

ETHIOPIA

GENERAL PROJECT INFORMATION

Organization: Institute for Sustainable Development.

Project title: Institutional and Community capacity development on the design and implementation of REDD+ actions in Ethiopia.

Project Goal: Involving local communities engaged in use of forest resources to create capacity to implement safeguards in line with the aims of REDD+

Project location: Eastern Africa, Ethiopia, selected districts in Addis Ababa, Amhara and Oromia Regions.

Project duration: 12 months

Funding: 35,000 USD

Project end date: December 2017

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PROJECT GOAL AND OBJECTIVES

The project's goal is to build the capacity of 5 members of CCC-E(Climate Change Consortium of Ethiopia) acting as expert trainers to work with around 250 beneficiaries (youth, women, and men) from local communities heavily dependent on forests and forest resources in the technical, financial, institutional and policy dimensions of REDD+ by mid-2017.

Specific objectives:

1. To build understanding of the national CRGE plan that gives forest conservation and sustainable use as a primary development goal through coherence with the national REDD+ program.
- 2.To build skills supported by training tools for identification and analysis of the drivers of deforestation and forest degradation along with the means to address them .¹

3. To enable TOTs to use the most recent MRV tools to estimate and monitor forest-related greenhouse gas emissions through changes in forest cover, and provide a brief overview of the Ex-Ante Carbon Balance Tool that advocates for communities that preserve and conserve forests to get their share of benefits as per REDD+ guideline.

4. To identify policy gaps and introduce a number of legal reforms as a means of preventing negative social or environmental outcomes in reducing emissions due to activities reversing deforestation and degradation.

5. To establish a knowledge management system among the organizations that helps the members scale up activities.

6. To enable some civil society representatives to participate in national and international events held in Addis Ababa and share the knowledge and practice gained to all stakeholders in REDD+ readiness. (No cost)

If additional funding is obtained and the security situation allows:

7. To enable civil society participants to acquire practical field experiences in the area of carbon trading and MRV at Humbo CDM Project, Bale Mountains and Keffa Forest Reserve Centre.

PROJECT ACTIVITIES

Project startup: In the first month of the project, identify 5 CCC-E members that work directly with local communities and establish the working structure for the project through a 1-day inception workshop. The criteria for selecting CCC-E members are given in an Annex to this proposal.

The project will also identify a group of trainers with complementary skills and knowledge who will carry out the following tasks:

- Prepare training materials in English and an appropriate local language as written handouts, power point presentations and short video clips (where easily available) for use in TOT(trainer of trainers) training as well as for the TOTs to use with their local communities;

- Facilitate the training sessions including presentations, plenary and groups discussions, role play, and day-by-day feedback and reflections; and
- Establish a system for following up on how the TOTs share and build the capacity of their community members.

Activities.

1.1 Prepare and facilitate a 3-day workshop for 40 TOT and CSO member representatives on understanding the national CRGE strategy that gives forest conservation and sustainable use as a primary development goal through coherence with the national REDD+ program.

2.1 Prepare and facilitate a 5-day workshop for 40 CSOs member representatives on understanding the drivers of deforestation and forest/land degradation (D&Ds) along with technologies to mitigate the effects by adopting/adapting activities that reduce emissions, sequester carbon and decrease removals to stabilize carbon stocks and integrate REDD+ within the national Climate Resilient Green Economy (CRGE) plan.

3.1 Train and equip 40 TOTs in a 3-day workshop to use the most recent MRV tools, based on IPCC guidelines, to estimate and monitor forest-related greenhouse gas emissions through changes in forest cover and associated agricultural and cooking practices.

3.2 In a 1-day workshop, provide a brief overview of the Ex-Ante Carbon Balance Tool that advocates for communities that preserve and conserve forests to get their share of benefits as per REDD+ guideline.

4.1 Using the World Bank and FAO guidelines plus identifying the potential Ethiopian policy opportunities, gaps and needs for legal reforms, prepare and facilitate a 3-day training for 40 TOTs in social and environmental safe guards, technologies, instruments and applications.

5.1 Develop and manage a data base and communications system for sharing information on good practices and lessons learned among CCC-E members, including their local community members, and make these available for scaling up.

6.1 Monitor announcements for national and international climate change/REDD+ focused events, and lobby for representatives from CCC-E members to participate and share their experiences

7.1 At the end of the project, organize and implement a 10-day exposure visit for representatives from 5 project partners and 5 community members to Humbo, Keffa Natural Forest Reserve and Bale mountains for experience exchange and learning from local civil society actors and local community members.

PROJECT OUTCOMES RESULTS

The general outcome of this project is; strengthened capacities, knowledge and skills of key stakeholders from the CSOs and local communities involved in REDD+ readiness activities. Specific expected results from the objectives are described below.

1. **40 representatives from 5 CSO members of CCC-E** understand the national CRGE plan that gives forest conservation and sustainable use as a primary development goal through coherence with the national REDD+ program.
2. **40 representatives from 5 CSO members of CCC-E trained as TOTs** with capacity to engage themselves and their local community beneficiaries with the country's REDD+ development process, through being equipped with the tools and methods for identification and documentation of D&Ds and emissions issues.

These TOTs build a *theory of change* to guide changes in local attitudes and actions relating causes with effects of degradations and emissions, as well as technical interventions for mitigation and adaptation. Hence, CSOs will be able to actively participate in the development of national strategy for REDD+ that can lead to implementation of micro level interventions through small projects that reduce the emissions of GHG.

3. **40 representatives from 5 CSO members of CCC-E trained as TOTs** with capacity to identify and measure (MRV) REDD+ variables of mitigation and adaptation using quantitative and qualitative resilience indicators, performance indicators for improved livelihoods based on incomes developed by around 250 local community actors. These indicators are simple, solid, inexpensive and suitable to a portfolio/group of small projects implemented for the benefit of the project owners in particular and the country's REDD+ process as a whole.

4. **10 CSO leaders** introduced to the opportunities in REDD+ of measuring carbon balance impact in Ex-ante appraisal to integrate climate mitigation concerns as part of policy and project planning and execution.
5. **40 representatives from 5 CSO members of CCC-E** made aware of REDD+ policy gaps and trained in the necessary tools and elements to define and analyze the social and environmental safe guards needed to address and mitigate these policy gaps. The capacity developed for putting in place social and environmental safe guard instruments will bring about an immediate impact on the TOTs and their local community members for designing and monitoring investment projects that are clean with reduced effects on the community and environment.
6. The **CCC-E Coordinator and FFE executive Director** fully conversant with how to build the capacity of CCC-E members in line with the CCC-E Strategic Plan and the national REDD+ program including establishing and managing a knowledge management and communications system for CCC-E members with lessons learned and best practices documented and shared including time-tested indigenous/traditional knowledge in relation to conservation and sustainable use of forests and related natural resources.
7. **Representatives from CCC-E project partners and grassroots beneficiaries taking part** in international and national CC events carried out in Addis Ababa to **gain knowledge** that could be shared to the rest of the 30 CCC-E member organizations.

ⁱ CCC-E = Climate Change Consortium of Ethiopia with around 31 member CSOs/NGOs.