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1 PROJECT SHEET

Title of the project: Tanzanian-Belgian Study and Consultancy Fund**BASIC INFORMATION ON THE PROJECT**

Navision Code	TAN 01005
National Number DGDC	IN 19269/11
Country	Tanzania
DAC Sector/Sub sector (Multi-Sector Aid)	43010
National or regional institution in charge of the execution	MoFEA
Agencies in charge of the execution	BTC
Number of BTC International cooperation experts	None
Duration of the project (according to SA/ EoL)	12 years
Start date of the project:	06/12/2001
End date of the project:	25/10/2013
Project management methods	Co-management
Project Belgian Budget	3.620.000 Euro
Navision Code	TAN 01005
National Number DGDC	IN 19269/11

2 BRIEF FACTUAL OVERVIEW

The Study and Consultancy Fund was set up as a result of an agreement between the Government of Belgium (GoB) and Government of Tanzania (GoT) in year 2001. The purpose of the fund was to finance in full or in part consultancies, including preparation of projects and programmes which falls under the agreement of the two governments.

The Fund will be used on the basis of mutual agreement by both the Government of Tanzania and the Government of Belgium. The scope of the utility of the Study and Consultancy Fund was broadened in April 2005 when the two governments underscored the need of doing so through the Consultative meetings. As a result in year 2006, the Tanzanian government submitted a request to the GoB for reviewing the SA to incorporate the suggested changes.

The Study and Consultancy Fund up to July 2007, was mainly used to finance identification of projects within the framework of the two countries IDCP which covers the period of year 2003 -2007. An exchange of letters was finalized in July 2007 whereby the two Countries agreed to broaden the scope of use and also it extended the project duration to December 2009. At present, the Study and Consultancy Fund finance studies and consultancies which meet the priority sectors and programmes of the government of Tanzania. Following these, components of the Exchange of Letter was clearly clarified especially on the nature of beneficiaries to the fund.

The fund is managed by both governments; the Tanzanian government through the Ministry of Finance & Economic Affairs which appoints the Fund Director to foresee the administration of financial resources and selection/approval of project activities. The Tanzanian Ministry or Government Agency benefiting from a Study and Consultancy Fund are the executing agency responsible for the technical follow-up of the Studies and consultancies through the appointment of a Supervising Officer (responsible for the follow-up of the awarding process and the approval of the services rendered).

The Belgian Technical Co-operation, (BTC) acts on behalf of the Government of Belgium (GoB), as executing agency responsible for the follow up of the implementation of the Study or Consultancy Fund. BTC designates its Resident Representative in Tanzania as Fund Co-Director, responsible for the follow-up of the awarding process and the certifying approval of expenditures in line with the signed contracts.

The Joint Local Consultative Body (JLCB) is the organ which has the mandate in making all major decisions regarding the utilization of the study funds.

In October 2009, the Tanzanian and the Belgian government agreed on the new IDCP which extended the project to 25th October 2013 with an amount of 3.620.000 Euros. The scope of the study fund is limited to the priority sectors of the Belgian cooperation in Tanzania and advancement of the Paris Declaration principles as fostered by the MOFEA. The scope of the Fund has extended into funding for Technical expertise for a period not exceeding 24 months.

The new specific agreement for the SCF was signed by the two parties by April 2010. Preparations for approval of new activities are ongoing which includes the appointments of the Fund director and a focal person at MOFEA and preparation of Fund guidelines, pending the JLPC approval. A list of pending applications has been made that will be discussed and agreed in early 2011. In 2010, 1 study namely the Rodent Pest Management study was carried forward from 2009. The SCF has also been used to fund the Identification of the new Scholarship programme and Identification of a new wetlands project in the eastern coastal wetland area. In 2011, The SCF will be used to finance the Identification of a

project on Decentralization of Public Procurement Regulatory Authority Services; Identification of a Natural Resources Management strategic planning project by Local Government Authorities; and the Assessment of the status of containerized cargo handling within the Central Railway line under RAHCO/TRL in the Ministry of Infrastructure.

3 OVERVIEW OF ACTIVITY PLANNING

3.1 Activity overview

No	Activity	Status of Implementation	Remarks
1.	Rodent Pest Management	The work started in July 2009, expected to end in June 2010. The project was extended to December 2010. The final report has been submitted.	Final report submitted in December 2010 in good order.
2.	Identification of Scholarship programme	Final Identification document submitted and approved by authorities.	
3.	Identification of project on Decentralisation of Procurement Regulation Services	Final draft report for the identification submitted awaiting approval by the two governments	TOR for formulation will be approved in the next Partner committee meeting
4.	Identification of Wetlands project	First draft of identification note submitted and commented. considered of good quality	
5.	Collection of information on designation of the Kagera Swamps - Ramsar site	The project was cancelled after taking too long to start. Technical ministry can resubmit a proposal	
6.	Study of wetlands intervention in Luwegu river sub-basin	The project was cancelled after taking too long to start. Technical ministry can resubmit a proposal	

3.2 Analysis of activity planning

The year 2010 was much of an idle year for the SCF project. The study which was undertaken was the Rodent Pest Management study which was just a carryover from 2009. This has been so because some preparations for the new SCF had to be accomplished before full roll out of the studies. The preparations include the Exchange of Letters, appointment of responsible officers for management of the Fund and agreeing on the Fund procedures to be applied.

However, the SCF managed to finance some basic activities in line with the new IDCP including funding consultancies for Identification of projects agreed in the new IDCP. The projects include: Identification of a new scholarship project and Identification of a new wetlands project in the Eastern coastal wetland area.

The 2 studies with the MNRT were a non starter; had to be cancelled due to discrepancies in the procurement procedures used to identify the consultants and other unending delays. The MNRT were encouraged to make fresh applications.

4. Financial overview

3.3 Overview of expenditure versus financial planning.

RESULTS & ACTIVITIES	Budgeted	Expenditure	Balance	Expenditure	Remarks
Rodent Pest Management	53,000	40,772	12,228	77%	Activity finalised in late December, final payment will be paid soon.
Small Scale Gold Mining	52,000	51,105	895	98%	Completed in December 2009, fully paid in 2010
Local Scholarship	6,000	5,600	400	93%	
Identification of Wetlands	30,000	5,383	24,616	18%	Project started late, will be completed in 2011
PPRA Identification	5000	1125	3875	23%	Decided to develop the identification note internally without a consultant
Totals/Averages	146,000	103,985	42,015	71%	

4.2 Analysis of financial planning

General view on the budget shows that, project was implemented according to the financial planning by 71%. Actual progress on the ground is much more that that shown by the financial analysis because a few studies were completed or made good progress towards end of December 2010 and corresponding payments could not be effected on time.

5.0 MONITORING OF THE INDICATORS

5.1 Specific objective

In the year 2010 in comparison with year 2009 much less has been realized in terms of fostering the IDCP goal and priorities of the Government as it is anticipated from the Study Fund activities because much time has been spent to develop the new Study Fund project.

3.2 Results

- A study on Rodent Pest Management Control

Study has been undertaken by the Rodent Management Institute of the Sokoine University of Agriculture (SUA). Study started in July 2009, has been concluded in December 2010. Final payments will be done in January 2011.

- Small scale Gold Mining

The study was done and accomplished in 2009. Invoices were received and paid in 2010.

- Identification of Wetlands

The study began late November 2010. By end of year a major stakeholders meeting was done and a first draft report submitted. A second payment will be made in January 2011.

- Identification of PPRA Decentralization project

Processes started in late 2010 by PPRA without the support of an external consultant. That explains for the little expenditure below the budgeted amounts.

5.3 Indicator evolution (chart)

The final reports of the different studies are the indicators for the results. All projects undertaken have ended by submission of final reports of high quality.

6.0 ASSESSMENT OF MONITORING CRITERIA

6.1 Efficiency

The nature of activities under the project has proved to be very efficient as are normally one-off activities and have limited scope in terms of time and scale. The projects are cost effective in terms of time, financial and human resources as concentrate in few locations hence easy to monitor and evaluate.

6.2 Effectiveness

The studies under the project are very effective as it addresses a specific problem and the real needs of the partner country. It relates to issues which can't be absorbed in the main budget stream difficult to find resource allocation at national or regional level. The availability of the fund enabled the ministries to properly identify needs and priorities in their respective sectors.

6.3 Sustainability

The purpose of the fund is to enable the government to identify needs which are a priority for possible funding either by Belgian or by any other Development Partner, in the framework of Joint Assistance Strategy for Tanzania (JAST) and the Paris Declaration. The revised objectives of the fund relates to the government priorities contained in the development strategy.

7. MEASURES AND RECOMMENDATIONS

7.1 Overview of the assessment criteria

The project is so far assessed on the basis of the different studies undertaken. All the studies already conducted are of superior quality. Draft reports are usually presented to stakeholders meetings for final comments before the reports are finalised.

7.2 Recommendations

In 2010, much time has been spent in preparations for engagement of the Study and consultancy Fund into the new IDCP. It's now important to move fast, identify, approve and implement studies and consultancies at a good pace.

It's important to maintain the system for quality control of the studies so that the high standard is kept and Terms of References are respected. However, MoFEA and BTC have to propose a follow up mechanism to the JLCB which may include a need of intermediary reporting before the study is finalised.

8.0 PLANNING FOR THE UPCOMING YEAR 2011

8.1 Activity Planning Year 2011

Projects proposed for 2011	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Remarks
Rodent Pest Management Control													Payment of final dues after submission of final report
Identification of Wetlands project													Started in 2010
Identification of NRM planning project													In cooperation with other donors
New projects													2 New Studies & 1 TA

8.2 Financial Planning 2011

Budget Line	Financial mode	Quarterly allocations 2010				Total 2011
		Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	
RESULTS AND ACTIVITIES						
A: Allocated funds						
Rodent Pest Management Control	Co-gest	12,228	-	-	-	12,228
Identification of Wetlands project	Co-gest	12,000	-	-	-	12,000
Z: General means						
Z 01 01 Unallocated balance for new studies incl. NRM	Co-gest		20,000	90,000	90,000	200,000
Subtotal	Regie					
	Co-gest	24,228	20,000	90,000	90,000	224,228
	Totals	24,228	20,000	90,000	90,000	224,228

9.0 CONCLUSIONS

9.1 Activities and Finance

Project implementation was much less compared to year 2009, because time was needed to conclude the Exchange of Letters before further steps could be taken to implement the project within the new IDCP. Many processes are ready to roll out the project in 2011.

9.2 Monitoring criteria

Supervising officers appointed by the relevant technical ministries/agencies for the related studies and the Supervising assistant in BTC ensured the quality of work and the respect of the Terms of Reference.

9.2.1 Efficiency

Established quality control mechanism by MoFEA & BTC has ensured project efficiency in the course of implementation.

9.2.2 Effectiveness

Monitoring of project effectiveness has been accelerated with the new defined agreement between the two countries.

9.2.3 Sustainability

Sustainability of project impacts largely depends on the implementing framework being in line with the Joint Assistance Strategy for Tanzania (JAST) and the Paris Declaration.

9.3 Advice of the JLCB on the recommendations

The JLCB meeting need to approve the projects Annual progress report 2010; Annual plans and budgets 2011; New Fund Procedures; and New applications for funds during its next scheduled meeting in Q1 2011.