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Subject : Third Quarter FACE and Progress Report of 2018

Enclosed with this letter is the 3rd quarter FACE and progress report as implemented by the Enhanced Management and Enforcement of Ethiopia's Protected Area Estate Project within the Ethiopian Wildlife Conservation Authority. The 3rd quarter FACE report is 12,714,992.50 (twelve million seven hundred fourteen nine hundred ninety two and fifty cents) and the FACE request for quarter 4 is 10,161,738.45 (ten million one hundred sixty one seven hundred thirty eight and forty five cents).

With Best Regards,


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ENHANCED MANAGEMENT AND ENFORCEMENT OF ETHIOPIA'S

PROTECTED AREAS ESTATE PROJECT

PROGRESS REPORT

(3rd quarter of 2018 AWP)

September 2018

Funding Authorization and Certificate of Expenditures

UN Agency : UNDP

Date: 02/10/2018

Country: Ethiopia

Programme Code & Title: 00100238: Enhanced Management and Enforcement of Ethiopia's Protected Area Estate

Type of Request: X Direct Cash Transfer (DCT)

Project Code & Title: 00103276: Enhanced Management and Enforcement of Ethiopia's Protected Area Estate

Reimbursement
Direct Payment

10,161,738.45

Responsible Officer (s): *Amir Abdissa Assefa project coordinator*

Implementing Partner: Ethiopian Wildlife Conservation Authority

Currency: Birr

REQUESTS/AUTHORIZATIONS

REPORTING

Activity Description From AWP with Duration	Coding for UNDP	Authorised Amount A	Actual Project Expenditure B	Expenditures accepted by Agency C	Balance D= A -C	New Request Period & Amount E	Authorised Amount F	Outstanding Authorised Amount G= D + F
Activity 1.1.1: Preparation of TOR to develop management plans for 3 project sites						0.00		
Activity 1.1.2: Recruitment and assignment of working groups for preparation of management plans						0.00		
Activity 1.1.3: Train wardens and senior experts on management and conservation of protected areas in Tanzania						0.00		
Activity 1.1.4: Preparation of need assessments for PAs which include staffing, logistics, infrastructure, facilities, materials, use technology like IT solutions, etc						0.00		
Activity 1.1.5 Demarcation of Omo National Park and Babile Elephant Sanctuary		414,049.50	414,049.50			411,129.00		
Activity 1.1.6 : Develop the management plan of Mago National park		276,033.00	276,033.00			274,086.00		
Activity 1.1.7 Support studies preferably university students of EWCA who focus on collecting baseline data in the project sites		710,958.00	710,958.00			0.00		
Activity 1.1.8: Carry out overall resource assessment including fauna, flora, habitat mapping, physical resources, distribution of wildlife and threats in the project sites		138,016.50	138,016.50			137,043.00		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Accomplish aerial survey assessment Carry out ground survey Support habitat, land cover mapping and make inventory of physical resources Establish data on species diversity Put all the results together to establish a resource base document and publish 		414,049.50	414,049.50			0.00		
Activity 1.2.1 Prepare TOR and recruit an international consultant to develop standard operation procedures manual		276,033.00	276,033.00			0.00		
						411,129.00		



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Enhanced Management and Enforcement of Ethiopia's Protected Areas Estate Project

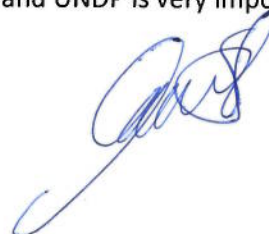
PROGRESS REPORT OF THE ENHANCED MANAGEMENT AND ENFORCEMENT OF ETHIOPIA'S PROTECTED AREAS ESTATE PROJECT (3rd quarter of 2018 AWP)

Reporting Period on Project Status (January – September 2018)

Summary of what has been done during the preparatory stage

The preparation of the AWP of the project has been completed on time in early January and its approval didn't take much time. Following the approval establishment of the PMU through staff assignment, recruitment and provision of an office by EWCA has been done. After submission of budget request to UNDP CO, advances have been released for the two quarters for both institutions (EWCA and EBI). The two implementing institutions have prepared procurement plan for 2018 even if most of the procurements are not yet completed. Micro plans have been prepared to ensure an accelerated and timely implementation of planned activities on quarterly basis. The project was able to organize two steering committee meetings where permanent members have been scrutinized and ToR discussed in detail. A number of opinions and directions have been provided by the members of the PSC to quickly start up the project and advices entertained to ensuring effective management of the project. The national inception workshop has already taken place where a number of key stakeholders were found in Addis Ababa. On this workshop project document has been presented and discussed in detail. Important inputs were provided by participants of the workshop for successful implementation. The report for the inception workshop has already been submitted. Submission of FACE report for the 1st quarter of 2018 and budget request for the 2nd quarter. Advances were released for the first and second quarter.

In general, there have been delays to set up the project management unit due to prolonged processes of recruitment. The advance release for the first quarter has been done at the end of February and this had an impact on timely implementation. As the project is new and just starting these delays should be tolerable and assistance and follow up of the EWCA, EBI and UNDP is very important.



Regardless of the delays during the first quarter, it is possible to conclude that the project is in a good track and has entered to full implementation stage during the second and third quarters of the project

Details of the 3rd quarter progress report

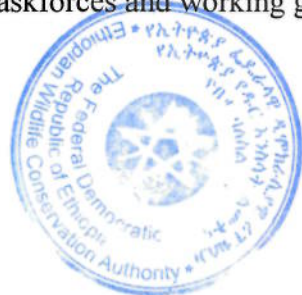
Outcome 1: Improved protected area management effectiveness delivers enhanced protection in the targeted protected areas

Output 1.1: The formulation of protected area management plans and initial implementation supported

- Recruitment of consultant to undertake preparation of need assessments for PAs which include staffing, logistics, infrastructure, facilities, materials, use of technology like IT solutions, etc is completed and the study will commence in a week time
- Almost 80 % of the demarcation of Omo National Park is completed
- A bid to develop the management plan of Mago National park has been completed and the consultant will start its assignment in the coming few weeks
- The project has supported baseline studies to university students who are willing to make their research projects in Kafta Sheraro, Chebera churchura, Mago and Omo National Parks,
- The project has supported the studies to carry out overall resource assessment including fauna, flora, habitat mapping, physical resources, distribution of wildlife and threats in the project sites,

Output 1.2. Tools and systems for PA management developed and initial operationalization supported

- Preparation of TOR has been completed and recruitment of consultant progressing to develop standard operation procedures (SOP) manual to help protected areas as a tool to establish effective management system
- Collection of information from protected areas has been completed as an input for SOP preparation; taskforces and working groups will be established for this purpose



Output 1.3 Site level law enforcement (LE) initiatives are supported

- During this reporting period participatory law enforcement of protected areas has been established for Chebera Churchura, Mago and Omo National parks with key stakeholders particularly law enforcement agencies; quarterly meetings has also been facilitated and executed with stakeholders of Kafta Sheraro, Omo, Mago and Chebera Churchura National Parks and Babile Elephant Sanctuary. The regular meetings have resulted in effectiveness of cooperative actions among LE agencies and stakeholders
- The project has organized training and mentoring of at least 85 eco guard staff of the project sites for effective patrolling, anti- poaching and intelligence systems
- A study tour has been organized on LE best practices in Kenya for relevant officers at national and regional level for effective protected area management and wildlife conservation. A total of 15 government officials from the house of people's representatives, office of the Prime Minister, SPNNRS BOCT, from the attorney general, federal police, EWCA and EBI have participated in the study tour. The study tour took place from September 16 – 28, 2018,
- A study has been supported on the extent and impact of human elephant conflict in Chebera Churchura National Park; workable plans were developed to mitigate and reduce HE conflicts in this project site and trainings provided for local communities who have been affected by the conflict,

Outcome 2. Strengthened national and local capacity for conservation of endangered fauna and flora through implementation of anti-trafficking measures

Output 2.1. International cooperation on IWT control is supported

- Contacts have been established among relevant international law enforcement agencies who work on illicit wildlife trade and trafficking. The countries comprise the members of the Horn of Africa Wildlife Enforcement Network Countries, the African Elephant



Output 2.7 Support for the development of a management system for wildlife products and live animals that are confiscated, seized and/or collecting in the field

- In collaboration with STOP IVORY, the project has supported training of wildlife trafficking control staff at EWCA HQ and the protected areas on review of best practice and store managing of wildlife products. In total 20 staff have been trained during this reporting period.
- Best practices from Kenya has been learnt through study tour and the expertise team is working on compiling those experiences to help us planning managing wildlife products and live animals
- Select sites in and around protected areas to establish storehouse for wildlife products
- Discussions have been made with the management of project sites on how to manage and store wildlife products. In addition in collaboration with MIKE-CITES, the project has supported capacity building of protected area staff at Babile Elephant Sanctuary and Kafta Sheraro National Parks on monitoring illegal killing of Elephants, registering wildlife products and reporting and communication systems.
- The project has supported assessment on the stock reserve of wildlife products at the head quarter of EWCA and create database has been created,

Output 2.8 Capacity development support to the national CITES management and scientific authorities

- The studies that assess the current status of CITES Appendix species at different geographical location in the country is on progress and the first phase of data collection completed. Apart from Elephants, the current studies are focusing on Lions, Cheetah, Leopard, Grevey's Zebra, Wild Ass and Wild Dog. The assessment is being done based on a valid scientific methodology and it will be the first of its kind to come with the final document which will be ready for publication on national and international scientific journals.

Output 2.9 An information campaign to increase public knowledge and responsiveness regarding wildlife and wildlife crime is implemented



- The project has made a contract agreement with FANA BROADCASTING CORPORATION (FBC) and bought weekly air time (30 minutes) radio transmission. The languages used include Amharic, Afan Oromo, Tigrigna and Somaligna. Television broadcast will also be made to raise a wide public awareness in different areas of the country.
- Adoption of Kenya's experience in wildlife conservation campaign through experience sharing visits has been supported by the project,
- TOR has been developed to develop awareness raising campaign manual and prepare short messages for different local languages using local TVs, radios, websites, Ethiopian air lines etc that will result in attitudinal changes for the public in order to support wildlife conservation and reducing wildlife crimes

Outcome 4. Lessons learned by the project through participatory M&E, including gender mainstreaming, are used to fight poaching and IWT, and promote community based conservation nationally and internationally

Output 4.1. M&E provides sufficient information for adaptive management, gender mainstreaming and learning via active participation of key stakeholders in the project implementation

- The project is working on dissemination of best practices of wildlife conservation and supported exchange of experiences among the different protected areas of the country through workshops and site visits. The Global Wildlife Program (GWP) knowledge exchange platform is also valuable to increase the understanding of protected area managers
- As described on output 2.8, survey for flagship species of concern that include Elephant, lion, leopard cheetah in the project areas is on progress; in addition the use of technologies to carryout ecological monitoring is supported by the project. These include GIS, remote sensing, camera trapping, etc
- Quarterly monitoring has been done by both the M&E of EWCA, M&E of the project, higher officials including the DG and the different directorates within the project sites



Output 4.2. Lessons learned from law enforcement strategies and community based conservation, including gender mainstreaming, are shared on national and international levels

- In order to implement the project plan on procurement of communication devices and installation of IT infrastructure for implementers and beneficiaries to obtain reliable information , the project has procured and distributed communication devices such as computers, printers, fax machine and scanners to the relevant offices at EWCA

Challenges Encountered and Measures Taken

The major challenges which the project encountered;

- The security issue of the Babile Elephant Sanctuary has been considered as the major challenge on the project's implementation. However, even in the presence of the problem, the project has been supporting stakeholders workshops and trainings,
- The delay of procurements that include vehicles, field and office equipment has affected the project's faster implementation to some extent. Even the project management unit had no any vehicle until an old car was allocated after a long period of maintenance. Currently the project has received 4 vehicles and the plate number process is on progress. Three of the vehicles will be allocated for project sites where as one of them will remain for the project,
- The delay of consultant recruitment has resulted in the delay of project activities

