

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
United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)	976,000.00	567,774.00	153,933.39	104,612.00

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Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO)	524,000.00			10,811.00

Total	1,500,000.00	567,774.00	153,933.39	115,423.00
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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
				15,612.00

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IV. Beneficiaries

Total number of direct beneficiaries to date:

1680

Direct Beneficiaries – Breakdown

Beneficiary type - individual	Total	Female	Male	Comments
Farmers	1,220	600	620	Beneficiaries receiving training on poultry and fish farming all have farming backgrounds
Entrepreneurs	0	0	0	
Civil servants/government	10	3	7	No direct targets set but some are benefiting from capacity building trainings
Indigenous	0	0	0	
Children	0	0	0	
Youth	450	70	380	Youths benefiting from skills trainings
Other 1				
Total	1,680	673	1,007	

Beneficiary type - institutional	Total	Comments
SMEs	0.00	No direct targets set
Cooperatives	0.00	No direct targets set

Government/municipal organizations	10.00	Collaborating and benefiting from capacity building trainings. This includes ministries, departments and agencies
Private sector	5.00	Collaborating and benefiting from capacity building trainings
Community-based organizations	5	Collaborating and benefiting from capacity building trainings
NGOs	15	Collaborating, partnering and benefiting from capacity building trainings. This also includes civil society organizations
	5	This includes media and local authorities benefiting from capacity building trainings
Total	40	

Indirect Beneficiaries – Breakdown

Beneficiary type - individual	Total	Female	Male	Comments
Farmers	0	0.00	0.00	No clear or significant benefit yet provided by project to this categories
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	No clear or significant benefit yet provided by project to this categories
Government/municipal organizations	5.00	District and city councils, MDA benefiting from capacity building trainings, linkages and information sharing
Private sector	3	Mining companies and other private sector companies benefiting from community relations awareness raising and capacity building trainings
Community-based organizations	14	Farmer based organizations, youth and women's groups, local community structures etc. benefiting from capacity building trainings
NGOs	0	No clear or significant benefit yet provided by project to this categories
	4	Media houses benefiting from capacity building trainings
Total	26	

Any other information regarding JP beneficiaries*:

- One Training workshop for mining sector stakeholders in Kono district on Community Development Agreements Kono model (62 people trained- 49 M 13 F)
- One Training workshop for NGOs and CSOs on improved ability for advocacy to promote constructive dialogue with the extractive sector(CSOs-14, NGOs-4, Local councils&authorities-5, MDAs-2 and private sector-1)-35 people trained- 20M 10 F

V. Joint Programme Progress

Expected Results (Outcomes & outputs)	Progress	Difficulties	Expected deliverables
JP Outcome 1:Inclusive accountability and transparency in natural resource management		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In general, the project has been affected by the impacts of the protracted Ebola outbreak that started in May 2014, and was officially declared over only 18 months later in November 2015. 	
JP Output 1.1: Enhanced capacity for improved monitoring of environmental and social compliance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GIS equipment and software procured • Partnership with Columbia University Center for International Earth Science Information Network (CIESIN) to facilitate GIS capacity enhancement for officers of the Sierra Leone Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). • Annual Work Plan (AWP) revised with EPA and agreement made to include Environmental Rating and Disclosure (ERD)activity. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lengthy negotiations between EPA, UNDP and ERD service provider about budget and work plan caused delays. Agreement has now been reached, and ERD activities will commence in 2016. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CIESIN to facilitate assessments and capacity building for EPA staff as per TOR in the last quarter of 2016 • ERD activities to commence in last quarter of 2016
JP Output 1.2:Strengthened dialogue and engagement between development stakeholders and the extractive sector	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Three-day training workshop on improved ability for advocacy to promote constructive dialogue with the extractive sector organized for 26 institutions (14 CSOs, 4 NGOs, 5 Local Councils and traditional local authorities, 2 Government institutions and 1 private sector) and the local media. This resulted in to an action plan that lead to the development of an advocacy plan for Kono Civil Society Network (CSN) whose implementation will start in the last quarter of 2016. 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More needs-based training for CSOs to be facilitated. • Advocacy activities carried out by the civil society network based on their advocacy plan

Expected Results (Outcomes & outputs)	Progress	Difficulties	Expected deliverables
JP Output 1.3: Inclusive community development processes facilitated	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Awareness raising workshop held on Kono model Community Development Agreement (CDA) for 62 local extractive sector stakeholders. This led to the development of an action plan now implemented by the National Minerals Agency (NMA) that will lead to the signing of a CDA in Kono with Koidu Limited/Octea Holdings (presently the only company in Kono qualified for the CDA process). 		Kono CDA development and signing to be completed in the last quarter of 2016.
JP Outcome 2: Livelihoods of vulnerable groups improved through economic diversification			
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 completed and final report disseminated to stakeholders. Project Management Committee (PMC) completed shortlisting and interviews of youths to be trained in various vocational and technical skills and agreed on training 450 youths. All 450 youths are to start with entrepreneurship and business skills trainings for which TOR has been developed and advertised. Review of applications is ongoing for start of trainings in October. Preliminary assessments of Kono district and Koidu New Sembehun City Council's cadaster administration system done and TOR developed and under review for support to strengthen and enhance effective and efficient functioning of the system. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Market assessment was done as part of a comprehensive nation-wide assessment, which was delayed with three months. As the results of the assessment were intended to provide the basis for subsequent training and skill building activities, the delay in the market assessment caused a subsequent delay in those activities. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Commencement of youth vocational and technical trainings in October 2016 Commencement of consultancy to facilitate effective and efficient functioning of two local council's cadaster systems in November 2016.
JP Output 2.2: Aquaculture enterprises established to increase income, improved food and nutrition security	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> FAO completed identification and selection of sites for establishment of 8 poultry farms and 24 fish ponds Facilitated the strengthening of 8 youth groups and 24 youth groups to manage the poultry and fish ponds respectively All poultry sites have been cleared and ready awaiting construction to start. MOUs signed with land owners who provided land for the poultry farms 		Construction of first 8 poultry farms and 24 fish ponds to start in next quarter

Expected Results (Outcomes & outputs)	Progress	Difficulties	Expected deliverables
JP Outcome 3:Stakeholder engagement, M&E, knowledge management, communication & advocacy processes facilitated	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • National Steering Committee (NSC) and Project Management Committee (PMC) meeting held on 1st of March and 4th of March 2016 respectively • Live radio programs have been done by the project team in Kono on the four mail local radio stations in Kono on the project activities in June and September and by the National Minerals Agency in September on two occasions on the Community Development Agreement activities 		- Next NSC and PMC meeting planned for October 2016
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 to update committee members on progress made and reviews on AWP • Project stakeholder meetings including local authorities, local councils and MDA have been facilitated in Kono to take decisions on key project activities. This involved allocation of poultry and fish ponds around the district, site selection, shortlisting and interviews of youths for youth skills trainings. 		
JP Output 3.2:Results based management processes facilitated	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AWP revised in collaboration with NSC and PMC, to reflect changing needs of stakeholders and include ERD-activity. 		

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 sustainability is ensured through active involvement of key stakeholders in targeted activities, including Local Councils and Government institutions (National Minerals Agency, the National Youth Commission, Kono District and City councils, Kono Youth Council, Local Authorities, the Environmental Protection Agency and other MDAs.

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

Gender and women's empowerment have been mainstreamed throughout the programme with support from UNDP's gender focal person. The programme makes a continuous effort to encourage the active

inclusion of women in meetings and workshops, and provide them with opportunities to benefit from project interventions. Targets for selection of beneficiaries for skill building and training (including for fishpond and poultry-related activities, as well as for other skill building and training activities) were set on the basis of selecting 50% men and women to promote equality.

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

Public private partnerships are central to the programme. A partnership was established with Sierra Akker Farms (a private enterprise) for the establishment of poultry farms, and Njala University for training of youth farmers on poultry and fish farming. Micro-finance institutions have been approached to make loans available in order to support the establishment/strengthening of SMEs. The programme also actively engages the Kimberlite diamond mining company Koidu Ltd/Octea Holdings for activities related to the CDA process.

Communication and Advocacy

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

Yes

Please provide concrete gains on how the the JP communication and advocacy efforts have increased awareness on SDGs.:

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

- Display of panels and banners at key project locations, and events (e.g. workshops, trainings).
- Labelling of SDGF and partner logos on all documents, reports, Information Education and Communication materials generated by the programme.
- Sharing of 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 and media/communications produced acknowledging the contribution of the SDGF and partners.
- Radio sensitization programmes to mention the collaboration of the SDGF, Spanish government held in Kono in June and September by the project team and NMA on the local radio stations.

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	N/A
Joint analytical work (studies, publications, etc.) undertaken jointly by UN implementing agencies for SDG-F JPs	N/A

Actions	Description
Joint activities undertaken jointly by UN implementing agencies for SDG-F JPs	Poultry and fish farming activities, missions, steering committee and project management committee meetings are jointly undertaken by UNDP and FAO.
Other, please specify:	

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

The project is being coordinated through National Steering Committee and local Programme Management Committee, whose members include both UNDP and FAO and who meet on a regular basis to assess progress made and review work plans and budgets.

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)	Fully 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, Micro Finance Institutions, Technical Vocational and Education Training Centers and master trainers Sierra Akker Farms with support in feed production and trainings for poultry activities training centers and master trainers will provide skills trainings to youths and MFIs have been approached to help provide loans to graduate trainees to strengthen or start businesses
Civil Society	Fully involved	Other Please specify: Capacity building	Civil Society are involved in advocacy training for constructive engagement and dialogue with extractive sector, implementation of advocacy plan on issues in the extractive sector.
Academia	Fairly involved	Service Provision	Njala University provided training for fish farming and poultry establishment, CIESIN Columbia University will support GIS capacity enhancement

* 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 the NSC and PMC. Government partners who are directly benefiting from the project (e.g. the EPA and NMMA) are more actively supportive than other members of the NSC and PMC. The PMC members, civil society and local authorities demonstrate substantial ownership of the programme, by following up on meeting action points and pushing partners 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 and recruitment of Project Manager, some other activities were carried out leading to the review of activities for EPA and the CDA plan activities. This review was done to match up developments in the concerned areas

Attachments

Programme baseline study *:

 [Performance Monitoring Framework-SDGF Kono Project-Q2 Report.docx](#)