

PROGRESS REPORT

Capacity Development for Results-Based Monitoring, Evaluation and Auditing Projects

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(ESRF)

I. PURPOSE

The below interventions which are parts of several interventions proposed from the assessment studies conducted in 2013, are financed under the Capacity Development for Results-Based Monitoring, Evaluation and Auditing Project work plan for 2013/2014 financial year.

Output1: Extending the ICT4RD Network to Connect MAF AIRC Centers

This output, is focusing on connecting four centers Agriculture Information Resource Centres (AIRC)s in Mugeta, Bunda town, Kibara, and Kisorya. It builds on the existing ICT infrastructure owned by ICT4RD and AIRCs installed under the Access to Information initiative (ATI) and MDGs Acceleration Framework (MAF). The infrastructure once completed will host several applications such as e-agriculture, e-health etc that aim to improve peoples life.

Partners to this intervention are UNDP, MoF PED, SPIDER, DIT, COSTECH, ESRF and The Fraunhofer Society and the people of Bunda. The initiative is expected to provide rural people with easy, cheap access and reliable connectivity, jobs for young entrepreneurs, easy resource sharing etc.

CD-RMB project supports fabrication and erection of five masts for

the Bunda – Kibara to Kisorya network and provision of some accessories and installation costs.

Output 2: Establishment of content development centre at ESRF

The centre is established to develop radio and TV programmes. To translate Policy and research programmes into simple language mostly Kiswahili. The centre is equipped with a purpose build room for studio, well furnished with equipment such cameras, Mixer with professional microphone, software, powerful computer, and DVD burning machine.

It is expected that the center will ensure timely availability of information and knowledge on poverty, vulnerability and environment. Will also document and disseminate Community Knowledge and practices.

Output 3: Support Operationalization of ICT platforms and Community Radios

Under this output CD-RBM is supporting the establishment and maintenance of community radios, maintenance of websites and use of mobile phones. Also support to Tzonline and TAKNET, Bunda Community radio and Mazingira FM for content sharing. Establishment of interactive mobile platform for Bunda and Bukoba districts are among the output under this intervention.

It is our expectations that platforms for sharing community knowledge and best practices will be developed and operationalized. Knowledge and information will be repackaged into different format including DVDs and radio programmes. The existing platforms such as TAKNET, Tzonline, and Mazingira FM and Buda radio will be strengthened.

Output 4: Study visit through South-South Cooperation

The studies' findings emphasize the need to improve the fish farming in the two districts of Bukoba Rural and Bunda though improving the firming technics and knowledge and skills. This could be easily achieved through organization of a study visit to neighboring countries of Kenya and Uganda. The need for Capacity Building to fisheries officers, NGO and farmers in general on modern technics and knowledge on fish farming.

Expected output and Outcome include; sharing with stakeholders technics from the visits, eventually the use of knowledge to improve fish farming in the districts, and eventually improve peoples nutrition and livelihood.

II. IMPLEMENTATION (RESULTS)

During the period between January and March 2014 ESRF implemented all activities as planned.

1. Extending the ICT4RD Network to Connect AIRC Centers

Extending the ICT4RD network to connect MAF AIRC centers in Kibara and Kisorya was completed during the period. In total five Masts have been fabricated and elected and efforts to connect to Internet are underway. The contractor for fabricating and electing the masts has submitted a hand over report and an invoice for payment of the second installment; the last installment will be effected two months after election of the masts (June). Currently the team in Bunda is finalizing installation of Earth of the masts.

The support from partners - GRA ICT4RD project (through Fraunhofer) is expected now which will cover:

- i. WiBACK radio Controller including cables, antennas, mounting kit, etc.
- ii. The solar power kits to be installed in all masts – they have installed on the existing 2 masts



A mast at Guta – Bunda district

2. Establishment of content development centre at ESRF

The construction of the content development centre at ESRF was completed in February 2014 and the Centre was launched officially on 11th February 2014. The guest of honour was Mrs Anna Mwashu, The Director MoF, Poverty Eradication Division. Two radio and two TV programmes have been developed to test the studio. We are now developing the strategy that will guide the team in terms of generating programmes, dissemination and Monitoring and Evaluation. The aim is to generate series of simple information and knowledge utilities to enhance basic knowledge access, storage, sharing, and training.

3. Support Operationalization of ICT platforms

Under this output platforms have been developed and maintained and use of mobile phones through South-South Cooperation encouraged. Specifically the following have been implemented:

- i. Support to Bunda FM and Mazingira FM radios for content generation and sharing. Mazingira FM was provided with necessary equipment such as a standby generator, Desktop computer and a printer. The equipment will enable the radio to broadcast even during power cuts.



Mrs. Anna Mwashu launching Maendeleo studio at ESRF

- ii. Establishment of an interactive mobile agriculture platform for Bunda and Bukoba districts is finalised. The final platform was delivered to ESRF and tested. A pilot use and capacity building/ awareness of the platform was conducted in Kiwangwa, Bagamoyo district. The results were very good, we now intend to install the platform in Bunda and Bukoba Rural in the coming quarter.

- iii. The ICT platforms i.e Tzonline and TAKNET have been enhanced, more documents were collected from Dodoma and Morogoro regions and others linked from other websites. A topic on Tanzania Sovereign Wealth Fund has been developed and going on. Brochures, fliers, banners, posters and pens were distributed to potential users.

4. South-South Cooperation

The ESRF through support from the Government of Tanzania and UNDP organised a study visit for Tanzanian farmers to Kenya and Uganda to visit fish farming sites. The intention was to expose farmers, local government officials responsible for fishing industry and leaders of Civil Society Organisation from Bukoba Rural and Bunda districts to fish farming techniques, such as ponds, cage fishing as well as greenhouse technology. The delegation comprised of nine members and took place from 3rd to 9th March 2014



The tour was very useful to delegates. Apart from the useful knowledge gained, participants developed networks with colleagues in Kenya and Uganda. Business opportunities as well as preliminary collaborations were

Members of the Delegation

also developed. Also one member from ESRF attended training on Mobile applications in Agriculture, Health and Education in South Africa from 24th to 28th February 2014. The training was very useful, especially on on going initiative to establish mobile platforms for Bunda and Bukoba Rural District.

III. RESOURCES

The financial implementation status of these activities is attached to this report.