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1.0 PURPOSE

Youths Economic Empowerment through Connecting the Dots in the Value Chain Ecosystem Project (YEEVACE) is supported by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) whereby the National Economic Empowerment Council (NEEC) is the Implementing Partner and the Economic and Social Research Foundation (ESRF) is the Responsible Party. The outputs from the project will feed into Project Initiation Plan (PIP) aiming to develop a full Project Document (PRODOC) for UNDP.

The project has four key result areas from which ESRF is expected to generate an analytical evidence and data to inform PRODOC formulation; formulate Business Development Services (BDS) framework for LGA's resource mobilization; and support youth platforms to engage in value chain ecosystems frameworks development for adoption of nature-based enterprises and economic productivity.

To achieve above key result areas (KRA), ESRF as Responsible Party is undertaking the following activities;

- i. Support development of Coast Region Investment Guide
- ii. Support Investment Forum for Coast Region
- iii. Support Development of Songwe Region Investment Guide
- iv. Establishing Special Economic Zones (SEZ) in Simiyu Region
- v. Mapping Investment Opportunities at Village Level in Simiyu Region
- vi. Support Youth Groups in Lake Zone (E.G. Simiyu/Mara) with Easy Access to Water to Test & Utilize Solar Technologies for Irrigation; and
- vii. Capacity Building on Youth Economic Empowerment in Ruvuma Region.

The expected outputs will be used in finalizing the UNDP project document for youth economic empowerment through connecting the dots in the value chain ecosystem.

2.0 IMPLEMENTATION

During the period of October - December 2018, ESRF received funds for coordinating and undertaking the planned activities. The status of implementation is as follows:

2.2 KRA2: BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT SERVICES (BDS) FRAMEWORK FOR LGAs RESOURCES MOBILIZATION FORMULATED

2.2.3 SUPPORT DEVELOPMENT OF COAST REGION INVESTMENT GUIDE

During the period under review, ESRF conducted the consultations in all District Councils in Coast Region, de-briefed the Regional Secretariat on the initial inputs into the envisaged Investment Guide and developed first draft of the Guide which was submitted to Coast region for comments/input. Validation workshop scheduled to take place the end of February 2019. The Investment Guide will inform potential investors on available investment opportunities along with related incentives in the Coast Region. In addition, the Investment Guide is intended to enhance the region's competitiveness in areas where it has strengths as well as in emerging economic areas

Guide will also foster the productive capacities in key primary sectors and industries, and to sustainably augment the GDP and inclusive and resilient economic growth needed to accelerate societal development and well being of the people of the region and of Tanzania at large.

In addition, the implementation of the Regional Investment Guide will increase the access to Youth employment opportunities and will empower indigenous investors to establish competitive manufacturing investments catering high value markets by December 2023, as the primary drivers of industrialization which is in line with the aspirations of Tanzania Development Vision 2025. In addition, it will promote the effective participation of targeted beneficiaries in priority investments and business areas through public-private partnerships.

2.2.4 SUPPORT INVESTMENT FORUM FOR COAST REGION

During the period under the review, ESRF transferred funds to Coast Region for conducting Investment Forum at Kibaha. The venue and other logistics have been committed and the forum will be held at the end of January 2019.

Coast Region Investment Forum will share investment Opportunities and attract investors in the region. It will also discuss the challenges that may hinder investors in the region and therefore propose actions to be taken.

2.2.5 SUPPORT DEVELOPMENT OF SONGWE REGION INVESTMENT

During the period under review, ESRF conducted the consultations in all Councils in Songwe Region, de-briefed the Regional Secretariat on the initial inputs into the envisaged Investment Guide and developed first draft of the Guide which was submitted to Songwe region for comments/input. Validation workshop took place in Songwe Region. The Investment Guide will provide investment information to prospective investors; individuals firms and institutions both local and foreign, with the view of attracting them to exploit rich investment potentials of Songwe region. In addition, the Investment Guide intends to entice investors towards areas that will enhance Songwe's trade competitiveness as it positions

itself to harness the ever emerging regional economic and trade opportunities. Central objectives of the guide are to foster growth of productive capabilities to optimally exploit already promising strengths in primary sectors through value addition, to sustainably augment the regional GDP growth by stirring broad, inclusive and resilient economic participation of the local communities into the growth process to foster societal development and improved well being of the people of Songwe and Tanzania at large.

In addition, the implementation of the Regional Investment Guide will increase the access to Youth employment opportunities and empower indigenous investors to establish competitive manufacturing investments catering high value markets by December 2023, as the primary drivers of industrialization which is consistent with the aspirations of Tanzania Development Vision 2025. Moreover, it will promote the effective participation of targeted beneficiaries in priority investments and business areas through public-private partnerships (PPPs).

2.2.6 ESTABLISHING SPECIAL ECONOMIC ZONES (SEZ) IN SIMIYU REGION

During the period under the review, ESRF prepared a proposal for establishing Special Economic Zone (SEZ) in Simiyu Region which contains incentive package to be offered by the Central Government and Simiyu's Local Government Authority in establishing SEZ. The proposal also stated the requirements, process and procedures needed in establishing the SEZ, among others. The Proposal will be submitted to French Embassy by the Simiyu Regional Government so as to attract French investors to establish SEZs in Simiyu region.

2.2.7 MAPPING INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITIES AT VILLAGE LEVEL IN SIMIYU REGION

During the period under the review, ESRF trained more than 700 Village Executive Officers (VEOs), Mtaa Executive Officers (MEOs), Ward Executive Officers (WEOs) and other stakeholders on how to conduct Focus Group Discussions (FDGs), collect data and information and how to key the data through online database (Survey Monkey). The data have been collected and analysis is on-going.

Mapping Investment Opportunities at Village Level involves the identification of investment opportunities at village level focusing on three pillars of transformation, namely:

- Industrialization;
- Interventions for human development and social transformation focusing on education and skills development; health delivery systems; water supply and sanitation; housing and human settlements; food security and nutrition; social

protection; and good governance. Human development (broad-based and inclusive economic growth; improved quality of life and human well-being); and

- Implementation effectiveness (prioritization, sequencing, integration and alignment of interventions and stronger role of local private sector actors in planning and implementation).

More specifically, the assignment aims at

- a. Mapping village resources, productive sectors and socio-economic infrastructure.
- b. Using information and experience from mapping exercise to;
 - Identify investment opportunities and prepare village level investment guides.
 - Define the roles of key stakeholders or players in investment promotion in communities/villages/wards/districts/region.
 - Identify quick wins, and medium and long term investments.
 - Identify legal and regulatory requirements governing investment, including licensing and business registration.
- c. Build capacity of all village government officials to undertake the mapping and identification of investment opportunities.

ESRF's expert providing training to VEOs, MEOs, WEOs and other stakeholders on how to collect data and information for the mapping exercise in Simiyu Region

The mapping exercise will provide additional investment information which can attract resources to exploit investment potentials in villages in order to stimulate business enterprise development and growth in key growth enhancing productive sectors/industries.

Further, information generated through mapping will form a major input in formulating the regional/LGAs programs aimed at exploiting the economic and social potentials available in the villages in order to stimulate development projects for economic growth, poverty reduction and decent life to all villagers in the region

2.3. KRA3: YOUTH PLATFORMS SUPPORTED TO ENGAGE IN VALUE CHAIN ECOSYSTEMS FRAMEWORKS DEVELOPMENT FOR ADOPTION OF NATURE-BASED ENTERPRISES AND ECONOMIC PRODUCTIVITY

2.3.3 SUPPORT YOUTH GROUPS IN LAKE ZONE (E.G. SIMIYU/MARA REGIONS) WITH EASY ACCESS TO WATER TO TEST & UTILIZE SOLAR TECHNOLOGIES FOR IRRIGATION

During the period under review, ESRF transferred fund to Seanelec Company to facilitate Supply of Electricity to improve water supply in Nyatwali farmers group in Bunda.



Water Pump House at Nyatwali

Water is now flowing from the source to the farm for irrigation farming. Irrigation is expected to boost productivity and income of farmers.

2.3.4 CAPACITY BUILDING ON YOUTH ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT IN RUVUMA REGION

During the period under review, ESRF transferred funds to SIDO in Ruvuma region for training about 90 selected youth on entrepreneurship and practical skills. The training covered the following aspects:

- a. Introduction of food processing;
- b. Spoilage of foods;
- c. Food good hygienic practices (TFDA/TBS compliance);
- d. Technology choice;
- e. Food processing for income generation;
- f. Practical sessions of making various food products related to participants' interest and local availability of raw materials (like soy tea, sausage and milk, jam, mango

- pickle, peanut butter, tomatoes source, honey, drying fruits and vegetable, nutritional flour, cassava flour, bread, biscuits, cakes and cookies);
- g. Packaging and labelling techniques;
 - h. Improved chicken rearing;
 - i. Hydroponic feeding technology;
 - j. Market research for processed products;
 - k. Financial management for small enterprises;
 - l. Costing and pricing;
 - m. Marketing;
 - n. HIV/AIDS awareness to youth.

By conducting entrepreneurial and food processing training, youth will acquire knowledge and skills which will enable them to produce various food products like jam; mango pickle; peanut butter; tomatoes source; wine; honey; drying fruits and vegetable; soy tea and milk; nutritional flour; cassava flour; bread; biscuits; cakes; cookies and cassava noodles.

Through the mentioned interventions, the unemployed youths will be motivated to start their own micro/small businesses. In turn, this intervention will minimize unemployment problems and increase their level of income hence their livelihood will improve.

- It is expected that at the end of the training, they will acquire appropriate skills that will help to stimulate the competitive enterprises that will assure the wellbeing and reduce poverty.
- More people will start making different food products for the market and improving chicken rearing.

3.0 RESULTS ACHIEVED

During the period under review, ESRF achieved the following: -

1. The capacity of all village government officials in Simiyu region to undertake the mapping and identification of investment opportunities has been built.
2. The development of Regional Investment guides which acts as a catalyst to local and foreign investors to invest in manufacturing industries, will lead to high economic growth in the long-run and macroeconomic stability in the country.
3. The supply of Electricity to improve Water supply in Bunda to Nyatwali Farmers Group Project has been provided.
4. Analytical evidence and data to inform PRODOC formulation was generated.

4.0 LESSONS LEARNT

- It was learnt that leadership is key in the implementation of regional investment guides. The Regional Commissioners and Regional Administrative Secretaries need to champion the process from preparation stage to implementation stage.
- Coast and Songwe Regions have opportunities and are expected to improve the access to basic social services; increase in employment opportunities and generate government revenue to finance the deficit.
- The food processing skills and improved chicken rearing skills are expected to spread toward the community members in Peramiho ward and Ruvuma Region
- The training is expected to stimulate the establishment of micro processing industries and increase in acreage of food crop cultivation.

5.0 FINANCIAL RESOURCES

Financial resources for implementation of the above activities amounting to TZS 290,098,250/- were allocated to Youth Economic Empowerment through Connecting the Dots in the Value Chain Ecosystem – YEEVACE with Project Number 00111219 covering the period between October and December 2018.