

Treasurer's Annual Report 2007
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INTRODUCTION

Members, Ladies and Gentlemen,

It gives me great pleasure to provide you with my Treasurer's report for 2007. I shall be as concise and efficient in my report as I can.

REVENUE and INCOME

Over the past year, TNRF's financial situation has improved markedly, as we have fundraised and diversified our funding. The TNRF Accounts have been audited, and given a clean bill of health for 2007, without qualification.

Our revenue has grown from some TShs 83,400,000 in 2005 to TShs 217,672,818 for the year 2006 – 2007 to TShs 327,636,465 in 2007-2008. In addition there was TShs 11,829,671 in sundry income for 2006.

We continued with previous funding partnerships between the Bradley Fund for the Environment, Norwegian's People's Aid, the Ford Foundation, the Sigrid Rausing Trust. In addition two new funding partners came on board –

GTZ and DanIDA – providing support for the Tanzania Forestry Working Group.

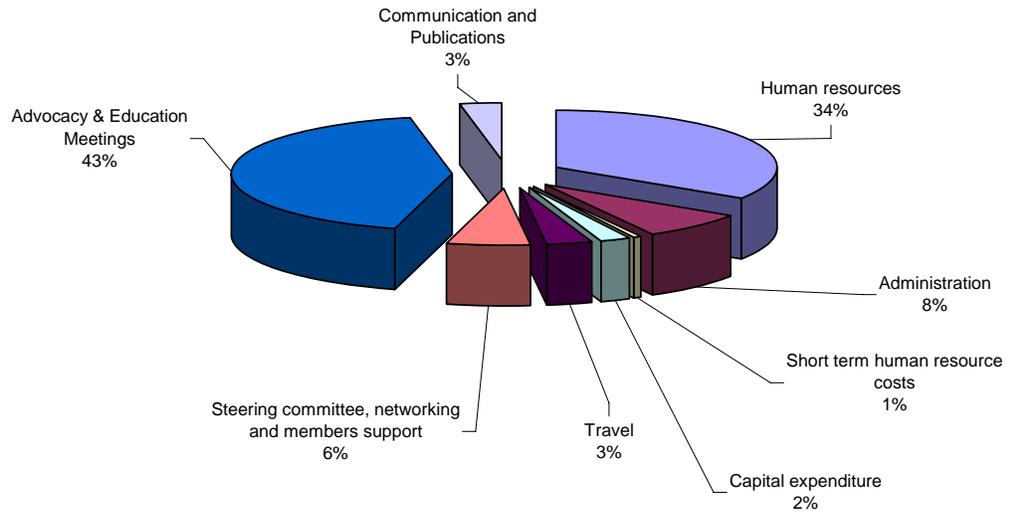
DONOR	2006	
	US\$	TShs
Norwegian Peoples Aid	-	30,000,000
Bradley Fund for the Environment	49,794	61,151,878
Wildlife Conservation Society	18,810	23,700,600
The Ford Foundation	46,468	58,549,680
The Sigrid Rausing Trust	27,535	36,346,992
Sand County Foundation	-	3,999,528
Ministry of Natural Resources Tanzania	3,087	3,924,140
		<u>217,672,818</u>

EXPENDITURE

I will quickly give you details of headline expenditure items by TNRF in 2006. TNRF spent:

- TShs 53,508,340 on human resource costs (34 per cent of expenditure),
- TShs 12,456,022 on Administration (8 per cent of expenditure),
- TShs 9,391,127 on Steering Committee, networking and member support (6 percent of expenditure), and
- TShs 67,046,051 (43 per cent of expenditure) on advocacy and education meetings.

TNRF Expenditure for 2006



Description	Amount	Relative proportion of Expenditure
Advocacy & Education Meetings	67,046,051	43%
Human resources	53,508,340	34%
Administration	12,456,022	8%
Steering committee, networking and members support	9,591,127	6%
Travel	5,450,283	3%
Communication and Publications	4,880,729	3%
Capital expenditure	3,329,748	2%
Short term human resource costs	973,800	1%
Total	157,236,100	

BALANCE SHEET

TNRF's overall financial status is relatively healthy. Our current assets amount to TShs 77,998,389, with deferred revenue of TShs 72,266,389. Our new funding partners only began to feed through their funds in the third and fourth quarters of last year, and therefore TNRF currently has a relatively large surplus of funds carried over into 2007, which it will be expending this year on substantially expanded programmatic work. In this regard, the Ford Foundation funding for community forums and support will be the largest single component of expenditure in the coming year.

ASSETS	TShs
Cash and bank balances	62,812,789
Project advances	15,185,600
Total assets	77,998,389
LIABILITIES	
Accrued expenses	5,732,000
Deferred revenue	72,266,389
BALANCE	77,998,389

PROJECTED FINANCES

We expect that our current funding partners will continue to support us. However, we will need to further increase our funding portfolio in line with our new strategy and emphasis on communications and member participation. We will need to continue to diversify our funding for the core Secretariat – as currently our funding portfolio is too narrow, and with too great a level of risk associated with this.

In addition, we will seek funds in the coming year to boost our communications capacity dramatically, and we will seek much need project-based funding for member working groups such as the Rangelands and Livelihoods Task Force and the Forest Working Groups in order to dramatically increase their effectiveness.

Finally, TNRF will improve its strategic funding approach and develop a strategic funding plan, in order to develop its financial sustainability, better manage financial risk and improve the effectiveness of its relations with funding partners.

FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION

I would like to report that we have just completed developing a new accounting software and paper-trail system that meets international standards. I would like to thank PINGOs Forum very much for kindly lending us their account and turning a blind eye when he was transforming TNRF's accounts instead of looking after PINGOs Forum's.

CARRIED OVER AUDIT QUALIFICATION

Members, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Although TNRF was only independently registered last year, it was previously operating under and hosted by the Wildlife Conservation Society of Tanzania.

In this regard I wish to report that there is an outstanding audit qualification from 2005 between TNRF and the Wildlife Conservation Society of Tanzania. We will continue to extend our full cooperation to the Wildlife Conservation Society of Tanzania in helping them resolve the audit

qualification. I understand that the Coordinator is continuing to follow this issue up, and that it is my understanding that it will be resolved.

AUDITORS

This year was the full first year that we have been registered as an NGO, and this is our first Annual General Meeting. The Coordinator therefore selected our auditors on the basis of a recommendation from our accountant. Usually it is the Annual General Assembly that approves the auditors.

The Auditors for 2006 were **VA Business Assurance Services**. Overall, I am fully satisfied with the auditors' work, and their support to the Secretariat, and would like to recommend to the General Assembly that we continue to use their good services.

Members, Ladies and Gentlemen,

On that note, I would like to conclude my report to the general assembly.