GENERAL PROJECT INFORMATION

Organization: ORAM – Rural Association for Mutual Support.

Project title: Strengthening the capacity of Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) and local communities in Zambezia Province on REDD+, climate change and community forest concession practices.

Project Goal: To strengthen the capacity of Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) and local communities in Zambezia Province to contribute toward National REDD+, climate change and Community Forest Concession processes in Mozambique.

Project location: Districts of Mocuba and Ile. (Nipiode Community Forest Concession) Nin Zambezia Province – Mozambique province, Mozambique.

Project duration: 9 months.

Funding: 35,000 USD.

Project End date: March 2018.

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PROJECT SUMMARY

The project aims to strengthen the rural population capacity of four (4) local communities (women, men and youth) and more than fifteen (15) CSOs on REDD + and climate change in the central part of Zambezia Province, Mozambique.

The major focus intervention of the project will be to create awareness and promote capacity building activities REDD+, climate change and good practices community forest Concessions in the target districts of Zambezia Province. The project was designed based on the FCPF’s strategic guideline, Mozambique's strategy on REDD + and climate change and the Strategic Plan of the Zambezia Province, it has four specific objectives:
(i) To sensitize local communities and CSOs targeting women, men and youth in Zambezia Province on REDD+ processes and climate change;
(ii) To facilitate linkage between CSO networks and government institutions on REDD+ and climate change;
(iii) To facilitate information exchange through lobbying and sharing experience at different levels on REDD+ and climate change/community forest concession practices; and
(iv) To improve ORAM Internal institutional capacity on REDD+, climate change and community forest concession.

PROJECT GOAL AND OBJECTIVES

General Objective

To strengthen the capacity of Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) and local communities in Zambezia Province on REDD+, climate change and sustainable community forest concession practices.

Specific Objectives

1. To sensitize local communities and CSOs targeting women, men and youth in Zambezia Province on REDD+ processes and climate change
2. To facilitate linkage between CSO networks and government institutions on REDD+ and climate change
3. To facilitate information exchange through lobbying and experience sharing at different levels on REDD+ and climate change
4. To improve ORAM Internal institutional capacity on REDD+, climate change and forest concession practices

PROJECT ACTIVITIES

1.1 Training workshops/sensitization forums (awareness-raising meetings for community members on REDD+, climate change process and forest concession practices).
1.2 Local administrative meetings (meetings/workshops with CSOs on REDD + and climate change process)

2.1 Focus/dialogue meetings with the REDD+ focal point and other policy makers
2.2 Joint workshops with government and private sector on key REDD+ themes;
2.3 Delineate possible lines of intervention with a private sector draw and discuss contracts or accords

3.1 Multi-stakeholder meetings/workshops for information exchange/sharing on REDD+ and climate change.

3.2 Sharing information on REDD+ and climate change on the website.
3.3 Meeting with the private sector for future collaboration.
3.4 Prepare the communities to use sustainably the forest to produce and sell goods, as honey dried mushroom.

**PROJECT OUTCOME RESULTS**

a. Training workshops/sensitization forums (awareness-raising meetings for community members on REDD +, climate change process and forest concession conducted.

Local communities and CSOs in Zambezia province are equipped with knowledge on REDD+, climate change, and forest concession practices and are able to actively participate in local and national REDD+, climate change processes and forest concession practices.

b. Established linkages and coordination between CSOs and government on REDD+, climate change processes and forest concession practices.

c. Established platform of information sharing on REDD+ and climate change between the government, civil society organizations and local communities.

d. Improved ORAM’s institutional capacity on REDD+ and climate change.