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## Quartely Progress Report

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### Executive Summary

The strengthen of community networks for right based natural resource management is a two year Ford Foundation support programme commenced on November of last year. **The main objective of the programme is to strengthen TNRF's capacity to improve the links between grassroots natural resource managers and users and on-going policy review processes aimed at improving rights based natural resources management in the country.** The implementation of project activities is done through partner NGOs namely U-CRT (Ujamaa Community Resource Trust), PINGOs (Pastoral Indigenous Non-Governmental Organisation) and SCF (Sandy County Foundation) in Northern part of the country.

During the implementation of the project activities, the emphasis was on to develop the sustainable linkage with stakeholders in the process of information sharing as well as empowering people to understand and manage their natural resources in a sustainable manner.

During the reporting period the following activities have been carried out:-

- Cooperate with partner NGO's and other natural resource management stakeholders to establish the community forum in Northern part of the country.
- Field visits in Simanjiro district for familiarisation with partners working on the similar activities in the field of natural resource management.
- Field visits in Morogoro region specifically at institutions dealing with the wildlife management in the area to initiate the strategies of linking different community based natural resource networks together in the country. The institutions include Jukumu, Wami-Mbiki society and Sokoine University of Agriculture (SUA-particularly the department of wildlife management)
- Attended the workshop in Iringa region organised by Envirocare to discuss about the possibilities of environmental organisations to collaborate through establishment of network pattern.
- Attended the basic training course on gender and development. The mainstreaming of gender issue in the project activities is of paramount importance so as to ensure that the concerns and priorities of men and women in policies and programme are given adequate consideration.

### 1.0 Establishment of the community forum in Northern part of the country.

The process of establishing the community forum notably in seven districts of Arusha and Manyara regions namely Ngorongoro, West Kilimanjaro, Simanjiro, Kiteto, Monduli Hanang, Mbulu and Yaeda valley is going on relatively well. So far two forums have been established in Longido (specifically at Sinya) and Simanjiro

(specifically at Terati). The process of establishing the forums in remaining districts is going on well. It should be remembered that, the forums will be used as a platform for lobbying and advocacy and policy vis-à-vis legislation review on the issues pertaining to natural resource management at local level so as to ensure that the communities are equally benefiting from the natural resources. Our long term plan is to ensure that, the same kinds of forum with the same objective are being established in other parts of the country (i.e. Southern, Eastern and Western zones)

## **2.0 Field visit in Simanjiro district.**

The visit was done on 28<sup>th</sup> March-1<sup>st</sup> April 2007 in six villages of Simanjiro and Monduli districts namely Emborreti, Narakau, Lobossireti, Kimotoro, Makame/Ndedo and Ndaleta. The main objective of the visit was to do familiarisation with partner NGOs, CBOs, traditional community leaders, local communities, village leaders and attend some social gathering to discuss the key environmental conservation and development issues.

### **2.1 Field visit outcomes**

- Met and held talk on conservation issues with some representatives from potential NGOs and CBOs like KINNAPA in Kiteto district.
- Introduced to traditional community leaders, local communities, village leaders in six villages of Simanjiro and Monduli districts.
- Attended the meeting at Emborreti village to discuss the impacting results of small and large scale cultivation in Simanjiro plain. During the meeting it was evident that, it is still unclear about the magnitude of the plain that has been encroached, however it was disclosed that majority of encroachers were outsiders. The meeting which was chaired by honourable DC (District Commissioner) came up with the following resolutions:-
  - The seven villages (which surround the plain) were instructed to prepare the independent land use plans. This must be done within a period of three months.
  - Agricultural activities within and at the vicinity of the plain have been strictly forbidden and stern measures will be taken against those who go against the instructions.
  - All areas used for grazing must be protected by the village authority and should be granted with the rights of occupancy.
  - The unknown village boundaries should be surveyed, demarcated and respected to avoid the land conflicts between the villages. Moreover, permanent structure like beacons should be placed in the boundaries.
  - All derelict areas within the village should be retained to the village council, which then would return the areas to the pastoralists.
  - All protected areas in the village should be known by entire community and must be respected by everybody in the society.
  - Capacity building in various disciplines such as good leadership, good governance etc should be done among the village leaders so as to increase the technical knowledge and skills so as to provide good services to community.

### **3.0 Field visit in Morogoro region**

The eight days visit to Morogoro region was done between 12-20<sup>th</sup> April 2007 with the following specific objectives:-

- Familiarisation with partners working on the similar activities in the field of wildlife management in the region.

- Develop the joint initiatives of establishing the direct linkage between the communities based WMAs and the Parliamentary Committee of Natural Resources and Environment (PCNRE)
- Collecting the information of activities being implemented.

### **3.1 Field visit outcomes**

- Held in-depth discussion with WAMI-MBIKI SOCIETY and JUKUMU on the issue of institutional networking as well as having joint initiative of providing technical facilitation to community based WMAs to establish direct linkage with PCNRE (Parliament Committee for Natural Resources and Environment)
- Discussed the concept proposal developed by TNRF titled "Community Based Natural Resource Management Network in Tanzania" with some members of steering committee of WAMI MBIKI SOCIETY.
- Held meeting with the local community at Maseyu village (one of 24 villages surrounding the 2,500 km<sup>2</sup> core wilderness areas). The purpose of the meeting was to introduce the concept, philosophy, objective and rationale of CBNRM network in Tanzania. The community in the village had shown the positive response and welcome the idea.
- Visited the Wildlife Department at Sokoine University of Agriculture (SUA) and agreed to have bi-lateral technical cooperation on the issue regarding the wildlife management.

### **4.0 Environmental workshop in Iringa region**

This two days workshop was organised by environmental organisation known as ENVIROCARE based in Dar es Salaam. The workshop was held on 29-30<sup>th</sup> May 2007. The purpose of the workshop was to look at what opportunities are there for environmental organisations to operate and collaborate, the major environmental problems, existing challenges and the possibility of improving networking among the environmental organisations. Moreover, the workshop also tried to analyse the role of local government and how can the civil society and government work closely together to reinforce efforts to address the environmental issues. Apart from representation from TNRF and ENVIROCARE, there were twelve (12) CSOs representatives from Njombe and Iringa districts.

### **4.1 Workshop outcomes**

- Identify the potential areas for cooperation between CSOs and Government.
- Establishment of CSOs network for Iringa region.
- CSOs should closely work with the media to enhance the dissemination of environmental and development information to the majority of the stakeholders in the country.
- Long term plan should be formulated to enable the CSOs to have consistent meetings with the district authority so as to share experience as well as exchange useful information.

### **5.0 Training course on Gender and Development.**

The training course on gender and development commenced on 26<sup>th</sup> February 2007 and last for two weeks. It was convened at Dar es Salaam. The course was organised by TGNP (Tanzania Gender Networking Programme) and attracted participants from CSOs, government departments, media and higher learning institutions. The course had the following specific objectives:-

- To increase the conceptual understanding and awareness on key issues in gender as they relate to development processes.
- To acquire the basic skills with respect to gender analysis and application.
- To enable the participants to take individual and collective actions that will contribute towards achieving gender equality, equity and women empowerment in the communities, institutions as well as societies.

### **5.1 Training outcomes**

The participants have understood that:-

- Gender issues have relevance for all areas of development and that gender must be included in all areas of analysis, policy development and planning.
- Gender should not be added to the programmes or projects but should be incorporated as an essential ingredient like yeast in bread. This should be done from the very beginning and in all aspects of the organisation, its programme and projects.
- The use of different analytical frameworks such as "GEWEF" (Gender and Women Empowerment Framework) to attain gender equality and empowerment.

## 6.0 ACHIEVEMENTS IN RELATION TO THE PROGRAMME OBJECTIVE.

OBJECTIVE	INDICATOR	TARGET	RESULTS	STATUS OF ACHIEVEMENT IN RELATION TO INDICATORS.
To strengthen TNRF's capacity to improve the links between grassroots natural resource managers and users and on-going policy review processes aimed at improving rights based natural resources management in the country.	The strategic needs of establishing the community forums to engage with natural resource governance processes have been identified, addressed and implemented.	Beneficiaries (local community) all over the country.	We have just begun the process of establishing the community forums in Northern part of the country.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Two community forums have been established in Longido and Simanjiro districts in Northern part of the country. We are progressing relatively well with a process of establishing the community forum in Northern zone.</li> <li>- Identify some potential partners to work with them on the issue of Community Based Natural Resource Management in the country. E.g. Wami Mbiki Society and Jukumu in Morogoro region.</li> <li>- Cooperate with other environmental organisations such as ENVIROCARE for the purpose of establishing/strengthening the network pattern in order to improve natural resources management in the country.</li> <li>- Pro-active involvement of women in the project activities due to the fact that their concerns and priorities have been given adequate attention.</li> </ul>

## 7.0 Future plan

- To proceed with the establishment of community forum in Northern parts of the country.
- Build the capacity for the members of the forum by providing a range of trainings relevant to their needs to enhance their technical knowledge and skills.
- To develop more strategic linkages with other NGOs and CBOs in order to make CBNRM (Community Based Natural Resource Management) network flourish and produce tangible benefits to the local communities.
- To cooperate with other partners such as Wami Mbiki society/Danish Hunters Association (DHA) to engage in WMA consortium.
- Attend seminars, workshops, meetings and trainings whenever needs arise.