

Peacebuilding Fund Project Progress Report (Updated template October 2022)



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PROJECT OVERVIEW

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» Report Submission

Type of report *

- Semi-annual
- Annual
- Final
- Other

Date of submission of report *

2022-11-21

Name and Title of Person submitting the report *

THEO WAY, programme coordinator

Name and Title of Person who approved the report *

PIERRE BARDOUX

Have all fund recipients for this project contributed to the report? *

- yes
 no

Did PBF Secretariat or the PBF Focal point in the resident coordinator office review the report? *

If there is no PBF secretariat in country, please select "Not applicable". If there is a PBF secretariat, you should normally ensure that they have an opportunity to review.

- yes
 no
 Not Applicable

Any additional comment from the PBF Secretariat/ RCO Focal point on this report

» Project Information and Geographical Scope

Is this a cross-border or regional project? *

- yes no

Please select the geographical region in which the project is implemented

- Asia and the Pacific Central & Southern Africa East Africa
 Europe and Central Asia Global Latin America and the Caribbean
 Middle East and North Africa West Africa

Country of project implementation *

- Angola Burundi Cameroon
 Central African Republic Chad Congo, The Democratic Republic
 Gabon Lesotho Rwanda
 Zimbabwe Other, Specify

Project Title

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- 00130463: AMELIORATION DE L'ACCES A LA TERRE DE LA FEMME BURUNDAISE.
- 00092133: Appui à la Coordination et au Suivi des Projets du Fonds pour la Consolidation de la Paix (PBF) au BURUNDI
- 00118938: Community-based prevention of violence and social cohesion using innovation for young people in displaced and host communities
- 00126644: Connecter le global au local : Renforcer le leadership des femmes pour la localisation de la résolution 1325 (2000) du Conseil de sécurité des Nations unies sur « Femmes, Paix et sécurité » au Burundi
- 00130913: RENFORCEMENT DE LA PAIX DURABLE À TRAVERS L'AMÉLIORATION DU BIEN-ÊTRE PSYCHOSOCIAL DES FEMMES AFFECTÉES PAR LES TRAUMATISMES LIÉES AUX CRISES ET AUX VBGS, ET DES POLICIERS ŒUVRANT AU NIVEAU COMMUNAUTAIRE
- 00129741: The Kibira Peace Sanctuary
- Other, Specify

Project Start Date

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2021-12-17

Project end Date

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2024-12-17

Has this project received an extension?

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- YES, Cost Extension
- YES, No Cost Extension
- YES, Both Cost and No Cost extensions
- NO, No Extensions

Will this project be requesting an extension?

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- YES, Cost Extension
- YES, No Cost Extension
- YES, Both Cost and No Cost extensions
- NO, No Extensions

Is funding disbursed either into a national or regional trust fund

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- yes
- no

Recipients

Is the lead recipient a UN agency or a non UN entity? *

- UN entity
 Non-UN Entity

Please select the lead recipient *

- UNDP: United Nations Development Programme IOM: International Organization for Migration
 UNICEF: United Nations Children's Fund
 OHCHR: Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights
 UNWOMEN: United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women
 UNHCR: United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees UNFPA: United Nations Population Fund
 FAO: Food and Agriculture Organization WFP: World Food Programme
 UNHABITAT: United Nations Human Settlements Programme
 UNESCO: United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization
 UNEP: United Nations Environment Programme ILO: International Labour Organization
 WHO: World Health Organization PAHO/WHO
 UNCDF: United Nations Capital Development Fund UNODC: United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime
 UNOPS: United Nations Office for Project Services
 UNIDO: United Nations Industrial Development Organization ITC: International Trade Centre
 UNDPO Other, Specify

Are there other recipients for this project? *

- No other recipients
 Yes, other UN recipients only
 Yes, other non-UN recipients only
 Yes, both UN and non-UN recipients

Please select other non-UN recipients *

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Action Aid | <input type="checkbox"/> The African Centre for the Constructive Resolution of Disputes (ACCORD) | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agence de Coopération et de Recherche pour le Développement (ACORD) | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> American Friends Service Committee (AFSC) | <input type="checkbox"/> Avocats Sans Frontières | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Avocats Sans Frontières Belgium | <input type="checkbox"/> Avocats sans frontières Canada | <input type="checkbox"/> Christian Aid Ireland |
| <input type="checkbox"/> CARE International UK | <input type="checkbox"/> The Carter Center, Inc. | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Centre d'étude et de coopération internationale (CECI) - BF | <input type="checkbox"/> COIPRODEN | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Concern Worldwide | <input type="checkbox"/> CORDAID | <input type="checkbox"/> CORD Burundi |
| <input type="checkbox"/> DanChurchAid | <input type="checkbox"/> Fundacion Estudios Superior (FESU) | <input type="checkbox"/> Fund for Congolese Women |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fundación Mi Sangre (FMS) | <input type="checkbox"/> Fundación Nacional para el Desarrollo de Honduras (FUNADEH) | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fundación para la Libertad de Prensa (FLIP) | <input type="checkbox"/> HELVETAS Swiss Intercooperation | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Humanity & Inclusion (HI) | <input type="checkbox"/> Instituto Holandes para Democracia Multipartidaria (NIMD) | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> International Alert | <input type="checkbox"/> Interpeace | <input type="checkbox"/> Kvinna till Kvinna Foundation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Life and Peace Institute (LPI) | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> (MDG-EISA) Institut Electoral pour une Démocratie Durable en Afrique (EISA), bureau de Madagascar | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mercy Corps | <input type="checkbox"/> MSIS-TATAO | <input type="checkbox"/> Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> ONG AZHAR | <input type="checkbox"/> OXFAM | <input type="checkbox"/> Peace Direct |
| <input type="checkbox"/> PNG UN Country Fund | <input type="checkbox"/> Red de Instituciones por los Derechos de la Niñez | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sampan'Asa Momba ny Fampandrosoana (SAF/FJKM) | <input type="checkbox"/> Saferworld | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Search for Common Ground (SFCG) | <input type="checkbox"/> SismaMujer | <input type="checkbox"/> Tearfund |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Trocaire | <input type="checkbox"/> World Vision International | <input type="checkbox"/> World Vision Myanmar |
| <input type="checkbox"/> ZOA | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other, Please specify | |

Other, Please specify *

COMMUNITIES OF HOPE

Implementing Partners

To how many implementing partners has the project transferred money to date?

1

Please list all of the project's implementing partners and the amounts (in USD) transferred to each to date

Please select the type of organisation which best describes the type of implementing partner *

- National youth CSO
- National women's CSO
- Other National CSO
- Subnational youth CSO
- Subnational women's CSO
- Other subnational CSO
- Regional CSO
- Regional Organisation
- International NGO
- Governmental entity
- Other

What is the name of the Implementing Partner *

COMMUNITIES OF HOPE

What is the total amount (in USD) disbursed to the implementing partner to date *

305826

Briefly describe the main activities carried out by the Implementing Partner *

Please limit your response to 175 words

- **Support for the creation of a private foundation dedicated to the conservation of the Kibira forest**
- **Institutional support to Office Burundais pour la Protection de l'Environnement (OBPE): Rehabilitation of OBPE infrastructures, trainings, equipment.**
- **Restoration of degraded sites in and around the Kibira National Park**
- **Support income generating activities including for women and Batwa**
- **Support land acquisition and certification for Batwa**
- **Promote social cohesion among communities**
- **Promote the unique cultural heritage related to the Kibira sacred forest as an essential contribution to a sustainable peace and reconciliation process of all ethnic groups in Burundi**

Does the project have an active steering committee? *

- yes
 no

Please provide a brief description of any engagement that the project has had with the government over the last 6 months? Please indicate what level of government the project has been engaging with? *

Please limit your response to 275 words

The composition of the Steering Committee has been approved by the Government. But due to change in the Government composition, the first Steering Committee has been postponed to Q4 2022.

Financial Reporting

» Delivery by Recipient

Please enter the total amounts in US dollars allocated to each recipient organization

Please enter the original budget amount, amount transferred to date and estimated expenditure by recipient.

*Please make sure you enter the correct amount. All values should be entered in **US Dollars***

Recipients	Total Project Budget (in US \$) <i>Please enter the total budget as is in the project document in US Dollars</i>	Transfers to date (in US \$) <i>Please enter the total amount transferred to each recipient to date in US Dollars</i>	Expenditure to date (in US \$) <i>Please enter the approximate amount spent to date in US dollars</i>	Implementation rate as a percentage of total budget <i>(calculated automatically)</i>
UNCDF: United Nations Capital Development Fund	3000000 *	1000000 *	460915 *	15.36 %

TOTAL	3000000	1000000	460915	15.3 6%

The approximate implementation rate as percentage of total project budget based on the values entered in the above matrix is **15.36%**. Can you confirm that this is correct? *

Correct Incorrect

» Gender-responsive Budgeting

Indicate what **percentage (%)** of the budget contributes to gender equality or women's empowerment (GEWE)? *

43

The dollar amount of the budget contributing to Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment (GEWE) based on percentage entered above and total project budget is **US \$ 1290000**. Can you confirm that this is correct? *

Correct Incorrect

If it is incorrect, please enter the *budget amount* allocated to GEWE in US Dollars *

1307540

Amount expended to date on efforts contributing to gender equality or women's empowerment is **US \$ 198193.45**. Is this correct? *

Correct Incorrect

If it is incorrect, please enter the *expenditure to date* on GEWE in US dollars *

131500

ATTACH PROJECT EXCEL BUDGET SHOWING CURRENT APPROXIMATE EXPENDITURE. *

The templates for the budget are available [here](#)

PBF-Annual Financial Report_Kibira (Burundi)-0_49_37.xlsx



Project Markers

Please select the Gender Marker Associated with this project *

- Score 1 for projects that contribute in some way to gender equality, but not significantly (less than 30% of the total budget for GEWE)
- Score 2 for projects that have gender equality as a significant objective and allocate between 30 and 79% of the total project budget to GEWE
- Score 3 for projects that have gender equality as a principal objective and allocate at least 80% of the total project budget to Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment (GEWE)

Please select the Risk Marker Associated with this project *

- Risk marker 0 = low risk to achieving outcomes
- Risk marker 1 = medium risk to achieving outcomes
- Risk marker 2 = high risk to achieving outcomes

Please select the PBF Focus Area associated with this project *

- (1.1) Security Sector Reform
- (1.2) Rule of Law
- (1.3) Demobilisation, Disarmament and Reintegration
- (1.4) Political Dialogue
- (2.1) National reconciliation
- (2.2) Democratic Governance
- (2.3) Conflict prevention/management
- (3.1) Employment
- (3.2) Equitable access to social services
- (4.1) Strengthening of essential national state capacity
- (4.2) Extension of state authority/Local Administration
- (4.3) Governance of peacebuilding resources (including PBF Secretariats)

Is the project part of one or more PBF priority windows? *

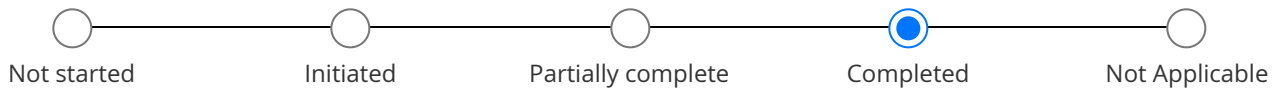
Select all that apply

- Gender promotion initiative
- Youth promotion initiative
- Transition from UN or regional peacekeeping or special political missions
- Cross-border or regional project
- None

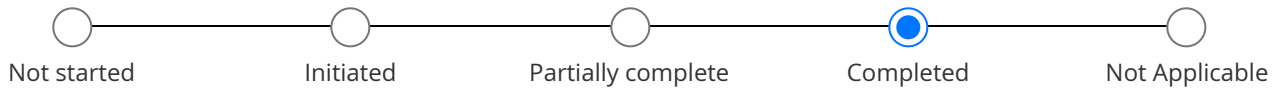
PART I: OVERALL PROJECT PROGRESS

Please rate the implementation status of the following preliminary/preparatory activities

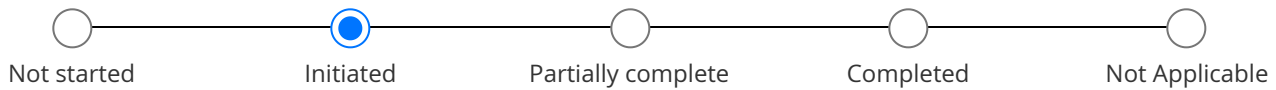
Contracting of Partners *



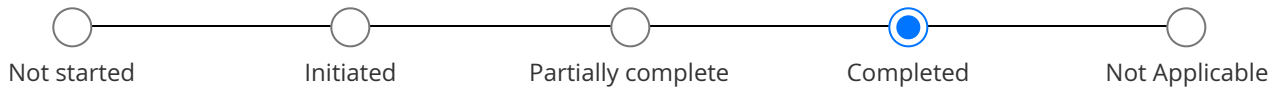
Staff Recruitment *



Collection of baselines *



Identification of beneficiaries *



Provide any additional descriptive information relating to the *status of the project* in terms of implementation cycle, including whether preliminary/preparatory activities have been completed (i.e. contracting of partners, staff recruitment, etc.)

Please limit your response to 250 words

The project has completed key preparatory activities (staff recruitment, selection of COH as implementing partner, identification of project priorities sites and beneficiaries).

During the period under review, the project has mainly achieved the following:

- **The foundation and co-management agreement** - The project has engaged in strategic discussions with the government regarding the structuration of the foundation and the signature of co-management agreement. The concept and features of the foundation and the co-management agreement have been endorsed by the government during a high-level meeting organized in November.
- **The finalization of due diligence process for the selection of a Public Private Partnership (PPP) for the construction and exploitation of hydroelectric power.**
- **Structuring of investment fund** - The government has approved the approach developed by UNCDF. Discussions are going on to mobilize donors and private sector.
- **Pilots activities** - The selection of COH has paved the way for the implementation of pilots activities to strengthen forest conservation and long-term peace efforts. These include community mobilization, setting up of nurseries for the restoration of degraded landscapes in the park and the targeted community areas, delimitation of the park and agroforestry.
- **Institutional support to OBPE** - In accordance with OBPE priorities, COH has started the rehabilitation of two buildings in Rwegura sector.
- **Partners mobilization and fundraising** - UNCDF has maintained active discussions with bi and multi-lateral donors and the United Nations agencies. As a result, some funding opportunities are in the pipeline and UNESCO has agreed to partner with UNCDF to support international recognition of Kibira.

Summarize the main structural, institutional or societal level change the project has contributed to. This is not anecdotal evidence or a list of individual outputs, but a description of progress made toward the main purpose of the project

Please limit your response to 550 words

PART II: RESULT PROGRESS BY PROJECT OUTCOME

NOTES FOR COMPLETING THE REPORT:

- Avoid acronyms and UN jargon, use general /common language.
- Report on what has been achieved in the reporting period, not what the project aims to do.
- Be as concrete as possible. Avoid theoretical, vague or conceptual discourse.
- Ensure the analysis and project progress assessment is gender and age sensitive.
- In the results table, please be concise, you will have 3000 characters, including blank spaces to provide your responses

Describe overall progress under each Outcome made during the reporting period (for June reports: January-June; for November reports: January-November; for final reports: full project duration). Do not list individual activities. If the project is starting to make/has made a difference at the outcome level, provide specific evidence for the progress (quantitative and qualitative) and explain how it impacts the broader political and peacebuilding context.

- "On track" refers to the timely completion of outputs as indicated in the workplan.
- "On track with peacebuilding results" refers to higher-level changes in the conflict or peace factors that the project is meant to contribute to. These effects are more likely in mature projects than in newer ones.

How many OUTCOMES does this project have *

0 1 2 3 4 5 more than 5

Please write out the project outcomes as they are in the project results framework found in the project document

Outcome 1: *

Social cohesion, local governance and conservation of the forest are improved through community, government, and private sector engagement to address the interlinked drivers of local level conflict and deforestation in and around Kibira.

Outcome 2: *

Access to sustainable livelihoods is improved for communities in and around Kibira forest to reduce structural drivers of conflict and recruitment into illegal or violent activities through sustainable exploitation of forest resources.

Outcome 1: Social cohesion, local governance and conservation of the forest are improved through community, government, and private sector engagement to address the interlinked drivers of local level conflict and deforestation in and around Kibira.

Rate the current status of the outcome progress *

1. Off Track 2. On Track 3. On Track with evidence of peacebuilding results

Progress summary

Please limit your response to 350 words

Overall, the project has made progress in the following areas:

- **Selection of the PPP: UNCDF has finalized the due diligence assessment for the 3 PPP and the report sent to Government for decision.**
- **Improvement of park management: COH has started the rehabilitation of two buildings in Rwegura sector (Park Headquarter) after a comprehensive assessment was conducted by an engineer. COH and OBPE are also finalizing agreement for the procurement of ecogarde's equipments. Discussions are in progress for training to support law enforcement and participatory biomonitoring activities.**
- **Efforts for conservation of Kibira through promotion of social cohesion and income generating activities: COH has deployed quick wins activities across the park and in the surrounding communities. These activities are positively impacting engagement of local communities for the protection of park as its entail to the setting up trees' nurseries for the delineation of park boundaries and restoration of degraded forests. 700 people are involved in the nurseries including women, youth and Batwa.**
- **Setting up of the Foundation and negotiation of co-management agreement: UNCDF has produced technical notes as decision support tools for the government regarding options for the establishment of the foundation and key features of the co-management agreement. These technical notes were officially shared with the Minister in charge of environment by the UN Resident coordinator. In November, UNCDF and COH organized a high-level strategic meeting with the representative of the President, the Permanent Secretary of the Ministry in charge of Environment and the General Director of OBPE during which the setting up of the foundation and negotiation of co-management agreement were formally approved. UNCDF presented the outcomes of the meeting to the President of Burundi, the Minister of Environment and the Minister of Foreign Affairs.**
- **Promoting the unique cultural heritage linked to the sacred forest of Kibira: The project has started collecting cultural and historical heritage information through bibliographical research and interviews with different people. To date, 21 interviews have been conducted with 2 testimonials and 9 stories collected.**

Indicate any additional analysis on how Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment and/or Youth Inclusion and Responsiveness has been ensured under this Outcome

Please limit your response to 350 words

The project is working to ensure that gender considerations are taking into account in the setting up of the foundation and the negotiation of co-management agreement. It was agreed with the representative of Government that the founding members of the foundation should include at least two women out of 4 members to demonstrate their engagement in conservation and peace consolidation initiatives.

Women will also be given equal access during the establishment of committee for the protection of Kibira as well as the board of trustees of the foundation. Current discussion between Association des Femmes pour l'Environnement au Burundi (AFEB) (a women led organization selected as part of the coalition of NGOs) and OBPE has flagged women participation and empowerment as a priority issue.

Furthermore, COH organized an information workshop for provincial and local stakeholders in Kayanza, on 29 September 2022. This meeting was critical to raise women and others vulnerable groups concerns and how to address them. The participants in the workshop alighted the following:

- **Women should be given access to cooperatives/associations or any community activities/initiatives without any discrimination based on objectives agreed criteria;**
- **Restoration and strengthening the Burundian culture are also good opportunity to value women and their role in the society.**

Using the Project Results Framework as per the approved project document or any amendments- provide an update on the achievement of key outcome indicators for **Outcome 1** in the table below

- If the outcome has more than 3 indicators , select the 3 most relevant ones with most relevant progress to highlight.
- Where it has not been possible to collect data on indicators, state this and provide any explanation. Provide gender and age disaggregated data. (3000 characters max per entry)

» Outcome 1: Social cohesion, local governance and conservation of the forest are improved through community, government, and private sector engagement to address the interlinked drivers of local level conflict and deforestation in and around Kibira.

Outcome 1	Performance Indicators <i>Describe the indicator</i>	Indicator Baseline <i>State the baseline value of the indicator</i>	End of Project Indicator Target <i>State the target value of the indicator at the end of the project</i>	Indicator progress to date <i>State the current cumulative value of the indicator since the start of the project</i>	Reasons for Variance/ Delay (if any) <i>Explain why the indicator is off track or has changed, where relevant</i>
1.1	Number of hectares of protected area under improved management arrangement in the National Park and the buffer zone	0 ha	80 ha	COH has started to provide support to improve management capacity of OBPE to protect the Kibira National Park. This support includes: - the rehabilitation of two buildings in Rwegura sector to allow the reactivation of Park headquarter. The site has not been used since 1993 due to political crisis and insecurity; - procurement of equipments for ecoguards and organization of trainings	

trainings

sessions.

Discussions are going on between OBPE and COH to agree on most needed and required equipment for park operation as well as the most relevant trainings thematic related to ecoguards mandate.

The negotiation of the co-management agreement is at an advance stage. UNCDF has produced a technical note and has secured Government agreement for the setting up of the foundation as well as on key features of co-management agreement.

The technical notes produced by UNCDF provide guidelines and recommendations on the suitable model for the co-management model to put in place. It is recommended to develop a hybrid co-management agreement that lays between the bilateral and the integrated co-management models. It is expected that the Government

of Burundi will maintain all the regalian functions while the mobilization of resources and the development of public/private partnerships will be amplified by the work of the foundation.

The co-management could be structured under the following key components:

- The setting up of a foundation by independent personalities or organizations

- The Government appoints the park manager based on criteria jointly defined by OBPE and the foundation. The foundation will recruit a technical advisor to serve as counterpart to the site manager.

- The anti-poaching department remains under the full responsibility of OBPE while the foundation will lead the departments of tourism and community relations.

Ecological monitoring will be a shared responsibility between OBPE

between OBPE and the foundation

- The eco-guards remain the staff of OBPE while the tour guides will be employed by the foundation.

Furthermore, the creation of the foundation will follow a participatory process through consultations with stakeholders at all levels. Local population will be closely associated during set up of the committee for the protection of Kibira in accordance with Ministerial decree on the participatory management framework for protected areas in Burundi.

UNCDF recommends that 4-5 independent personalities suggested by the President of the Republic to establish the foundation.

These personalities will play an honorific role and they will be representative of women, Batwa, businessman and conservation

				<p>NGO.</p> <p>It is also proposed that representatives of the committee for the protection of Kibira living in the communes adjacent to Kibira will constitute the board of the Kibira Foundation.</p>	
1.2	<p>Financial revenues generated through the co-management agreement</p>	0	140000 USD per year	N/A	<p>This is contingent to the setting up of the foundation and the signature of co-management agreement. Need assessment will be carried out in Q1 2023</p>
1.3	<p>Local perception of the benefits the Kibira forest can generate for security, cultural reconciliation, climate resilience and development</p>	<p>80% of the population surrounding the forest perceive the Kibira forest as a threat to their security and a source of conflict</p>	<p>80% of the population surrounding the forest perceive the Kibira forest as a cultural heritage with a high development and climate resilient potential (target will be sex and age disaggregated)</p>	<p>COH has issued a call for tender for the recruitment of a consultant in charge of the baseline study.</p> <p>The baseline will also include the analysis of local perception on the benefits that the Kibira Park can generate for security, cultural reconciliation, climate resilience and development.</p> <p>During this period, Kids of Katiopa sprl (KIOKA), one of the COH partner (in charge of</p>	<p>The publication of call for tender was delayed due to administration constraints. The government of Burundi requires a formal approval before collection of any socio-economic data from the population. Although the project has not yet managed to secure a formal approval from the authorities, there is an agreement from ISTEBBU to support the process and provide technical guidance during</p>

promotion of cultural heritage related to Kibira using art and culture), started collecting data (stories, testimonies etc.) related to Kibira. This work will contribute to reconnect the population with the nature and specifically to help them perceive the Kibira forest as cultural heritage with a high development and climate resilient potential. Clearly, cultural heritage is also considered as a source of tourist attraction and therefore a very important source of income for thousands of people.

execution of the study.

How many outputs does outcome 1 have?

0 1 2 **3** 4 5 more than 5

Please list up to 5 of most relevant outputs for outcome 1

Output 1.1

A joint framework for conflict-sensitive sustainable conservation of the Kibira forest is established between the Government, representatives of local communities, including Twa and private sector partners

Output 1.2

Government of Burundi will train, equip and deploy OBPE Government Park rangers / Ecoguards based on consultation with and participation from the community as well as set the groundwork by establishing procedures and frameworks

Output 1.3

: Long term social cohesion, community resilience and development is achieved through building sustainable links with the Kibira forest and engagement of local community actors, including women, youth and Twa, to help prevent and defuse local conflict and improve community security

For each output, and using the, project results framework, provide an update on the progress made against 3 most relevant output indicators

» Output 1.1

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<p>1.1.1</p>	<p>signature of co-management agreement between the Government of Burundi and a Private Foundation (with charitable status)</p>	<p>0</p>	<p>1</p>	<p>UNCDF has conducted several meetings with OBPE and the Ministry in charge of Environment to explain the benefits of the co-management agreement.</p> <p>The production of a technical note has also brought more awareness and transparency on the process.</p> <p>As a result, OBPE and the Minister of environment are open to engage discussion on the suitable model of the Kibira.</p> <p>Therefore, it was agreed that the Ministry in charge of the Environment will set up a technical committee to negotiate and prepare the terms of the co-management agreement that will be negotiated. The co-management is expected to be signed during the official launch of the investment fund in February 2023 by the President of Burundi.</p>	<p>The signature of co-management agreement is a sensitive and lengthy process. It complies negotiation with relevant authorities as the country has never experienced co-management in the protected areas sector in the past. But also, the signature is contingent to the establishment of the foundation, which is also a sensitive process. The establishment of the foundation requires that all key stakeholders are well informed and sensitized on benefits of co-management agreement.</p>
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1.1.2	Release of a new land use plan with large buy-in of communities	0	1 plan covering a buffer zone of minimum 40,000 ha	<p>COH is working with OBPE and the surroundings communities to improve the protection and conservation of Kibira through land restoration, income generating activities and social dialogue. The data collected through these activities will help to inform the elaboration of a revised land use plan. COH will also take advantage of data collected by other projects in the area like the Landscape and Restoration project funded by the world bank).</p>	<p>Currently the buffer zone is mostly occupied by human activities. With the establishment of committee for the protection of Kibira, the project is expecting to work closely with communities representative to address this issue. Mainly with the establishment of the foundation and the signature of co-management agreement, will further the review and release of a new land use plan.</p>
1.1.3	Mobilization of co-financing to implement the entire Peace and conservation longer term plan	0	30 M	<p>UNCDF has deployed a comprehensive fundraising strategy to attract more funds from public and private donors.</p> <p>The strategy consists of approaching several bi and multilateral donors who could potentially be interested in the Kibira peace, investment and conservation initiative</p>	

initiative.

As a result, UNCDF has 22 M USD potentials fundings in the pipeline, from various sources has shown below:

- 10 M from the Green Climate Fund (GCF)
- 10 M from Africa Adaptation Initiative (AAI)
- 2 M from nature facility-cartier foundation as part of lion's share initiative with UNDP.

There are some good prospects of fund allocation in Q1-2 2023 from AAI and cartier for a total of 12M.

At the same time, UNCDF is structuring a forest performance bond initiative for central Africa. This initiative has received an initial allocation of 53 M from CAFI, but covering only Democratic Republic of Congo, Gabon and Cameroun so far.

Hence, UNCDF based on the two PBF projects in

Burundi and in DRC has proposed a regional approach for DRC (South Kivu) and Burundi called CONGO NILE Impact Fund. It will build on the initial PBF projects and looking at scaling up investment in sub-regional to promote stability, food security, climate change adaptation and natural capital conservation. The impact fund is specialized in agro-Industrial, sustainable Energy investments and ecotourism but which includes two performance criteria: (i) Environmental which aims to increase forest cover and (ii) Social in terms of communities' empowerment (through agricultural cooperatives and other economic communities organization) and access to land.

Partners mobilisation and fundraising - UNCDF has reached agreement with

UNESCO to support the international recognition (biosphere reserve, World Heritage site) of Kibira National and participate in the Congo Nile Impact Fund. Discussions are also in progress with UNIDO and UNDP to advance the Kibira peace, conservation and investment initiative.

» Output 1.2

<p>Output 1.2: Government of Burundi will train, equip and deploy OBPE Government Park rangers / Ecoguards based on consultation with and participation from the community as well as set the groundwork by establishing procedures and frameworks</p> <p>.....</p>	<p>Performance Indicators</p> <p><i>Describe the indicator</i></p> <p>.....</p>	<p>Indicator Baseline</p> <p><i>State the baseline value of the indicator</i></p> <p>.....</p>	<p>End of Project Indicator Target</p> <p><i>State the target value of the indicator at the end of the project</i></p> <p>.....</p>	<p>Indicator progress to date</p> <p><i>State the current cumulative value of the indicator since the start of the project</i></p> <p>.....</p>	<p>Reasons for Variance/ Delay (if any)</p> <p><i>Explain why the indicator is off track or has changed, where relevant</i></p> <p>.....</p>
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1.2.1	<p>Number of rangers recruited and properly trained through 30 day park ranger training programme</p>	0	60 rangers	<p>The current force of ecogardes is composed of 70 people. Most of them lack the capacities to properly manage the park. COH is currently discussing with OBPE to plan for a comprehensive training programme that will help improve ecogardes effectiveness. For the training COH may partner with the landscape restoration and resilience project which is also planning to conduct training for ecogardes.</p> <p>Sadly, in mid-September a group of local poachers managed to access the park and killed one chimpanzee. With support from the Burundian defense forces, the poachers were arrested and prosecuted. This case has brought to the attention of the project and the authorities on the necessity to quickly equipped the ecogardes with technical and operational capacities</p>	<p>The Government of Burundi has restricted recruitment of new staff in the public administration. This is limiting the capacity of the project to deploy a new unit of ecogardes. The project is planning that the issue will be part of the discussion for the comanagement agreement once the foundation is established.</p>
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1.2.2					
1.2.3					

» Output 1.3

Output 1.3: : Long term social cohesion, community resilience and development is achieved through building sustainable links with the Kibira forest and engagement of local community actors, including women, youth and Twa, to help prevent and defuse local conflict and improve community security	Performance Indicators <i>Describe the indicator</i>	Indicator Baseline <i>State the baseline value of the indicator</i>	End of Project Indicator Target <i>State the target value of the indicator at the end of the project</i>	Indicator progress to date <i>State the current cumulative value of the indicator since the start of the project</i>	Reasons for Variance/Delay (if any) <i>Explain why the indicator is off track or has changed, where relevant</i>
1.3.1	Number of significant cultural heritage	0	10	The project, through the work done by Kioka, is	

stories/symbolics
collected from
communities and
amplified
through
appropriate
communication
tools and
supports

demonstrating
that knowledge
of cultural
heritage
contributes a lot
in the
construction of
peace and social
cohesion in the
community living
around the Kibira
and for the
entire Burundian
population.
Knowledge of art,
history, and
other heritage
allows the
community to
value its cultural
identity. This
immersion is
essential to
restore
connection lost
between nature
and Human.

The collection of
information is
conducted
through
historical and
bibliographic
research. One of
the most
important parts
of this work is
the interviews
with different
people. The
collection serves
as a basis for the
elaboration of
pedagogical tools
including
awareness
materials for the
other activities
of the project (eg.
to be used in the
cultural school).

To date, 19
people (4 women

people (4 women including a university teacher, a storyteller living overseas and 2 farmers) have been interviewed with 21 testimonies and 9 stories collected. Out of all the stories, 5 are related to women and their place and condition in traditional society.

At the same time, KIOKA has identified the calabash as one of the cultural heritages to promote. This can also create economic opportunities for the local people, especially Batwa and youth. The project is therefore strengthening collaboration with a local entrepreneur to support the creation of a calabash crop near the cultural school. Land has been secured near the Park headquarter in Rwegura to promote and experiment this culture

1.3.2	Awareness of women's rights and gender	0	10% gender sensitivity advocates among	So far, the project has managed to	
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sensitivity among target communities through women advocates from the local communities

community members

ensure that women are well aligned and integrated in all activities with specific focus on the protection of Kibira through setting up of nurseries and promotion of income generating activities. Out of 700 beneficiaries of these activities' women account for 342 which is almost 50 %.

Bringing together men and women as well as Batwa has been part of project strategy to reinforce social cohesion while working to improve Kibira's protection.

The establishment of Committee for the protection of Kibira will be also a key component that will bring more awareness of women's rights and others vulnerable group including Batwa.

COH and OBPE are defining the structure that will ensure that women will be equally represented in the committee

				for the protection of Kibira.	
1.3.3	Participation by women, youth, and Batwa peoples in project monitoring, evaluation, and learning (MEL) for peace and conservation interventions of the Kibira foundation	0 %	100% MEL activities carried out by Women and Batwa organization	On 28 September, COH organized a workshop in Kayanza with local stakeholders. The workshop aimed to contribute to the improvement of information and participatory planning of project activities. Participants in the workshop included: office of the Governor of Kayanza, local administration, Batwa, Women, local associations, youth, OBPE, COH and partners, UNCDF Key recommendations: - Update the Kibira Management Plan to include current trends - Reinforce the force of ecogardes by seeking a waiver from the government to allow recruitment of new ecogardes - Produce a mapping of current threats to Kibira and tailored the interventions to manage/reduce	

those threats
- Reinforce
sensitization and
awareness of
wildlife and
protected areas
law.

Outcome 2: Access to sustainable livelihoods is improved for communities in and around Kibira forest to reduce structural drivers of conflict and recruitment into illegal or violent activities through sustainable exploitation of forest resources.

Rate the current status of the outcome progress

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1. Off Track 2. On Track 3. On Track with evidence of peacebuilding results

Progress summary

Please limit your response to 350 words

During this period, the project has concentrated efforts to advance the selection process of the relevant Public Private Partnership (PPPs) hydro power plants pre-identified by the government of Burundi. The identification of the most appropriate PPP to receive the investment is critical to achieve long-term peace, conservation and socio-development results. To this end, UNCDF has carried out a due diligence process that included the following steps: (i) in-depth desk study; (ii) Interviews with the project sponsors and other stakeholders (such as the government); (iii) assessment of the commercial viability of the project; (iv) preparation of a report of the due diligence findings; (v) submission of the report to the Government for decision.

The due diligence report was sent to Government by the United Nations resident coordinator in early October.

Basically, the due diligence report outlined pros and cons for each PPP and had rating Mpanda and Kirisa as high risk and Virunga Songa as medium risk project. UNCDF has recommended that the investment should go to the readiest PPP and capable to generate revenue with the least risk. In this regards, Virunga Songo is considered as the most appropriate PPP now to receive the investment based on expectation of financial returns. But the Mpanda PPP is also a very strategic project considering its location (within Kibira National Park) and government priorities. UNCDF has briefed all relevant authorities, including the President of Burundi. The Government is reviewing the report and decision about the investment priority is expected to be released by Quarter 1 2023.

The project has also successfully started engaging in forest restoration activities within the park and in the surrounding communities' areas. It has also commenced support for income generating activities to mitigation forest degradation and improve communities livelihood. In total 161,000 Plants are being produced in the nurseries:

- 15, 000 plants of maesopsis eminii
- 40,000 pants of prunus africana
- 80,000 plants of grevillea robusta
- 6, 000 plants of bambous
- 10, 000 plants of Maracuja
- 10, 000 plants of prunier de japon.

Finally, 3 associations of Batwa community composed of 122 people (64 women, 52% of beneficiaries) have benefited with land acquisition (0,60 hectares).

Indicate any additional analysis on how Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment and/or Youth Inclusion and Responsiveness has been ensured under this Outcome

Please limit your response to 350 words

At this stage of the project, COH and its partners has ensured gender equality in the implementation of all activities directly links to social cohesion and livelihoods. Women are equally included in the going activities at a rate of 50 %. This is a key step in the reconciliation of all communities' groups with the Kibira national park.

This work is also demonstrating that women empowerment through economic activities contributes to reduce marginalization in the society.

Using the Project Results Framework as per the approved project document or any amendments- provide an update on the achievement of key outcome indicators for **Outcome 2** in the table below

- If the outcome has more than 3 indicators , select the 3 most relevant ones with most relevant progress to highlight.
- Where it has not been possible to collect data on indicators, state this and provide any explanation. Provide gender and age disaggregated data. (300 characters max per entry)

» Outcome 2: Access to sustainable livelihoods is improved for communities in and around Kibira forest to reduce structural drivers of conflict and recruitment into illegal or violent activities through sustainable exploitation of forest resources.

Outcome 2	Performance Indicators <i>Describe the indicator</i>	Indicator Baseline <i>State the baseline value of the indicator</i>	End of Project Indicator Target <i>State the target value of the indicator at the end of the project</i>	Indicator progress to date <i>State the current cumulative value of the indicator since the start of the project</i>	Reasons for Variance/ Delay (if any) <i>Explain why the indicator is off track or has changed, where relevant</i>
2.1	Annual add. clean energy generated by completed PPP projects	0MW	15MW by 2024	<p>UNCDF has completed the due diligence of the three pre-identified hydro power plants. The report has been sent to the government for decision. It outlines pros and cons for each hydropower project and risk-rating (i.e., high risk, medium risk, and low risk project).</p> <p>UNCDF has conducted various consultation with Government authorities to explain the report and the available options</p>	<p>UNCDF has conducted all the necessary technical work and he is waiting for the government decision to move forward with the loan.</p>

available options
to issue the loan.

Mpanda
Installed
capacity 10.2MW
Project Sponsor
Hydroneo East
Africa (a
partnership
between
Hydroneo &
Finergreen)
Project cost (est.)
\$36.7m
PPA tariff
\$0.135/kWh

Project risk
rating High risk

Kirasa Energy
Installed
capacity 16 MW
Project Sponsor
Kirasa Energy SA
(group of three
companies –
Helvitas S.A,
Getra S.A. and
Elaga S.A.)
Project cost (est.)
\$60.65m
PPA tariff
\$0.15/KwH

Project risk
rating High risk

Virunga-Songa
Installed
capacity
10.65MW
Project Sponsor
Virunga Songa
Project cost (est.)
\$31.8m (total for
two power
projects –
Ruvyironza &
Mulembwe)
PPA tariff
\$0.141/kWh
Medium risk
assigned due to

country risk and
Regideso risk
Project risk
rating Medium
risk

Virunga-Songa
represents a
good partnership
option for UNCDF
as debt provider,
or as credit
enhancement
facility. UNCDF
considers this
consortium as
the first option.
Mpanda project
is also a very
interesting
project and may
be consider as
the second
option if all the
legal constraints
are lifted (eg.
signature of the
decree)

2.2	Total of co-financing mobilized from private impact investors	0	20M in the PPP Co financing and 2M in the REDD+ Investment Fund	N/A	The PPP is yet to be selected
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2.3	carbon sequestration generated by forest restoration and avoided emission from green energy project	TBD	TBD	Setting up of trees nurseries are still in progress and the trees planting are yet to start. Also, the PPP is yet to be selected.	Forest restoration is at the early stage with the setting up of trees nurseries. With total trees that will be planted, the project will work with expert to estimate the carbon sequestration generated by forest restoration. The same will for the green energy project once the PPP will be selected and the loan disbursed.
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How many outputs does outcome 2 have?

0 1 **2** 3 4 5 more than 5

Please list up to 5 of most relevant outputs for outcome 2

Output 2.1
Financing sustainability is achieved through a clean energy anchor investment.

Output 2.2
Community development goals and peace dividends are multiplied through equity investments in local businesses providing cobenefit to the communities and creating the foundation for a Peace Sanctuary ,deployed through a Kibira REDD+ Investment Facility

For each output, and using the, project results framework, provide an update on the progress made against 3 most relevant output indicators

» **Output 2.1**

Output 2.1: Financing sustainability is achieved through a clean energy anchor investment.	Performance Indicators <i>Describe the indicator</i>	Indicator Baseline <i>State the baseline value of the indicator</i>	End of Project Indicator Target <i>State the target value of the indicator at the end of the project</i>	Indicator progress to date <i>State the current cumulative value of the indicator since the start of the project</i>	Reasons for Variance/ Delay (if any) <i>Explain why the indicator is off track or has changed, where relevant</i>
2.1.1	Number of jobs created directly for PPP projects disaggregated by gender.	0	400 Men and 100 women	N/A	The PPP is yet to be selected
2.1.2	Number of communities with access to energy in the PPP area (commune/colline)	0	5	N/A	The PPP is yet to be selected
2.1.3	% of jobs availed by women and members of Batwa groups	0	50	N/A	The PPP is yet to be selected

» Output 2.2

<p>Output 2.2: Community development goals and peace dividends are multiplied through equity investments in local businesses providing cobenefit to the communities and creating the foundation for a Peace Sanctuary, deployed through a Kibira REDD+ Investment Facility</p>	<p>Performance Indicators <i>Describe the indicator</i></p>	<p>Indicator Baseline <i>State the baseline value of the indicator</i></p>	<p>End of Project Indicator Target <i>State the target value of the indicator at the end of the project</i></p>	<p>Indicator progress to date <i>State the current cumulative value of the indicator since the start of the project</i></p>	<p>Reasons for Variance/Delay (if any) <i>Explain why the indicator is off track or has changed, where relevant</i></p>
<p>2.2.1</p>	<p>Annual deforestation rates using globally available forest mapping sources indicated as percentage of tree cover reduction per year.</p>	<p>-2.02</p>	<p>0</p>	<p>N/A</p>	

2.2.2	Annual portfolio review including number of portfolio companies, expected return and portfolio performance	0	4 compaignies above 10 % annually	<p>UNCDF and Kazoza finance have organized a meeting with Burundian commercial chamber with the participation of 10 Burundian businessmen. The purpose of the meeting was to present the proposed framework of the investment fund and to understand the opportunities in the business sector in Burundi linked with the requirements and expectations of this financial instrument.</p> <p>The meeting and the idea of the fund were welcomed by the businessmen. They raised the issue of timing for the implementation of the overall investment strategy. Hence, they suggested that the call for proposals for projects ideas should start in early 2023 even if all the structure of the investment fund is not yet ready. Doing so, will give enough time for discussion and preparation.</p>	The Congo Nile Impact Fund is yet to be established. UNCDF is working to accelerate the process and ensure that Kazoza finance receives enough technical support to design and implement this fund.
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1.2.3	Number of women entrepreneurs heading portfolio companies, number of direct and indirect female employees in each portfolio company	0	At least 20% women employees in each portfolio company and 25% of the portfolio companies led by women	N/A	The investment fund is yet to be established
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PART III: Cross-Cutting Issues

Is the project planning any significant events in the next 6 months (eg. national dialogues, youth congresses, film screenings, etc.)

- yes
 no

If yes, please state how many, and for each, provide the approximate date of the event and a brief description, including its key objectives, target audience and location (if known)

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1

Event Title:

Offiial launch of investment fund

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Date (can be tentative)

2023-02

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Location (if known)

Rwegura, Park headquarter

Target Audience

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Select as many as applicable

- Senior Government officials
- Other Government officials
- Civil Society
- Youth
- Women
- Military or Police Personnel
- Traditional Leaders
- Donors
- Businesses/ Private Sector
- Former Combattants
- Journalists
- Artists
- Other

Objectives

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Please limit your response to 150 words

This event will mobilize the Government, donors and private sector around the the Kibira peace, conservation and investment initiative. Particularly, during this event the foundation will be officially presented, and the co-management agreement signed with OBPE. This is particularly important to demonstrate the partnership between the government, OBPE et the communities. In addition, the two buildings under rehabilitation will also be handed over to OBPE.

Any other information on the event

2

Event Title:

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Sensitization through RADIO TV With KAZOZA

Date (can be tentative)

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2023-01

Location (if known)

Bujumbura, Kayanza

Target Audience

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Select as many as applicable

- Senior Government officials
- Other Government officials
- Civil Society
- Youth
- Women
- Military or Police Personnel
- Traditional Leaders
- Donors
- Businesses/ Private Sector
- Former Combattants
- Journalists
- Artists
- Other

Objectives

*

Please limit your response to 150 words

Bring more awareness on the cultural heritage of Kibira National Park and the threats that it is facing Promote collaboration and partnership between OBPE and the communities Promote social dialogue between different groups among communities

Any other information on the event

3

Event Title:

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Dialogue and residency training

Date (can be tentative)

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2023-03

Location (if known)

Rwegura

Target Audience

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Select as many as applicable

- Senior Government officials
- Other Government officials
- Civil Society
- Youth
- Women
- Military or Police Personnel
- Traditional Leaders
- Donors
- Businesses/ Private Sector
- Former Combattants
- Journalists
- Artists
- Other

Objectives

*

Please limit your response to 150 words

Drive young artist interest on the cultural value and heritage of Kibira Support Batwa cultural groups in the design of their arts products

Any other information on the event

Human Impact

This section is about the human impact of the project. Please state the number of key stakeholders of the project, and for each, please briefly describe:

- i. The challenges/problem they faced prior to the project implementation
- ii. The impact of the project on their lives
- iii. Provide, where possible, a quote or testimonial from a representative of each stakeholder group

How many key stakeholders does this project have?

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4

Key Stakeholder :

Batwa

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What were the challenges/problem they faced prior to the project implementation?

- **Lack of trust between park management and the Batwa. The latter being considered by OBPE as the main threat to the park**
- **Lack of access to land and sustainable livelihood opportunities**

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What has been the impact of the project on their lives

Please limit your response to 350 words

Contribution to improvement of OBPE vision on the Batwa communities

- **Contribution to access to land with other projects currently implemented in Kibira**

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Provide, where possible, a quote or testimonial from a representative of each stakeholder group

Please limit your response to 350 words

We are very grateful for the land acquisition for the Batwa. This is a huge incentive for our communities who usually doesn't own land. We will therefore work as team to ensure that Batwa become economic independent through production of fruits, honey and mushrooms. We still have a lot of needs, but we are confident that this is a step forward for our community and a new era for the protection of Kibira national park (quote from a Batwa woman in Muciri)

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2

Key Stakeholder :

Women

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What were the challenges/problem they faced prior to the project implementation?

Conflict between ecogardes and women association in the park sector of Teza

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What has been the impact of the project on their lives

Please limit your response to 350 words

Active involvement of women on activities supporting park protection and restoration of degraded land.

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Provide, where possible, a quote or testimonial from a representative of each stakeholder group

Please limit your response to 350 words

We are receiving additional income through the setting up of nurseries. This support helps to save money and access small credits through our small savings and credit associations. We are waiting to produce mushrooms which will allow us to save enough money and to have something to eat knowing that there is still a lot of hunger in our communities. (quote from a window Batwa in Muciri)

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3

Key Stakeholder :

other ethnic group

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What were the challenges/problem they faced prior to the project implementation?

- **Poor sensitization and involvement in park activities**

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What has been the impact of the project on their lives

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Please limit your response to 350 words

Active participation in activities supporting park protection and restoration of degraded land

Provide, where possible, a quote or testimonial from a representative of each stakeholder group

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Please limit your response to 350 words

N/A

4

Key Stakeholder :

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Youth

What were the challenges/problem they faced prior to the project implementation?

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Lack of employment and others direct benefits from the park

What has been the impact of the project on their lives

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Please limit your response to 350 words

The project will start working with young artist in year 2 Q1

Provide, where possible, a quote or testimonial from a representative of each stakeholder group

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Please limit your response to 350 words

N/A

In addition to the stakeholder specific impact described above, please use this space to describe any additional human impact that the project has had

Please limit your response to 650 words

You can also upload upto 3 files in various formats (picture files, powerpoint, pdf, video, etc..) to illustrate the human impact of the project

OPTIONAL

File 1

For photos, please use high resolution JPEG format

Click here to upload file. (< 5MB)

File 2

For photos, please use high resolution JPEG format

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File 3

For photos, please use high resolution JPEG format

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You can also add upto 3 links to online resources which illustrate the human impact of the project

OPTIONAL

Link 1

Link 2

Link 3

Monitoring

Please list monitoring activities undertaken in the reporting period *

Please limit your response to 350 words

The project is reviewing the monitoring framework and will come out with a structured mechanism in the next quarter.

Do outcome indicators have baselines? *

If only some of the outcome indicators have baselines, select 'yes'

yes

no

Please provide a brief description *

Please limit your response to 350 words

The project result framework has defined baseline for most of the outcome's indicators. Still, some of the baseline needs to be confirmed, reviewed or updated. A Baseline study will be conducted in December to address all the gaps.

Has the project launched perception surveys or other community-based data collection? *

yes

no

Please provide a brief description *

Please limit your response to 350 words

The project is recruiting a consultant to conduct a perception survey as part of the baseline study. The overall objective will include: (i) analysis of community perceptions on social, economic, environmental and cultural issues related to Kibira (including benefits, constraints and expectations); (ii) clarification of the role of local stakeholders in the process of peace consolidation, social cohesion and protection of Kibira with focus on women, youth and the Batwa; (iii) proposition of participatory monitoring and evaluation mechanism that allows communities to express their voices and concerns

Evaluation

Has an evaluation been conducted during the reporting period? *

yes

no

Evaluation budget (in USD): *

60000

If project will end in next six months, describe the evaluation preparations

Please limit your response to 350 words

Catalytic Effect

Catalytic Effect (financial): Has the project led to additional funding from other sources? *

yes

no

Catalytic Effect (non-financial): Has the project enabled or created a larger or longer-term peacebuilding change to occur (Ways in which the project has supported the expansion or creation of programs and policies supporting peace, both within and outside the UN system)? *

- No catalytic effect
- Some catalytic effect
- Significant catalytic effect
- Very Significant catalytic effect
- Don't Know
- Too early to tell

Does the project have an explicit exit strategy. *

- yes
- no

Please describe any steps that have been taken to ensure the sustainability of peacebuilding gains beyond the duration of the project *

Please limit your response to 350 words

UNCDF is designing the Congo Nile Impact Fund Initiative, a regional investment fund that will contribute to strengthen stability in the region, improve food security and accelerate climate change adaptations investment while conserving nature assets.

The fund is one of the main tools the PBF project is putting in place to provide a sustainable return to conservation and peacebuilding activities beyond the project lifetime. It is a long-term innovative approach that is combining public and private funds to make the area a model of peace and reconciliation between people and the nature in connection with their development aspirations.

Are there any other issues concerning project implementation that you want to share, including any capacity needs of the recipient organizations?

The general situation in the Kibira remains calm but still unpredictable. In October 2022 a group of Rwandese militia crashed with Burundian Defense forces in Cibitoke. This situation is demonstrating how Kibira remains a sensitive hotspot for the security in the region as armed groups are still trying to take control of the area.

Annex: Please use this space to upload any additional document you may want to the report (ex. Additional detail on indicator reporting)

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