

Nile Basin Initiative

Nile Transboundary Environmental action Project

Annual Report



January –December 2008

KENYA

LIST OF Acronyms

CBO	Community Based Organisation
CBSI	Confidence Building and Stakeholder Involvement
EEA	Environmental Education and Awareness
GEF	Global Environment Facility
LMGC	Local Micro Grants Coordinator
MG	Microgrants
NBI	Nile Basin Initiative
NEMA	National Environmental Management Authority
NEP	National eligible project
NGO	Non-Governmental Organisation
NMGC	National Micro grants coordinator
NPC	National Project Coordinator
NRAK	Nile River Awareness Kit
NTEAP	Nile Transboundary Environmental Action Project
PMU	Project Management Unit
RPM	Regional Project Manager
UNDP	United Nations Development Program
WG	Working Group
WQ	Water Quality

1. Background Information

1.1 Project Background

The project has been operational in Kenya since July 2004. It is housed by the Ministry of Environment and natural Resources, National Environment Management Authority (NEMA).

1.2 Report Background

This report covers the project implementation at the national level during the period January- December 2008. It highlights the achievements and outputs per component as well as the constraints, recommendations and lessons learned during the period.

Project context as it affected project implementation

2. Project Context

2.1 External context

This year 2008 the microgrant program was more focussed on Wetlands conservation activities and linkages with the other institutions like Sio-Malaba Malakisi basin project to provide synergy to the micro-grants activities and more so to facilitate a process of possible scaling up of piloted activities. The period as well experienced the close collaboration with government departments and as well as other civil society organizations like the Kenya Nile Discourse Forum.

2.2 Internal Context

This year experienced significant delays in processing and receiving fund for both office running and activities, this affected national level implementation. The Country Operating budget for the microgrant was not received this year 2008, the host institutions didn't renew the contract, and this has forced the project office to relocate to UNICEF offices and to operate without funds for the whole year. This has serious effects on the program quality and meeting of targets, for the year.

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3. Actual Results

During this period, the following was achieved:

Outcome 1: Strengthened Institutions for Regional Cooperation:

- Successfully concluded NTEAP 5TH PSC and work planning in Mwanza Tanzania attended by LMGC and NPC
- Linkages with other NBI projects strengthened through participation in NBI national coordination meeting

- NPC, counterpart, Chairman teachers Network, and Wetlands WG member trained in results –based monitoring
- 2 new NEPS approved for funding and implementation started
- Successfully participated in the National Nile Day celebration in cooperation with NBI national Office and other NBI projects
- Participated in successfully completed Nile Basin Development Forum in Khartoum in the period 17-19 November
- Finalized the Macro-sectoral Policies study

Outcome 2: Improved capacity of the communities of the project areas to demonstrate viable approaches to land, forest, and water management

- 3 new microgrant projects started and funded to tune of \$ 75,000
- 26 projects operational funded to the tune of \$623,954
- Community capacity enhanced in microgrant implementation process and awareness created
- Evaluation done by consultant and recommendations received
- Auditing done by Price Water House coopers for 8 projects and weaknesses and strengths were highlighted
- Project monitoring carried out by LMGC
- 3 articles contributed and published in the NTEAP newsletter
- LMGC and 3 grantees attended Lake Victoria Wetlands Stakeholders meeting to build a network for conservation of wetlands
- LMGC attended institutional capacity building for sustainable consumption and production for the Lake Victoria basin resources organised by Kenya Cleaner Production Center and SIDA
- LMGC and 2 women grantees capacity built in fundraising, gender mainstreaming and formed a regional womens' network
- World Bank Mission visited 6 projects and made recommendations

Outcome 3: Environmental Education Improved and Public Awareness Enhanced

- School awards successfully completed with one Kenyan student winning a Regional award
- National working group meeting held and decided to host the National working group under NEMA, where they would join the national ESD steering committee
- Nile Environment Awareness Week was held between 27th – 30th June,, 2008 focusing on the sustainable use and conservation of wetlands. Two wetlands were selected for demonstrations in Kitale and Bungoma and 8,500 trees were planted

to protect the wetlands. A Student and teachers exchange was also carried out to teach and expose students to practical aspects of wetland conservation

- Awareness materials developed for use in Nile Week
- Twenty teachers were trained on use of e-learning materials.
- Teacher association formed Kenya Environmental Education Teachers Association (KEETA) and will sustain NTEAP outputs
- Regional Journalists workshop held and amalgamation modalities agreed on.

Outcome 4: enhanced capacity for conservation and management of wetlands and biodiversity

- 2nd regional working group meeting attended by two participants from Kenya
- 1 national working group meeting was held and agreed expansion to include more institutions working with wetlands in Kenya
- Meeting held for 2 biodiversity groups mammals and invertebrates who agreed to work on improving the baseline
- 2 candidates benefited from sponsorship to attend the wetland international training at Kenya Wildlife Services training college in Naivasha
- The Process to develop a transboundary Wetlands management plan for Sio-Siteko started and will be completed early next year.

Outcome 5: Increased capacity and awareness on Water Quality Monitoring in the NB countries

- 2 Participants trained on water quality monitoring regionally
- Procurement of Simple WQ Kits completed and delivery expected to be complete by end of the year
- Procurement of selected Laboratory equipment for Kisumu is completed and delivery is in the process and will be completed by end of the year.
- Second biological monitoring training successfully held in Kisumu with 12 participants benefiting from across the basin.

Outputs & Activities	Performance Indicators and Targets	Planned achievements	Actual Achievements	Variance and steering measures
Outcome 1.1 Institutions strengthened to facilitate regional collaboration	<p>1. Water quality monitoring data exchange agreement to be annexed to the NBI information sharing protocol formulated and approved by the WQM WG.</p> <p>2. Recommendations on environmental functions of the NBI permanent institution formulated and submitted for approval.</p>			
Output 1.1.1 National coordination office established and managed	National office established & functioning	national office established & functioning	national office established & functioning	

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Output 1.1.2. Knowledge management and communication tools produced	Quarterly newspapers published in Kiswahili and English IT infrastructure at the national office established and functioning.	3 issue published in English and Kiswahili	3 issue of the newsletter published in Kiswahili and English Contributions to NTEAP newsletters made on a regular basis Kiswahili version of newsletter disseminated nationally	
Output 1.1.5. Transboundary studies of macro & sector policies & environment completed	Initiation of study as per the recommendations of the regional planning workshop	Identify participants and mode of implementation of desk studies	Study completed in Kenya	
Output 1.1.6. M&E system in place	Monthly, quarterly, semi annual, annual, field visits , surveys	Monthly quarterly, semi annual reports produced	Monthly quarterly, semi annual reports produced	

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	and review reports produced and disseminated to respective partners	MTR report disseminated nationally		
Activity 1.5.5 Compile best Practices into a report	International Best Practices report produced	Undertake national best practices consultative meeting Produce report of best practices selected nationally	4 best practices documented in Kenya	
Outcome 1.2 Environmental education improved and public awareness enhanced				
Output 1.2.1 Public awareness on Nile environmental	4.Awareness raised about one Environment threat	Preparations for World Environment day celebrations initiated	Nile Environment Awareness week celebrations undertaken as planned	

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threats enhanced in NB countries		development of awareness materials carried out	development of awareness materials carried out Awareness raised on at least 1 threat.	
Output 1.2.2. Networks of secondary schools for projects based learning established and functioning in NB countries	1 Environmental modules developed and offered to teachers in 10 countries 2.school projects implemented in at least 2 school	e-learning Modules disseminated School Projects initiated	20 teachers trained in e-learning No projects funded this year	
Output 1.2.3. Networking established among universities and other research institutions	1. Course developed approved by EE lecturers' Network members	Consultant hired to develop a course and teaching materials	Consultant was hired by PMU. The module disseminated to universities nationwide	Printing of module delayed

Outputs & Activities	Performance Indicators and Targets	Planned achievements	Actual Achievements	Variance and steering measures
Outcome 2.1 Improved capacity of the communities of the Nile Basin to demonstrate viable approaches to land, forest, and water management	3 pilots identified for up scaling and 10 identified for replication during the project lifetime	No projects are yet identified for up scaling nor for replication	To have one project identified for up scaling and three for replication.	
Output 2.1.1 TB Micro-grant program established in 9 NB countries	\$ 5.2 Million in grants disbursed in 9 countries	\$1.5 Million worth of grants disbursed in all countries	Disbursed \$ 623,954	
Output 2.1.2 Soil erosion microgrants studies completed	At least 3 soil erosion mitigation MG documented as best practices	At least 20 projects addressing land degradation issues are under implementation with five		

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		addressing soil erosion related issues.		
Output 2.1.3 regional & national workshops in technical and organizational skills conducted in 9 countries	8 regional & 50 national CB workshops conducted	Five regional workshops and 32 national and local workshops were conducted in all the nine countries	1 regional workshop for women held.	
Outcome 2.2 Enhanced capacity for conservation and management of wetlands and their biodiversity				
Output 2.2.1 Wetlands network established	A regional working group established	Regional members nominated Participants	Regional working group members attended 2 nd meeting	

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		participating in regional inauguration of WG		
Output 2.2.2. Wetlands training programs developed according to needs	X number of training programs developed for the Working groups, experts and communities	Train experts on the material developed by the PMU	2 officers trained regionally Material shared with national level stakeholders for their input	
Output 2.2.4 Pilot initiatives in support of capacity building and management completed	3 identified sites for rapid assessment and development of management plans	To identify site and interventions to be undertaken		
Output 2.3.2 Awareness on WQ issues increased in NBC at all levels	Awareness materials produced & disseminated and 2 national workshops for awareness raising	Initiate the process of WQ Awareness materials development	Awareness material developed for use in Nile week	

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	conducted in each NBC			
Output 2.3.4 Water quality monitoring pilot sites selected	44 TB sampling stations selected and agreed upon by WQWG members	Regular sampling and testing from the TB sampling stations of Egypt initiated	Not yet	

4. Project Management

Some institutional arrangements are in place at the national level to help in activity implementation and sustainability of NTEAP outcomes. These include:

NPC Counterpart: Has been appointed and briefed to support sustaining of NTEAP outcomes in the Host institution and coordinate interlinkages with other Ministries..

Expanded ESD committee: This was established to include the National EE working group members who will continue to highlight Nile basin EE issues at National level and participate in the DESD.

Teachers Association: The Kenya Environmental Education teachers Association was formed and registered to continue the achievements of NTEAP schools projects.

All other project management structures are still in place to support the NPC and LMGC to implement national level activities.

5. Project Expenditure

See Annex 1 for details

6. Challenges and constraints

- The fund request and transfer processes, caused significant delays in processing and receiving of funds for national level implementation.
- Office running expenses were not received at all by the LMGC office and inadequate funds were received by the NPC's office
- The low capacity of NGO/CBOs has made it very challenging to not only receive substandard both narrative and financial reports which take time to be revised for eventual subsequent disbursement of funds, but as well quite challenging during implementation.
- Delay in disbursement process provide a cut off period during which grantees may not be implementing, thus when they receive the money then it's like they start all over again.

7. Lessons Learned and recommendations

- Projects with direct livelihoods activities seem to attract attention of many community members some of which may develop grudge/jealousy with the implementing CBO and thus bring conflicts and acrimony. (Two of the fish farming projects funded have experienced direct conflict with some disgruntled community members)
- Group monitoring of projects would need thorough understanding of various projects milestones and more so the specifications in design and agreement to avoid generalizing output based solely on tangible outputs.

8. Pictures



NEP TransNzoia Beekeeping



NEP TransNzoia – Handicraft training



Tree planting by Chief Guest PC Western
Mr. A. K. Mwasserah during NEAW



National School Award presentations



Nile day celebration – sharing experiences



Teachers Training – e-learning