

Programme Title:	Enabling Sustainable Livelihoods Through Improved Natural Resource Governance and Economic Diversification in the Kono District, Sierra Leone
Country:	Sierra Leone

I. Joint Programme Information

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Programme title:

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Sectorial area of intervention and policy objectives

Inclusive economic growth for poverty eradication

 Create opportunities for decent jobs and secure livelihoods.

 Create better government policies and fair and accountable public institutions.

 Promote inclusive and sustainable business practices.

UN Lead Agency:

United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)

UN Participating Organizations:

Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO)

Local Partners:

National Authorities: Ministry of Finance; Environment Protection Agency National Youth Commission; Ministry of Social Welfare, Gender and Children’s Affairs, Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Food Security; Ministry of Fisheries & Marine Resources; Human Rights Commission of Sierra Leone.

Local Authorities: Local City Councils; District Youth Council; Paramount Chiefs.

NGOs: Natural Resource Governance Institute; GIZ; IBIS; ActionAid; Network Movement for Justice & Development (NMJD); Campaign for Just Mining: Community Empowerment for Peace and Agricultural Development (CEPAD), MAFINDOR (Women’s Rights Organization based in Kono).

Private Sector: Sierra Akker Agric Co. Ltd, Sierra Leone Business Forum (SLBF), Koidu Ltd (Ocea); SMEs
Research Institutions: Sierra Leone Agricultural Research Institute (SLAR)

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III. Financial information

SDG-F Funds

UN Agency	Total approved funds	Total funds Transferred to date	Total funds committed to date	Total funds disbursed to date
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UN Agency	Total approved funds	Total funds Transferred to date	Total funds committed to date	Total funds disbursed to date
United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)	976,000.00			88,034.00
Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO)	524,000.00			

Total	1,500,000.00			88,034.00
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Matching Funds

Name of source	Total approved funds	Total funds Transferred to date	Total funds committed to date	Total funds disbursed to date
UNDP	80,060.00			7,834.00
FAO	1,125.00			

Total	81,185.00			7,834.00
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IV. Beneficiaries

Direct Beneficiaries - Breakdown

Beneficiary type - individual	Total	Female	Male	Comments
Farmers	0	0	0	Targets set but no activities done yet to their direct benefit
Entrepreneurs	0	0	0	
Civil servants/government	0	0	0	
Indigenous	0	0	0	
Children	0	0	0	
Youth	0	0	0	
Other 1				
Total	0	0	0	

Beneficiary type - institutional	Total	Comments
SMEs	0.00	Targets set but no activities done yet to their direct benefit
Cooperatives	0.00	
Government/municipal organizations	10.00	Shared work plan and discussed findings from market assessments

Private sector	5.00	Shared work plan and discussed findings from market assessments and discussed possibilities of collaboration
Community-based organizations	5	Shared work plan and discussed findings from market assessments and discussed possibilities of collaboration
NGOs	10	Shared work plan and discussed findings from market assessments and discussed possibilities of collaboration
Total	30	

Indirect Beneficiaries - Breakdown

Beneficiary type - individual	Total	Female	Male	Comments
Farmers	0	0.00	0.00	No activities done yet to their benefit
Entrepreneurs	0	0.00	0.00	
Civil servants/government	0	0.00	0.00	
Indigenous	0	0.00	0.00	
Children	0	0.00	0.00	
Youth	0	0.00	0.00	
Total	0	0.00	0.00	

Beneficiary type - institutional	Total	Comments
SMEs	0.00	No activities done yet to their benefit
Cooperatives	0.00	
Government/municipal organizations	0.00	
Private sector	0	
Community-based organizations	0	
NGOs	0	
Total	0	

Any other information regarding JP beneficiaries*:

None at the moment

V. Joint Programme Progress

Expected Results (Outcomes & outputs)	Progress	Expected deliverables
JP Outcome 1: Inclusive accountability and transparency in natural resource management		With Project Manager onboard, AWP developed, approved and shared, TORs are to be developed and project activities facilitated to ensure achievement of JP outputs and outcomes.
JP Output 1.1: Enhanced capacity for improved monitoring of environmental and social compliance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting with EPA and CIESIN on GIS EPA AWP activities completed • EPA activities on AWP revised to match changes and development within EPA • Procurement process of items and soft wares for GIS activities with CIESIN and EPA ongoing 	Relationship established with CIESIN for facilitation of EPA GIS activities. Procurement process of GIS items and soft wares initiated. Discussions with CIESIN on activity plan ongoing ; to be finalized for development of TOR
JP Output 1.2: Strengthened dialogue and engagement between development stakeholders and the extractive sector		Stakeholders and NGOs to be trained on advocacy identified. Advocacy training to be facilitated next quarter
JP Output 1.3: Inclusive community development processes facilitated		Met with stakeholders CDA developed and submitted to Minister with approval awaiting. Review of activity to match approved CDA being considered
JP Outcome 2: Livelihoods of vulnerable groups improved through economic diversification	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Market assessment of local economy ongoing with field mission completed. • FAO completed a baseline study for fishponds and poultry farm activities 	Final market assessment report to be available in April which will guide project participant selection especially for youth livelihoods activities. Fish pond construction commenced in April to continue till June for first 8. Preliminary activities for poultry establishment ongoing and training modules for trainings on poultry and fish farming are being reviewed and finalized
JP Output 2.1: Local economy diversified through value chain development, increased entrepreneurship, economic productivity, and improved service delivery	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Market assessment of local economy ongoing with field mission completed. Initial • stakeholders meeting to present findings completed awaiting final report 	Criteria for selection of youths for project livelihoods activities developed awaiting approval from local stakeholders

Expected Results (Outcomes & outputs)	Progress	Expected deliverables
JP Output 2.2:Aquaculture enterprises established to increase income, improved food and nutrition security	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FAO completed a baseline study that indicated substantial potential for the expansion of aquaculture in the district • Developed criteria for selection of sites for 24 fishponds. • Criteria also developed for the selection of sites for a total of 8 poultry farms that will be established in partnership with Sierra Akker Farms, who have demonstrated expertise in the poultry sector in Sierra Leone 	Criteria developed and sites for fish pond and poultry establishment identified. Construction of first 8 fish ponds to start in April
JP Outcome 3:Stakeholder engagement, M&E, knowledge management, communication & advocacy processes facilitated	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Project NSC and PMC established • 2016 AWP developed, reviewed and approved by NSC and PMC • Draft communication and advocacy strategy developed , shared and updated with inputs from NSC and PMC meetings 	
JP Output 3.1:Stakeholder engagement ensured throughout project implementation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Project quarterly NSC and PMC meetings facilitated in Freetown and Kono respectively to introduce PM and share AWP and communication strategy • 2016 AWP approved and signed by NSC members 	
JP Output 3.2:Results based management processes facilitated	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AWP shared with PMSU • Market assessment of local economy facilitated to provided baseline information • Stakeholders meeting to present findings from field on market assessment completed • FAO completed base line study for fish pond and poultry activities 	Quarterly monitoring plan agreed by NSC and PMC

Cross-cutting issues

How has the JP addressed during the reporting period (please provide concrete actions):

1) The **sustainability** of the JP work. (200 words)

Institutional and environmental sustainability is explicitly integrated in the programme design. Environmental sustainability will be secured through its outputs on enhancing capacity of the Environment Protection Agency and collaborating with NGOs working on environmental issues at local level as well as the local communities

Institutional sustainability is also ensured through the involved and working with the local councils and the respective MDAs. Currently the project is being implemented in collaboration with the National Minerals Agency, the National Youth Commission, The Kono district and City councils, the Kono Youth Council etc

2) The promotion of **women's empowerment and gender equality**. (200 words)

Gender and women's empowerment have been mainstreamed throughout the programme through the engagement of UNDP's gender focal person. Targets were set on the basis of selecting 50% each of the sexes to promote equality. Currently the ongoing fish pond construction activities made conscious efforts to 50: 50 % representation of men and women

3) The engagement in **public-private partnerships**. (200 words)

Public private partnerships is central to most of the activities of the programme. The project is currently working with Sierra Akker Farms A private enterprise) for the establishment of poultry farms. Also livelihoods activities for youths will prioritize working with private enterprises and individuals to provide trainings/ livelihoods opportunities to youths through TVET institutions and other enterprises with apprenticeship focus. The project will also collaborate with MFIs make available loan opportunities for investment.

Communication and Advocacy

Has the JP articulated an advocacy & communication actions that helps advance its policy objectives and development outcomes?:

Yes

Please describe communication activities developed as part of the JP. :

Some of the communication activities developed as part of the JP include:

- Display panels banners at key project location, events like workshops
- Labelling of SDGF and logos on all Information Education and Communication (IEC) materials generated
- Sharing Key results of the project with external stakeholders (other NGOs and donors, wider CA network) publicizing the contribution of the SDGF and its partners.
- Press releases or media/communications acknowledging the contribution of the SDGF and partners
- Adherence to visibility requirements in all official communications with SDGF and in all reports shared with the SDG F secretariat (progress and final reports, evaluation reports, baselines etc)
- Provision of articles and photos to media outlets during main projects events providing information about the project, progress, the support provided by SDGF and the implementing partner
- TV and radio sensitization programmes to mention the collaboration of the SDGF, Spanish government etc.

JP twitter handle:

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Other social media channels managed by joint programme (Instagram, Google+, You Tube...):

One UN Coordination and Delivering as One

The SDG-F is based on the principles of effective development cooperation, inclusion and participation and One UN coordination.

Actions	Description
Managerial practices (financial, procurement, etc.) implemented jointly by the UN implementing agencies for SDG-F JPs	<p>The programme is implemented in the framework of a UN multi-agency Area-Based Development (ABD) approach focusing on two broad, interlinked intervention areas that aim to enhance sustainable, inclusive governance of natural resources as well as diversification of sustainable livelihood opportunities. It builds on and complements previous or ongoing activities of UNDP, FAO, and other partners. The programme strengthens the capacity of NGOs to promote constructive dialogue with the extractive sector on economic, social, and cultural rights, with specific focus on women's empowerment, support diversification in sectors that offer potential for job creation and business opportunities and builds strategic Public-Private Partnerships with regional and local businesses and Local Councils for risk sharing and resource leveraging, with specific focus on promoting job creation and income generation for youth and women.</p> <p>Partnerships are formed around agriculture, aquaculture, value added trade, mini-processing and production activities based on thorough analysis of local market needs.</p> <p>The programme is monitored at two levels, through a National steering Committee and a Project Management Committee at district level. Financial management and procurement is done in compliance with the UNDP procedures.</p>
Joint analytical work (studies, publications, etc.) undertaken jointly by UN implementing agencies for SDG-F JPs	
Joint activities undertaken jointly by UN implementing agencies for SDG-F JPs	Construction of fish pond, establishment of poultry farms, training of youths and youth farmers on entrepreneurship and business management skills
Other, please specify:	

What types of coordination mechanisms and decisions have been taken to ensure joint delivery? :

The project is being coordinated through national and local stakeholder involvements in approving work plans, review and approving selection criteria and activity implementation through partners.

National Ownership: Paris, Accra and Busan Commitments

The SDG-F strengthens the UN system's ability to deliver results in an integrated and multi-dimensional manner by supporting the Joint Programme modality and by bringing together United Nations Agencies and national counterparts in a collective effort to ensure ownership and sustainability of results of JPs and advance towards the SDGs.

Partners	Involvement *	Type of involvement	Examples
Government (specify national/local)	Fairly involved	Policy-decision making Budget Service Provision	At national level ministries are part of the project NSC and at local level the councils and local government agencies are part of the PMC. Government contribution is part of the project budget Eg the EPA
Private Sector	Fairly involved	Service Provision	Sierr Akker farms, MFIs, TVETs, Individual Trainers etc

Partners	Involvement *	Type of involvement	Examples
Civil Society	Fairly involved	Other Please specify: Capacity building	Will be involved in advocacy training for constructive engagement and dialogue with extractive sector
Academia	Slightly involved	Service Provision	Njala University will provided training for fish farming and poultry establishment, CIESIN Columbia University will do GIS activities with EPA

* Implementation of activities and the delivery of outputs

Please briefly describe the current situation of the government, private sector and civil society on regards of ownership, align:

The project is being implemented through government agencies, local councils and in collaboration with the private sector. Civil society is part of the project monitoring mechanism and the private sector is involved in carrying out some of the project activities like training for youths, establishment of poultry farms etc. The government is very much in support of and claims ownership of the project as it is implement through its agencies with work plans and budgets approved by them.

Please briefly provide an overall assessment of the governance and managerial structures :

The project is fully receiving support from various managerial structures including RC, NSC and PMC. However some NSC members are more active than others with those ministries directly complement being more supportive.

The PMC members, civil society and local authorities are very much interested and active on project implementation. The follow up on meeting action points and push for project to meet time lines.

VI. Joint Programme contribution to the SDGs

SDG #	JP Contribution
Goal 1	Youths will be trained and provided with livelihoods opportunities that will contribute to reducing poverty of the youths.
Goal 2	The project is working with youth farmers to construct , establish and mange fish ponds and poultry thereby contributing to food and nutrition security
Goal 16	The project is working for improved accountability and transparency in natural resource governance. This will contribute to promoting peace in the mining communities of the project and help to generate income that will be reinvested in the development of the communities

VII. Additional Information

Additional Comments:

Due to the delay in start of project implementation because of the Ebola outbreak, some other activities carried during period that resulted in the review of activities for EPA and the CDA plan activities. This review was done to match up developments in the concerned areas

Attachments

Performance Monitoring Framework *:

 [Performance Monitoring Framework-SDGF Kono Project-Q1 Report.docx](#)

JP Communication and Advocacy Plan *:

 [SDGF Kono Project Com & Advocacy Strategy 160404.docx](#)

NSC and/or PMC Minutes *:

 [PMC Meeting Minutes 160309.doc](#)

Publications and reports generated by the JP *:

 [NSC Meeting Minutes 160301.doc](#)
