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**NOTIFICATION OF AWARD FOR GRANTS TO SUCCESSFUL COMMON INTEREST GROUPS (CIGs) AFTER THE 4<sup>TH</sup> CALL FOR PROPOSALS- -2<sup>ND</sup> AND FINAL BATCH -MERU COUNTY**

**1. Background**

Upper Tana Catchment Natural Resources Management Project is a ten year (2012-2022) project funded by Government of Kenya, International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD), Spanish Trust Fund and the Local community. The goal of the project is to “contribute to reduction of rural poverty in the Upper Tana river catchment”. This goal is pursued via two development objectives which reflect the poverty-environment nexus namely (i) increased sustainable food production and incomes for poor rural households living in the project area; and (ii) sustainable management of natural resources for provision of environmental services.

The project is being implemented in six (6) Counties namely: Meru, Tharaka Nithi, Embu, Kirinyaga, Muranga and Nyeri along 24 river basins and the tributaries of the four (4) rivers formerly under MKEPP that drain into the Tana River as follows;

Tributaries of former Mt Kenya Pilot Project for NRM (MKEPP) River Basins (4)	<b>Ena</b> (Itimbogo, Thuura and Gangara) <b>Kapingazi/Rupingazi</b> (Kiye, Thambana, Itabua & Kathita), <b>Kathita</b> (Gaciuma/Kinyaritha, Kuuru, Rijji), <b>Mutonga/Kithinu</b> (Naka, Nithi, South Maara., North Maara and Thuci)
High Priority River Basins for UTaNRMP (12)	Maragua, Murubara, Nairobi, Ragati, Rujiweru, Rupingazi, SabaSaba, Thangatha, Thanantu, Thiba, Thika/ Sasumua, Thingithu
Twelve (12) Other River Basins for UTaNRMP	Amboni/ Muringato, Iraru, Kayahwe, Chania, Mara, Mariara, Mathioya, Nyamindi, Ruguti, Rwamuthambi, Sagana, Ura

Implementation of the project is through four components namely: Community Empowerment, Sustainable Rural Livelihoods, Sustainable Water Resources and Natural Resources Management, and Project Coordination and Management.

**2. Award of Matching Grants to Common Interest Groups (CIGs)-2<sup>nd</sup> and final Batch under 4<sup>th</sup> Call**

The Common Interest Groups (CIGs) submitted proposals during the 4<sup>th</sup> Call to the project and after a rigorous desk and field appraisal, review and approval by both the Project Steering Committee and IFAD, some groups qualified for the award of the Matching Grants. Due to limitation of funds a first batch of successful groups was funded. Following additional funding to the UTaNRMP Project the other final batch of 120 groups has been approved for funding.

A full list of the successful 2<sup>nd</sup> and final batch and the amounts of grant awarded to each groups for Meru County is found at the following sites/offices:-

- Project websites -[www.utanrmp.or.ke](http://www.utanrmp.or.ke)
- Chairpersons of the **Focal Development Areas** (FDAs);
- County Project Coordinators Offices ;
- County and Sub-county offices of the implementing Departments of Agriculture, Livestock, Fisheries, Social Development and Kenya Forest Service (KFS).

**3 Grants conditions**

- Before release of 1<sup>st</sup> tranche of funds ,the successful CIG are requested to meet the following conditions as specified in the Matching Grants Manual ;
  - Must sign an Implementation Agreement between the CIGs and UTaNRMP;
  - Provide community cash contribution ( **3 or 10%**) and materials and labour ( **7 or 20%**) or a combination of both depending on the group/activity category as specified in the Matching Grants Manual;
  - Open **designated bank account** in reputable commercial bank in liaison with sub county SDOs.
  - Form **three sub-committees** i.e. finance, procurement and monitoring and evaluation
  - The group members will be required to undergo training organised by the UTaNRMP on finance, procurement and governance;
- During implementation**
  - The groups will be required to fully meet the balance of their community contribution depending on the group/activity category
  - The groups will be required to implement soil and water conservation measures in all the farms of the group members.

S/ No	RIVER BASIN	FDA	CIG NAME	DONOR BUDGET (Ksh)
1	Mariara	Manywembu	Ngaaci Farmers SHG	292,850
2	Iraru	Kibugagii	Mwonyone Women Group	987,945
3	Mariara	Makinduka	Raatia Women Group	1,222,250
4	Mariara	Makinduka	Ngiiri Bidii Community Based Organization	1,222,250
5	Mariara	Manywembu	Nyweri Double Star Youth Group	1,575,225
6	Mariara	Manywembu	Rwatiri Visioners Youth Group	1,575,225
7	Iraru	Bukiki	Upper Nthunguru Women Group	1,222,250
8	Mariara	Kikaki	Kiria Physically Challenged Persons SHG	713,565
9	Mariara	Mukiki	Karuthirune Unit CBO	1,297,345
10	Mariara	Makinduka	Muguna Nkandone SHG	1,222,250
11	Iraru	Kibugagii	Gaturi Mwiriga Women Group	741,475
	<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>12,072,630</b>

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