

NAME OF PROJECT: Capacity Building and awareness raising Actions for Civil Society, Local Communities and Forest -Dependent Indigenous peoples, on REDD+ in Liberia Project.

SCOPE OF PROJECT: LIBERIA SCOPE: NATIONAL

PROJECT PERIOD: JULY 1, 2017 – JUNE 30, 2018

DATE OF SUBMISSION: 30th JUNE 2018

PROJECT COMPLETION REPORT

1. INTRODUCTION

Contract Agreement signed between the **MAINYOITO PASTORALISTS INDIGENOUS DEVELOPMENT ORGANIZATION (MPIDO)**, a Non-governmental Indigenous Peoples (IPO) Organizations established under the laws of Kenya and here referred to as the “**Regional Recipient Organization**” and **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVE INC. (CDI) GIBSON BUILDING, 2ND FLOOR, CAREY & WARREN STREETS, MONROVIA, LIBERIA on the 1st July 2017** here referred to as the “**Sub-grantee**” competitively selected according to the Selection Criteria agreed with the Forest Carbon Partnership Facility (FCPF) to undertake the implementation of national level activities as defined under the Forest-dependent Indigenous Peoples Capacity Building Program on REDD+ in Liberia Project.

CDI implemented ““IPO’s and REDD+ awareness raising actions and capacity building project in Montserrado and Lake Piso Multi-Purposed Reserved”” to achieve community capacity building training on REDD+, increase participation of the indigenous community in national REDD+ processes, engage with the national REDD+ secretariat office as well as other REDD mechanisms in Liberia.

The Project commenced August 2017 after logistical delays in the initial transfer of funds as per the project budget to CDI. MPIDO and CDI resolved the delay through bank letters clarifying the details of fund transfer to Liberia.

2. PROGRESS ACHIEVEMENTS MADE UNDER PROJECT

Key achievements and Results on FCPF-CB Project

- An Inception Workshop and official project launch attended by (insert number) community members, REDD+ officials, local and regional administrative officials, the media and other personnel was held in project county, Gd. Cape Mount.
- A community County Needs Assessment to map the project objectives to the Lake Piso communities and forest-dependent communities.
- In-service training workshop on project writing and SOE reporting for project staff.

- over fifty FCPF Awareness raising actions and capacity building trainings within four Lake Lake Piso, Forest-dependent and Sime Darby affected communities were implemented during project period
- Twenty participatory video recording and discussions held in eleven communities.
- More than six month of REDD+ thematic jingles(dramas) and songs (288) spots in four languages (Vai, Mendi, Gola and Local Liberian English) on Local FM Radio station in Cape Mount
- Six month of FCPF thematic TALK SHOWS discussing specific issues affecting our forest and the effect of climate change, women in decisions making, and inviting several personalities to the shows to discuss way forward in addressing deforestation and degradation.
- Organized the established eleven community task force structures in four Lake Piso, four in forest-dependent, and three Sime Darby Palm Oil Affected communities in Cape Mount
- Developed By-Laws for the realization of eleven (11) strong community taskforces that are mandated to management cooperative groups within multiple reserved, forest-dependent and affected Oil Palm communities.
- Forest Management dedicated training workshop to self-selected officials of the eleven community task force committees.
- A Monitoring and Evaluation campaign on the project outcomes and outputs that involved the REDD+ Focal point, World Bank mission participants to Liberia and other stakeholders.

3. ANY INCOMPLETE ACTIVITIES UNDER PROJECT SCOPE

All activities have been implemented well in accordance to the Project Work-plan and Budget”

4. KEY OUTCOMES REALIZED

As the results of FCPF-CB Project

- Through direct engagement of local and regional authorities, the County Authority have taken measures to arrest inhabitants from cutting down mangrove, pit Sawing, Sand Mining, Fish hunting and Char coal burning around multiple reserved. This has resulted in a noticeable reduction in the illegal tree cutting exercise.
- As a result of the formation and registration of community Forest Taskforces, the Forestry Development Authority (FDA) has enforced regulations to sustain management of the multiple reserved and working on numbers of regulations to be forwarded to the board of FDA.
- The composition and recording of REDD+ themed Jingles and songs has resulted in 6 months of continued airing of jingles (dramas) and songs in four

languages reaching over fifty thousand inhabitants in and out of the county and neighboring Sierra Leona.

- Airing of TALK SHOWS have also reached and more education provided to tens of thousands of community dwellers in and out of the county
- As a result of CDI's monitoring & evaluation strategy, over seventy-five telephone responses from project community's members and local actors at FM interaction radio broadcast programs. This has resulted in CDI being considered a critical community development stakeholder with closer working relationship with the local and regional authorities in Cape Mount.
- As a result of interactive participatory video recorded interviews, eleven strong community dwellers opinions collected in participatory video recordings and aired on local station on the impact of climate change, giving the efforts of the project a greater community sense of ownership.
- As a result of the intensive community activities of the project, CDI was able to engage communities and convene a feasible livelihood, social and environmental solution and reach a consensus with the National Redd+ program.
- Through the Conducting of training workshop to eleven structured management cooperative groups, the taskforces have been given absolute privilege securing a project and being legitimately recognized body to foster Redd+ program in the county. This has resulted in the taskforces being considered self-select representation to the national REDD+ structures.

5. KEY SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTIONS TO IPs PARTICIPATION IN REDD+

Through the FCPF-CB Project, it has been established that seventy communities in proposed and protected areas, forest-dependent, and Local communities are expected to benefit from number of projects ranging from micro finance, livelihood support, livestock and benefit sharing arrangement's programs and many more to kick off soon under the Liberia Forest Sector project.

Recently, the Forest and Sustainable management forum was established in forest-dependent communities to cater to issues affecting them and look at opportunity on the Redd+ and participate meaningfully to Redd+ activity in the county.

6. SELF SELECTION FOR NATIONAL REPRESENTATION

7. GENDER ASPECT

Self-selection has not been undertaken within the local communities, but rather, the formation of Community task force teams that are complementary to FDA structures were supported. The support included community education on the role of the task force, overseeing an all-inclusive selection process – where women and youth actively participated, empowerment of the selected task force members, development of taskforce by-laws and

consultative engagements with FDA and local authorities to ensure recognition of the task force structures.

CDI strategically hired three women on various roles on this project. Two field staff and one finance Officer have successfully carried out the project implementation in an exemplary manner.

CDI further mainstreamed gender in the training for formation of community task forces hence realizing that amongst the eleven task force established, six of which are headed by women chair and women were more in numerical strength than men in the formation of the task force. Women actively participated in every aspect of the decision making as well as took part in the selection process to nominate and remark on the identified members.

On Talk Shows, the issues of women on the Redd+ program were emphasized throughout the various topics. More specifically, women speakers were invited on the talk shows to discuss the importance of women in decision making and leadership roles and encouraging women to make their voices heard at every occasion and speak out on issue affecting them.

8. KEY ACTIONS TAKEN UNDER THE FEEDBACK GRIEVANCE AND REDRESS MECHANISM (FGRM)

There were no major grievances recorded during the project implementation. Except in Sawellor Town, where one of our Ambassador Community where discontent and lack of communication fueling leadership removal during our monitoring visit have since been resolved and Bendu and Sawellor towns has always demonstrated good and practical steps and more educational awareness to IPs and local communities on the effect of climate change providing alternative livelihood opportunity as best option to sustaining the forest. However, the establishment of the community task forces will act as a channel of feedback to address any grievances that will arise. The three pillars of the task force which are the social mobilization, case investigation and legal compliance will help address the feedback grievance and redress mechanism (FGRM). Social mobilization will be the source of grievance identification, case investigation will investigate grievances arising and generate resolutions and some tangible actions as regard social agreement will come from the enforcement arm (IPs) depending on the grievances

9. LESSONS LEARN ON THE PROJECT

Many communities took lessons from Bendu and Sawellor communities for demonstrating the importance and benefit is having on the entire community's dwellers since the program was introduced in the community and hoping such opportunity will be utilize.

10. PUBLICATIONS, REPORT PRODUCED FOR THE PROJECT

CDI produced several IEC/BCC during the project implementation.

1. 'OUR FOREST AND OUR ANIMAL' two set of jingles produced in dramas and songs for four local languages
2. Flyers for the project 'a quick glance at the project objectives and target groups.
3. 'DID YOU KNOW THAT..... nearly half of the remaining forest in West Africa is found in Liberia?
4. Publication on the inception workshop and official project launch
5. The TALK SHOWs generate enough insight on the project through responses from inhabitants.

11. ENGAGEMENT WITH OTHER REDD+ STAKEHOLDER

- - CDI have linked and collaborated with the following institutions during the implementation.
1. National Redd+ technical working group: Throughout the project cdi had consultation meeting with stakeholder and Redd+ on addressing demarcation and boundary on protected areas
 2. NGO coalition of Liberia: regular monthly meetings to discuss Redd+ and forest governance and other legal assurance and social agreement and benefit sharing arrangement.
 3. County coordinating committee: every month matter patterning the forest and related issues of land are discussed and resolved.
 4. Client earth/HPA legal working group: regular working sessions with legal practitioners along with CSOs in addressing proper governance in forest community on social agreement and preparation of legal documents for community
 5. Oil palm working group: working session to help build ownership amongst affected community and provide empowerment opportunity
 6. Local CSOs/CBOs in the county: only meet when need arises around affected communities
 7. Lake piso Conservation forum: working session to discuss possible opportunities for 123 communities along the multiple reserved through LFSP which expected soon.
 8. Forest and Sustainable Management Forum: working group meet once a month to discuss benefit amongst IPs and options to addressing Redd+ through Forest Development Authority (FDA)

FEEDBACK ON MPIDO'S ON THEIR SUPPORT TO THE PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION

Countless support has been given by the MPIDO Organization throughout the project implementation. However, to name of few;

1. The initial in-service workshop provided during the inception of the project (Training staff and finance officer on narrative and financial reports using SOE Template and progress Narrative report format)
2. South and south exchange workshop where sub grantees made presentations and views and suggestions made to enhance the project.
3. MPIDO Organization website established to showcase and provide detail of each sub-grantee activity in their respective country.
4. Relationships between national Redd+ program and MPIDO Organization are cordial and rewarding help to enhance CDI activity in the country. We all aware that CDI through MPIDO Organization has been complementing the National Redd+ program in the Liberia
5. Personally to CDI, help has always been available whenever need arises from MPIDO Organization team and we are grateful for everything.
6. MPIDO roles has improve our reporting skills and given CDI the opportunity to see other options when working with IPs and Local community. We think strategy such as: tournament, debates, cultural performances, and many more can be an opportunity to increase awareness on Redd+ activity in the country.

12. PROJECT RESULTS [FILL IN TABLE BELOW]

PROJECT RESULTS TO DATE

Project Development Objective (PDO): Strengthen: (i) the knowledge of targeted forest-dependent indigenous peoples of REDD+ Readiness at the national level and (ii) knowledge exchange at the regional level.							
Results Indicators	Core	Unit of Measure	Baseline	Cumulative Target Values		Frequency	PROGRESS MADE TO DATE [NUMBER AND EXPLANATORY TEXT]
				YR1 ¹	YR2 ²		
1. National knowledge exchange products disseminated in appropriate languages	<input type="checkbox"/>	Number	0	12	15	Annually	Insert your number of knowledge products: 12 Knowledge products List all knowledge products in table below: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Inception workshop and official project launch ii. County Needs Assessment iii. Participatory meetings (video recording) in eleven communities iv. Creating awareness and equipping on the effect of climate change in eleven Communities. v. Radio talk show & feedback from the audience (IPs) and reach out to ten thousand more inhabitants across the county and neighboring Sierra Leone vi. Jingles(dramas) and songs four local

¹ YR1 is considered the first 12 months of the project from effectiveness.

² YR2 is considered the months from the end of the first year until June 30, 2018 (expected to be about 15 months)

								<p>languages reach out to ten thousand more inhabitants across the County and neighboring Sierra Leone</p> <p>vii. M&E visits with donors at project communities</p> <p>viii. Fifty and more FCPF=CB raising awareness and local actors and capacity building among IPs and local communities</p> <p>ix. Over seventy –five telephone responses from IPs and local actors At the FM Radio broad cast program</p> <p>x. Ten or more IPs opinion collected in participatory video</p> <p>xi. Conduct training workshop on the by law and constitution for IPs and local communities leadership form</p> <p>xii. Progress report.</p>
	Name of Knowledge Product (KP)	Language of KP	No. of KPs	Channel of Exchange	Audience Reached.	remarks		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ To analyze potential impacts of the Redd+ project on the social and environmental and livelihood aspects of the IPs and local actors to remedial strategies. ▪ To familiarize ten thousand IPs to benefit 	English, Vai, and Gola		Community mobilization/ Towns & Palava halls meetings	Approximately over thousand participants sensitized in the eleven communities			

<p>sharing arrangements and grievance redress mechanisms designed by the Redd+ program.</p>						
<p>Radio Talk Shows/discussions. <u>Topics covered included:</u> Introduction of REDD+ program in Grand Cape Mount County aired on Nov/26/2017. Understanding REDD+ Program aired on Dec/3/2017. Success story on C-BED and CHAYOA project in Bendu community aired on Dec/10/2017. Deforestation and its effects aired on Dec/24/2017 Climate change and its effects aired on Dec/31/2017. The effects of degradation aired on Jan/12/2018. The Importance of Mangrove forests aired on Jan/21/2018. The role of Gender in REDD+ programs aired on Jan/28/2018. Cooperative Farming aired on Feb/4/2018. Adaptation and Mitigation aired on Feb/25/2018. The Importance of a reserve</p>	<p>English, Vai, mende, and Gola</p>		<p>Radio Cape Mount (102.4 FM), Sinje, Garwula District, Grand Cape Mount County, Liberia</p>	<p>Approximated 41,000 listeners considering the station's coverage.</p>		

	forest aired on Mar/6/2018 The Importance of the Talk show aired on Mar/13/2018 Closing of the first phase of the program, recommendations from the callers aired on Mar/27/2018.								
	Jingles(Dramas) and Songs play on Radio FM 102.4 heard in Cape Mount, Bomi and border towns in Sierra Leone to raise awareness in affected communities and Forest- dependent IPs on Redd+ in Liberia		English, Vai, Gola and Mendi			Radio Cape Mount (102.4 FM), Sinje, Garwula District, Grand Cape Mount County, Liberia	Approximated 40,000 – 50,000 listeners		
2. Meetings held between IP representatives, and between IP representatives and national REDD+ decision making entities	<input type="checkbox"/>	Number	0	4	10	Annually	Number of meetings:		
	Meeting			Date	Venue	No. of Participants	Key Agenda	List of Participant	
	a) Community conservations and Awareness meeting. b) Community Hall meeting on Awareness rising on REDD+ program. d) Community Town Hall				Community	278 of which	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Opening prayer ▪ Self-introduction ▪ Purpose of the Meeting ▪ Awareness on Community 		

	meeting on Rising Awareness on REED+ program and participatory video recording	April 10 to May 1, 2018	Halls in eleven communities	181 were female and 5 were male.	<p>conversation and on REDD+ program.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Setting up a Task Force ▪ Closing prayer ▪ Departure time 		
		May 3 to 22, 2018	Community Halls Meeting in eleven communities	278 Participants of which 181 were female and 97 were male.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Opening prayer ▪ Self- introduction ▪ Create Awareness ▪ Emphasis on Climate Change ▪ Community information ▪ Setting up Task Force ▪ Question and Answer ▪ Closing Prayer. 		
		May 24 to June 3, 2018	Community Halls eleven communities	278 of which 181 were female and 97 were	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Opening prayer ▪ Self-introduction ▪ Purpose of the Meeting ▪ Awareness on Community conduct workshop on by law and 		

							male.	constitution for IPs and local communities forest management cooperative groups on REDD+ program.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Closing prayer ▪ Departure time 		
			May 14, 2018	Community Town Halls Kpanla community	47 women, 14 men)			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Opening prayer ▪ Self- introduction ▪ Purpose of the donor visit in Kpanla community ▪ Feedback from participants ▪ Closing Prayer 			
3. Direct project beneficiaries	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Number	0	1000	1000	Annually	Number of beneficiaries: 278 (25+19+21+20+22+23+38+20+30+35+25=278)				

Of which female		Percent	0	270	45		Of which female = $181/278 \times 100 = 65.11\%$
4. Examples of the participation of direct project beneficiaries in national REDD+ processes and structures	<input type="checkbox"/>	Description	0	10	10	Annually	Number of beneficiaries participating in additional national REDD+ process and structures: Total number of beneficiaries from eleven communities was 278 out of which 181 were female and 94 were male

Name	IP Detail	Meeting attended	Agenda of meeting	Outcome of meeting	Organizer
Lawrence Bondo, Patrick Toboe and Nittie Diagor	CDI Representatives	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Volunteer partnership agreement (VPA) held five day workshop to build capacity CSOs in proposal writing, and skills development. Client earth/HPA workshop on legality assurance, and developed constitution 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> The workshop focus on CSOs in capacity to write proposal. Topics: presentation on legality assurance on timber, Forest conversion and many more. Deliberations was on demarcation of reserved and proposed reserved areas. The Environmental and social frame work intend was to explained the ten 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Additional knowledge acquired by CSOs. Acquired additional knowledge in legality in forest sector Draft document are being developed to review and actions taken knowledge sharing and to 	

			<p>of social agreement on community forest management Body/CFMB</p> <p>3. Redd+ Program held one day consultation meeting with selected CSOs to review and make major decisions on the demarcation of protected areas.</p> <p>4. World Bank invited selected CSOs to attend one day workshop as they expand deliberation on Environmental and social Frame Work which is expected to be launch in October 2018</p>	<p>steps to engage country who are implementing its project to follow with international standard</p>	<p>clear define policies on the Environmental and social Frame work before the launch in October 2018</p>		
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1) OTHER INFORMATION: [ADD, IF NEEDED, OTHER INFORMATION WHICH MAY SHED MORE LIGHT ON THE PROGRESS OF THE PROJECT]

List of Participants from eleven communities. Theme: capacity building and awareness raising actions for local communities and forest dependent indigenous people on REDD+ progress in Liberia and conducting training workshop on by law and constitution to IPs and local communities established leaderships task force. Also, the visit by the World Bank & National Redd+ Program at kpanla Community and offices of the CDI Incorporated.

Annexe 1. DID YOU KNOW THAT..... nearly half of the remaining forest in West Africa is found in Liberia?

Annexe 2. CDI FYIER: FCPF-CB PROJECT

Annexe 3. 'OUR ANIMAL AND OUR FOREST' (Jingles)

Annexe 4. Detail report of Donor visit to project community

Annexe: 5. Detail report of bylaw and constitution of IPs and local communities.