

The Sustainable Water Resources Management sub-technologies funded through Matching Grants to CIGs. The development of Sub-Catchment Management Plans (SCMPs) is funded through the Project Coordinating Team (PCT) while funding of the implementation is through Water Services Trust Fund (WSTF)

Sustainable Management of Forest and Agricultural Ecosystems sub-component focus on; Support to the development of Participatory Forest Management Plans (PFMPs) through PCT and their implementation through WSTF; Rehabilitation of degraded forest reserves; Remedial works on hotspots; efficient energy technologies, and on-farm soil and water conservation/farm forestry funded through matching grants to CIGs; the School Greening Programme and construction of Wildlife Control barriers to minimize Human-wildlife conflicts.

The outputs of this component are (i) water resources of the Upper Tana catchment sustainably managed; and (ii) sustainably managed forest and agricultural ec

4) Project Management and Coordination

This component ensures effective and efficient management of the project through Coordination, Financial Management, Monitoring and Evaluation and Knowledge Management and Learning.

The component is expected to achieve two outputs namely: (i) fully functional governance, management, monitoring and reporting systems and (ii) Knowledge about NRM effectively managed and disseminated to stakeholders.

Project Costs: The total cost of the project is USD 68.8 million, The project is financed through an IFAD loan of USD 33 million, Spanish Trust Fund loan of USD 17 Million, Government of Kenya contribution of USD 11.34 Million and the Beneficiary Communities contribution of USD 7.5 Million

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PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Upper Tana Natural Resources Management Project (UTaNRMP) is an eight year project funded by the Government of Kenya, International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD), the Spanish Trust Fund and the beneficiary communities. 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: (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 area is the Upper Tana Catchment which covers an area of 17,420 km² and includes 24 river basins that drain into the Tana River. The river basins include: Maragua, Murubara, Nairobi, Ragati, Rujiweru, Rupingazi, Saba Saba, Thangatha, Thanantu, Thiba, Amboni/Muringato, Irapu, Kayahwe, Lower Chania, Mara, Mariara, Mathioya Thika/Sasumua, Thingithu, Nyamindi, Ruguti, Rwamuthambi, Sagana, Ura and the tributaries of Ena, Kapingazi/Rupingazi, Kathita, Kithinu / Mutonga, Tungu River Basins. The area covers six Counties namely; Murang'a, Nyeri, Kirinyaga, Embu, Meru and Tharaka Nithi. The area also includes the Mt. Kenya and Aberdares National Parks and surrounding Forest Reserves.

The project is implemented through the following components:- Community Empowerment, Sustainable Rural Livelihoods, Sustainable Water and Natural Resources, Project Management and Coordination.

1)Community Empowerment Component:

Aims at engaging communities to build their capacity to develop and implement plans aimed at improving NRM while also improving their livelihoods. The component supports capacity building at community level through mobilization and awareness raising, establishing and

strengthening key community structures and institutions, and development and implementation of community action plans. The outputs of this component include: (i) communities with increased awareness of sustainable NRM; (ii) key community organizations with increased capacity to manage natural resources sustainably; and (iii) community action plans for livelihood improvement and sustainable NRM.

Key to engaging communities is the use of Participatory Rural Appraisal approach which empowers communities to identify and rank their problems and related opportunities to be addressed by the project and the community. The process culminates in the development of Community Action Plans (CAPs) which form the basis of planning and annual budgeting by implementing agencies.

The outputs of this component include: communities with increased awareness of sustainable NRM, key community organisations with increased capacity to manage natural resources sustainably, and, community action plans for livelihood improvement and sustainable NRM .

2)Sustainable rural livelihoods; The component is designed to improve the incomes and living standards of the target group through interventions that are beneficial to the management of the natural resource base.

The component supports smallholder crop and livestock farmers, agro-pastoralists, fishers, rural traders, and community groups involved in natural resources management (NRM) and income generating activities to improve their livelihood. Special focus is also given to women and youth as well as vulnerable groups.

The component is implemented through two sub components i.e. (i) Adaptive research and demonstrations and (ii) Adoption of income generating activities (IGAs). The sub-component of Adaptive research and demonstrations addresses the technical and knowledge gaps for improved livelihoods in the Upper Tana Catchment by broadening the range of interventions towards increasing agricultural productivity. The main activities include: On-farm trials,

demonstrations, Soil fertility enhancement, Seed multiplication and distribution of improved crop varieties.

The sub-component of adoption of income generating activities focuses on supporting common interest groups to adopt IGAs on and off farm to improve their income using the matching grants. The CIGs contribute 30% of the cost of the micro-project while 70% is paid through a grant from the project.

The component uses farmer's field schools approach to support farmers groups to generate solutions to the declining agricultural productivity and marketing. On marketing the component adopts a value chain approach in addressing bottlenecks faced by farmers during marketing function.

In order to increase access to financial services, the project trains farmers groups on financial literacy and also partners with the IFAD/GOK funded project “Programme for Rural Outreach of Financial Innovations and Technologies” (PROFIT) to provide tailor made financial products to the needs of the communities.

The component is expected to deliver the following two outputs namely: (i) agricultural packages adapted to various agro-ecological and socio-economic contexts; and (ii) CIGs successfully adopt or improve farm and/or non-farm income generating activities

3)Sustainable Water and Natural Resources; The component aims at improving sustainable utilisation of water and other natural resources. The component has two sub- components namely; Sustainable management of water resources and Sustainable management of forest and agricultural ecosystems.

The County Environment Committees, the Water Resources Users Associations (WRUAs) and the Community Forest Associations (CFAs) are the key actors in the implementation of sustainable NRM practices. Priority is given to activities that reward those who implement them and create benefits for the natural environment and the wider community, particularly downstream water users.