



NARRATIVE REPORT

QUARTERLY NARRATIVE PROGRESS REPORT

YEAR/QUARTER: 2019/Q2

Purpose: This report aims at assessing the achievements against the planned results during the quarter as well as risks and issues that could affect project implementation.

Project title:	Strengthening capacities of the Environment and Natural Resources sector for Green Economy Transformation.	
Project number:	00116279	
Project/UNDAP/CPD outcome:	The project is responding to the OUTCOME 2, which says that by 2023, Rwandan Institutions and communities are more equitably, productively and sustainably managing natural resources and addressing climate change and contribute to sustainable development goals	
NST priorities:	NST 1: Priority 7 which says that: Sustainable management of natural resources and Environment to transition Rwanda towards a Green Economy.	
SDGs:	The project is contributing to 7,9,11,13,15,17 SDGs	
Project start date:	01/10/2018	
Project end date:	30/06/2023	
Reporting period:	Narrative report from April 2019 to June 2019 April, 1 st -June 30 th , 2019	
Project budget (USD):	TRAC (core):	4,400,000USD
	Government of Rwanda (in kind):	250,000USD
	Other donors:	N/A
	Total project budget:	4,650,000USD

Results-based Reporting

Output 3: National and local public institutions, CSOs, private sector technical capacities are strengthened to effectively and efficiently manage green growth financing mechanisms .

Results achieved and evidence (*Explain the achievements at the output level. Make sure to provide evidence, related data and how it was collected*):

We conducted capacity building workshop for all project managers, accountants, finance staff, monitoring and evaluation staff from our implementing partners on 5th April 2019 to effectively manage the awarded grants and utilise it for the intended purposes. Participants gained knowledge and skills in financial management, monitoring the funded activities, Speeding up implementation of funded activities and documenting successful stories.

Completed activities that contributed to the above achievements (*Explain which activities took place and how they contributed to the achievement of the output. Photos or reports can be added as annex*):

3.1 Organise technical inputs from subject matter specialists, including support to FONERWA on project design, implementation and monitoring to strengthen resource mobilization and new financing mechanisms and trainings

- FONERWA hired consultants and contractual skilled staff to support FONERWA on project design, implementation and monitoring to strengthen resource mobilization and new financing mechanisms and trainings and this has contributed to achievement of the above output. The ToRs and contracts are hereby attached to this report.
- Fonerwa has also initiated documentation of the sources of FONERWA domestic resources provided by the Law (starting with forestry, water, Mining and environment laws among others); and a partnership with REMA is under way in order to see how we can increase domestic resources;

3.2 Develop Five year domestic, bilateral and multi-lateral resource mobilisation strategy

- The consultant (Mr Pegasys) produced a draft report detailing the possible sources of funds, mapping of all potential funders and strategies that can be taken to tap into those funds. He met with various local stakeholders and submitted numerous pitches of proposals that can be used in engaging potential sources of funds. The draft report is herewith attached.
- The consultant got an extension of one month in order to incorporate different comments and new data collected during stakeholders' meetings. By July 2019, a workshop for validation of the draft report will be conducted. Fonerwa will engage all key stakeholders during validation of this report in July. The evaluation will be jointly conducted by UNDP and FONERWA under the programme.

3.3 Support FONERWA capacity for communication strategy development, communication and outreach services with particular support to quarterly call for proposal sessions

The communication expert consultant continued to provide communication support to the Environment and Natural Resources sector. The consultant supported the Ministry of Environment and FONERWA at national and international events focusing on environment and climate activities. The support includes the social media coverage, Event's media coverage and developing content to produce communication documents including stories, speech and communication materials. The summary of key activities are as follows:

- Supporting Social media coverage in international events.
- Social media coverage for workshops and national events.
- Developed documents including brief note, statement, speech, remarks and other communication materials for the Ministry of Environment and Rwanda Green Fund.
- Supporting managing social media tools including twitter, Facebook and website.
- Developing weekly Green Rwanda media review.

We also hired consultants and contractual skilled staff to Improve communication and outreach services with particular support to quarterly call for proposal sessions.

The Rwanda Green Fund (FONERWA) communications consultant travelled to Nairobi, Kenya for the United Nations Environment Assembly, which took place from 11-15 March 2019. The consultant supported the Rwanda delegation, which was led by the Prime Minister and the Minister of Environment. The support provided included managing the delegation schedule, speech writing and preparation of briefing papers, social media and photographic coverage and media management. The consultant also provided reporting services for the delegation's activities throughout the week. Our communication consultant accompanied the right honourable prime minister and our minister of environment in Nairobi Kenya and shared experience of the fund and achievements so far reached. This was the meeting organised by UN Environment. The ToRs and contracts are hereby attached to this report.

3.4 Roll out the programmatic approach through TA support to sectors in proposal development and Resource Mobilisation

- We hired consultants and contractual skilled staff to support different sectors in proposal development and Resource Mobilisation whereby we recruited project analysis specialist and in charge of resource mobilisation and climate finance specialist. The ToRs and contracts are hereby attached to this report.

3.5 Technical support to establish and maintain Integrated web-based platform for FONERWA (MIS, website)

- We hired IT expert to establish and maintain integrated web-based platform for FONERWA (MIS, website). The IT expert is working with existing contracted consultancy firm that is maintaining our integrated website and web based online applications and he is also working with other stakeholders in internet provision, cloud computing, cyber security to mention but a few. The following are summarised list of major activities under progress:
- Maintenance and improving website, online application tool for semi-annual call and online application tool for rolling basis

- Supply and maintenance of Google apps email accounts.
- Manage the virtual server hosting FONERWA online system
- Maintenance of IT equipment
- Hosting service: cloud computing
- Fibre optic Internet service, Management of firewall and 4G internet service.

The ToRs and contracts for the recruited staff are hereby attached to this report as evidence

3.6 Establish a system to integrate Knowledge Management within project cycle leveraging on the knowledge platform and best-practice exchange sessions

- We hired skilled staff to integrate Knowledge Management within project cycle leveraging on the knowledge platform and best-practice exchange sessions like communication specialist and monitoring and evaluation specialist

The ToRs and contracts for the recruited staff are hereby attached to this report as evidence

3.7 Conduct annual review sessions, produce bi-annual reports and organize bi-annual portfolio review workshops to share progress and achievements of the fund with stakeholders

- FONERWA staff travelled to Ghana others to Egypt for conferences and workshops in order to improve their knowledge and share experience with other Africans in June 2019.
- we conducted a capacity building session to our implementing project partners and shared knowledge and skills on 5th April 2019 as evidenced by the attached photos taken. This was in line with quarterly planned activity of organizing workshop to share progress and achievements of the fund with stakeholders
- In this May 2019, we also shared experience of the fund with delegates from BURKINA FASO as a part of the south-south cooperation

3.8 Quality assurance and monitoring of FONERWA funded projects to improve the implementing status

- We have carried out several field visits, quality review and other Quality assurance and monitoring of FONERWA funded projects to improve the implementation status within this reporting period. The field visit is continuous in nature as it is a condition before disbursement of the second instalment to our implementing partners and we have established a schedule for field visit plan, for our monitoring team for make close follow up of projects implementation and monitoring.
- Apart of Minagri project, Nyandungu project, Rema air quality project E-waste project for Minicom, visited early in march and April; also newly funded projects such as RNP project from public sector and AMPERSAND project from private sector were visited as shown in pictures attached to this report.

Change in plan *(what results were not achieved as planned and why):*

Most of activities planned in the Quarter 1, were postponed in the next quarter starting from April 2019 since we received funds end of march 2019 and we did not manage to implement them on time due to the late disbursement of the budget. The disbursement was done on 27/03/2019, which did not give us time to implement planned activities.

Overall Challenges, Recommendations and Lessons learnt

Raise any challenges that require attention, and lessons learnt / best practices that can be shared within the project and with other projects.

No additional challenge encountered apart from only one challenge met of late disbursement and this was reported in the interim report

Key challenges and risks, recommendations (Identify challenges and risks and recommended solutions):	
Late disbursement of the budget from the donor	Always disburse the budget on time, this will help in activities implementation
Lessons learned and/or good practices:	
We shared experience with delegates from BURKINA FASO on 30 th May 2019 and this was good achievement of the fund under support from UNDP.	
LNOB & Gender: (Share any achievements or lessons learnt, good practices on LNOB and gender equality and women's empowerment)	
Five projects that were approved for the 9 th call for proposals have started implementation and included gender components in their planned activities like giving them jobs on terracing, community approach tenders where they are included, training on gender equality in all environmental activities.	

Results Framework Summary

Monitor the indicators by quarter and record relevant progress. Make sure to add the source of data.

Fonerva Output indicators are 1) Cumulative volume of finance [US\$ millions] mobilized through FONERWA for climate and environment purposes; 2) Fund disbursement proportion [%] to 1) CSO, 2) Private sector, 3) public institutions; 3) Percentage of new quality proposals approved for funding 1) public sector 2) private sector 3) CSOs ; 4) % of projects whose emerging lessons (both positive and negative) have been collated and disseminated by the FMT for knowledge sharing; 5) % of active projects reporting data of sufficient quality to satisfy FONERWA monitoring and evaluation system

Outcome / Output	Indicator	Baseline	Project target for Q1	Achievement Q1	Project target for Q2	Achievement Q2
Output 3: national and local public institutions, CSOs, private sector technical capacities are strengthened to effectively and efficiently manage green growth financing mechanisms .						
Sub-Output 1: Effective management of green growth financing	Cumulative volume of finance [US\$ millions] mobilized through FONERWA for climate and environment purposes	<u>99</u>	<u>99</u>	<u>105</u>	<u>105</u>	<u>167</u>
Sub-Output 2: project management	Fund disbursement proportion [%] to 1) CSO, 2) Private sector, 3) public institutions	<u>1) 6.3</u>	<u>1) 7</u>	<u>1) 8.9</u>	<u>1) 10</u>	<u>1) 10</u>
		<u>2) 4</u>	<u>2) 5</u>	<u>2) 6</u>	<u>2) 10</u>	<u>2) 10</u>
		<u>3) 84</u>	<u>3) 82</u>	<u>3) 84</u>	<u>3) 80</u>	<u>3) 80</u>
	Percentage of new quality proposals approved for funding	<u>N/A</u>	<u>1) 8%</u>	<u>8%</u>	<u>1) 8%</u>	<u>1) 8%</u>
			<u>2) 3%</u>	<u>3%</u>	<u>2) 3%</u>	<u>2) 3%</u>
			<u>3) 3%</u>	<u>3%</u>	<u>3) 3%</u>	<u>3) 3%</u>
	% of projects whose emerging lessons (both positive and negative) have been collated and disseminated by the FMT for knowledge sharing	<u>80</u>	<u>80</u>	<u>86%</u>	<u>100%</u>	<u>100%</u>
	% of active projects reporting data of sufficient quality to satisfy FONERWA monitoring and evaluation system	<u>0%</u>	<u>50%</u>	<u>56%</u>	<u>60%</u>	<u>61%</u>

Financial Summary for Quarter one Is it Q2?

Quarterly financial report					Annual financial summary		
Q1 Budget allocation (frw)	Q1 Expenditure (frw)	Balance for QX1(frww)	Delivery rate for Q1 (%)	Notes (Explain reason if there are differences between budget and expenditure)	Annual Budget allocation (USD)	Annual expenditure by end of May 2019(USD)	Delivery rate at end of Q1 (%)
Output 3	80,493,241	70,086,206	87%	The funds were received late and this resulted into delays in implementation	275,900	81,180	29.4%
TOTAL	80,493,241	70,086,206	87%		275,900	81,180	29.4%

Financial Summary for quarter two

Quarterly financial report					Annual financial summary		
Q2 Budget allocation (frw)	Q2 Expenditure (frw)	Balance for QX2(frww)	Delivery rate for Q2 (%)	Notes (Explain reason if there are differences between budget and expenditure)	Annual Budget allocation (USD)	Annual expenditure by end of June 2019(USD)	Delivery rate at end of Q2 (%)
Output 3	79,285,668	66,731,456.7	84%	The funds were received late and this resulted into delays in implementation	275,900	166,950	61%
TOTAL	79,285,668	66,731,456.7	84%		275,900	166,950	61%

Next Quarter Work Plan (QWP)

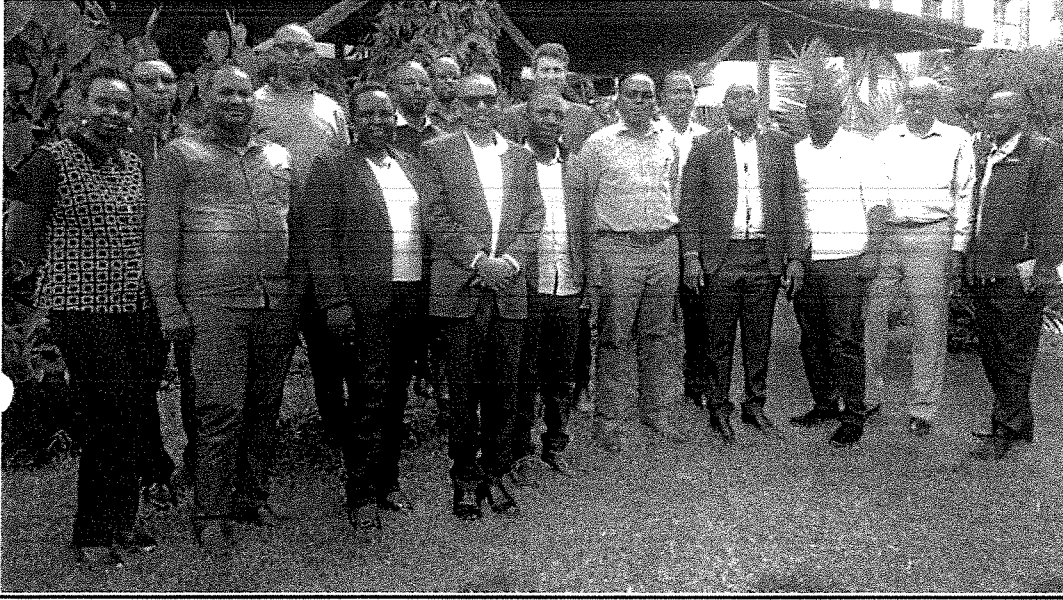
Provide a quarterly work plan including M&E and communication activities. If the work plan is created in excel sheet, please attach it to this reporting form.

WORK PLAN FOR: Strengthening Capacities of the Environment and Natural Resources (ENR) Sector for Green Economy Transformation										
PERIOD: Y1: 01 Jan to 31 Dec 2019										
Output 1: ENR sector capacities enhanced to optimize and scale-up sustainable and climate resilient management of natural capital resources										
Activities	FACE Form Activity No.	Quarterly Activities	TIME FRAME				Indicators	Annual Target	Implementing Partner	Planned Budget
			Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4				TOTAL
Output 3: National and local public institutions, CSOs, private sector technical capacities are strengthened to effectively and efficiently manage green growth financing mechanisms										
Output indicators: 1) Cumulative volume of finance [US\$ millions] mobilized through FONERWA for climate and environment purposes; 2) Fund disbursement proportion [%] to 1) CSO, 2) Private sector, 3) public institutions; 3) Percentage of new quality proposals approved for funding 1) public sector 2) private sector 3) CSOs; 4) % of projects whose emerging lessons (both positive and negative) have been collated and disseminated by the FMT for knowledge sharing; 5) % of active project reporting data of sufficient quality to satisfy FONERWA monitoring and evaluation system										
3.1 Organise technical inputs from subject matter specialists, including support to FONERWA on project design, implementation and monitoring to strengthen resource mobilization and new financing mechanisms and trainings	1. Strengthening res mobilization	Hire consultants and contractual skilled staff to support FONERWA on project design, implementation and monitoring to strengthen resource mobilization and new financing mechanisms and trainings	15,000	15,000	17,000	3,000	Cumulative volume of finance [US\$ millions] mobilized through FONERWA for climate and environment purposes	109	FONERWA	
3.2 Develop Five year domestic, bilateral and multi-lateral resource mobilisation strategy	1. Strengthening res mobilization	Hire consultant to Develop Five year domestic, bilateral and multi-lateral resource mobilisation strategy	14,180	21,270	31,905	3,545			FONERWA	
3.3 Support FONERWA capacity for communication strategy development, communication and outreach services with particular support to quarterly call for proposal sessions	2. Communication strategy	Hire consultants and contractual skilled staff to improve communication and outreach services with particular support to quarterly call for proposal sessions	15,000	15,000	15,000	5,000	Fund disbursement proportion [%] to 1) CSO, 2) Private sector, 3) public institutions	1) 20 2) 30 3) 50	FONERWA	
3.4 Roll out the programmatic approach through TA support to sectors in proposal development and Resource Mobilisation	1. Strengthening res mobilization	Hire consultants and contractual skilled staff to support different sectors in proposal development and Resource Mobilisation	2,000	2,500	2,500	3,000	Percentage of new quality proposals approved for funding 1) public sector 2)	1) 10% 2) 5% 3) 5%	FONERWA	
3.5 Technical support to establish and maintain Integrated web-based platform for FONERWA (MIS, website)	3. Knowledge sharing	Hire consultants to Establish and maintain Integrated web-based platform for FONERWA (MIS, website)	20,000	19,000	8,000	3,000	% of projects whose emerging lessons (both positive and negative) have been collated and disseminated by the FMT for knowledge sharing	100	FONERWA	
3.6 Establish a system to integrate Knowledge Management within project cycle leveraging on the knowledge platform and best-practice exchange sessions	3. Knowledge sharing	Hire consultants and contractual skilled staff to integrate Knowledge Management within project cycle leveraging on the knowledge platform and best-practice exchange sessions	3,000	3,000	2,000	2,000			FONERWA	
3.7 Conduct annual review sessions, produce bi-annual reports and organize bi-annual portfolio review workshops to share progress and achievements of the fund with stakeholders	3. Knowledge sharing	Organize workshop to share progress and achievements of the fund with stakeholders	5,000	3,000	1,000	1,000			FONERWA	
3.8 Quality assurance and monitoring of FONERWA funded projects to improve the implementing status	4. Quality Assurance	Quality assurance and monitoring of FONERWA funded projects to improve the implementation status	7,000	7,000	6,000	5,000	% of active projects reporting data of sufficient quality to satisfy FONERWA monitoring and evaluation system	75%	FONERWA	
Total Budget for Output 3			81,180	85,770	83,405	25,545				
			29%	31%	30%	9%				
Project Management										
Project Management for FONERWA	1. administrative costs		1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	FONERWA			
Total Budget for Project Management			25%	25%	25%	25%				
GRAND TOTAL			82,680	87,270	84,905	27,045				

List of Annexes

Below are potential contents that can be annexed to the report (optional but recommended to have at least one annex).

a) Photos of participants in the capacity building workshop for implimenting partners

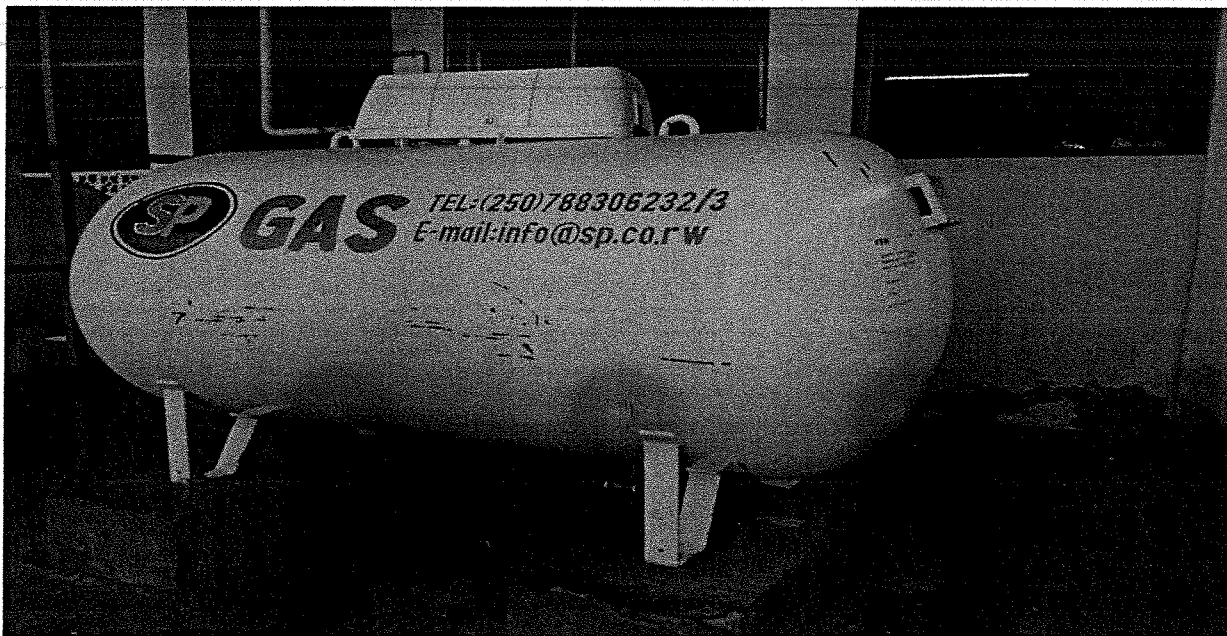


b) Experience sharing from BURKINA FASO on 30th May 2019





Pictures showing the progress on AMPESAND project which is aiming to introduce electric motos in Rwanda, this was taken during our field visit monitoring exercise at Gikondo charging station.



Picture showing the progress on RNP project which is aiming to introduce LPG cooking system replacing firewood in police stations in Rwanda, this was taken during our field visit monitoring exercise at.

c) Links to articles and events that took place in this reporting period

<https://www.flickr.com/photos>

<https://www.fonerwa.org>

Other information to be reported on Coalition for Green Capital (CGC)

The Rwanda Green Fund (FONERWA) and the Coalition for Green Capital (CGC) have started to work together to develop a new fund to expand Rwanda's climate finance capacity. The fund will be designed to complement existing programs available through FONERWA, with a unique and specific focus on unlocking and expanding private investment in Rwanda's green sectors. For this reason, the fund is referred to as a Catalytic Green Investment Fund. The catalytic approach uses public investment to attract private investment, by reducing risk and addressing other market barriers.

The Rwanda office of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) is supporting this effort, and has awarded the contract to CGC through FONERWA. Interest in climate finance solutions is growing throughout Africa, and with this project, Rwanda offers a model relevant to other African countries.

Remarks by Hubert Ruzibiza, CEO of the Rwanda Green Fund in June 2019 "We are delighted to be working with the Coalition for Green Capital to develop the Catalytic Green Investment Fund, which will boost private sector investment in Rwanda's green economy. This new mechanism joins a number of financial tools developed by the Rwanda Green Fund to advance green growth and we are confident it will support Rwanda in becoming a developed and low carbon nation,"

CGC has a proven track record of planning and implementing similar funds. Last year, CGC partnered with the Development Bank of Southern Africa to launch a new Climate Finance Facility, which included the first-ever Green Climate Fund loan to an institution based on the Green Bank model. In the United States, these funds are commonly referred to as Green Banks, and on average have more than tripled the impact of each dollar of public investment.

To lead the project, CGC has hired Ms. Sidonie Gwet, who is based in Kigali and brings extensive experience in the banking industries of Central Africa, West Africa, and Europe. Her work will include engagement with local stakeholders and experts to design the structure of the fund, identify major market barriers, and characterize a projected project pipeline and the most promising sectors for investment.

Sidonie Gwet, Rwanda Project Lead at CGC, said: "Developing and implementing a fund of this nature requires an in-depth understanding of the local market. I expect to work closely with local market participants to arrive at a design that will be effective at mobilizing the full power of relevant private investors."

Jeff Schub, Executive Director at CGC, said: "Massive mobilization of capital will be needed to address the challenges of global climate change. CGC is inspired by Rwanda's leadership and excited to be working with FONERWA to develop innovative financial frameworks for climate investment."

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