



TANZANIA AF PROJECT UPDATES

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OUTLINE

- Background and Project Overview
- Progress
- Challenges
- Recommendations



BACKGROUND AND PROJECT OVERVIEW

➤ Background

- The AF project was approved in December 2011;
- Contract between AF and UNEP signed on 29th February 2012.



BACKGROUND AND PROJECT OVERVIEW

➤ Overview of the AF Project in Tanzania

- Tanzania AF project titled, “*Implementation of concrete adaptation measures to reduce vulnerability of livelihoods and economy of coastal communities of Tanzania*”, is a five-year project (2012 - 2017) worthy US \$ 5,008,564.
- MIE: UNEP is the Implementing Entity (IE) and Tanzania Vice President’s Office-Division of Environment is the Executing Entity (EE).



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PROGRESS

- *29-30th October 2012*: Inception workshop held;
- 12-people project taskforce formulated;
- *October 2013*: Procurement of project Senior Technical Advisor (STA) completed - Prof. Timotheo Ferreira from Portugal;
- *September 2014*: Completed review of project workplan and updated baseline (conducted by *C4 EcoSolutions*);



PROGRESS

- Second draft of Ecosystem Based Integrated Coastal Area Management (EBICAM) action plan developed by the taskforce;
- *18th-22nd December 2014*: Trainings on sustainable mangrove management, renewable and efficient energy conducted to communities' representatives and municipal officers;

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- *30th January 2015*: Procurement and signing contracts with consultants (specialists) on Coastal management, Rural energy, Reef and Climate change knowledge management;
- *July/August 2015*: Visit to project sites done by consultant (*Arup Group Engineering Firm*)

This was done after the EE (VPO-DoE) signed contract with UNOPS on 30th January 2015 to undertake the task.



CHALLENGES

- Project Implementation Delays;
 - Prolonged procurement process
 - Staff adequacy/capacity (both IE and EE)
- Difficulties in accessing project implementation/performance reports on AF website.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- AF to revisit the policy for project/programme delays;
 - Procurement processes should be integrated in project design and possibly having a specific personnel for project procurements
 - Clear implementation arrangement
- Frequent/Timely AF Secretariat visits to project sites;

RECOMMENDATIONS

- Enhance information sharing and transparency on project performance;
 - Uploaded country's project performance reports on the website and allow providing comments.
- Having a multi-stakeholders' project implementation team.



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Summary

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Progress in implementing direct access

- Good progress has been made in implementing direct access
- Sound evidence of first project impact is observed by the AF NGO Network partners

Challenges in project implementation

- Project implementation has been delayed in a number of countries
Reasons for delays are varied and range from unexpected events delaying implementation to extended time needed to comply with regulations and standards of the AF as well as general project management challenges in a complex environment
- A review of reasons for delay has been initiated and will be presented at the next Civil Society Dialogue
Post Paris workshop in December to explore the challenges in more depth to develop policy strategies for addressing project challenges



The project has been going well so far. We are learning a lot – different ways of farming that will help us adjust to climate change. One of the new methods that is working for us so far is the ditch method which helps retain water in the soil.

Farmer, Thompson Town, Jamaica

Thank you.

