



QPR/QOR (January-March 2013)

Description (QOR):

During this quarter, ARECA issued another PRG in favor of Banco del País (Banpaís) to support the implementation of Quilio Hydropower (1.3 MW). Since replica funding has been raised with support of the Finnish Government, it was decided by CABEL authorities to use 50% of the amount of this guarantee with these funds. This decision was duly communicated by CABEL to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Finland and they expressed their conformity with this decision. This financial transaction coincided with the disbursement of € 1.0 million by the Finnish Government as the second tranche of their contribution totaling € 2.0 million.

Several meetings were held with RE stakeholders within the region such as the Costa Rican RE association (ACOPE), The Honduran RE power producers association (AHPER) and the National Municipalities Association of Honduras (AMHON) in order to socialize ARECA's support programs such as the PRG facility, the Technical Assistance Fund (FDAT) and the Financial Assistance Fund (FAF). Proper on field follow-up was given to Quilio Hydropower (1.3 MW) as it remains a PRG beneficiary.

To help project developers seeking aid from the Technical Assistance Fund (FDAT), TORs were prepared and shared to support them with the selection of the best engineering firm to implement final design studies, since ARECA is demanding the establishment of Tender Evaluation Boards for the proper selection of a consulting firm in charge of conducting such studies. With the delivery of these TORs is estimated to have provided valuable inputs to project developers linked with ARECA that will allow them to select a consulting firm with strong general and specific experience as well as quality of the proposal.

Afterwards, it was received a formal request of US\$ 80,000 by G.A. Energy of Honduras in order to support its development activities for La Puerta Hydropower (2.0 MW).

In terms of visibility, ARECA took part in Expoambiente 2013 (environment related event that takes places every two years in San Pedro Sula) where it shared a stand along with another UNDP-GEF project (CAMBio), having the opportunity to participate as an exhibitor. Also, ARECA attended the XXI Forum of the Energy and Environment Partnership (EEP) sponsored by the Finnish and Austrian Government held in Nicaragua.

In terms of visibility, ARECA, during the first quarter there were 3,214 visits to our project website which represent 43% decrease with respect of the period of 2012. Likewise, there were 36,685 hits within the website that represented a 1% increment.

Delivery rate:

Annual Budget for current calendar year	US\$ 407,864.00
Budget expenditures to date	US\$ 60,385.93
Delivery rate (budget expenditure ÷ annual budget)	14.81%