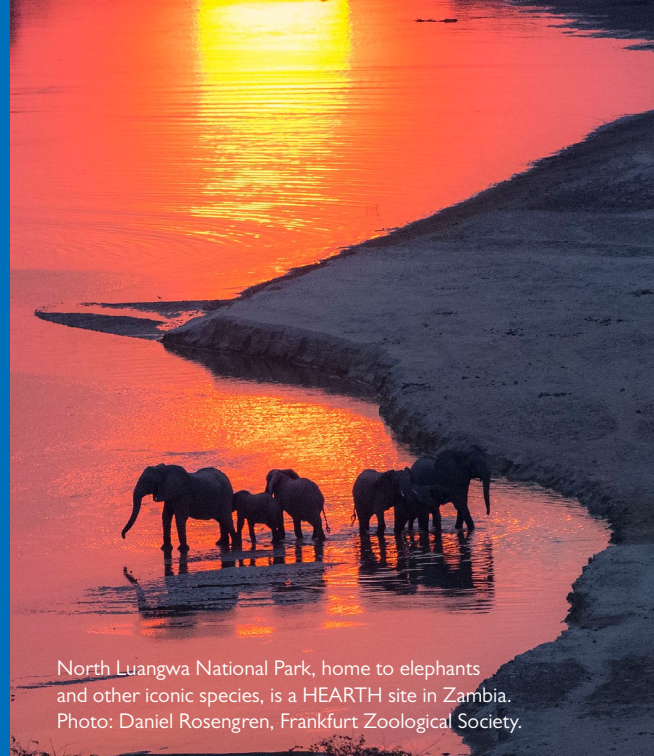




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# Health, Ecosystems and Agriculture for Resilient, Thriving Societies (HEARTH)



North Luangwa National Park, home to elephants and other iconic species, is a HEARTH site in Zambia. Photo: Daniel Rosengren, Frankfurt Zoological Society.

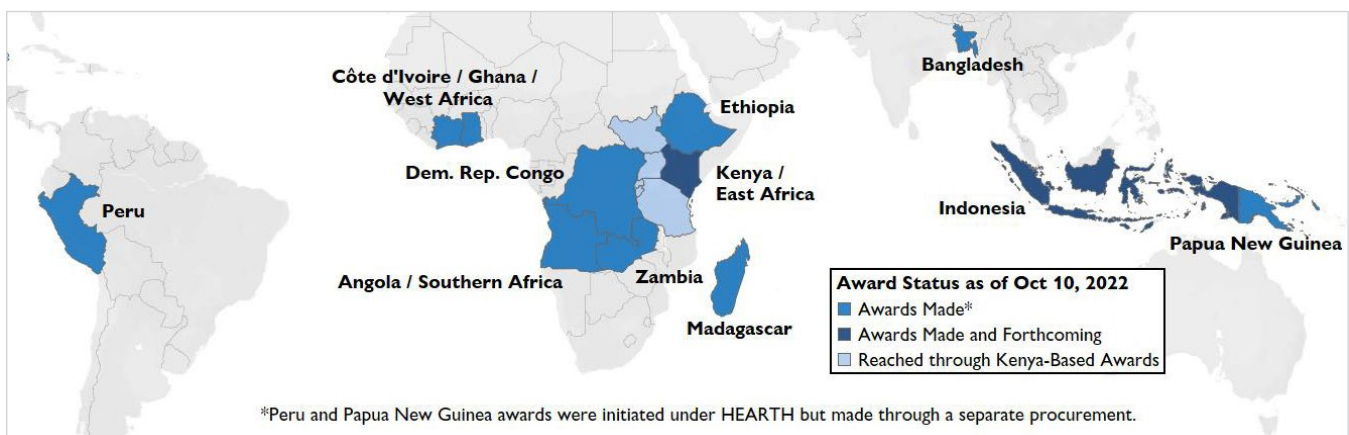
The U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID)'s HEARTH activity portfolio engages private sector partners to collaboratively implement integrated sustainable development activities that **conserve high-biodiversity landscapes and improve the well-being and prosperity of communities** that depend on these landscapes.

*People flourish in healthy landscapes; conservation succeeds when local people benefit.*

USAID and the private sector collaborate through HEARTH in nearly all development fields. These include natural resource management, climate change adaptation, emerging infectious disease control, maternal and child health, voluntary family planning, nutrition, farming, economic growth, energy, and governance. Investing in human well-being can reduce pressure on nature, while healthier ecosystems improve human health, food security and other development outcomes. The World Economic Forum 2019 Annual Report's top five global concerns for the next decade were all environmental risks, including "ecosystem collapse."

## WHERE HEARTH WORKS

HEARTH activities are currently operating in 12 countries: Angola, Bangladesh, Côte d'Ivoire, Democratic Republic of Congo, Ethiopia, Ghana, Indonesia, Kenya, Madagascar, Papua New Guinea, Peru, and Zambia, leveraging over \$85 million in support from private sector partners. The map below displays HEARTH partnerships as of October 2022.



## HEARTH OPERATIONALIZES BEST PRACTICES IN DEVELOPMENT

- **Advances cross-sectoral and market-based partnerships** to promote a strong enabling environment for businesses while developing solutions that benefit people and the planet, including transboundary collaborations where appropriate.
- **Leverages private sector markets, expertise, and resources** to deliver sustainable and scalable results. *Every dollar USAID contributes to HEARTH unlocks private sector investment of equal or greater value to maximize our collective impact.*
- **Generates and shares evidence about what works best** when integrating approaches across development sectors, and the impacts of the entire HEARTH effort.
- **Engages with beneficiaries at every step** to ensure HEARTH activities address the needs and concerns of local communities.
- **Embodies the objectives** of USAID's policies and goals on [Biodiversity](#), [Climate](#), [Private Sector Engagement](#), [Indigenous Peoples](#), [Resilience](#), [Food Security](#), and [Global Health](#).

## HEARTH PARTNERSHIPS ADDRESS CLIMATE GOALS

The health of ecosystems, species, and people are inseparable. Climate change, biodiversity loss, and the rapid decline of ecosystems, along with emerging pandemic threats like COVID-19, threaten global development progress and human well-being. USAID and its HEARTH partners are investing to address these intertwined crises. HEARTH partnerships promote climate adaptation and the resilience of communities, including among marginalized populations that are often most at risk of experiencing adverse climate impacts, such as women, young people, and Indigenous Peoples. HEARTH partnerships increase food security and mitigate climate impacts within local communities by promoting climate-smart agricultural practices and sustainable alternative livelihood strategies. HEARTH supports nature-based solutions that protect communities from the impacts of climate-related weather events, sequester carbon dioxide, and conserve biodiversity by helping to improve the conservation and sustainable management of local forests, mangroves, and watersheds.



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