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GENERAL PROJECT INFORMATION

Organisation : Actions en faveur de l’Homme et de la Nature (AFHON Côte d'Ivoire)

Project title : Technical capacity development of civil society organizations, communities and local authorities in the process of REDD +.

Project goal : To enhance the technical capacity of civil society organisations, communities and local authorities in the REDD+ process and contribute to the effective implementation of the national REDD + processes in Cote d’Ivoire.

Project location: Côte d’Ivoire, South-West region.

Project timeline: 12 Months.

Funding: 35,000 USD

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PROJECT SUMMARY

This project aims to improve the technical capacity of civil society organizations, communities and local authorities in the REDD + process. It also aims to contribute to the effective implementation of the REDD + process at the national level.

It is expected that the following should be achieved at the end of the project:

1. 100 to 150 civil society groups, associations and other actors have their technical capacities on the REDD + processes strengthened.

2. Farmer and women groups sensitized and their capacity built on importance of integrating agricultural activities with forest conservation.

3. The root causes of the negative effects of degradation and loss of forests addressed.
4. A music album with text on forest conservation and reforestation produced.

5. The associations and youth organizations sensitized on the importance of forests and also REDD + processes.

6. Kings and traditional leaders of local communities sensitized on their roles and contribution in the implementation of REDD +.

7. The capacity of local media on the REDD + process reinforced, equipping them to contribute to the conservation of forest and animal species.

PROJECT GOAL AND OBJECTIVES

The purpose of this project is to help conserve forests from adverse effects of climate change.

Project objectives:

1. Increase the capacity of stakeholders, local communities and civil society to take better actions in the REDD + process in the southwest region of the Ivory Coast.

2. Enhance the knowledge of local communities on the negative effects of degradation and loss of forests.

PROJECT ACTIVITIES

Objective 1: Enhance the capacity of stakeholders and the local community to take better actions in the REDD + process in the southwest region of the Ivory Coast.

1. **Strengthening of technical capabilities sessions**

   Training sessions will engage local community leaders, local elected officials (mayors, regional councils), the administrative authorities, community leaders (ethnic / non-indigenous communities and non-indigenous, etc.) and associations involved in the REDD + process in the southwest area.

   The terms of reference of the training will be developed by the steering team. Sessions will be organized around topics related to REDD +. A total of four (4) training sessions will be organized.

2. **Support for groups and cooperatives in the implementation of income generating activities**
Groups and cooperatives identified will create a platform for exchange which will facilitate the implementation of the project. A fund will be set up for realization of income generating activities to benefit the groups and cooperatives and encourage them undertake alternative farming practices. The Project Steering Committee will undertake this.

**Objective 2**: Enhance the knowledge of local communities on the negative effects of degradation and loss of forests.

1. **Production of awareness materials**
   - **Skits**: An organized group will be identified for the realization of this activity.
   - **Music album**: participation of national / local renowned artists will be required for the realization of a musical album with texts on REDD + theme.
   - **Documentary and Spots**: They will be produced by the project team and consultants and disseminated through national television and radio stations.
   - **Posters**: will be produced by the project team.

2. **Awareness Campaign**
   Group awareness sessions the (radio and mass) will be implemented in all regions in French and local languages.

**PROJECT RESULTS**

It is expected that at the end of the project, the following will be achieved:

1. More than 50 entities from local communities, the radio managers, local elected officials, leaders of groups / unions / associations and administrative authorities are educated on REDD +.
2. Communication and awareness activities are carried out for the benefit of communities in the Southwest regions.
3. The tools of communication and awareness are produced.