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| Programme Title & Project Number <ul style="list-style-type: none">Programme Title: Rehabilitation of Riparian ForestsProgramme Number: 00046725MPTF Office Project Reference Number:³ 0074591 | Country, Locality(s), Thematic/Priority Area(s)² <p>Kyrgyz Republic, Issyk-Kul Province, Kok- Moinok Rural district</p> <p>Energy and Environment</p> | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Participating Organization(s) <ul style="list-style-type: none">UNDPUNV | Implementing Partners <ul style="list-style-type: none">State Agency for Environment Protection and ForestryKok Moinok Local Self Governance Bodies | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| Programme Assessment/Review/Mid-Term Eval. <p>Assessment/Review - if applicable <i>please attach</i></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Date: dd.mm.yyyy</p> <p>Mid-Term Evaluation Report – if applicable <i>please attach</i></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Date: dd.mm.yyyy</p> | Report Submitted By <ul style="list-style-type: none">Name: Aleksandr TemirbekovTitle: UNDP Environment Protection for Sustainable Development Programme ManagerParticipating Organization (Lead): UNDPEmail address: a.temirbekov@up.elcat.kg | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

¹ The term “programme” is used for programmes, joint programmes and projects.

² Strategic Results, as formulated in the Performance Management Plan (PMP) for the PBF; Sector for the UNDG ITF.

³ The MPTF Office Project Reference Number is the same number as the one on the Notification message. It is also referred to “Project ID” on the [MPTF Office GATEWAY](#)

⁴ The start date is the date of the first transfer of the funds from the MPTF Office as Administrative Agent. Transfer date is available on the [MPTF Office GATEWAY](#)

⁵ As per approval by the relevant decision-making body/Steering Committee.

⁶ All activities for which a Participating Organization is responsible under an approved MPTF programme have been completed. Agencies to advise the MPTF Office.

NARRATIVE REPORT

I. Purpose

Project objective: Sustainable multi-sectoral forest management approach applicable for Central Asian countries has resulted in better conservation of globally important biodiversity of riparian forests' ecosystems, increase in carbon sequestration, stop and decrease of land degradation processes in riparian forests and improvement of livelihoods of local population.

In 2011, the project has been operating based on the following UN/UNDP programming documents' provisions:

UNDAF Outcome A.2: Poor and vulnerable groups have increased and more equitable access to quality basic social services and benefits, in a strengthened pro-poor policy environment

Country Programme Outcome: Sustainable development principles integrated into poverty reduction policies and programmes

Programme Document Outputs:

1. Approaches to Low carbon emission development promoted and sustained;
2. Transition to climate resilient economies and ecosystems via development of climate change adaptation strategies supported;
3. Principles of sustainability integrated into selected sectoral natural resources management and local development plans.

DAO Rehabilitation of Riparian Forests Programme subcomponent has the following outputs developed in the participatory way by UNDP, UNV and national partners:

Output 1. Strengthened systemic and institutional capacity for land friendly riparian forest management in Chu riverbed, in Issyk-Kul oblast (Responsible: UNDP)

Output 2. Sustainable forestry demonstrated which contribute to mitigation of land degradation as well as improving livelihoods (Responsible: UNDP)

Output 3. Local villagers and school students aware about forest benefits, both in terms of ecological sustainability and disaster reduction and mitigation, through volunteer action. (Responsible: UNV)

II. Resources

Financial Resources:

The total Programme budget as per 2011 Work Plan was \$ 317,601. Delay with funds transfer has forced UNDP DRR to take decision to use TRAC funds for DAO project implementation with the further reimbursement. Thus, the total amount allocated for DAO project implementation was as follows:

- DAO funds (balance from 2010): \$68,291
- TRAC funds: \$132,374

Besides that, regular UNDP in kind contribution has been estimated as \$29,600. The total budget of the funds spent on the project implementation in 2011 amounted to \$230,265.

Human Resources:

The personnel of the project consist of 3 persons:

- UNDP Forestry Specialist
- UNV/Environment
- UNV/Community Mobilizer

III. Implementation and Monitoring Arrangements

- UNDP field office in Balykchi has assured timely and effective implementation of project activities, as well as proper and timely communication with UNDP and UNV offices in Bishkek.
- Lack of funds for plantation, which seemed to be the major barrier to achieve one of the set up objectives on 50 ha newly planted forest, has been resolved with UNDP decision to use TRAC funds for DAO project implementation on the grass root level.
- All UNDP procurement procedures have been followed as appropriate.
- Closer cooperation with local partners and stakeholders on the activities planning stage proved to be very useful and assured success.
- Regular UNDP project monitoring process with quarterly progress reports assured quality of projected activities implementation.

IV. Results

Output 1. Strengthened systemic and institutional capacity for land friendly riparian forest management in Chu riverbed, in Issyk-Kul oblast (Responsible: UNDP)

Main activities:

- A training on the national LSG legislation (in terms of competences and responsibilities) has been conducted for local government and parliament;
- A Plan on Natural Resource Management (PNRM) for Kok-Moinok locality with maps was discussed with the head of local administration. Recap of the PNRM has been drafted and will be presented to the National Agency on Local Self governance;
- About 20 micro-project proposals have been received from pilot area residents within micro-grant support. It was planned to start the micro-grants in September 2011, however due to uncertainties with regard to approval of the Guideline on Micro-grant Activities the process has been suspended.

Main achievements:

- Local governance body has been trained on sustainable management of local natural resources;
- A Plan of Local Natural Resources Management has been developed in a participatory way;
- The process of environment friendly local development among the population has been started.

Output 2. Sustainable forestry demonstrated which contribute to mitigation of land degradation as well as improving livelihoods (Responsible: UNDP)

Main activities:

- 33 ha of riverside have been reforested with mixed species: poplar, willow, apricot. To water plantations in summer season four watering groups have been organized; additional two water pumps are being procured to cover the area and required volume. Plantation audit has been conducted by two experts to assess last year plantations as well as the spring plantations of the current year. Challenges have been presented at the project partners' meeting, steering measures are being defined and discussed among the parties. It has been decided that local State Forest Management Unit (Leskhoz) will lead control over reforested area as an input to project implementation.
- To assure sustainability of the new forest plantations Community Forestry Approach to Forest Management has been promoted through organization of a special training in Collaborative Forest Management (CFM) for Kok Moinok forest users, local authorities and local Leskhoz. CFM Board, including representatives of all stakeholders, has been established to coordinate and lead the process and resolve occurring issues. 23 forest users have been selected through open and participatory contest. They have received reforested plots for five years trial period.

- Projected interventions on reduction of the community vulnerability to the disasters in close co-operation with UNDP Disaster Risk Management Programme have been shifted to 2012 due to delay with DAO funds transfer.

Main achievements:

- 33 ha of Chu River valley in Kok-Moinok have been reforested;
- Sustainability of plantations has been assured through introduction of collaborative forest management (CRM) involving local population into the process. First forest plots lessees have been contracted applying CFM approach.

Output 3. Local villagers and school students aware about forest benefits, both in terms of ecological sustainability and disaster reduction and mitigation, through volunteer action. (Responsible: UNV)

Main activities:

- Three ecological clubs, established in local schools has received equipment to continue the planned activities.
- Clubs members have undertaken a study trip to Ak Suu forest experimental station arboretum in May. Moreover, in September teachers and school children have visited Jety-Oguz natural forest ecosystem. Local forest ranger has conducted an tour and explained the natural forest ecosystem to the delegation. Eco-activists organized an action on cleaning the Kyzyl Suu riverbed near the Jety Oguz Health Resort. In the end of 2011 the second round of interschool forest contest has been held with participation of three local schools teams.
- The second round of forest contest has been conducted among the three schools. All the winners have received valuable prizes.

Main achievements:

- Youth and local schools involvement into the project and corresponding capacity building has been continued with the focus of ecosystem services of riparian forest promotion.

Implementation constraints:

- Delay in DAO funds transfer has hindered the overall project implementation.

Key partnerships:

- Partnership with the national partner – State Agency for Environment Protection and Forestry and its local units has been strengthened.
- A friendly working contact has been established on the field level in the pilot area (Kok-Moinok Rural District) with local government and parliament, community members and CBO. However, after the new election campaign all local leadership has changed and new contacts should be strengthened.
- Effective partnership has been established with Association of Forest and Land Users of Kyrgyzstan (more than 70 judicial entities in all 7 Provinces).
- Cooperation has been strengthened with UNDP Poverty Reduction, Democratic Governance and Disaster Risks Management Programmes, as well as World Food Programme.

V. Future Work Plan

- Kok Moinok Development Strategy and Action Plant will be finalized based on previous capacity building activities and local natural resources management plan;
- Poverty reduction campaign will be conducted and self-support groups will be established. Confidence building micro grant activities will be organized based on the received micro-projects proposals.

- Last 4 ha (out of planned 50) of riverside will be reforested by the CFM lessees;
- CFM capacity building campaign will be conducted with a series of trainings, events and publications;
- Two biogas installations will be established in selected households after the corresponding capacity building trainings;
- Disaster risks management coping capacity of local communities in Kok-Moinok will be increased by establishment and training of the local rescue brigade, as well as some disaster mitigating practical actions;
- Established local ecological clubs will continue study tours to forest and ecological clubs, as well as Issyk-Kul natural reserve.
- The third round of ecology contests among the schools will be conducted.

VI. INDICATOR BASED PERFORMANCE ASSESSMENT

| | Performance Indicators | Indicator Baselines | Planned Indicator Targets | Achieved Indicator Targets | Reasons for Variance (if any) | Source of Verification | Comments (if any) |
|--|---|---|--|---|---|---|---|
| Outcome 1: Strengthened systemic and institutional capacity for land friendly riparian forest management in Chu riverbed, in Issyk-Kul oblast (Responsible: UNDP) | | | | | | | |
| Output 1.1 Promotion of the approaches (principles) of the joint riparian forests management. | Indicator 1.1.1 Kok Monok Rural District Development Strategy and Action Plan Approved by Local Council integrated all dimensions of sustainable development | 1. Lack of environment sustainability component in local development planning and practices of local governance bodies; | 1. Local development strategies complemented with the Plan of sustainable management of local natural resources component; | 1. Plan of sustainable management of local natural resources finalized. 2. Local development strategy outline has been debated | 1. Achieved 2. Participatory planning process has been postponed due to need of more planning events to be organized with a broad involvement of all the stakeholders, i.e. postponed due late transfer of funds | 1. The Plan 2. Strategic planning expert's report. | 2. Working group representing all the stakeholders will be established and several planning sessions will be conducted to develop the Kok Moinok Rural District Sustainable Development Strategy and Action Plan for 2012-2014. |
| | Indicator 1.1.1 Local Self | 1. Low capacities and awareness of | 1. # of training and awareness raising events | 1. Two trainings in national forest | 1. Can be considered completed for | 1. Reports of the engaged experts | |

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| | governance bodies and other stakeholders have capacity to manage local riparian forests sustainably/ | local communities about functions and importance of the riparian forests as well as sustainable environment management for local development | in the local communities targeting all the stakeholders and community groups; | policy and legislation for Local self Governance bodies and local residents 2. Two trainings un participatory forest management basics have been conducted for Local Self Governance Bodies and local residents | Local Self Governance Bodies 2. Late transfer of funds does not allow to develop needed training modules and conduct corresponding training in Joint Forest management for local forest plots lessees | tbd | 2. Tender for CFM/JFM training modules development and organization of capacity building campaign will be conducted next year |
| Output 1.2 Promotion of income generating activity on the pilot territory | Indicator 1.2.1 Local facilities to promote income generating for livelihoods established | Low income of local population, unemployment, lack of knowledge on development environment friendly income generation activities | Existence of local facilities to implement environmentally friendly income generating activities and demonstrated alternative energy sources; | Postponed due late transfer of funds | Postponed due late transfer of funds | tbd | Postponed due late transfer of funds |
| Outcome 2 Sustainable forestry demonstrated which contribute to mitigation of land degradation as well as improving livelihoods (Responsible: UNDP) | | | | | | | |
| Output 2.1 Implementation of | Indicator 2.1.1 | Pressure of the local popula- | 50 ha have been reforested through | 46 ha have been reforested | 4 ha will be reforested in 2012 | - Plans of planting | |

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| reforestation activities on the pilot territory | The pressure on existing natural riparian forests reduced | tion residing near riparian forests has led to 50% deforestation during the last 20 years. | Collaborative Forest Management | in 2010-2011 | when next suitable land plot will be found | works - Saplings procurement documentation - Reports of the experts engaged for plantation audit | |
| | Indicator 2.1.2 Modern technologies of renewable energy sources have been demonstrated | | 1. Solar water heating and electrical panels installed in the remote school 2. 5 solar driven mobile water pumps have been supplied to Kok Moinok 3. Two biogas facilities have been installed in near relevant farms | 1. Done in 2010 2. Installation finished in 2011 3. Postponed to 2012 due to late funds transfer | | - Annual Progress Report for 2012 2. Equipment procurement documentation 3. Annual Progress Report in 2011 | 3. Local experts and producers have been contacted for investigation of opportunities and possible production |
| Output 2.2 Capacity building on disaster risk management | Indicator 2.2.1 Kok Moinok Rural District has a local system of dis- | Lack of local capacities on disaster risks management | 1. Establishment of local rescue team 2. Implementation | 1. Organization needs have been debated with Local Self Governance Bodies | Postponed to 2012 due to late funds transfer | tbd | Postponed to 2012 due to late funds transfer |

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| | aster risks management | | of some disaster mitigation activities | 2. Possible site have been visited. Both - postponed to 2012 due to late transfer of funds | | | |
| Outcome 3 Local villagers and school students aware about forest benefits, both in terms of ecological sustainability and disaster reduction and mitigation, through volunteer action. (Responsible: UNV) | | | | | | | |
| Output 3.1 Capacity building of local communities and schools on sustainable nature recourses usage | Indicator 3.1.1 Three ecological clubs are operational in three villages | 1. Low awareness of local youth in environmental issues and 2. Absence of local facilities to promote environmental issues | 1. # of actions to promote awareness of youth on forest ecosystems benefits 2. Ecological clubs established and operational in Kok Moinok | 1. Two study tours of clubs members to arboretum and natural forest ecosystem 1.1 The second round of school forest contest KVN has been conducted among three schools 2. Three school ecological clubs established and equipped with furniture and office equipment | | 1. Expert' report on the trips, and procurement documentation 1.1 Engaged NGO' s report 2. IC holder' s report and procurement and hand over documents | |

