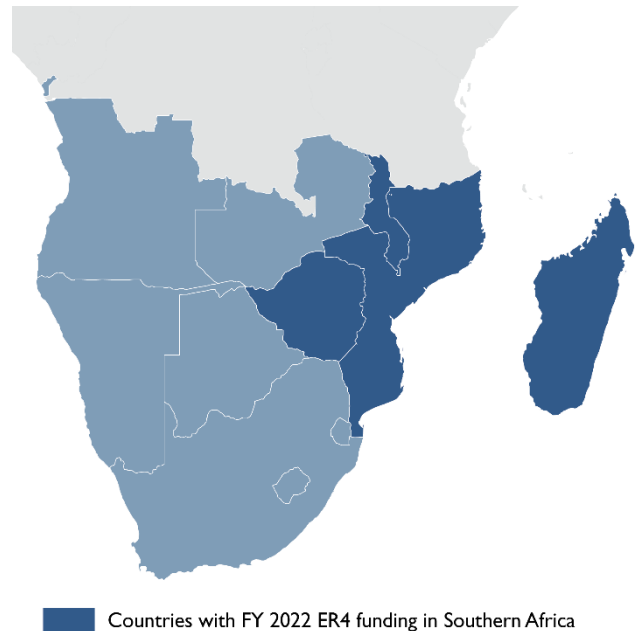


Early Recovery, Risk Reduction, and Resilience

Bureau for Humanitarian Assistance – Southern Africa

REGIONAL SUMMARY

- Many countries across Southern Africa face food insecurity, recurrent drought, and frequent sudden-onset disasters, such as cyclones and floods.
- In FY 2022, USAID’s Bureau for Humanitarian Assistance (USAID/BHA) provided approximately \$105.5 million to 11 partner organizations to conduct early recovery, risk reduction, and resilience (ER4) activities in four countries across the region.
- ER4 programs in Southern Africa address the underlying drivers of chronic food insecurity; empower communities to build assets and livelihoods; and improve emergency preparedness and response capacity at local, national, and regional levels.
- During the fiscal year, USAID/BHA continued to support multi-year Resilience Food Security Activities (RFSAs) in Madagascar, Malawi, Mozambique, and Zimbabwe to bolster local resilience to drought and sudden-onset shocks.
- USAID/BHA also built on the expertise and capacities of local partners to conduct ER4 activities. In Zimbabwe, local organizations—such as Dabane Water Workshops, Environment Africa, Nutrition Action Zimbabwe, and the Organization of Rural Associations for Progress—are making important contributions to ER4 programming. During the fiscal year, USAID/BHA began directly supporting local partner Mwenezi Development Training Center to diversify livelihoods among at-risk households in Masvingo Province while strengthening local capacity to withstand future shocks through agricultural and water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH) programming.



USAID/BHA ER4 Funding for Southern Africa in FY 2022

Funding Type	Country	Total
Standalone ER4	Madagascar, Malawi, Mozambique, Zimbabwe, Regional	\$105,473,300
FY 2022 ER4 Total		\$105,473,300

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

Building Multi-Sector Resilience Through Participatory Action in Zimbabwe

With more than \$24.2 million in FY 2022 funding, USAID/BHA partner Cultivating New Frontiers in Agriculture (CNFA) continued implementing Amalima Loko, a five-year RFSA program in Zimbabwe's Matabeleland North Province. During the fiscal year, CNFA supported nearly 560 communities to prepare participatory action plans to enhance access to safe drinking water and bolster community agriculture production, food security, health outcomes, and livelihoods. Approximately 30,000 community members participated in the planning process and nearly 100 villages began implementing their action plans during the fiscal year. Through the community-developed plans, CNFA supported the rehabilitation or establishment of nearly 80 boreholes with volunteer support from participating communities, improving safe drinking water access for approximately 6,900 people. Additionally, the non-governmental organization (NGO) trained nearly 4,000 members of village savings and loan groups on financial management to improve self-reliance and optimize the impact of their loans. The USAID/BHA partner also trained nearly 1,300 people—including more than 1,000 women, who make up a disproportionately small share of the labor force—in entrepreneurship activities, such as selling crafts, raising poultry, and harvesting and processing wild fruit. While communities began implementing their action plans, the program delivered specialized nutritious foods to more than 38,000 pregnant and lactating women (PLW) and children ages 6–23 months.

During FY 2022, CNFA continued to support and establish community groups and local committees to share improved agriculture and health practices and enhance disaster readiness. The USAID/BHA partner assisted in the creation of more than 1,000 care groups, in which elected community members demonstrate and support mother and child health practices among caregivers. Furthermore, the NGO supported farmer field schools, training nearly 1,000 lead farmers on crop management techniques—such as post-harvest sorting and temperature and insect control—to increase crop shelf life and improve food quality. In turn, lead farmers trained more than 5,400 farmers, including more than 3,400 women, on the techniques, thereby expanding the adoption of improved agricultural practices in their communities. To further strengthen community resilience, CNFA supported the establishment or reactivation of 14 disaster risk reduction (DRR) committees, training nearly 440 committee and community members on early warning communication and disaster management, mitigation, and response.

Bolstering Community Resilience and Capacity to Respond to Climatic Shocks in Mozambique

With USAID/BHA support, Save the Children Federation (SCF) continued to implement its Tsima-Tsima program to enhance the resilience of communities susceptible to climatic shocks in 75 communities across Mozambique's Gaza Province. To mitigate the effects of irregular rainfall and recurrent drought on agricultural production, SCF provided five districts with nine irrigation pumps, watering nearly 170 acres of agricultural land during FY 2022. The irrigation systems enabled approximately 270 farmers to grow staple crops—such as maize—throughout the year that had



Participants in the USAID/BHA-funded Tsima-Tsima program clear a field before planting seeds distributed by USAID/BHA partner SCF. *Photo credit: SCF*

previously only grown during the rainy season, expanding their ability to produce food for both sale and sustenance. The USAID/BHA partner also provided more than 46,000 pounds of seedlings and seeds—including beans, potatoes, and vegetables—to agricultural groups in August 2022 in support of the upcoming planting season.

The program's USAID/BHA-funded DRR activities continued to accelerate the recovery of shock-affected communities, mitigate the adverse effects of recurrent droughts, and prevent the deterioration of household assets and livelihoods during the fiscal year. Specifically, SCF and partners collaborated with district governments to develop early action protocols for droughts and floods in four districts of Gaza, while strengthening community disaster management committees to facilitate community-level DRR planning.

Supporting Food and Nutrition Security in Cyclone-Affected Southeastern Madagascar

USAID/BHA provided nearly \$9.6 million in FY 2022 funding to the Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA) to continue implementing Fiovana, a five-year RFSA project to increase food and nutrition security in 60 communities in southeastern Madagascar, where successive cyclones in February 2022 aggravated food insecurity. During the fiscal year, the NGO trained 19,000 PLW on health and nutrition practices—through nearly 1,900 nutritious cooking demonstrations and other activities—and provided food and nutrition assistance to more than 34,000 children ages two years and younger. Furthermore, the USAID/BHA partner trained nearly 1,800 health workers to monitor child growth and promote nutritious practices, including dietary diversity, for children ages five years and younger. Additionally, ADRA supported nearly 800 mother-to-mother groups working to share and implement practices to strengthen longer-term food security, such as growing household vegetable gardens. The NGO initiated or revitalized more than 900 farmer field schools and more than 600 savings and loan associations, integrating the groups to fortify food security through increased agricultural production and income generation. In response to the two cyclones that hit southeastern and southern Madagascar during the fiscal year, communities used ADRA-provided tools—such as color-coded flags, flashlights, megaphones, radios, and whistles—for assessments, damage reporting, preparedness, and readiness, reducing cyclonic devastation and supporting a quicker recovery.

Strengthening Food Security and Resilience Through Multi-Sector Programming in Malawi

In FY 2022, USAID/BHA partner CARE continued to implement Titukulane, a five-year, multi-sector RFSA program working to improve food and nutrition security in Malawi's Southern Region in response to recurrent climatic shocks—including drought, floods, and storms—that adversely affect livelihoods and reduce food availability among chronically at-risk populations. During the fiscal year, the program reached nearly 143,000 people with assistance that improved nutrition outcomes for children and PLW; increased diversified, sustainable, and equitable incomes; and strengthened local capacities to reduce risks and improve community resilience. CARE also reached nearly 30,000 women with messaging on topics such as breastfeeding, healthy hygiene practices, and home gardens to improve community members' food security and WASH practices. In addition, the program supported nearly 21,000 PLW and children ages two years and younger by providing households with cash transfers to purchase nutritious foods during the fiscal year. Through the construction of nearly 4,900 handwashing facilities and the rehabilitation of more than 50 boreholes, the program also enabled nearly 28,000 people to access safe drinking water in FY 2022. Moreover, CARE supported approximately 380 communities to develop DRR management plans, enhancing the preparedness of nearly 16,000 households for future shocks.

BHA ER4 ASSISTANCE FOR SOUTHERN AFRICA IN FY 2022¹

LOCATION	ACTIVITY	IMPLEMENTING PARTNER	AMOUNT
Standalone ER4			
Regional	Logistics Support, Shelter and Settlements, WASH	CARE	\$1,666,667
Madagascar	RFSA	ADRA	\$9,562,013
	RFSA	Catholic Relief Services (CRS)	\$8,073,324
Malawi	Early Recovery and Market Systems (ERMS), Shelter and Settlements	CRS	\$2,000,000
Mozambique	Agriculture, Monitoring and Evaluation	iDE	\$1,968,036
	RFSA	SCF	\$15,000,000
Zimbabwe	Agriculture, ERMS, WASH	Action contre la Faim (ACF)	\$3,000,000
	Agriculture, ERMS, Protection, WASH	ADRA	\$2,990,456
	RFSA	CARE	\$30,132,020
	Agriculture, ERMS, Protection	CRS	\$1,676,726
	RFSA	CNFA	\$22,473,176
	ERMS, Multipurpose Cash Assistance, Protection	GOAL	\$3,126,487
	Agriculture, WASH	Mwenezi Development Training Centre	\$611,460
	Agriculture, Disaster Risk Reduction Policy and Practice, ERMS, Food Assistance–Vouchers	Practical Action	\$1,712,769
Agriculture, ERMS, Protection, WASH	Welthungerhilfe	\$1,480,166	
TOTAL STANDALONE ER4 FUNDING			\$105,473,300
TOTAL ER4 FUNDING IN FY 2022			\$105,473,300

¹ Year of funding indicates the date of commitment or obligation, not appropriation, of funds. Funding figures reflect publicly announced funding as of September 30, 2022.

PUBLIC DONATION INFORMATION

- The most effective way people can assist relief efforts is by making cash contributions to humanitarian organizations that are conducting relief operations. A list of humanitarian organizations that are accepting cash donations for disaster responses around the world can be found at [interaction.org](https://www.interaction.org).
- USAID encourages cash donations because they allow aid professionals to procure the exact items needed, often in the affected region; reduce the burden on scarce resources, such as transportation routes, staff time, and warehouse space; can be transferred very quickly and without transportation costs; support the economy of the disaster-stricken region; and ensure culturally, dietarily, and environmentally appropriate assistance.
- More information can be found at:
 - USAID Center for International Disaster Information: [cidi.org](https://www.cidi.org)
 - Information on relief activities of the humanitarian community can be found at [reliefweb.int](https://www.reliefweb.int).