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PROGRESS REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF JULY 2006

NBD/DFID PROJECT

1. INTRODUCTION

This report only concerns the activities carried out in month of July under the funding in the first half of the First Milestone in the NBD/DFID project.

The main activities done included the continuation process of registration and engagement meetings with NBI projects and institutions.

2. ACTIVITIES REALISED IN THE MONTH OF JULY

1. Continuation of the registration process of NBDF Rwanda as an NGO

- The process of registration continued after the preparation of Legal documents, we made formal request of recognition to the Local Council where the office is located and it was granted, we then moved to the Sector Level (Local Government) and they visited our offices and later the recognition was recognised, we then went to the district and our Status have been Notified by the Government Notary, which is the visa for registration, we have finally submitted our dossier to the Mayor of Gasabo District and are now waiting for the first certificate.
- Steering Committee meet before submission of the registration documents, the steering committee met and approved them.
- This process also involved visiting all NBDF members and acquiring their legal papers before finalising the final list of duly registered members.

4. Consultative Meetings with NBI Projects and Programs

- A consultative meeting was carried out with NELSAP Coordination office and discussion were based on collaboration, it was agreed that an MoU could be developed and signed by both parties, however this has to await the NBD-NBI MoU finalising
- Consultative meetings were held with Akagera Transboundary Environment Project and it was agreed that partnership could be formed without awaiting the NBD-NBI MoU, thus official letters of request for partnership was sent by NBDF Rwanda and we are waiting the response.
- Consultative meetings were held with CBSI and partnership is still being discussed, however, CBSI has started involving NBDF in its activities
- Consultative meetings were held with NTEAP and partnership is being discussed, NTEAP has expressed informal interest in NBDF and one of the Regional Lead Specialist (Kidundu) visited our offices recently.
- Consultative meetings were held with NBI TAC member, a lot of issues on collaboration were discussed and contacts were given to NBDF for further follow up.

CONCLUSION

Basically in the month of July, we were working on the remaining balance of the first half funding, so more activities were postponed for August in the second half Instalment.

These activities will consist of making a CSO database which requires visiting all different parts of the country, inquiring from districts which CBO's and CSO's work in the basin area.

The other activities will be to develop a five year Strategic Plan for NBDF Rwanda, continuing with the Registration process and having a National Consultative meeting o disseminate the Strategic Plan and sign an MoU with **Rwanda Development Gateway**. We also hope to approve the Technical Procedure Manual of Work.