



2020 Annual NIE Seminar for accredited NIEs ON SEPTEMBER 3, 2020 FROM 10:35- 10:50AM EDT

TOPIC: NIE EXPERIENCES ON SCALING-UP AF PROJECTS

Questions to be answered during the Presentation

1. What was the approach of the project for the development of a scaling up strategy and how has success been measured?
2. What process did you go through to identify potential funding sources for scaling-up the actual project? Any advice to other NIEs regarding sourcing funding?
3. What have been the main lessons from the project's mid-term evaluation? How was the mid-term evaluation used to inform and readjust project activities to ensure better achievement of project outcomes?
4. What are the challenges you have encountered during implementation of the project scale-up grant and how differently would you design the project for maximizing impact?

1. What was the approach of the project for the development of a scaling up strategy and how has success been measured?

- The Project Steering Committee Meeting was regularly updated on Project implementation and challenges encountered and recommended the Project scaling up for sustainability of achieved milestones;
- Some of the Project approaches like bench and progressive terraces had extensive impact in restoring Mugogo watersheds and we could notice improvement in the Community livelihood through community testimonies;
- The Project area was seriously affected by flooding during the rainy season and rainwater harvesting technologies was seen as effective mitigation approach thus stimulated the Project scaling up;
- Community outreach meetings organized by Local Authorities was the main approach to gather community appreciation for the project interventions;

2. What process did you go through to identify potential funding sources for scaling-up the actual project? Any advice to other NIEs regarding sourcing funding?

- The 1st targeted funding Partner was the Adaptation Fund in the initial stage to harness the country cap of 10 Million USD;
- For a wide impact in the Project area, we needed to develop an integrated approach of adaptation and mitigation interventions, thus We directed our request to the Green Climate Fund since it finances adaptation projects and Rwanda is accredited by GCF;
- NIEs need to secure credibility and accountability with regards to Development Partners since it attracts more partnership and therefore more impactful projects that improve communities livelihoods;
- It is obvious that Least Developed Countries (LDCs) need to be accredited by International Funding Agencies thus networking through seminars, webinars are good occasions to gather information on available funding opportunities;
- World Bank, GCF and other Bilateral agencies (Embassies) are willing to finance scaling up projects.

3. What have been the main lessons from the project's mid-term evaluation? How was the mid-term evaluation used to inform and readjust project activities to ensure better achievement of project outcomes?

- Consistent and regular communication with the Fund during the project implementation promoted common understanding and addressing in a timely manner any emerging challenges;
- Project activities implemented as planned with a high appreciation of Budget execution rate thus no need to readjust project activities;
- Prior consultations with project beneficiaries (during project preparation and project implementation);
- Community animators , very instrumental in project implementation and awareness;
- Financial literacy and saving culture for Project beneficiaries(all payments through SACCOs)

4. What are the challenges you have encountered during implementation of the project scale-up grant and how differently would you design the project for maximizing impact?

- Limited scope of the Project scale-up grant that jeopardize maximum impact in the Project area to ensure sustainability of selected interventions;
- Develop and integrated approach whereby the main component of Community livelihood improvement is blended with integrated land and water management and Capacity development to enhance a comprehensive and wide impact in the project area (joint program);
- Currently we are developing the terms of reference for development of the project proposal



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