



# RVAA

Regional Vulnerability Assessment  
& Analysis Programme

## *Informing resilient livelihoods*

### INTRODUCTION

The Southern African Development Community (SADC) Regional Vulnerability Assessment and Analysis (RVAA) Programme was established in 2005 with the objective to strengthen national and regional vulnerability analysis systems, in order to inform policy formulation, development programmes and emergency interventions. Since then the programme has gone through phases with varying objectives.

### What are the needs

**To address vulnerability**, it is important for decision-makers to have access to credible data and information. This applies to both emergency response as well as longer-term development planning.

**The RVAA Programme** provides timely and credible vulnerability data and information as well as strengthens capacities in Member States to meet the ever-increasing information needs of developmental programming and emergency response for governments and partners.

**Vulnerability Assessment and Analysis (VAA)** is the regional monitoring system applied by the National Vulnerability Assessment Committees (NVACs) established in the SADC Member States.

### Key priority interventions

- **Technical capacity development and assessments coordination:** - to ensure that credible, high quality assessments are produced by the National Vulnerability Assessment Committees (NVACs) in a timely manner.
- **Institutionalization:** - to enhance the legitimacy and sustainability of the VAA system by supporting NVACs to be incorporated into government administrative and financial structures.
- **Communication, Advocacy and Leadership development:** - to increase the influence of the VAA system by facilitating increased access, use and uptake of VAA information and products.

### Significance of VAA information system at strategic & operational level

- **Evidence-based planning:** The VAA system provides credible historical and real-time analysis vital to inform evidence-based emergency response and sustainable developmental programming in the region.
- **Dependable source:** Member States depend on the VAA information system to identify and assess the vulnerability and food insecurity in SADC countries to plan interventions and influence policy decision making processes.
- **Accountability:** VAA data can show the effectiveness of approaches to address food and nutrition security, and thus enables systems of accountability.

### Programme Information

#### Current Programme Phase Dates:

- March 2017 to March 2022

#### Objective

- To support resilient and sustainable rural and urban livelihoods, environments, and institutions in reducing poverty and enhancing well-being in the SADC region.

#### Targeted beneficiaries

- SADC Secretariat, NVACs, Government Ministries, UN, Donors, NGOs, Agencies.

#### Service Providers:

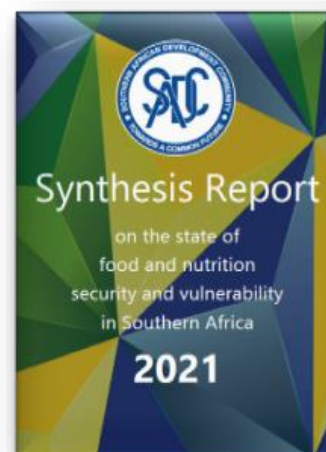
- The United Nations World Food Programme (WFP).
- Landell Mills (LM).

#### Programme donors:

- UK - Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office (FCDO).
- The Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC).

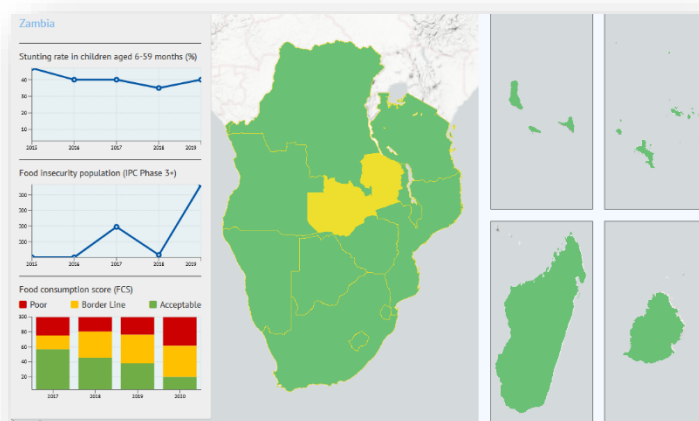
## How SADC RVAA is helping

- Advancing the regional agenda and programmatic learning,
- Enhancing regional and national response to climate change, poverty, resilience building, and livelihood vulnerability,
- Convening the regional Annual Dissemination Forum to share information on the state of food and nutrition insecurity and vulnerability in the Region. The forum culminates in the issuing of the Synthesis Report see e.g. December 2020 ([link](#)),
- Coordinate SADC ministerial meetings as well as the Regional Vulnerability Assessment Committees (RVAC) and National Vulnerability Assessment Committees NVACs,
- Harmonisation and alignment of approaches, methods and tools to enhance NVACs' VAA data integration and increased comparability,
- Support all Member States to strengthen the Vulnerability Assessment and Analysis (VAA) information system and utilize its products in response to climate shocks, climate stressors and economic shocks.



## Vulnerability online Atlas

- In 2021 the programme launched a new [Online Vulnerability Atlas](#) designed to store access, share and visualize data and information relating to food, nutrition and livelihoods security from 16 SADC Member States.
- The Online Atlas developed by the SADC-RVAA Programme provides easy access to quality Vulnerability Assessments and Analysis data (both primary and secondary), to inform evidence-based policymaking and programming.



### Service providers



### Donor partners



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