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Message from the Regional Coordinator

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With continuous implementation of the program, which comprises of several projects, it is a pleasure for us at NELSAP to share with the general public, in the NEL countries in particular the progress made periodically to ensure a common understanding exists in the region about our work. The first quarter of the fiscal year 2017/2018 was a busy one. NELSAP advanced in implementation of different planned activities, from which we are much delighted to share with you what was done in the quarter ended September 2017.

As pointed out above, our activities always evolve from different projects implemented under the NELSAP program. Projects under implementation are: the Regional Rusumo Falls Hydro-electric Project (RRFHP), the Nile Coordinated Results (NCORE)/Cooperation of International Waters for Africa (CIWA), the Lakes Edward and Albert Fisheries phase II (LEAFII), the Nyimur Multipurpose Project (Nyimur MPP), and the on-going NELSAP Capacity Development Project.

As you will understand, the RRFHP advanced in construction of the hydropower Dam whereby civil works were underway on site while the design of electromechanical equipment reached 50% towards completion.

More has been done under the Livelihood Restoration Program (LRP) aimed at improving social welfare of the Project Affected Persons (PAPs). In Rwanda (Kirehe District) for example, PAPs were supported to establish income generating activities in tailoring, restaurant operation, and poultry farming while in Tanzania PAPs were supported to establish rabbit farming, tailoring, brick-making center and enhanced crop farming. The project supported the three countries to prepare activities to implement the Local Area Development Plan (LADP) that aims at developing the project neighbouring districts improve the people’s welfares outside the LRP program interventions.

Motivated by the NELSAP’s mission stated “to contribute to the eradication of poverty, promote economic growth, and reverse environmental degradation in the Nile Equatorial Lakes Region” NELSAP has a bold team working tirelessly towards contributing to the mission, by implementing all projects named early on.

Overseeing the implementation of jointly agreed projects in member states and jointly promoting cooperative in the region and making the common use of the Nile Basin water resources, we have continued to contribute to the development of Nile Basin member states through projects prepared in the NBI framework.

The quarter ended well and as we start the second quarter, which will be the busiest, I promise to keep you updated right after that quarter ends on what will be the progress registered in generating more benefits to the NEL citizens.
Message from the
Communications Desk

At NELSAP, each quarter is as busy as the next one as we work to fulfill our mandate through the projects that impact positively to member states in the Nile Equatorial Lakes region.

And us at the Communications desk, it is our pleasure to take you through the activities that transpired at each quarter in the best manner we know of and that is simple writing that can be understandable by our all audience.

This quarter has been a great one with many activities which will bring forth other activities. As you will learn through this newsletter, LEAFII project has been actively involved with its stakeholders, the Regional Rusumo Hydro Electric Power Project construction has taken a bigger step and the development of the Local Area Program is under implementation. The PAPs through Livelihood Restoration Program have been elevated and their projects have been implemented.

Many more activities have happened and more are yet to happen and we are committed to bring all the information to you through the quarterly newsletters. Have a great read ■

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Given that the construction of the Regional Rusumo Falls Hydroelectric Project already taken pace, in term of civil works on site and design of electromechanical equipment at the factory, it has raised much of expectations and excitement among the people towards completion of the dam and seeing 80MW power production target is reached to contribute to citizens receiving more affordable and accessible energy being shared among the three member states and beyond.

On the construction progress, the offloading of the batch-plant equipment is complete while construction of the site laboratory, the warehouse as well as borehole drilling, plumbing water pipeline for the staff quarter is on-going.

To ensure all project infrastructures (camp site, switchyard, power-house and administration blocks) are strategically installed, enough land is acquired on both Tanzania and Rwanda side.

Apart from the construction of the dam (civil works), which took off, the project intensified implementing the social related interventions to generate more benefits directed to the PAPs and project site neighbouring districts (5 districts) to ensure improved socio-economic welfare of the people. The Livelihood Restoration Program (LRP) has already supported PAPs is establishing income generating activities in rabbit farming, tailoring, restaurant operation, brick-making centre, improved cropping, dairy cattle, poultry both in Ngara (Tanzania) and Kirehe (Rwanda).

The Local Area Development Program (LADP) planning was concluded and is ready to start implementation phase, which will absorb available US$15.5mil. The districts involved are Ngara (Tanzania), Kirehe and Ngoma (Rwanda), Busoni-Kirundo Province and Giteranyi-Muyinga province (Burundi).

Expected benefits from the LADP program are upgraded health
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As early stated the districts involved are from Burundi, Rwanda and Tanzania namely; Ngara (Tanzania), Kirehe and Ngoma (Rwanda) and Giteranyi and Musoni (Burundi).

LADP is a benefit-sharing initiative beside the 80MW Power Plant. Districts will be sharing US$15.5 Mil accordingly; Ngara (US$5Mil), Ngoma (US$2.5Mil), Kirehe (US$2.5Mil), Musoni (US$2.5) and Giteranyi (US$2.5). US$0.5Mil will be available for coordination and management of activities.

Preparation of priority activities for LADP was done in a participatory way whereby local governments were involved in the process together with the direct beneficiaries. During the process, high impact projects were given priority in selection and only a limited number of activities to fit into the available budget were chosen.

The implementation arrangement was set and agreed upon by the involved parties. LADP activities will be managed and executed by respective extended program communes and districts. NELSAP will play an oversight role to ensure there is value for money on each of the implemented activities. In July 2017, NELSAP together with the respective districts signed Memorandum of Understandings (MoUs) to see the implementation of these projects.

In Burundi, Busoni and Giteranyi, the LADP fund will be used to rehabilitate and extend water systems, improve agricultural production for key crops like cassava, beans and maize and intensify livestock and water conservation as well as construction and support of a Youth training Centre.

In Rwanda, district neighboring Kirehe will rehabilitate a 30 km feeder-road in Kigarama and Musaza sectors in Cyagashenzi-Gasarabwayi-Nganda Road as well as construction of Kigina Health Center. The Ngoma district will construct 28.7km of water supply pipeline for the 10,500 population of Gatonde-Gahima cells.

In Tanzania, the LADP fund will help in intensification of livestock farming and improved dairy cattle productivity, modernized beekeping aimed at increasing honey production, improved cropping systems (cassava, sunflower, banana and horticulture), rehabilitation of water systems in 4 villages (Mshi-ka-mano, Kasharazi, Kasulo and Rwakalemela) and construction of water systems in Rusumo village and will also support Remela Vocational Training Centre.

LADP is expected to intensify the development of the Rusumo locality after the establishment of the Livelihood Restoration Program (LRP), a program that is meant to improve socio-economic lives of Persons Affected Project (PAPs) in Kirehe with a focus on agricultural, livestock and off-farming development.

LRP commenced in February 2017 and will conclude in 2020. By then, LRP is expected to have impacted PAPs' socio-economic status. The allocated funds for LRP is worth US$711,000.
NELSAP participates in the annual Mara Day celebrations in Tarime, Tanzania

The Mara River Basin Management Project under the Nile Equatorial Lakes Subsidiary Action Program (NELSAP) participated in the annual celebrations of Mara Day Celebrations that were held in Tarime in Tanzania on September 15, 2017 following the alternating of celebrations in the two member states that share this river as the last one was celebrated in Kenya.

The Mara River connects from Nyangores, Ama-la, Sand River and Talek in Kenya as well as Somoche, Tabora and Tigithe Rivers in Tanzania.

The Mara River Basin which is shared between Kenya and Tanzania is sourced by Enapuyapiu swamp in Mau Forest complex in Kenya with the Basin area of about 13,750km2 and the River itself is 400KM along with about 1.1 Million population in the basin.

The celebrations were attended by the Minister of Environment in Tanzania Hon January Makamba who was the guest of honour along with other officials from both countries and had majority of people as well as projects and organizations operating in Mara River Basin and in Tarime flock the area to show case their work and how it benefits the basin.
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The Mara River Management Basin under NELSAP has had many projects done for the improvement of livelihoods of people in the area including Bisarwi Earth Dam in Tanzania with storage capacity of 50,000m³ and Bometi Water supply in Kenya which provide water for irrigation, domestic and livestock uses.

These projects among others were implemented by NELSAP through Small Scale Investment projects by River Basin Management and funded by Swedish government with the aim of providing confidence and improving social-economic development of local people in Mara Basin.

The other completed projects include Installing a hydro-meteorological equipment in the Mara Basin, installing automatic weather stations in 4 Primary Schools, standard Rain gauges in 5 schools, Automatic Water level recorders (OTT Orpheus) among other projects.

Mara River Basin Management project has seen to the completion of two feasibility studies on Ngo no Valley Large Scale Irrigation and watershed management project as well as Borenga Multipurpose storage reservoir development project in Tanzania which are now under detailed design for implementation.
LEAFII Project in collaboration with GVTC to develop Lake Edward and Albert Basin

The Regional Coordinator Eng Elicad Elly Nyabbeeya on behalf of NELSAP-CU signed the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the sharing countries on the Multinational Lakes Edward and Albert Integrated Fisheries and Water Resources Management (LEAF II) Project. The MoU was signed between NELSAP and the Greater Virunga Trans-boundary Collaboration (GVTC) on September 29, 2017.

The Greater Virunga Trans-boundary Collaboration GVTC is a multi-national organization that the collaboration between three countries of Rwanda, Uganda and DR Congo on wildlife conservation, environmental and socio-economic development in the Virunga region of which Lake Edward, the core of LEAFII project belongs to.

This is a great moment for us. Collaborating with Nile Basin Initiative which is mandated to develop Lake Edward is of great importance to us said Dr. George Muamba, the Executive Secretary of GVTC.

““It’s a rich eco system that needs to be well managed and there is always work for everybody to complement each other to obtain the same objectives to two actor institutions for a common cause,” he clarified.

A proper synergy of GVTC and NELSAP will enable policy framework to develop both Lake Edward and Albert beyond just signing of the paper but a collaboration in the eyes of the people, donors and governments involved,” said Godfrey Ssengendo, the Project Manager of LEAFII Project.

The signed MOU will ensure information sharing among the two organization as well as working together on the common goal to bring about the desired change in the Lake Edward and Albert Basin which is shared by Uganda and DR Congo.
1. LEAF II Project held a kick-off meeting on 6 July 2017 with the Consultant (NIRAS A/S in association with Danish Hydraulic Institute) preparing the Lakes Edward and Albert Integrated Basin Management Plan (LEAIB-MP). Through the meeting, the study’s approach, methodology, expected outputs and timelines were agreed upon.

2. The LEAF II Project successfully held its second LEAF Regional Project Steering Committee (2nd RPSC) meeting on 12 – 13 July at Memling Hotel in Kinshasa, in DR Congo. The meeting was chaired by Mr. Basubi Ishikitilo, DRC Secretary General of the Ministry of Fisheries and Livestock and was attended by the DRC Secretary General of Ministry of Rural Development (Dr. Abel Léon Kalambayi wa Kabongo), Uganda Permanent Secretary of Ministry of Water and Environment (Mr. Alfred Okot Okidi), NELSAP Regional Coordinator; senior representatives from Ministries of Foreign affairs and regional cooperation; Agriculture, fisheries and livestock; Finance; Works and transport; and LEAF teams. The meeting commended the first-year progress and approved the second-year work plans for the 3 LEAF centres for July 2017 – June 2018.

3. LEAF II Project held a technical meeting with the countries to harmonize the Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) for key fisheries research activities & assessments on 22nd to 25th, August 2017 at Hill View Hotel Lake Kivu in Gisenyi. The harmonized Standard Operating Procedures by both countries will...
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be guide to the joint undertaking of these activities by the two countries. The opening remarks were delivered by Dr. Anthony Munyaho Taabu, the Director of Uganda National Fisheries Resources Research Institute (NaFIRRI), and his counterpart Mr. Alain Muhanina, the Director of DRC SENADEP. In attendance was Mr. Andrew Alio, the Assistant Commissioner of Aquaculture Management in the Ministry of Agriculture Animal Industry and Fisheries (MAAIF), Eng. Steven Owete, the LEAF II National Project Coordinator for Uganda, Dr. Dismass Mbabazi, Head of the Aquaculture Centre of NaFIRRI & other fisheries researchers from NaFIRRI and MAAIF among other dignitaries.

4. LEAF II Project held a one day regional workshop on Wednesday 16th, August 2017 at Imperial Botanical Beach Hotel in Entebbe, Uganda to review and discuss the Inception report of the Lakes Edward and Albert Integrated Basin Management Plan (LEAIBMP). This study is being done by NIRAS A/S in association with the Danish Hydraulic Institute of Denmark which started in June 2017 and will run till July 2018.

Tanzania - Zambia interconnection feasible for implementation

NELSAP together with the senior technical staff from governments of Tanzania and Zambia held a workshop to review the reports on Draft Final Feasibility and Draft Final Environmental & Social Impact Assessment/ Resettlement Action Plan (ESIA/RAP) studies for the Tanzania - Zambia interconnection Project. The Draft Final Feasibility Report that was done on the two-day sessions workshop that held on August 21-22, 2017 at the Kibo Palace Hotel in Arusha, Tanzania indicated that the proposed Tanzania - Zambia interconnection is feasible. The team went on to hold the donor round table preparation meeting on August 23, 2017, to discuss on how to resource mobilize funds required to support the implementation phase.
NELSAP validates the draft strategic plan for 5 years

NELSAP staff with Nile Equatorial Lakes Technical Advisory Committee (NELTAC) members had a two days’ workshop to jointly validate the draft for the next Five (5) years’ strategic plan (2017/2022) at Nairobi Safari Club Hotel, Kenya on September 5-6, 2017.

The Strategic Plan draft was based on the diagnostic analyses of consultations done in Member Countries and relevant stakeholders in the last quarter of the last fiscal year 2016/2017.

The strategies are to put in considerations each country’s priority needs and find solutions to the six main challenges facing the Nile Basin Countries of Water security, Power security, Food security, Environment management, Climate change and Trans-boundary water governance.

This Strategic plan will also aim at strengthening NELSAP by putting in place internal systems that will enhance resource mobilization and ensure that NELSAP becomes more effective project catalyst in implementing its projects among other things.

Former Governor visit to NELSAP about Local Area Development Plan

The former Governor of Eastern Province of Rwanda Ms Judith Kazaire visited the NELSAP offices on August 3, 2017 to discuss issues concerning the identified projects in Ngoma district in Local Area Development Plan (LADP) that is part of the Implementation of the Regional Rusumo Hydro-Electric Project. LADP will benefit districts around Rusumo Falls Project which include Kirehe and Ngoma districts in Eastern Province of Rwanda with each district getting $2.5M for different projects that will develop local people. Other districts benefitting from LADP include Ngara district in Tanzania, Giteranyi Commune and Busoni Commune in Burundi, with each country getting $5M from LADP. The former governor suggested that the projects to be supported by LADP be more in infrastructure Development. She was also happy about the impact of Livelihood Restoration Programme (LRP) in the districts of the Province especially in elevating poverty and promoting socio-economic livelihood. The governor also talked of the progress of the construction of The Regional Rusumo Hydroelectric Project that will produce 80MW of cheap energy generating electricity that will be equally shared among the three countries of Burundi, Rwanda and Tanzania each benefiting about 26MW directly connected to the national grid through the transmission lines.
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