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Dear Colleagues

I am pleased to announce that this afternoon TFCG signed the contract with the Royal Norwegian Embassy for the project 'Making REDD and the Carbon Market work for Communities and Forest Conservation in Tanzania'.

The project is a 5 year project that will run from September 2009 to August 2014. It is a partnership between TFCG and MJUMITA, (the Tanzanian Community Forest Network).



Collaborating organisations listed in the proposal include:

The Faculty of Forestry and Nature Conservation at Sokoine University of Agriculture (SUA)

CARE International's Poverty Environment and Climate Change Network

Regional Community Forestry Training Centre (RECOFTC)

Tanzania Natural Resources Forum

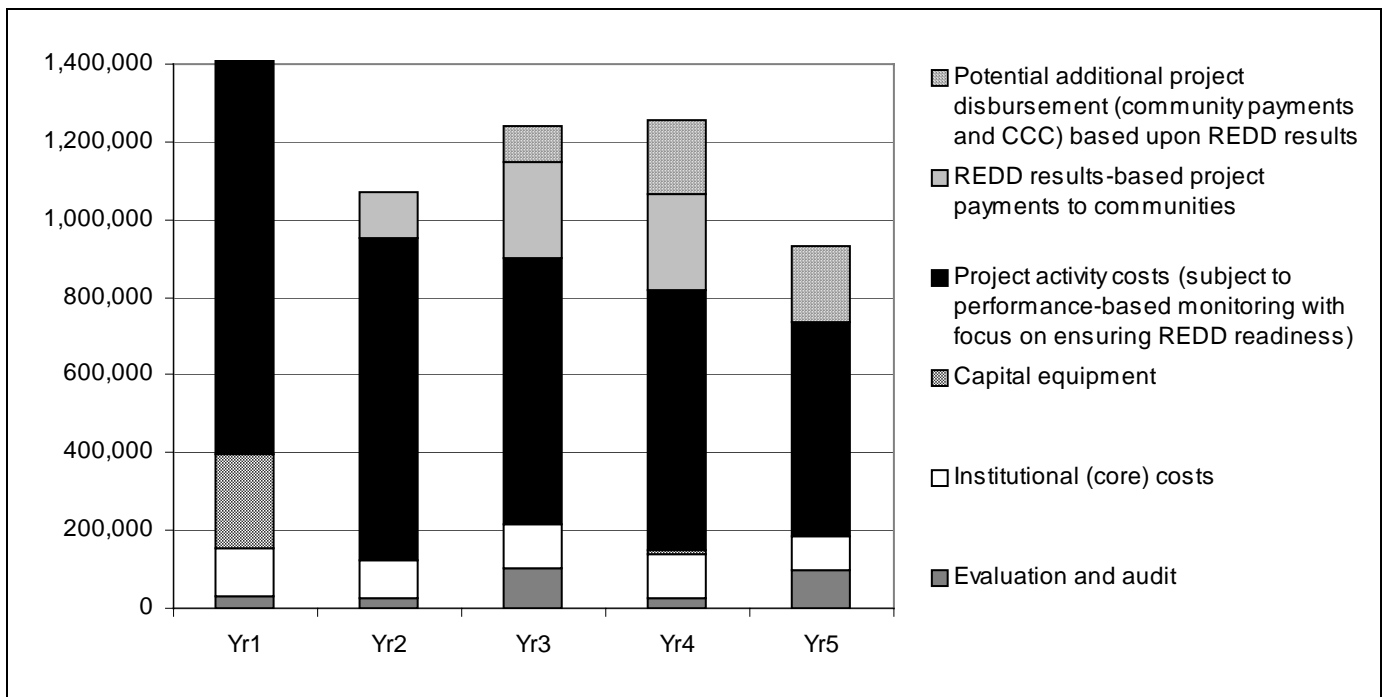
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We will also be working closely with local government, the Forestry and Beekeeping Division, the Vice-president's office and other parts of the Government of Tanzania as relevant.

The project aims to reduce greenhouse gas emissions from deforestation and degradation in Tanzania in ways that provide direct and equitable incentives to communities to conserve and manage forests sustainably. The project will achieve this by supporting the development of a Community Carbon Cooperative hosted within the existing Network of Tanzanian communities engaged in participatory forest management. The Cooperative will aggregate voluntary emission reductions from its members and market them according to internationally recognised standards. Project funds and carbon market revenue will be channelled directly to the communities on a results-based basis thereby maximising incentives to maintain forest cover and reduce deforestation. As an additional incentive for reducing emissions, 8 % of the project budget will only be disbursed upon demonstrating direct REDD results; in total, 18% of the project's financial disbursements will be paid to communities linked to results-based performance. The project includes an evaluation and communication component designed to capture the lessons learnt in order to inform project implementation and share them with the national and international community including sharing lessons learnt during project inception at the UNFCCC meeting in Copenhagen. The project also focuses on building in-country capacity with regards to REDD at both local and national governmental levels. This is linked with a strategic advocacy component aimed at forging a smooth path for REDD in Tanzania by engaging in the formulation of REDD frameworks and processes at national and international level.

The total budget for the project is US\$ 5.9 million which is allocated as follows:



The first concept for the project was submitted by TFCG to the Royal Norwegian Embassy in September 2008. Since then the project proposal has been thoroughly reviewed by the Royal Norwegian Embassy and the National REDD Task Force. Presentations have been given to representatives from the National REDD Task Force as well as to civil society organisations in Tanzania. Comments have been provided by many stakeholders including the National REDD Task Force, these comments have been incorporated in the final version of the proposal. As such the proposal reflects the recommendations and experience of a great many people from around the world.

Our plan over the next few weeks is to begin the recruitment of project staff and to prepare detailed plans for the coming weeks. We will be in touch with collaborating organisations over the next few weeks to initiate more detailed discussions on plans for getting started.

Many thanks to all of you who have assisted in designing this project and we look forward to working with you over the next five years.

Yours truly,

Charles Meshack
Executive Director - TFCG