

Adaptation Fund Board secretariat note: These CSO comments from Mr. Emmanuel Seck, ENDA, to the project proposal “Reducing vulnerability and increasing resilience of coastal communities in the Saloum Islands (Dionewar)” were received by the secretariat on 11 May 2016 through the Adaptation Fund NGO Network.

FURTHER COMMENTS

The project was more substantiated considering better:

- Strengthening the economic power of women grouped under 18 associations involved in the valorization of fishery products including oysters and shells;
- Training of CBOs for better management of natural resources and mangrove ecosystem;
- Support of Women rice farmers with the protection of rice plots from salinity to boost production, reinforce food security and improve their income.

There is also the recognition of initiatives developed by the various partners of Dionewar populations including ENDA and other NGOs in the exploitation of oysters and other fishery products as well as the reforestation of the mangrove, coconuts and palm oil trees. As said in the project proposal this approach will avoid duplication and could facilitate partnership with organizations already involved in developing activities with these communities.

Feasibility study and interview were made with stakeholders in order to have solid dikes or other works built with local material that involve the populations during their implementation and easy to maintain.

- Adaptation alternative: results expected are very clear and beneficiaries know particularly in terms of sustainability but there is a need to precise how communities will contribute in the implementation of the project, i.e. which activities they will directly undertake beside the activity 1.2 related to tree planting.
- Project management’s bodies, particularly the National Steering Committee is representative with the presence of CBOs in this mechanism.

However, it remains important, for the all project, to have external organizations to ensure regular monitoring of the implementation of activities.