



Mainstreaming Climate Change Adaptation in Drylands Development Planning in Tanzania

December 2011 – March 2012

Quarter 1 Highlights

Project Background

TNRF is implementing a 1-year project to build the capacity of local actors in the Districts of Longido, Monduli and Ngorongoro to design a long term action-research program that will test approaches and mechanisms to mainstream climate change adaptation into their development planning. This preparatory phase, funded by UKAID-DFID, is being implemented in partnership with the local government authorities of the three districts, relevant national institutions, customary leaders and civil society with technical support from the International Institute for Environment and Development (IIED).

Main Project Objectives:

- To strengthen the technical capacities of district-level authorities and civil society actors in the districts of Monduli, Ngorongoro and Longido to design and implement the proposed project, and ensure their 'ownership' of the process;
- To secure national level interest in the proposed work including the identification of mechanisms to ensure that project experience informs national policy processes and programs in support of climate change adaptation and mitigation.

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Inception Workshop – In January 2012, the inception workshop brought key stakeholders together to present, discuss and validate the purpose and anticipated outcomes of the project. More than 60 participants joined the workshop, including representatives from Monduli, Longido and Ngorongoro district; the Vice President's Office; the Tanzania Meteorological Agency; the Local Government Ministry; donor agencies and international experts. The Regional Commissioner of Arusha opened the workshop by saying, *"This project will require a great deal of support and cooperation from a variety of stakeholders, and it is exciting to see participation and collaboration is already beginning."*

District Learning Groups – In order to learn from past experiences and guide the implementation of activities during the preparatory phase, each district has established a "climate change adaptation learning group." Each group is comprised of twenty participants drawn from the districts – the District Commissioner, councilors, Member of Parliament, local government technical officers, local civil society and NGOs. The first meeting of all three groups was held, where each established their role in the design and implementation of project activities.

Research on Planning – One key activity of this inception period is to assess the functionality and relevance of both traditional and formal (government-led) planning processes for climate change adaptation as these two processes need to complement each other in order to build climate resilience at local level. Working with the Learning Groups, the research objectives, methodology and schedule was developed and the research team, which includes district-level planning officers, began their fieldwork on March 20th.

Training – To effectively plan for climate change adaptation, it is important that all local actors better understand the impacts climate change will have on the local economy and livelihoods, and the implications these have for planning. Through consultation with the Learning Groups, it was agreed that these trainings should be held as inter-district events, and quarter one focused on developing training materials and planning logistics. Trainings will begin in early April.

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Learning group meeting in Mto wa Mbu



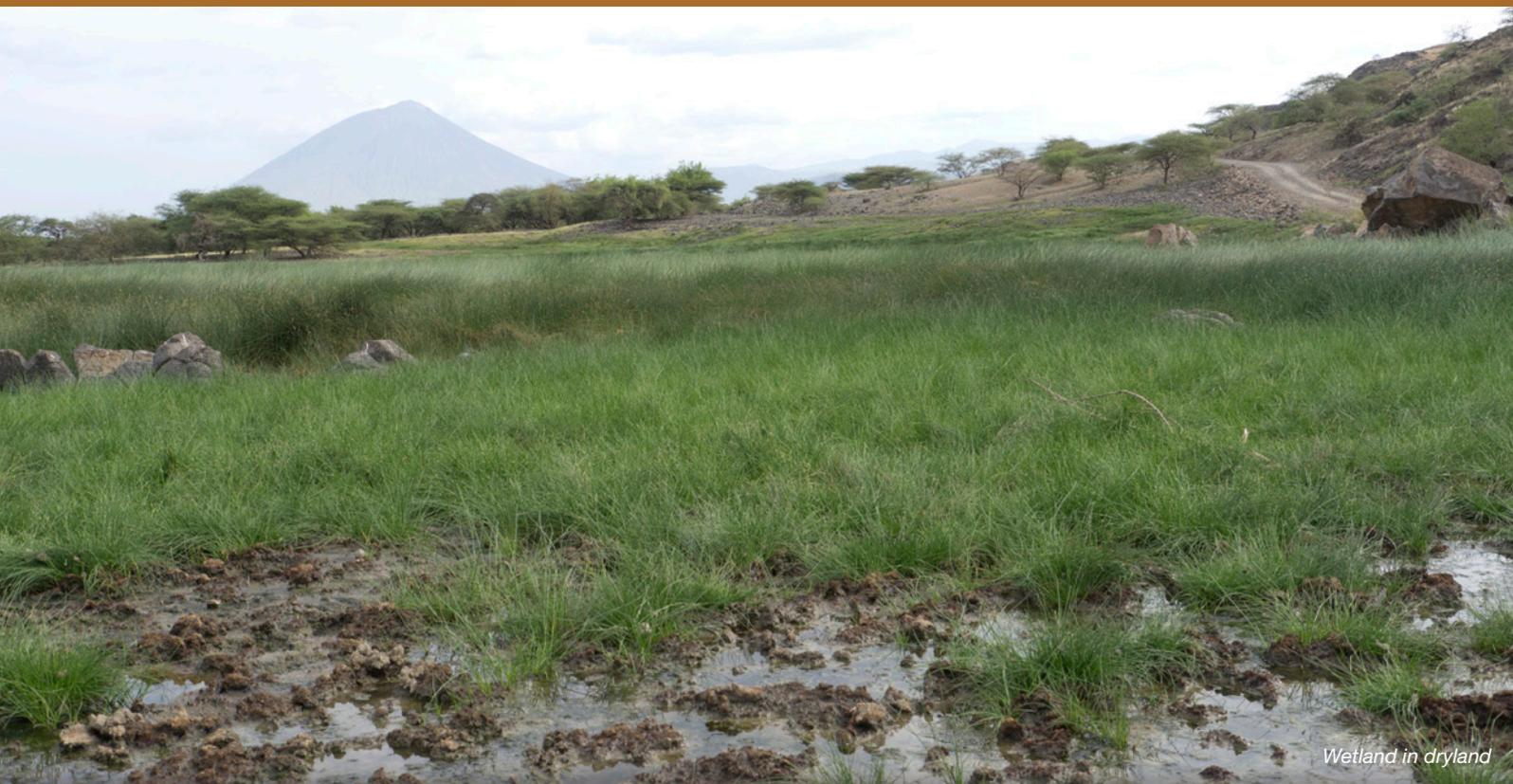
Research Team talking with Monduli district officials



Learning Group discussions in Loliondo



Presentation at the inception workshop



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