



Zimbabwe

FROM WATER TO MARKETS
SCALING IRRIGATION,
AGRO-PROCESSING
AND HIGH-VALUE PRODUCTION

HAND-IN-HAND INVESTMENT FORUM
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Why Zimbabwe?

33.3M ha

Agricultural land

6 distinct

Agroecological Zones

17.3M

Population

USD 45.7B

GDP

ACROSS ZIMBABWE,
**ABUNDANT
AGRICULTURAL LAND,
EXTENSIVE WATER
RESOURCES AND
DIVERSE
AGROECOLOGICAL
CONDITIONS** PROVIDE A
STRONG FOUNDATION
FOR EXPANDING FOOD
PRODUCTION,
DEVELOPING HIGHER-
VALUE CROPS AND
STRENGTHENING
AGROPROCESSING

*With access to **large regional markets** and **renewed investment in irrigation and infrastructure**, Zimbabwe has an opportunity to transform these assets into more productive, resilient and competitive agrifood value chains.*



What is holding back Zimbabwe's agrifood potential?

FOUR STRUCTURAL GAPS
ARE CONSTRAINING
PRODUCTIVITY,
RESILIENCE AND VALUE
CREATION

01

Limited irrigation and dependence on rainfall

Low irrigation coverage and inadequate water infrastructure leave major crops vulnerable to rainfall variability and constrain production

02

Limited mechanization and productive infrastructure

Insufficient access to machinery, modern production systems and specialized equipment restricts productivity and the ability to scale

03

Gaps in processing, storage and cold-chain capacity

Limited processing and post-harvest infrastructure mean that agricultural products are often sold with little value addition, while losses reduce market returns

04

Constraints to productivity and climate resilience

Limited access to improved seed, quality feed, soil management, animal health and other climate-resilient technologies constrains yields and competitiveness

Where are the biggest investment opportunities?

FIVE STRATEGIC INVESTMENTS FOR USD 1.6 BILLION TO SCALE PRODUCTION, STRENGTHEN VALUE CHAINS AND DRIVE AGRIFOOD GROWTH

01 Maize

Expand irrigation, mechanization and climate-resilient production systems to strengthen domestic food security and increase productivity

USD 468.0M
Investment

USD 182.4M
NPV

22.0%
IRR

02 Soybean

Scale irrigated soybean production, mechanization and climate-resilient seed systems to supply domestic cooking-oil and stock-feed industries and tap regional markets

USD 402.7M
Investment

USD 96.8M
NPV

19.0%
IRR

03 Blueberries

Develop climate-smart production, irrigation, cold-chain and processing infrastructure to expand Zimbabwe's presence in premium global markets

USD 23.7M
Investment

USD 41.5M
NPV

24.0%
IRR

04 Dairy

Develop integrated dairy value chains through improved feed and fodder, irrigation, genetics, animal health, processing and cold-chain infrastructure

USD 71.4M
Investment

USD 38.6M
NPV

21.0%
IRR

05 Tugwi-Mukosi Dam as an Economic Driver

Transform the dam into an integrated economic hub for irrigation, fisheries, agro-processing, hydropower, water supply and tourism

USD 680.0M
Investment

USD 377.5M
NPV

20.0%
IRR

Why is Zimbabwe positioned for investment now?

NATURAL RESOURCES, REGIONAL MARKET ACCESS AND AN IMPROVING BUSINESS ENVIRONMENT CREATE STRONG CONDITIONS FOR INVESTMENT

Investor-friendly Financial Framework

A multi-currency system eliminates exchange-rate risk, while dividends and profits are freely remittable

Improving Investment Environment

Ongoing reforms are strengthening the ease of doing business, land tenure security and legal investment protection

Connection to 600 Million Consumers

And participation in SADC, COMESA, ACP, AfCFTA and WTO

Strategic Regional Position

Road, rail and air connectivity position Zimbabwe to serve regional markets and value chains

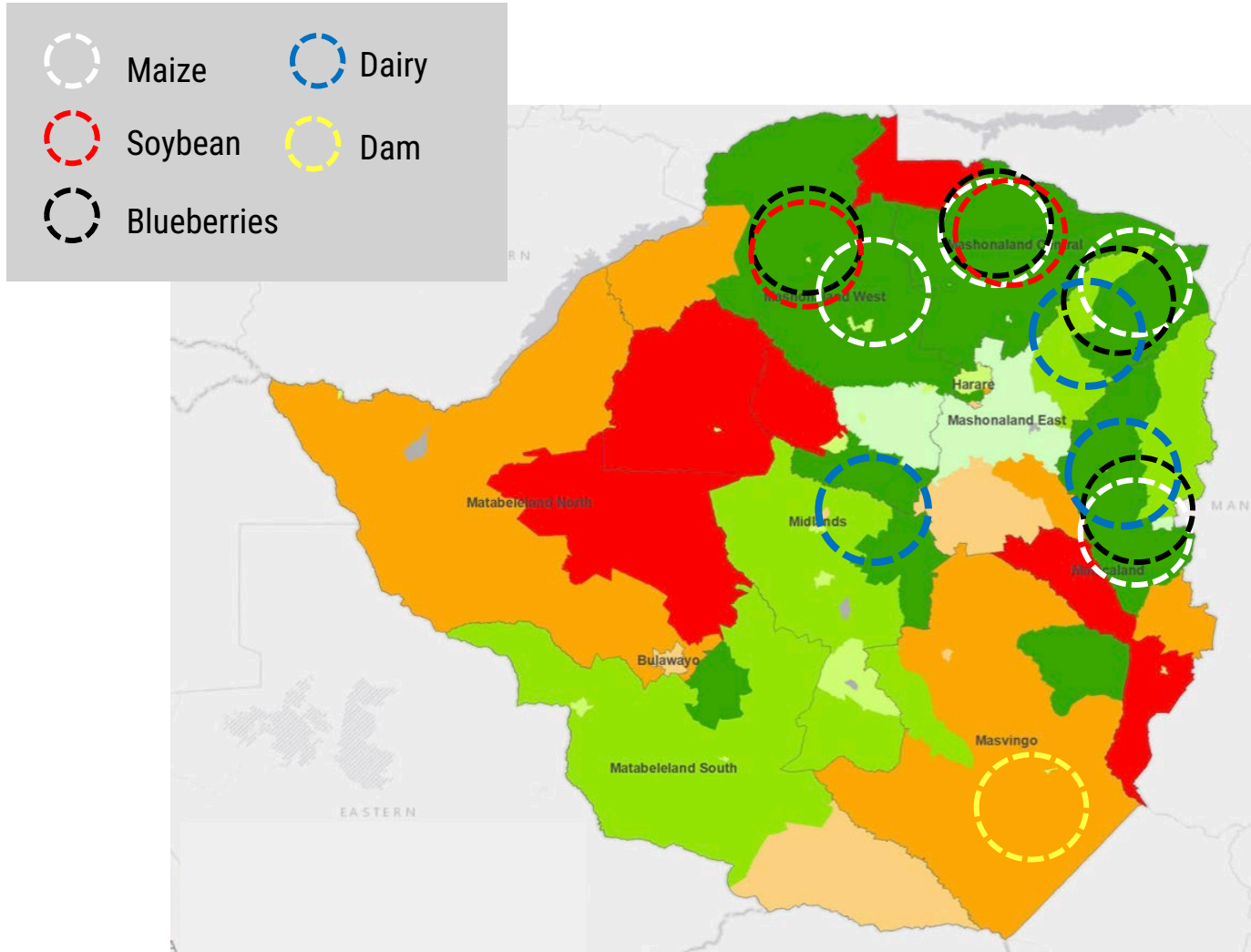
10,600 dams

Dams with potential to irrigate 2 million hectares and six agroecological zones support diverse production systems

90% literacy rate

Provides a strong human-capital base for modern agriculture and agro-industry

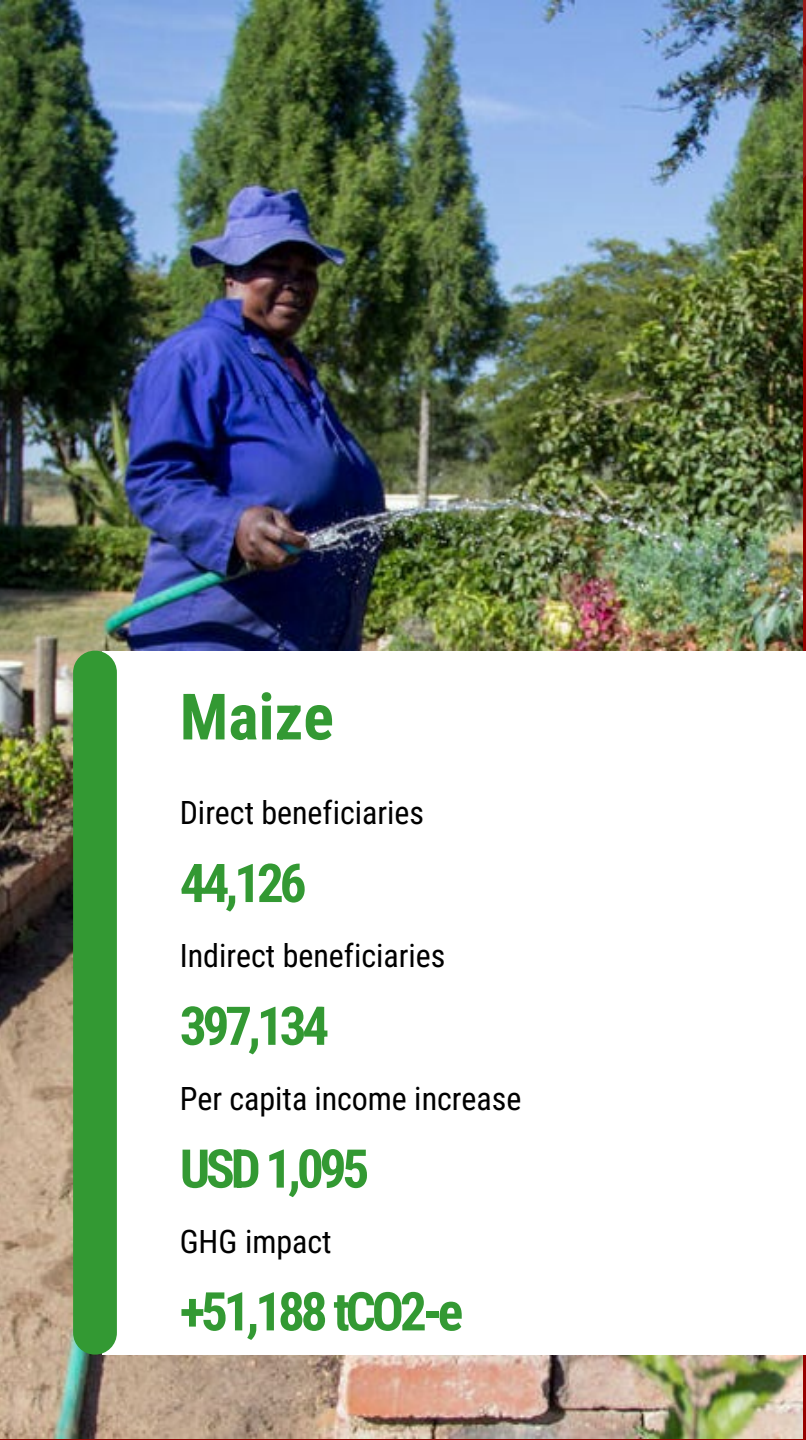
How do we know where to target these investments?



FAO'S GEOSPATIAL PLATFORM HELPS IDENTIFY AREAS WHERE AGRICULTURAL POTENTIAL IS GREATEST.

INVESTMENTS ARE TARGETED TO ADDRESS THE SPECIFIC CHALLENGES OF EACH TERRITORY, MAXIMIZING IMPACT.

- Critical with moderate agricultural opportunities
- Medium priority with moderate agricultural opportunities
- Low priority
- High priority
- Medium priority with high agricultural opportunities
- Low priority with high agricultural opportunities
- High performance



What could these investments change for people and communities?

RAISING INCOMES, STRENGTHENING FOOD SECURITY AND CREATING NEW ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES

Maize

Direct beneficiaries

44,126

Indirect beneficiaries

397,134

Per capita income increase

USD 1,095

GHG impact

+51,188 tCO2-e

Soybean

Direct beneficiaries

44,949

Indirect beneficiaries

404,541

Per capita income increase

USD 1,456

GHG impact

+12,971 tCO2-e

Blueberries

Direct beneficiaries

1,440

Indirect beneficiaries

12,960

Per capita income increase

USD 9,800

GHG impact

+1,838 tCO2-e



Dairy

Direct beneficiaries

710

Indirect beneficiaries

6,390

Per capita income increase

USD 1,020

GHG impact

+41,360 tCO₂-e

Tugwi-Mukosi Dam as an Economic Driver

Direct beneficiaries

57,146

Indirect beneficiaries

514,314

Per capita income increase

USD 3,827

GHG impact

+2,700 tCO₂-e

How can you be part of this story?

THREE SIMPLE STEPS

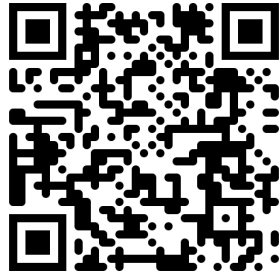
01 Explore the Investment Note

Download the **full investment note** or **investor deck** from the country page:



Access the most relevant document to you for more details on the country's investment cases.

02 Request a bilateral meeting



Schedule a one-on-one session with the country's delegation to discuss opportunities.



03 Join as an investor/partner



Engage with us as a DFI, MDB, or private investor to structure, derisk, and deploy capital.