

Pan-African Forest-Dependent Indigenous FCPF Capacity Building Program on REDD+ Project

SUB-PROJECT APPLICATION FORM

GENERAL INFORMATION

Name of the organization/network (Physical Address, email address, email Address, Phone Number and website)	Wise Administration of Terrestrial Environment and Resources (WATER)
Sub-Project title	Capacity Building Actions to Increase Understanding of Forest Dependent IPs and their Organizations on National REDD+ Strategy in Nigeria.
Sub-Project Goal	Reverse the loss of forest cover in Ekuri community forest in Cross River State through community conservation and forest management while increasing the awareness of environmentally responsive livelihoods.
Sub-Project location <Region, Country, District, (Town)>	West Africa, Nigeria, Cross River State, Ekuri community
Sub-Project timeline/duration	November 2018 – July, 2019.
Requested funding (USD)	\$50,000.00

Applicant's contact details

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Organization details

Date of registration	April 30, 2006
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Registration number	037
Country of Registration & Authority Registered with	Nigeria and registered with Government of Cross River State
Annual income/budget for the last three years (indicate each year separately)	WATER annual budget for the last 3 years is: 2015 - \$78, 350; 2016 – \$104,600; and 2017 - \$142,305

Any change in the addresses, phone numbers, fax numbers and in particular e-mail or contact persons, must be notified in writing to MPIDO.

1.0 ORGANIZATIONAL BACKGROUND

Brief description of the applicant, key objectives, activities and achievements (Maximum 200 words)

The Wise Administration of Terrestrial Environment and Resources (WATER) is an NGO registered in 2006 and works with forest dependent communities in Cross River State of Nigeria and is focus on community development in the areas of conservation, climate change, environmental justice, land rights, livelihoods and rural facilities. The objectives of WATER:

- a. To protect and conserve the forest for long-term survival of biodiversity.
- b. Build capacities of communities in alternative livelihoods to relieve pressures from the forest.
- c. To raise awareness of stakeholders on the value and benefits from the forests and engender supports for its conservation.
- d. Build capacities of communities on climate change adaptation or mitigation etc.

Vision: A poverty freed rural communities living in harmony with nature.

Mission statement: Minimize impact on pristine forests through conservation, climate change, environmental justice, land rights, livelihoods and provision of facilities in forest dependent communities. Activities of WATER are: education and awareness on forest value, land use planning, capacity building on climate change, land rights, livelihoods, sustainable forest management, building of rural facilities etc. Achievements are 15 communities have knowledge on conservation, and 3,000ha forest conserved, livelihoods of 1,580 people improved, over 100,000 have improved knowledge on climate change etc.

Brief overview of the applicant's sub-project (Goal, Objectives and Results) (Maximum 500 Words)

The following are the sub-project Goal, objectives and results.

Overall Objective:

Reverse the loss of forest cover in Ekuri community forest in Cross River State through community conservation and forest management while increasing the awareness of environmentally responsive livelihoods towards REDD+ and emission reduction.

Key objectives:

1. Awareness raising and education of indigenous local communities of Ekuri on Climate Change and REDD+ activities at the national and sub-national levels in 2 months.
2. Institutional capacity building of local community representatives, organizations in Ekuri community in 2 months for effective participation in national and state level REDD+ structures.
3. Strengthen land use and indigenous forest management planning in Ekuri community, revise land use plan, and develop/revise bye-laws in conjunction with neighboring communities for effective enforcement.
4. Encourage inter-community learning exposures of Ekuri/Iko, Afi/Mbe Mountains and Mangrove REDD+ pilot sites communities on REDD+ benefits.

Results: The proposed project is targeting 2 indigenous and local communities and the expected results are: 2,200 IPs have improved knowledge on climate change mitigation and on national and state level REDD+; and forest protection increased from 16,800ha to 18,480ha (10%); Capacities of 150 farmers increased on climate responsive agro-forestry; 100 IPs have improved knowledge and the practice of forest governance increased in 2 communities; 100 indigenous women have improved skills on diversified livelihoods; the women are able to improve their incomes. Also, 200 pupils/students have improved knowledge on the link between the forest and human being existence, causes of climate change and its mitigation and REDD+ and start action to remedy the climate change. About 120,000 indirect project beneficiaries have improved knowledge on climate change and REDD+ and elicit their supports for the programs; the project monitored and evaluated and successes and pitfalls recorded, which makes WATER to be proud of and also bring increase support to the organization as well as learn from the mistakes to avoid such pitfalls in the future.

3.0 PROBLEM ANALYSIS AND STATEMENT

Explain the problem the sub-project intends to address and the anticipated changes to the broader community (Maximum 500 words)

Old Ekuri and New Ekuri villages popularly known as Ekuri community is found in Cross River State of Nigeria. Ekuri community with a population of 6,200 people belongs to a local minority group called Nkokoli made up of only 5 villages. Ekuri community owns the Ekuri community rainforest totaling 33,600ha, and pioneered in community forestry in 1992, organized herself and started conservation, sustainable forest management and proceed generated used for reduction of poverty and enhance provision of rural facilities. This forest is a flagship community forestry project in Nigeria and is the largest and best communally managed forest in Nigeria and perhaps in West Africa.

Despite the tremendous achievements of the Ekuri community forestry initiative, the Ekuri community is faced with problems of low knowledge on climate change, causes and its interrelationship with poverty, food insecurity and diseases as well as mitigation measures; low knowledge on REDD+, abuse of Ekuri land use plan, lack of documented bye-laws for Ekuri and neighboring communities, lack of manual or guidelines on indigenous knowledge for the enforcement of land use plan, weak networking of IPs in REDD+ project communities; weak links between IPs communities with national REDD+ and lack of documentation of identified livelihood activities to reduce carbon emission as currently, about 350ha is lost annually to deforestation for cocoa farming with resultant emission of carbon.

The anticipated changes of the sub- project to the broader community are improvements in local quality of life - material benefits such as new jobs or improved services, although may take time to achieve, and will also be most affected by factors outside the community planning partnership's control. Also, the partnership structure established, enhances inclusive representation and are able to influence decisions and facilitate wider benefits over time, and the main structure is that the community is planning partnership itself and the members are cooperating effectively. The target beneficiaries are more confident and involved and the community groups are able to achieve their goals, public agencies and organizations are able to engage and able to work together with them. Nature conservation becomes part of the IPs by integration of avoided deforestation and sustainable use of the forest on a daily basis which will enhance and sustain successes of previous interventions.

4.0 PROJECT GOAL AND OBJECTIVES

The goal of the sub-project and objectives (Objectives should be SMART) (Maximum 250 words)

The goal of the sub-project and objectives are:

Sub-project goal:

Reverse the loss of forest cover in Ekuri community forest in Cross River State through community conservation and forest management while increasing the awareness of environmentally responsive livelihoods towards REDD+ and emission reduction.

Key objectives:

1. Awareness raising and education of indigenous local communities of Ekuri on Climate Change at the national and state levels on REDD+ activities in 2 months.
2. Institutional capacity building of local community representatives, organizations in Ekuri community in 2 months for effective participation in national and state level REDD+ structures.
3. Strengthen land use and forest management planning in Ekuri community, revise land use plan, and develop/revise bye-laws in 3 months in conjunction with neighboring communities Etara, Ekuri Eyeyeng and Okokori for effective enforcement.
4. Enhance learning through inter-community exchange visits and exposures of Ekuri/Iko, Afi/Mbe Mountains and Mangrove REDD+ pilot sites communities in 2 months on REDD+ processes and benefits.

5.0 SUB-PROJECT BENEFICIARIES

Please provide the estimated total number of beneficiaries (Disintegrated data – Women, Men and Youth) who will directly benefit from the sub-project

(Maximum 100 words)

The target beneficiaries of this project are indigenous and local community's women, men and youth of Ekuri community consisting of Old and New Ekuri villages, Etara, Ekuri Eyeyeng, Okokori and other selected communities in Afi/Mbe and Mangrove REDD+ pilot sites in Cross River State of Nigeria. The estimated total number of direct beneficiaries is 2,832 IPs consisting of 1,100 women, 1,250 men and 482 youth respectively. Estimated total project indirect beneficiaries is 120,000

6.0 SUB-PROJECT ACTIVITIES

Outline the key activities in every objective stated above (Maximum 500 words)

The key activities to meet every objective of the sub-project are as follows:

Objective 1: Awareness raising and education of indigenous local communities of Ekuri on Climate Change at the national and state levels on REDD+ activities in 2 months.

Activities:

- 1.1 Awareness raising workshops with national & state REDD+ Secretariat on awareness and education on climate change, causes, effects and mitigation.
- 1.2 Awareness education workshops with national & state REDD+ Secretariat on REDD+, community engagement and evaluation.
- 1.3 Develop a simplified manual/ report on REDD+ activity monitoring, progress and benefits in Cross River State.
- 1.4 Awareness education workshops with relevant REDD+ actors on environmentally responsive livelihoods.

Objective 2: Institutional capacity building of local community representatives, organizations in Ekuri community in 2 months for effective participation in national and state level REDD+ structures.

Activities:

- 1.1 Institutional capacity building workshops of community organizations, representatives, women and youth groups on meaningful participation in national and state level REDD+ structures.
- 1.2 A workshop dedicated for women on awareness creation and to gauge women's knowledge on REDD+ processes and benefits.
- 1.3 A study on the institutional capacities of community organizations, representatives, women and youth groups, impact and their current participation in national and state level REDD+.

Objective 3: Strengthen land use and forest management planning in Ekuri community, revise land use plan, and develop/revise bye-laws in 3 months in conjunction with neighboring communities Etara, Ekuri Eyeyeng and Okokori for effective enforcement particularly by the women.

Activities:

- 3.1 Community consultation meetings to identify gaps and limitations of the existing land use plans / bye-laws.
- 3.2 Consultative workshop on enforcement of Land use plans and bye-laws in Ekuri and neighboring communities.
- 3.3 Develop/ revise land use plans and bye-laws
- 3.4 Develop Manual / Guide for effective enforcement of land use plans and bye-laws in Ekuri and neighboring communities based on indigenous knowledge.

Objective 4: Enhance learning through inter-community exchange visits and exposures of Ekuri/Iko, Afi/Mbe Mountains and Mangrove REDD+ pilot sites communities in 2 months.

Activities:

- 4.1 Inter-community learning exposure visit to Ekuri community from REDD+ communities in Ekuri/Iko, Afi/Mbe
- 4.2 Learning exposure and participation in national and state level programs of REDD+
- 4.3 Learning exposure visit to appropriate successful case of environmentally responsive livelihood activities.

7.0 SUB-PROJECT OUTCOME RESULTS

Highlight the expected results (Outcomes) of this sub- project (Maximum 500 words)

The expected results (outcomes) of this sub-project are:

- 2,200 IPs (990 men, 880 women and 330 youth) have improved knowledge on climate change mitigation and on REDD+.
- Improved working relationship between IPs and national REDD+ Secretariat.
- Enhanced understanding of REDD+ program in Cross River State.
- Documented livelihoods for IPs completed.
- A strengthened capacity of IPs community organizations/representatives and their participation in REDD+ program increased.
- A documented technical report on capacity building on community organizing in place
- Forest protection increased from 60 – 65%;
- Report of consultative workshop on land use plan and bye-laws completed and in place.
- Revised land use plan for Ekuri community forest and bye-laws completed and in place.
- Guidelines and manual on enforcement of land use plan and bye-laws completed and in place.
- 60 indigenous women have improved skills on diversified livelihoods;
- About 120,000 non-target groups have improved knowledge on climate change and REDD+;
- Increased use of Indigenous knowledge
- Exchange visits and experience sharing on livelihoods completed
- The project monitored and evaluated;
- Successes and pitfalls recorded which makes WATER to be proud;
- Increase support to the organization as well as learn from the mistakes to avoid such pitfalls in the

8.0 PERFORMANCE INDICATORS.

Highlight the verifiable Indicators used for measuring progress (Maximum 500 words)

The verifiable indicators to use for measuring progress of the project are as follows:

- Community need Assessment (CAN) Report in place.
- Number of participants - 990 men, 880 women and 330 youth.
- Community response preparedness mechanism in place
- Documented guidelines or manual.
- Media publicity
- Report
- Banners
- Forest cover under protection
- Change of attitude towards forest protection
- Revised land use plan map.
- By-laws document.
- Guidelines/ manual document.
- Use of Indigenous knowledge
- Photographs
- Targeted community kept informed about effective CC, REDD+ through the several IEC interventions Lessons learned.
- Participation at national REDD+ program.
- Monitoring and evaluation documented

9.0 How the sub-project will maintain its operations, services and benefits during its projected lifetime and even after funding ends (Maximum words 500)

This sub-project will maintain its operations, services and benefits during its projected lifetime and even after funding ends through on institutional sustainability, household and community resilience, environmental sustainability and structural change.

1 Institutional sustainability: This sub-project will build the capacity of local community institutions on climate change and REDD+ and ensure institutional sustainability of programs and procedures at the local level are functional and meet the demand of IPs. This means that households and other stakeholders at the local level are clear of their own roles, tasks and responsibilities and are capable of fulfilling these roles effectively and are transparent to each other and continuously work together in climate change and REDD+ chain through a multi-stakeholder approach. This sub-project will increase advocacy and involvement of local stakeholders/institutions in decision making on climate and REDD+ and these functional institutions will be self-sustaining after the project ends.

2. Household and community resilience: This sub-project is designed to improve understanding of key factors that comprise community resilience and further develop measurement tools that enable the local stakeholders to build their capacity and capability to better confront and cope with climate change. It also outlines the development of a tool (specify this tool- is it the management plan and by-laws/) that can increase disaster resilience in potentially vulnerable households. The development of practical tools capable of facilitating the processes of assessment, discussion and planning for greater community resilience is to encourage the community to participate in processes of resilience measurement and the motivation of communities to accept collective responsibility to reduce the destructive impact of disruptive events, emergencies and disasters arising from climate change. The resilient communities are readily able to anticipate and adapt to change through clear decision-making processes, collaboration, and management of resources internal and external to the community, thus sustaining the project during and after its ends.

3. Environmental sustainability: The natural resources base and ecosystems must be managed sustainably to meet people's food requirements and other environmental, social and economic needs. Climate change, increased water scarcity and conflicts over access to resources all pose challenges to environmental sustainability and food security. Hunger and poverty often compel the poor to over-exploit the resources on which their own livelihoods depend. To overcome this, the sub-project together with target beneficiaries will develop strategies, policies and institutions for conserving, protecting, and enhancing natural resources. They will be strengthened to provide an enabling environment and will be based on the specific resource constraints faced in the project location. The sub-project will support sustainable natural resource management including agricultural water use efficiency; land and soil productivity; sustainable forest management, integrated crop and livestock systems; pesticide management and watershed management. An environmentally sustainable system must maintain a stable resource base, avoid overexploitation of renewable resources and preserve biodiversity to sustain the project during and after implementation.

4. Structural change: This sub-project will build the capacity of women groups to specifically address rural entrepreneurs or small farmers with access to new technologies and know-how focus on livelihoods, or innovative methods for pest control to empower them. The structural dimensions of poverty addressed through this empowerment of the poor and marginalized rural households, of women and youth will sustain the project during and after implementation.

10.0 SUB-PROJECT MONITORING AND EVALUATION

Give a clear description of how the sub-project will be monitored in the course of implementation and how the evaluation will be carried out (Maximum 500 words)

The monitoring of this sub-project will focus on the management and supervision of project activities, seeking to improve efficiency and overall effectiveness of project implementation. WATER will use continuous process to collect information on actual implementation of project activities compared to those scheduled in the project work plan, including the delivery of quality outputs in an efficient and timely manner, to identify problems and constraints (technical, human resource, and financial), to make clear recommendations for corrective actions, and identify lessons learned and best practices for scaling up, etc. Performance evaluation will assess the project's success in achieving its objectives. The project will be monitored closely by WATER and field staff through a continuous monitoring tool, quarterly assessments, mid and end-term evaluations. These will be corroborated by semi-annual reports, quarterly implementation reviews, technical reports, and regular technical supervision missions fielded as required to enhance success.

The sub-project will use self-evaluations (to be conducted by the WATER constituent bodies and the Secretariat; and in case concerns arise during implementation of the capacity building on climate change and REDD+ operating plan, a more in-depth review of programme implementation to support decision-making would be warranted. WATER will conduct evaluation and could be triggered when: There is a divergence between planned and actual performance; the links between implementation (activities and outputs/deliverables) and expected results is unclear; Making resource allocation decisions; there is conflicting evidence of results; at the design and implementation of this project. Self-evaluation approach has been integrated as part of contribution to the operating 'plan and will be conducted on a quarterly basis and at the end of the project. WATER will use self-evaluations to address issues of relevance, effectiveness, efficiency and sustainability of the achievement of deliverables and expected results. In particular, WATER will look into: The achievement of deliverables and expected results compared to baselines; unintended outcomes; the satisfaction of members; external factors that have affected implementation; challenges encountered during implementation; corrective actions taken and eventual adjustment of strategies; what worked well and why and lessons learned.

WATER will make available narrative and financial reports to MPIDO and REDD+ office who will use them to monitor and evaluate this sub-project, as well as field visits by the both institutions to see things for themselves. The reports submitted by WATER at the right time will facilitate effective corrective decision making by MPIDO and REDD+.

11.0 SUB-PROJECT MANAGEMENT TEAM

Please provide the management structure and key responsibilities in the implementation of the sub-project (Maximum 250 words)

Chief. Edwin Ogar (Program Coordinator): will be responsible for planning and coordination of sub-project and its activities, ensure implementation is in line with planned activities, maintain track expenditures if is in convergence with budget, approves quotation, manage communications, media relations, and build positive relations within the team, target community and REDD+ Secretariat.

Ms Agatha Agbor (Project Officer - Climate Change) will be responsible for drawing field plans, resources needed, hold meeting with the management for the Program Coordinator's, approval field work plans, resources, organize meetings/events and maintain agenda, prepare paperwork and order materials, keep updated records and create reports and support growth and program, organize the community, trainings and write report.

Mr. Mike Olory (Accountant): He is responsible for overseeing the financial operations of the organization and the sub-project by keeping accurate financial records including cash management, payroll, financial disbursements, ledgers, entering financial information and maintaining all financial records. He will organize, manage financial control, prepare, analyze expenses, develop financial reports, and make recommendations. He also obtains approvals from the Program Coordinator on all procurements and purchases for the projects and for the organization, and monitor the expenditures to ensure that program funds are utilized appropriately by the close of the fiscal year. He in conjunction with the Program Coordinator and Treasurer are the signatories to the sub-project account.

Mr. Benjamin Asuquo (Project Officer – Livelihoods); He will assist Agatha Agbor to implement the sub-project and will lead in the monitoring and evaluation: of the sub-project and report accordingly.

Mr. Brendan Ogar (Driver) will be responsible for driving staff to project site of Ekuri community and other places transporting human and material resources

12.0 SUB-PROJECT BUDGET

The sub-project budget should indicate the total cost of the sub-project and budget outline. Each activity line should have the related cost indicated. *(Please indicate the cost per unit and quantity demonstrate how you arrived at the total).*

Guidelines on Allowable and Disallowable Cost

Sub-Grantees shall only incur allowable expenses in line with the approved detailed budget and charge these expenses to MPIDO. To be allowable, costs must:

- Be Reasonable, in nature and amount. A cost is Considered reasonable fit would be incurred by a prudent person in the conduct of similar types of activities;
- Be Necessary for the performance of the project activities;
- Be Allocable (of benefit to the project), directly or indirectly;
- Be Less Any discounts given (lowest possible price);
- Be broken down to the relevant cost details (lump sum costs are not allowed)
- Be accorded consistent treatment i.e. Costs of the same nature should be treated in the same way;
- Be determined in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles;
- Not be included as a charge to other projects in the current or prior period;
- Be Adequately documented;
- Be supported by original documents including quotes from suppliers and receipts; and
- Be a reasonable proportion of total costs, if the cost is a shared cost.

Examples of costs that would be considered unallowable include:

- Fines and penalties – costs of fines and penalties resulting from violations of, or failure by the Grantee to comply with, the laws;
- Costs of fundraising;
- Interest on loans;
- Pre-award costs – costs incurred before the agreed project start date
- Stand-alone operational costs e.g. rent and salaries;
- Costs for capacity building, training, awareness creation and related activities if they do not pertain to critical activities within the project;
- Costs relating to political activities;
- Costs relating to religious/faith-based activities unless such projects benefit a broader community irrespective of religious belief; and

All disallowed expenses will be refunded to MPIDO by the grantee before subsequent disbursements are made.

All budgets should be submitted using the budget template in **Appendix A**

13.0 Sub-PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION, MANAGEMENT PLAN AND WORKPLAN

This section should contain information on how the sub-project will be delivered. It should describe the project activities indicating how the objectives will be accomplished; what will be done, who will do it and when will it be done. This information should be presented in the form of a work plan.

The work plan should be submitted using the template in **Appendix B**

14.0 SUB-PROJECT CO- FINANCING

Co-funding refers to an arrangement where one sub-project is funded by multiple donors. In this case, the applicant will need to clearly indicate the amount to be funded by MPIDO and that to be funded by other donors.

Donors	Amount of funding
Funds requested from MPIDO	\$50,000.00
Donor-Specific Name	0
Donor-Specific Name	0
Total Funding	\$50,000.00

Appendix A: Sub-Project Budget and Financial Reporting Template

Please refer to the attached Annex A

Appendix B: Sub-Project Work Plan

Please refer to the attached Annex B

Appendix C: Results/Activities Matrix

OBJECTIVE	ACTIVITIES	EXPECTED RESULTS (Outputs/Outcomes)	INDICATORS	RISKS AND ASSUMPTIONS
<p>Objective 1: Awareness raising and education of indigenous local communities of Ekuri on Climate Change at the national and state levels on REDD+ activities in 2 months.</p>	<p>Awareness raising workshops with national REDD+ Secretariat on awareness and education on climate change, causes, effects and mitigation.</p> <p>Awareness education workshops with national REDD+ Secretariat on REDD+, community engagement and evaluation.</p> <p>Develop a simplified manual/ report on REDD+ in Cross River State.</p> <p>Awareness education workshops with relevant REDD+ actors on</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2,200 IPs have improved knowledge on climate change mitigation and on REDD+. • Improved working relationship between IPs and national REDD+ Secretariat. • About 120,000 indirect group groups have improved knowledge on climate change and REDD+; 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community need Assessment (CAN) Report in place. • Number of participants. • Community response preparedness mechanism in place • Documented guidelines or manual. • Media report 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The 2019 General election in Nigeria may impede planned activities; Political situation remain stable.

	<p>environmentally responsive livelihoods. A workshop for women on REDD+.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enhanced understanding of REDD+ program in Cross River State. Report on environmentally sustainable livelihoods for IPs in place. 		
<p>Objective 2: Institutional capacity building of local community representatives, organizations in Ekuri community in 2 months for effective participation in national and state level REDD+ structures</p>	<p>Institutional capacity building workshops of community organizations, representatives, 880 women and 330 youth groups on meaningful participation in REDD+, A technical report on the Institutional capacities building workshops of community organizations, representatives, women and youth groups, impact and participation in REDD+ structures.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A strengthened capacity of IPs community organizations/representatives and their participation in REDD+ program increased. A documented technical report on capacity building on community organizing in place. More women actively participating in the REDD+ processes at local, state and national level 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Number of participants. Report Banners Pictures Media report 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Delay in release of funds may impede the project. Program funds released in time and relationship between the stakeholders remains strong and unproblematic
<p>Objective 3: Strengthen land use and forest management planning in Ekuri community, revise land use plan, and develop/revise bye-laws in 3 months in conjunction with neighboring communities Etara, Ekuri Eyeyeng and Okokori for effective enforcement particularly by the women.</p>	<p>Community consultation meetings to identify gaps and limitations of the existing land use plans / bye-laws. Consultative workshop on enforcement of Land use plans and bye-laws in Ekuri and neighboring communities. Develop/ revise land use plans and bye-laws Develop Manual / Guide for effective enforcement of land use plans and bye-laws in Ekuri and neighboring communities based on indigenous knowledge. Women participation in making the bye-laws and its enforcement.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Forest protection increased from 16,800ha to 18,480ha (10%); Report of consultative workshop on land use plan and by-laws in place. Revised land use plan for Ekuri community forest and bye-laws in place. Guidelines and manual on enforcement of land use plan and bye-laws completed and in place. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Number of participants. Forest cover under protection Change of attitude towards forest protection Revised land use plan map. By-laws document. Guidelines/ manual document. Media report 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Unconcerned attitudes of local stakeholders towards the project. Community willingness to undertake and support project activities.

<p>Objective 4: Enhance learning through inter-community exchange visits and exposures of Ekuri/Iko, Afi/Mbe Mountains and Mangrove REDD+ pilot sites communities in 2 months</p>	<p>Inter-community learning exposure visit to Ekuri community from REDD+ communities in Ekuri/Iko, Afi/Mbe Mountains, and Mangrove sites. Learning exposure and participation in national programs of REDD+. Learning exposure visit to appropriate successful case of environmentally responsive livelihood activities.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increased supports for the REDD+ programs. • Increased use of Indigenous knowledge. • Exchange visits and experience sharing on livelihoods completed. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of participants. • Use of Indigenous knowledge/ document. • Photographs • Media report • Targeted community kept informed about effective CC, REDD+ through the several IEC interventions • Lessons learned. • Participation at national REDD+ program. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Government reluctance to work with IPs communities • The government and partner organizations agree to support and adopt participatory approaches and support the work of REDD+ in the area
<p>To monitor and evaluate the sub-project. In 11 months.</p>	<p>Monitoring and evaluation</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The project monitored and evaluated; • Successes and pitfalls recorded which makes WATER to be proud; • Increase support to the organization as well as learn from the mistakes to avoid such pitfalls in the future. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monitoring and evaluation documented. 	<p>Inadequate skills of field staff to undertake monitoring and evaluation. In-house training of the field staff to conduct M&E effectively.</p>