

Africa Climate Adaptation Food Security Project (ACA)
UNDP RBA Regional Project

Quarterly Progress Report

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1. Summary of Key Achievements

Project outputs	Key achievements (made in the current quarter)
Output 1. Climate Information system enhanced for informed and integrated decision making and planning	A follow up meeting was held on the implementation of the roadmap developed after the internal evaluation of the climate centres was conducted. Progress was shared and areas that are still stalling were discussed. The roadmap was updated and the procurement process for dry run smart data transfer system has been initiated.
Output 2. Selected climate adaptation and risk management measures tested and scaled up Baseline	There has not been much progress in the reporting quarter due to the funding arrangement. Most activities under this output have been pushed to next quarter.

2. Activity Progress Details and Challenges

Project outputs & activities	Annual target July 2014 – Septemebr 2014	Explanation of progress	Constraints & Issues & Lessons learned
Output 1. Climate Information systems enhanced for informed and integrated decision making and planning		There has been progress in the reporting quarter with the start of the development of the M & E framework and identification of districts for piloting of the food security activities.	Not much progress in the reporting quarter. Direct payment implementation for district based activities still had an effect on the implementation of district activities.

Activity 1.1. Develop a National Climate Change M&E system	One M&E framework for the National Climate Change Investment Plan	Terms of reference for the development of the M&E Framework were developed. Since the development of the TORs no activity has taken place. The IP has failed to convene the government experts to work on the M&E framework in a workshop with full board arrangements.	The full board arrangement for meetings and workshops has proved to be a challenge to all UNDP/UN programmes.
Activity 1.2. Support production and dissemination of Climate Change Hazard and Vulnerability maps	Vulnerability maps for Two Climate change hot spot districts	TORs were revised following the donors agreements with the lead IPs on the IPs priorities. Some elements from the first TORs were dropped and only those to do with mapping remained. (database development elements were dropped).	Issues around clarity of the activity were resolved and TORs will be advertised.
Activity 1.3 Support Climate Action Intelligence (CAI) database maintenance and its sustainability	300 CAI tool kits disseminated	Dissemination through TV Malawi was done.	None
Activity 1.4 Support maintenance of GIS and ICT infrastructure for management of climatic data and information	Two data sets shared through the data sharing platform	Computer connections were outsourced to maintain the servers. They are working together with the Shire River Basin Project who would like to use the servers as well.	None
Activity 1.5 Promote media campaigns and the national climate change website to ensure programme raises relevant CC issues at relevant times of the year	10 radio programmes conducted	Nothing was done in the reporting quarter due to challenges relating to the funding modality.	None
Activity 1.6 Review, develop and disseminate appropriate knowledge materials for district climate information centers incorporating gender dimensions	1500 different materials supplied to climate centres	No additional materials were sent to the centres however, three centres which were poorly located are being relocated to visible places. These are Karonga, Zomba and Mulanje.	The information centers require a bit more investment for them to be fully operational.

Activity 1.7 Work with DoCCMS, rural radio stations, land users and fishermen to develop and implement provision of tailored regular (daily or weekly) weather forecasts-including approaches to explain reliability of forecasts to land users.	50 messages sent to relevant audiences by Meteorology department	Nothing happened under this activity due to funding arrangements.	None
Activity 1.8 Train extension workers/farmers to maximize usage of locally produced climate data	200 extension workers trained	Sites for this activity were identified and sensitisation meetings for District Executive Committee were conducted. Workplans were developed and currently procurement procedures for agro-forestry trees have commenced.	Direct payment mode has also delayed this activity.
Output 2:			
Activity 2.1 Identify climate risk management approaches in selected districts, explore safety-net measures	Two approaches identified	Following discussions with UNDP regional office, a study on climate risk management and decision making will be conducted. A new IP which is social protection department has been identified. Specific work is yet to start.	None
Activity 2.2 Support national capacity for climate finance readiness	One training conducted	This activity has been rescheduled to 2015	None
Activity 2.3 Build capacity for implementing the National Climate Change Investment Plan	One training conducted	This activity has been shifted to first quarter 2015	None
Activity 2.4 Support food security activities under National Climate Change Investment Plan	5 initiatives implemented	Under this activity, agroforestry will be done. Planting of 110,000 trees has been planned	Due to time limitations, procurement will be done centrally.

3. Milestones for the next quarter and related needs

- Procure and distribute agroforestry inputs.
- Produce a draft M&E framework for the investment plan

4. Financial Progress

Budget for 2014 and 2015 Financial Year in US Dollars (USD) including expenditure to date:

Year	Activities	Budget	Commitments	Expenditure during this quarter	Cumulative expenditure	Balance
2014	1 & 2	270,000	1,555	43,371.83	99,815	168,630
2015	1 & 2	395,000				395,000
TOTAL		665,000			99,815	563,630

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