

NAME OF PROJECT: Capacity Building for Governance of Indigenous Peoples Organizations and Partnership for the Implementation of the Indigenous Component in the REDD+ Process and ER-PIN Program in Cameroon.

SCOPE OF PROJECT: East, Centre and South, SCOPE: NATIONAL

PROJECT PERIOD: 01st December 2017 – 31st May 2018

DATE OF SUBMISSION: 31 June 2018

PROJECT COMPLETION REPORT

1. INTRODUCTION

The Capacity Building for Governance of Indigenous Peoples Organizations and Partnership for the Implementation of the Indigenous Component in the REDD+ Process and ER-PIN Program in Cameroon project started in December 2017. Following a review of the project duration to six (6) months, REPALEAC in support of MPIDO has explored simultaneous implementation of activities through a revised Project Work plan. This has ensured full realization of project objectives as well compliance to the project timeline as of 31st May 2018.

2. PROGRESS ACHIEVEMENTS MADE UNDER PROJECT SCOPE

- A project Launch workshop was held on 29/12/2017 at the Regional Hotel in Yaoundé with 10 IPs present of which 06 were women. Key present during the launch National REDD+ Technical Coordinator from the Ministry of Environment, The GIZ PropFE National Representative for Cameroon, Representatives of all CEFDHAC Networks, the President of the Steering Committee for CEFDHAC and REPALEAC Regional Coordinator.
- A capacity building workshop was held on 16 and 17 of January 2018 at Ntou'Ngou Hotel in Yaoundé benefiting 47 IPs of which 23 were women. The IPs were trained on the Logical Framework of the REDD+ processes and the Consultation techniques of the IPs in the REDD+ process improving their capacities on participation and decision making.
- A Second capacity building workshop was held on the 17th of February 2018 at Maison d'acceiulle benefiting 20 IPs of which 09 were women. The IPs were trained on the Techniques of Emission Reduction and the role that communities can play in safeguarding the Earth thus improving their capacities on Protection and Conservation
- The third Capacity building workshop of the IPs on REDD+ and ER-PIN program was held at Maison d'acceiulle in Mbalmayo on the 28th March 2018 benefiting 20 IPs have had their capacities strengthened on REDD+ representing some 20 IPOs. These IPs are trained as Trainers and under the supervision of REPALEAC and ST REDD+, each will train five 5 (Five) IPS members of the communities in their areas on the REDD+ process in Cameroon.
- One Pre-session Workshop has been organized to elaborate the Operational Plan for the effective Participation of the IPs in the REDD+ Process in Cameroon. The result of this activity is that through the project, IPs in Cameroon has set-up a National Platform of

Indigenous Peoples on REDD+ and Climate Change known as **PREPAC** (National Platform of Indigenous Peoples on REDD+). It brings together all the IPOs in Cameroon under four networks including REPALEAC who is playing a key role in the setting up of the Platform. The other Networks are AIWO-CAN, GBAGBANDI and MBOSCUDA. By the end of the project, PREPAC is enabled with sufficient working documents and represents IPs of Cameroon legitimately in the REDD+ process both at the National, Regional and International level.

- One workshop has been organized to elaborate the draft of the Operational Plan for the effective Participation of the IPs in the REDD+ Process in Cameroon. This workshop held in Douala on the 18th May 2018 benefited the participation of 20 IPs in which 09 were women from four IP Networks (REPALEAC, AIWO, MBOSCUDA, and GBAGBANDI) in Cameroon. This workshop also saw the participation of the Regional REPALEAC participants who were sponsored by the World Bank Washington.
- A Second workshop has been organized to set-up the National of IPs Network on REDD+ and discuss on the strengthening of the Network. The workshop was held in Yaoundé on the 25th of May 2018 benefiting 24 IPs of whom 11 were women.

3. ANY INCOMPLETE ACTIVITIES UNDER PROJECT SCOPE

ALL ACTIVITIES HAVE BEEN COMPLETED AS PER THE PROJECT WORK PLAN

4. KEY OUTCOMES REALIZED

- a. In May 2018, IPs in Cameroon created PREPAC (National Platform of Indigenous Peoples on REDD+), a National Platform of IPs on REDD+ in Cameroon with legitimate and legal representatives from the main four sub national IP Networks that exist but do not offer fully inclusive representation. These include REPALEAC, AIWO, MBOSCUDA, and GBAGBANDI in Cameroon.
- b. In May 2018, IPs in Cameroon transmitted to the Ministry of Environment the composition of the National platform, the Charter and the list of the legal Representatives of IPs of Cameroon in the REDD+ process.
- c. In April 2018, GIZ co-sponsored a National Workshop to strengthen the capacities of the newly created National Network of IPs on REDD+.
- d. In May 2018, IPs in Cameroon produced the Operational Plan and the Roadmap 2018-2021 for the effective Participation of the IPs in the REDD+ Process in Cameroon that was presented to the National REDD+ coordinating office.

5. KEY SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTIONS TO IPs PARTICIPATION IN REDD+

- a. PREPAC is the main mechanism of the participation of IPs in the REDD+ and recognized as such by the National REDD+ Coordination of the Ministry of Environment.
- b. All IP Networks in Cameroon are regrouped under PREPAC in order to fully boost their participation into the REDD+ process in Cameroon

6. SELF SELECTION FOR NATIONAL REPRESENTATION

The National IP platform on REDD+ has designated two (02) members from each Network to Represent IPs in the REDD+ process at the National level. These members are as follows;

- A. **REPALEAC** = BASIRU Isa (M) and HELEN AYE MONDO (F)
- B. **AIWO-CAN**= HAWE Boubou (F) and Yahya Adamou (F)
- C. **GBAGBANDI** = MESSE VENANT (M) and ABOA Jeannette (F)
- D. **MBOSCUA** = HAASOUMI Abdoulaye (M) and SALI Django (M)

7. GENDER ASPECT

The project made it as priority to see in it that gender especially on women are fully given a chance to participate and contribute. As can be noted in point 6 above, the percentage of women is 40. Even in the capacity building, the overall participation of women is at 48%.

The most interesting part is that the newly created National Platform is been led by a Women Organization, AIWO-CAN (African Indigenous Women Network). Therefore, the participation of women is a success though their constant follow-up, capacity building, empowerment and sustainability remains a challenge.

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

There were no recorded Grievances on the project during the period of implementation

9. LESSONS LEARN ON THE PROJECT

The critical role and responsibility for Structure IP representation and engagement with National REDD+ processes in Cameroon was under estimated. The impact of the recently structured, communicated and ... this is incomplete

- Indigenous Peoples in Cameroon do not like to be represented by a single organization/association whose representatives are all from one IP ethnic group (Mbororo or Pygmy) in the REDD+ Process.
- Authorities in Cameroon especially the Ministry of Environment through the REDD+ Coordination are in favor for the organization of IPs under an inclusive platform to better participate in the REDD+ Process.
- Capacity building of IPs in REDD+ is more effective when the targets is organizational structures more than individual beneficiaries.
- IP women in Cameroon are very engaged in the REDD+ process in Cameroon and contributes effectively in policy design.

10. For IPs to participate effectively in the REDD+, the target should be more at the policy/political level than community level for the moment. PUBLICATIONS, REPORT PRODUCED FOR THE PROJECT

- Operational Plan for the effective Participation of the IPs in the REDD+ Process in Cameroon
- The Charter and the list of the legal Representatives of IPs of Cameroon in the REDD+ process
- Two (2) Workshop reports for the Capacity Building workshops
- Workshop report for the validation and adoption of PREPAC Platform,
- Workshop report for the review and adoption of the Operational Plan Elaboration.

11. ENGAGEMENT WITH OTHER REDD+ STAKEHOLDER

- Consultations and mobilization of resources from GIZ to strengthen the Organizational and Institutional Capacities of the National IPs Platform on REDD+
- Meeting with the National REDD+ Coordination of the Ministry of Environment and Nature Protection to Launch, Monitor and execute the Project.
- Engagement with the National Program of Participatory Development of the Ministry of Economy and Planning to support the participation of forest communities into decision-making structures including those regarding REDD+ and climate Change in the East region of Cameroon. This engagement was support by World Bank Cameroon who signed a non-objection letter to REPALEAC.
- Engagement with the other National IPs Network (AIWO, MBOSCUDA, GBANGBANDI) to create the National Platform of REDD+

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

The role of MPIDO has been very important through distance support on the domain of monitoring and management. Throughout the project, we have been in constant communication with MPIDO through mails, telephone, WhatsApp and Skype.

13. 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		Number	0	5	5	Annually	Number of national knowledge exchange products:5	
	Name of Knowledge Product (KP)		Language of KP	No. of KPs		Channel of Exchange	Audience Reached.	remarks
	Operational Plan for the participation of IPs		French and English	1		Meetings	65	
	Workshop Reports		French and English	4		Meetings	134	
2. Meetings held between IP representatives, and between IP representatives and national	<input type="checkbox"/>	Number	0	5	5	Monthly	Number of meetings:	

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)

REDD+ decision making entities								
	Meeting	Date	Venue	No. of Participants	Key Agenda	List of Participant		
3. Direct project beneficiaries	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Number	0	134	134	Annually	Total Number of direct beneficiaries: 134	
Of which female		Percent	0	45	45		Of which female (%): 36	
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: 10	
	Name	IP Detail	Meeting attended	Agenda of meeting	Outcome of meeting	Organizer		
	Hawe BOUBA		Atelier d'évaluation du processus de préparation à la REDD+			Ministry of Environment and Nature Protection		
	MESSE VENNANT		Validation du document du processus REDD+ au Cameroun			Ministry of Environment and Nature Protection		

	JEANNE BILOA		Réflexions sur les options stratégiques conduites par le ST-REDD+ et sur le plan d'investissement en cours d'élaboration			Ministry of Environment and Nature Protection	
	AYE MONDO		Réflexions sur les options stratégiques conduites par le ST-REDD+ et sur le plan d'investissement en cours d'élaboration			Ministry of Environment and Nature Protection	
	BALKISSOU BUBA		Le Composante Redd+ du Programme National du Developpement Participatif			Ministry of Economy, Plannification and Territorial Development	
	BASIRU ISA		Le Composante Redd+ du Programme National du Developpement Participatif			Ministry of Economy, Plannification and Territorial Development	
	ALIOU MOUSTAPHER		Réflexions sur les options stratégiques conduites par le ST-REDD+ et sur le plan d'investissement en cours d'élaboration			Ministry of Environment and Nature Protection	
	VALER AKPOUM		Validation du document du processus REDD+ au Cameroun				

1) OTHER INFORMATION: [ADD, IF NEEDED, OTHER INFORMATION WHICH MAY SHED MORE LIGHT ON THE PROGRESS OF THE PROJECT]