

FP073 Strengthening Climate Resilience of Rural Communities in Northern Rwanda

Annual Performance Report CY2020

Section 1: General Information

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1.1 Please indicate if information provided in this APR is disclosable outside the Green Climate Fund. *

- Yes - The Accredited Entity agrees that the information reported is disclosable.
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Yes

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2021-02-26

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Please provide further explanation, if any:

1.3 Funded Activity Title (Project/Programme Title)

Strengthening Climate Resilience of Rural Communities in Northern Rwanda

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1.4 Funding Proposal Reference Number

FP073

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1.5 Board Meeting Number

19

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1.7 Executing Entity(ies)

Full Name of Executing Entity
National Fund for Environment (FONERWA)

1.8 Project Duration

From	To
2019-05-15	2025-05-14

1.9 Current Year of Implementation

2

Indicate the year number, e.g., '2'

1.10 Annual reporting period covered in this report

From	To
2020-01-01	2020-12-31

Confirmation and Acknowledgement of Information *

* This is a required question to submit section 1 of the Annual Performance Report (APR).

The accredited entity hereby confirms that the information provided in section 1 is complete and ready for submission.

Section 2: Implementation Progress

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2.1 Overall (summary) project progress

The project is implementing four complementary components: (1) Watershed protection and climate resilient agriculture, (2) Sustainable forest management and sustainable energy use, (3) Climate-resilient settlements and (4) Knowledge transfer and mainstreaming. The Annual Progress Report seeks to fulfil the requirements set out in FAA signed on the 20/12/2018 under schedule 4-part B and consequently in the AMA clause 15.02 (a). These requirements place emphasis on Fund's investment framework criteria, including updates on the indicators and therefore reflects SCRNP achievements against targets as contained in the approved project document. Overall progress on the implementation of the funded activity per component is described below:

Component 1: Watershed protection and climate resilient agriculture

Implementation of climate change adaptation land husbandry practices for erosion control covered 770 ha under rain-fed production. Land husbandry practices implemented soil stabilization techniques including bench terraces (commonly known as radical) on 400 ha and progressive terraces on 370 ha. Agroforestry seedlings, shrubs and grasses were planted on both types of terraces for protection and stabilization. In addition to this, re-planting of steep slopes with perennial grasses on 600 ha will not only help to combat soil erosion but also, to increase fodder for livestock. The project also has increased the adaptive capacity of 126 coffee smallholder farmers in Bwisige sector to reduce susceptibility to climate change and protect slopes in the watershed on 40 ha (planning for future climate change)

Component 2: Sustainable forest management and sustainable energy use

This component has assisted 892 forest owners and users to improve forest productivity and reduce deforestation through rehabilitation of degraded forests and provision of improved cook stoves. This component supported production of 1,000,000 high-quality seedlings of different species that are adapted to local condition. Moreover, 200,000 seedlings of agroforestry of both indigenous (*Markhamia lutea* and *Mitragyna rubrostipulocae*) and exotics (*Grevillea robusta*, *Alnus accuminata* and *acacia Angustisma*). In addition, 68,000 seedlings of fruit trees, the project has supported the establishment of 30 ha of seeds stands in the project area which will serve as seeds source for Gicumbi forest plantation. In addition, the sustainable energy component supported energy efficiency through improved cook stoves distributed to 6700 (male: 1,340, & female: 5,360) households while 40 variable speed drives (VSD) were installed as well as the construction of 1 wood drying hangar at Mulindi tea factory.

Component 3: Climate-resilient settlements

Under the climate-resilient settlements component, 2400 out of the targeted 3,000 check dams have been constructed in seven gullies in 3 sectors manage surface water run-off in the location for settlements to reduce gully formation, floods and landslides. Additionally, to increase rainwater capture and storage to counter inter-annual rainfall variability, 31 rainwater tanks have been supplied and installed to institutional buildings and 70 are under construction at household level.

Component 4: knowledge transfer and mainstreaming

A total of 168 community coordination committee members established and trained as well as 54 project volunteers, 45 forest extension officers, agronomists, land officer, veterinary officers and social officers all trained on mainstreaming climate resilient approaches into existing programmes and practices. In addition, 62 National women's council representatives were trained on climate change effects and gender and about 504 community representatives participated in agricultural season planning workshops and more than 1,500 farmers attended seasonal planning meetings.

Challenges:

- All the 4 components of the project include activities that involve stakeholder engagements requiring physical interactions between the project implementation team on the one hand and the contractors, local level administration and community members on the other hand. As a result, these activities have experienced delays due to lockdowns aimed to contain and limit the spread of the COVID19 pandemic that were instituted by the GoR in the course of project implementation. The project has continually observed the Covid-19 pandemic measures put in place by the GoR to effectively contain and limit the spread of the virus while seeking exceptional considerations periodically granted on some of the essential services especially related to Agriculture and the likes. The Covid 19 measures has triggered Lessons that are emerging through which the project will increasingly rely on like online platforms and rural extension approaches in community trainings and mobilization.

- Timely delivery challenges especially on outsourced international expertise due to travel restrictions has consequently delayed delivering results on some project activities. The project has been able to identify and work with national consultants who have demonstrated competencies to deliver effective and reliable results in support of the project.

Changes encountered in the project:

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2. The rescheduling of activities that were originally scheduled for Quarters 1 & 2 to Quarters 3 & 4 for year 1 and Years 2 and 3. Therefore, the budgets that correspond to the implementation of the affected activities have also been reprogrammed accordingly. This however, does not affect the budgets allocated to components nor any other financial change that would violate the 10% variance limit set under the FAA.

3. In few instances, activities have been brought forward from later years (4 to 6) to earlier years (2 & 3) to adhere to the sequencing of activity execution where some activities can only be implemented after measures are in place. For example, the construction of radical terraces was spread out across various quarters over a 5-year period. Consultations with District of Gicumbi technical experts provided compelling recommendations to fast track construction of radical terracing in two years to expeditiously enhance resilience within the farming communities in response to predicted unusual onset of rains in the short season.

Provide a narrative report describing the overall progress on the implementation of the funded activity, focusing on implementation achievements, delays, and challenges according to the planned activities. As relevant, include references to other sections of this report (including Annexes or Attachments). Include a description of key milestones of the funded activity achieved during this reporting period including any deviations from original expectations. Also, describe challenges encountered and actions undertaken to resolve these challenges, and lessons learned during the implementation, including issues related to non-compliance with GCF standards or conditions, if any. In parallel, include positive achievements and better-than-expected results. If any issues have arisen in the last twelve (12) months of implementation that may result in a change to the scope and/or timing of the project, please provide a description of those items and how they have impacted the implementation period and final targets. Kindly make sure that this section just gives an overall summary and doesn't have overlap with other sections.

2.2 Performance against the GCF investment criteria (summary)

The project provides scope for delivery of integrated interventions which broadly align with various GCF investment criteria and the interventions implemented during this reporting period are directly linked to the impact potential, paradigm shift, sustainable development potential, needs of the receipt, country ownership, efficiency and effectiveness.

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Co-financing summary:

Co-financing in the reporting period was in form of the expropriation cost of land, cost of energy efficiency equipment, trainings and office space for the PIU as described below;

- Gicumbi district local administration has secured 15.1 hectares of land worth \$160,427 for the construction of climate resilient settlements in Kaniga and Rubaya sectors.
- Wood foundation through Mulindi tea factory co-financed energy efficiency equipment worth \$223,195 on energy efficiency in the factory.
- The National Fund for Environment has so far financed and implemented the activity for the design, establishment and operationalization of climate change, community adaptation facility (CAF) in Gicumbi District by paying 30% of the total contract amount equivalent to 14,157,748 Frw worth 15,118 in USD

Provide a narrative report describing the progress on the funded activity's performance against the GCF investment criteria framework. The performance should be compared against the initial assessment provided in the Board-approved Funding Proposal (section E). The list of the investment criteria as per the current framework is provided below. For each investment criteria outlined below, please include an assessment of current status, changes, progress and impact of the project as well as any impact of project context on the project during this reporting period against the initial baseline scenario and planned activities as per the assessment presented in the approved Funding Proposal. This sub-section 2.2 is not applicable for REDD+ Results-Based Payments Projects. Please write 'Not Applicable' as the response.

Relevant Links

[The GCF investment criteria framework](#)

2.2.1 Impact Potential ?

The impacts of the project realized in this respect are mainly related to strengthened adaptation and mitigation deliverables. Among the key mitigation deliverables are the following:

- a) Distribution of 6700 improved cook stoves (ICS) to reduce deforestation. The 6700 ISO certified improved cook stoves were distributed to 6700 beneficiaries (male: 1,340, & female: 5,360).
- b) 40 Variable Speed drivers to boiler fan and dryers have been installed in Mulindi tea factory. These equipment's are contributing to the reduction in the demand for fuelwood and GHG emissions at Mulindi tea factory through energy efficiency measures.
- c) 400 ha of degraded forests in four Sectors namely Rushaki, Byumba, Manyagi and Rubaya have been rehabilitated and real estimates of Tonnes of carbon dioxide equivalent (t CO₂eq) reduced or avoided (including increased removals) as a result of this intervention will be calculated and reported on in the next reporting cycle. The project has yet to calculate GHG emissions basing on the methodology used during the feasibility studies however, the project has made this activity a priority for the next six months.

The key adaptation/resilience outcomes are the following:

- a) In terms of the ecosystem adaption, 770 hectors of land were protected against soil erosion and loss, landslides and flooding. Currently, 400 ha of radical terraces and 370 ha of progressive terraces have been completed as planned. The reduction in soil erosion was achieved through the construction of radical and progressive terraces in six out of the nine sectors of the project coverage. The identified sites focused on high-risk areas in all nine sectors targeted by the project, including the Mulindi tea estate that is particularly vulnerable to flooding and landslides.
- b) In terms of community resilience the project has to date served 53,473 (28,554 female) direct beneficiaries across all the four project component activities. The choice of these beneficiaries was based on those with limited resources and abilities to cope with disaster and climate change impacts amidst the current Covid 19 pandemic. In addition to the terraces, farmers continue to be trained on good agricultural practices such as improved crop varieties and organic fertilizers application and compost making which have also provided employment and income as part of strengthening resilience to climate change.

2.2.2 Paradigm shift potential ?

The project has delivered on paradigm shift through production of improved climate resilient varieties of 588,000 Tea clones (RAB 475) and 105 000 Coffee seedlings (RAB C15). The project in partnership with NAEB has established these varieties of 588,000 Tea clones (RAB 475) and 105 000 Coffee seedlings (RAB C15) as demonstration for dissemination in similar agro-ecological zones in Rwanda. Through the Gicumbi demonstrations plots, NAEB the institution in charge of agriculture and livestock export in Rwanda is packaging lessons learned and knowledge management to be scaled up in other districts of the country. Lessons that emerged during the reporting period include 100% germination and survival rates of the improved varieties in the agro-ecological and climatic conditions of Gicumbi intervention area.

Through farmer-to-farmer fora, the project has facilitated exchange visits as well as study tours between Bwisige Sector on one hand and Rushaki, Kaniga, and Cyumba sector on the other hand. The organized groups were able to exchange knowledge and skills in improved forest management. As an immediate outcome of the visit, the participants adopted best forestry management practices that included spacing (2m X 2m) and the choice of varieties namely Eucalyptus Saligna, Eucalyptus Maidenii and Eucalyptus Microcorys that are suitable for replication in other sectors within the intervention area.

The Distribution of 6700 improved cook stoves to reduce deforestation to the direct beneficiaries has generated demand and direct purchase from non beneficiaries. The increased demand led to establishment of production unit in the intervention area that created youth employment with mitigation benefits as well as adaptation benefits from reduced deforestation overtime. The established production facility does not only serve Gicumbi district but also neighboring districts of Kamonyi & Nyanza which has catalyzed low-carbon options that will potentially go beyond the project lifetime.

2.2.3 Sustainable development potential ?

As part of the economic co-benefits, 17,410 (Female:9053 & male:8357) community members dependent on rain-fed cultivation of marginal lands has alternative livelihood through the created employment. The created employment constitute a good source of household income to purchase needed foods stuff, payment of family health insurance, purchase of garments for family members, as well as other household assets. Also, the green jobs beneficiaries continue to demonstrate the ability to provide for their families during COVID 19 lockdown with limited alternative livelihoods options.

With respect to environmental co-benefits, the introduction of 3,550 tons of organic fertilizers and 1000 tons of lime is expected to lead to the restoration of over 810 ha of degraded lands, increased soil fertility and improved soil moisture content. The introduction of minimal tillage, crop rotation/intercropping with legumes and soil cover through retention of crop residues. These systems, help with water saving, rebuilding of the soil, recovery of the soil biodiversity while improving the productivity. Access to water through the distributed rain water harvesting tanks (100 tanks) is other important co-benefits worth mentioning.

Distribution of improved cook stoves to reduce deforestation. In addition, the fact that the contractor has set up a production facility for cook stoves in Gicumbi continue to provide employment opportunities for the employed youth which in turn contributes to their improved livelihood.

2.2.4 Needs of the recipient ?

Livelihoods amongst vulnerable communities have improved through ecosystem protection activities such as terrace construction & forest rehabilitation. These activities were delivered through public works and therefore incomes to beneficiary communities as well as knowledge transfer. Out of 53,473 current project beneficiaries, 53.4% (n:28,554) are women with limited resources and abilities to cope with disaster and climate change impacts. In addition, the project specifically targeted the vulnerable households that are heavily dependence on rain fed subsistence agriculture and where there are limited employment opportunities that locks households into perpetual poverty, high morbidity and mortality among young children.

2.2.5 Country Ownership ?

The project has been aligned in the design and implementation with the Gicumbi District Development Strategy (DDS) and all the four components of the project respond to the national priority reflected in the National Strategy for Transformation one (NSTI-1) under its priority seven related to the Sustainable Management of Natural Resources and Environment to Transition Rwanda towards a green economy. Watershed restoration highly linked with increasing the resilience of ecosystems in the Project intervention area has been implemented and over 400 hectares of steep and highly vulnerable areas to landslide and soil erosion have been restored. The supply of 6700 improved cook stoves is contributing to achieving the NST-1 target of reducing dependance on Biomass energy for cooking from 79.9% to 42 % by 2024. The Project is governed by the Project Steering Committee and has both Technical Coordination Committee representing different institutions as a means to ensure project interventions are mainstreamed into their respective institutions annual plans. The involvement of the TCC members also provides a unique opportunity for sustaining the project interventions in their areas of jurisdiction.

2.2.6 Efficiency and Effectiveness ?

Cost effective and innovative interventions are targeted such as use of youth and women groups in seedlings and compost production and promoting climate resilient crop varieties that will be subsequently produced in Gicumbi. Gicumbi district local administration has secured 15.1 hectares of land worth \$160,427 for the construction of climate resilient settlements in Kaniga and Rubaya sectors. This co-financing is the expropriation cost of land currently used for the construction of 100 climate resilient dwelling units. Additionally, as part of the in-kind contribution, Gicumbi district continues to provide ample office space to the Project implementation unit (PIU) which would have otherwise costed around \$9,600 on annual office rent costs. In addition, Wood foundation through Mulindi tea factory co-financed energy efficiency equipment worth \$223,195. This was done through replacing old steam radiators at the withering, replacement of 1 drier and modifications done on Vikram driers to improve energy efficiencies and replacement of worn out and blocked nylon mesh. These equipment's are contributing to the reduction in the demand for fuelwood and GHG emissions at Mulindi tea factory through energy efficiency measures.

2.3 Project Outputs Implementation Status

Use 'Add Row' button to add multiple outputs and/or activities reported against one output
Project Output Name

Output 1: Sub-catchment B of the Muvumba watershed restored and small-scale tea and coffee farmers supported to adopt climate resilient practices

The output name should match with the output reported in the sub-section 2.4.3. If you have multiple activities to be reported against one output, you need to write down the same output name for every activity.

Project Activity Name

Area (ha) under erosion control

Status

Activity started - ahead of schedule

Implementation Progress

100

%

Progress for the relevant reporting period

Implementation of climate change adaptation practices covering 770 ha under rain-fed production has been developed. The CA practice focused on the implementation of mechanical soil stabilization techniques through the establishment of radical (400 ha) and progressive terraces (370 ha). This activity was accompanied by the re-planting of steep slopes with perennial grasses and agroforestry trees, in addition to re-planting protective forests along roads and riversides. To ensure farmers have access to drought tolerant seeds, well-adapted crop varieties were supplied from a certified seed producer in Rwanda.

Provide an updated progress on this project activity for the relevant reporting period, including delays and issues encountered, key milestones reached, and lessons learned, including issues related to non-compliance with GCF standards or conditions, vis-à-vis expectations, if any. In parallel, include positive achievements and better-than-expected results.

Key milestones and deliverables for the next reporting period

The construction of radical & progressive terraces activities has been brought forward from later years (4 to 6) to earlier years (2 & 3) to adhere to the sequencing of activity execution where some activities can only be implemented after Covid 19 measures are in place. In addition, consultations with District of Gicumbi technical experts provided compelling recommendations to fast track construction of radical terracing in two years to expeditiously enhance resilience within the farming communities in response to predicted unusual onset of rains in the short season.

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Project Output Name

Output 1: Sub-catchment B of the Muvumba watershed restored and small-scale tea and coffee farmers supported to adopt climate resilient practices

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Project Activity Name

Integrate agro-forestry into farming systems on 9790 ha of the watershed

Status

Activity started - ahead of schedule

Implementation Progress

70

%

Progress for the relevant reporting period

58,000 seedlings (Avocado: 28000, Tamarilo: 30,000) produced and distributed to communities, 200,000 seedlings of agroforestry trees planted. These comprise of Geliferia robusta, Malcambia litea and Acacia agnosticism varieties. These have been planted on 400 ha of agricultural land. Currently, other three tree nurseries are in place and actual planting is planned early march 2021 for 200 more hectares

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Key milestones and deliverables for the next reporting period

With the continued support from community members and Gicumbi local administration, the planned project mid term targets of 450 hectares & 3300 hectares of protective forest cover and agro-forestry respectively will be realized next year of project implementation as planned.

Please include a list of key milestones and deliverables expected to be executed in the next reporting period.

Project Output Name

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Project Activity Name

Increase climate resilient farming practices with tea cooperatives in Mulindi (with planting for future climate change) - targets 4900 smallholders

Status

Activity started - progress on track

Implementation Progress

55 %

Progress for the relevant reporting period

A climate change mitigation steering committee comprising of coop management, farmer representatives and factory field technical team has been formed to review the impact of the climate change on the farms surrounding Mulindi. They came up with recommendations, short as well as medium & long-term measures to mitigate the flooding menace on the marshland tea plantation. Out of the observations and recommendations from this exercise two priority action points were picked for immediate intervention as follows;

1. Soil stabilization at hill sides – erosion control initiatives, planting of grasses and agroforestry trees
 - Community mobilization and planting of grass strips to reduce erosion and enhance soil stabilization around the tea growing catchment has been on-going. This has been progressing well through collaboration with local authorities in identified sections mainly in kaniga, Rushaki, Shangasha, Byumba, Rubaya, Kageyo and Mukarange sectors.
 - Tea planting on the hill sides- This is meant to improve earning of tea farmers as well as compensate them for the losses caused by flooding and also play the role of soil stabilization because tea is a conservation crop. Through GCF support a total of 105,000 Coffee trees have been planted and 588,000 tea seedlings under maintenance in the nursery at Ngondore/Byumba sector (to be planted in September 2021)
- Opening and rehabilitation of drainage channels to improve water flow down stream
 - The project has commissioned a feasibility study and technical design of Mulind marshland. Findings on peak discharges will inform design of drainage structures within the marshland, the analysis and determination of the availability of water resources and water demand in terms of quantity. This is meant to support the new culvert and improve water flow downstream as well as minimize chances of flooding in tea plantations. Actual implementation of study findings is planned next fiscal year of implementation.
 - 10,000 bamboo seedlings planted on 50 Ha of Mulindi marshland. The planted bamboo has been handed over to Tea cooperatives for management and use

Provide an updated progress on this project activity for the relevant reporting period, including delays and issues encountered, key milestones reached, and lessons learned, including issues related to non-compliance with GCF standards or conditions, vis-à-vis expectations, if any. In parallel, include positive achievements and better-than-expected results.

Key milestones and deliverables for the next reporting period

Despite the current challenge of Covid 19 that limit community mobilization activities (large gatherings), the planned mid term target of reaching 4900 smallholder families will be attained through farmer field schools, farmer promoters, demo plots establishment as well as exchange learning visits. In addition, the project team has come up with innovative mechanism on how to mobilize communities in light of Covid 19 challenges. The use of community radio (such as radio ishingiro) and mega phones are some of the means that are currently used to pass on key messages related to community mobilization.

Please include a list of key milestones and deliverables expected to be executed in the next reporting period.

Project Output Name

Output 2: Communities supported to implement sustainable forest management and adopt fuel-efficient cooking methods

The output name should match with the output reported in the sub-section 2.4.3. If you have multiple activities to be reported against one output, you need to write down the same output name for every activity.

Project Activity Name

Strengthen community capacity to provide forest products and services

Status

Activity started - progress on track

Implementation Progress

50 %

Progress for the relevant reporting period

Four model nurseries have been constructed and 40,000 seedlings produced as following:

- o Fruits trees: 10,000
- o Agroforestry: 10,000
- o Eucalyptus: 10,000
- o Ornamental: 10,000

As part of sustainability reasons, these have all been handed over to organized youth cooperatives through a signed MoU between FONERWA and Youth cooperatives. The cooperatives now use the model nurseries to produce seedlings for business and some of these seedlings will be used for forest rehabilitation under the Project

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Key milestones and deliverables for the next reporting period

The Increased commitment of forest owners to forest renewal as well as the high involvement of the youth in forest activities continue to pave way for the target achievement.

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Project Activity Name

Increase the use of biogas and efficient cookstoves to reduce deforestation of the watershed

Status

Activity started - progress on track

Implementation Progress

60	%
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Progress for the relevant reporting period

6,700 cook stoves distributed as planned in this reporting period. The standards for these cook stoves were set in the specifications and the company was tested by international laboratories using ISO standards. The remaining assignment is the follow up to ensure the continuous use of distributed cook stoves. This will be done in the forthcoming project mid-term review planned next year.

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Key milestones and deliverables for the next reporting period

6700 stoves (tier 1) out of the planned mid term target of 15,000 stoves (tier 1) were distributed to 6700 poor families who were largely dependent on firewood as a means of energy for cooking. To date, the increased benefits from energy efficiency & effectiveness has led to non-beneficiaries of cook stoves to purchase more stoves. As a result, the contractor has set up a production facility for cook stoves in Gicumbi which is not only currently serving Gicumbi district but also neighboring districts of Musanze & Rulindo. This has catalyzed low-carbon options that goes beyond the project. This in turn is contributing towards the achievement of the planned targets.

Please include a list of key milestones and deliverables expected to be executed in the next reporting period.

Project Output Name

Output 3: Human settlements developed and/or modified to increase climate resilience

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Project Activity Name

Manage surface water run-off from settlements to reduce gully formation, floods and landslides

Status

Activity started - progress on track

Implementation Progress

58	%
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Progress for the relevant reporting period

2400 out of the targeted 3000 check dams under construction in seven Gullies Byumba (3), kageyo (1), Cyumba (3). To ensure sustainability, watershed committees will be put in place, trained to manage the dams. Community members involved in the check dams construction are at the same time the owner of the land. So there is technical knowhow knowledge transfer. In addition, the planted bamboo will in turn serve as check dams themselves and this ensure proper maintenance.

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Key milestones and deliverables for the next reporting period

As part of the technical implementation approach, community members involved in the check dams construction are at the same time the owner of the land. This motivational approach continue to show greater results towards the target achievement.

Please include a list of key milestones and deliverables expected to be executed in the next reporting period.

Project Output Name

Output 4 Successful adaptation and mitigation approaches communicated and mainstreamed at the national level

The output name should match with the output reported in the sub-section 2.4.3. If you have multiple activities to be reported against one output, you need to write down the same output name for every activity.

Project Activity Name

Mainstream energy efficiency into the tea industry to support scale up and replication

Status

Activity started - progress on track

Implementation Progress

60	%
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Progress for the relevant reporting period

A total of 168 community coordination committee members established and trained as well as 54 project volunteers, 45 forest extension officers, agronomists, land officer, veterinary officers and social officers all trained on mainstream of the climate resilient approaches into existing programmes and practices to support scale up and replication 62 National women's council representatives trained on climate change effects and gender and how to integrate climate resilient approaches in their annual performance contracts and about 504 community representatives participated in agricultural season planning workshops. More than 1,500 farmers attended seasonal planning meetings. Currently, trained community members are supporting the community mobilizations within their respective sectors.

Provide an updated progress on this project activity for the relevant reporting period, including delays and issues encountered, key milestones reached, and lessons learned, including issues related to non-compliance with GCF standards or conditions, vis-à-vis expectations, if any. In parallel, include positive achievements and better-than-expected results.

Key milestones and deliverables for the next reporting period

As said above, despite the current challenge of Covid 19 that limit community mobilization activities (large gatherings), the project team has come up with innovative mechanism on how to mobilize communities in light of Covid 19 challenges. The use of community radio (such as radio ishingiro) and mega phones are some of the means that are currently used to pass on key messages related to community mobilization. With these contingent measures, the planned mid term targets (200 GoR staff & 580 household beneficiaries) will be attained.

Please include a list of key milestones and deliverables expected to be executed in the next reporting period.

Project Output Name

Output 4 Successful adaptation and mitigation approaches communicated and mainstreamed at the national level

The output name should match with the output reported in the sub-section 2.4.3. If you have multiple activities to be reported against one output, you need to write down the same output name for every activity.

Project Activity Name

Project website developed, maintained and promoted to users. The website is available at <http://fonerwa.org/greengicumbi/>

Status

Completed

Implementation Progress

100	%
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Progress for the relevant reporting period

A project website has been developed and currently updated on monthly basis

Provide an updated progress on this project activity for the relevant reporting period, including delays and issues encountered, key milestones reached, and lessons learned, including issues related to non-compliance with GCF standards or conditions, vis-à-vis expectations, if any. In parallel, include positive achievements and better-than-expected results.

Key milestones and deliverables for the next reporting period

The developed project website continue to be updated on monthly basis to showcase project accomplishments as part of the project learning agenda.

Please include a list of key milestones and deliverables expected to be executed in the next reporting period.

2.4 Progress Update on the Logic Framework Indicators

Values of Baseline, mid-term target and final targets should be the same from the approved funding proposals unless calculation methodologies were revised in agreements with the GCF. Please attach a supporting document(s) describing the calculation methodology of the current value of all the indicators in Section 6; the indicators cover core, impact, outcome, and output levels. If there is a change in the methodology, you need to include clear justifications for the change and changed values as compared to the previous year.

This sub-section 2.4 is not applicable for REDD+ Results-Based Payments Projects. Please write 'Not Applicable' as the response.

2.4.1 Core Indicators

Select applicable core indicators

- Mitigation Core Indicator 1 - Tonnes of carbon dioxide equivalent (tCO2eq) reduced as a result of GCF funded project/programme
- Mitigation Core Indicator 2 - Cost per tCO2eq decreased for GCF funded project/programme
- Mitigation Core Indicator 3 - Volume of finance leveraged by GCF funding (Disaggregated by public/private source)
- Adaptation Core Indicator 1 - Direct Beneficiaries of GCF funded project/programme
- Adaptation Core Indicator 2 - Indirect Beneficiaries of GCF funded project/programme
- Adaptation Core Indicator 3 - Number of total beneficiaries relative to total population

Mitigation Core Indicator 1 - Tonnes of carbon dioxide equivalent (tCO2eq) reduced as a result of GCF funded project/programme (Unit: tCO2eq)

Please provide the ex-post 'Current Value' on a cumulative basis. Please note that the values should be based on total funding (GCF funding and co-financing). The 'Final Target' is the amount of emission reduced up to the end of implementation. The 'Expected lifetime emission reductions overtime' is an estimate of emission reductions over the lifetime. If the end of lifetime coincides with the end of implementation then please provide the same value for 'Final Target' and 'Expected lifetime emission reductions over time'.

Baseline	Current Value	Mid-term Target	Final Target
0		56,901	294,389

Expected lifetime emission reductions overtime

294,389

Remarks (including changes, if any)

The project has yet to calculate GHG emissions basing on the methodology used during the feasibility studies and this will be reported in the next reporting period.

Adaptation Core Indicator 3 - Number of total beneficiaries relative to total population (Units: percentage %)

Please provide ex-post 'Current Value' on a cumulative basis. Please note that the values should be based on total funding (GCF funding and co-financing).

Share of direct beneficiaries relative to total population

Baseline	Current Value	Mid-term Target	Final Target
0 %	36 %	50 %	100 %

Share of female direct beneficiaries relative to total population

Baseline (female)	Current Value (female)	Mid-term Target (female)	Final Target (female)
0 %	19 %	52.3 %	52.3 %

Share of indirect beneficiaries relative to total population

Baseline	Current Value	Mid-term Target	Final Target
0 %	36 %	50 %	100 %

Share of female indirect beneficiaries relative to total population

Baseline (female)	Current Value (female)	Mid-term Target (female)	Final Target (female)
0 %	19 %	52.3 %	52.3 %

Remarks (including changes, if any)

No changes made to date.

2.4.2 Impact Indicators

Select applicable impact indicators

- M1.1 Tonnes of carbon dioxide equivalent (tCO2eq) reduced or avoided as a result of increased low-emission energy access and power generation
- M2.1 Tonnes of carbon dioxide equivalent (tCO2eq) reduced or avoided as a result of increased access to low-emission transport
- M3.1 Tonnes of carbon dioxide equivalent (tCO2eq) reduced or avoided as a result of buildings, cities, industries and appliances
- M4.1 Tonnes of carbon dioxide equivalent (tCO2eq) reduced or avoided as a result of sustainable management of forests and conservation and enhancement of forest carbon stocks
- A1.1 Change in expected losses of lives and economic assets due to the impact of extreme climate-related disasters in the geographic area of the GCF intervention
- A1.2 Number of males and females benefiting from the adoption of diversified, climate resilient livelihood options (including fisheries, agriculture, tourism, etc.)
- A1.3 Number of Fund funded projects/programmes that supports effective adaptation to fish stock migration and depletion due to climate change
- A2.1 Number of males and females benefiting from introduced health measures to respond to climate-sensitive diseases
- A2.2 Number of food secure households (in areas/periods at risk of climate change impacts)
- A2.3 Number of males and females with year round access to reliable and safe water supply despite climate shocks and stresses
- A3.1 Number and value of physical assets made more resilient to climate variability and change, considering human benefits (reported where applicable)
- A4.1 Coverage/scale of ecosystems protected and strengthened in response to climate variability and change
- A4.2 Value of ecosystem services generated or protected in response to climate change

M3.1 Tonnes of carbon dioxide equivalent (tCO2eq) reduced or avoided as a result of buildings, cities, industries and appliances (Unit: tCO2eq)

Please provide the ex-post 'Current Value' on a cumulative basis. Please note that the values should be based on total funding (GCF funding and co-financing). The 'Final Target' is the amount of emission reduced up to the end of implementation. The 'Expected lifetime emission reductions overtime' is an estimate of emission reductions over the lifetime. If the end of lifetime coincides with the end of implementation then please provide the same value for 'Final Target' and 'Expected lifetime emission reductions over time'.

Baseline	Current Value	Mid-term Target	Final Target
0 tCO2eq		31,176 tCO2eq	133,674 tCO2eq

Expected lifetime emission reductions overtime	133,674 tCO2eq
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Remarks (including changes, if any)
 The project has yet to calculate GHG emissions basing on the methodology used during the feasibility studies this will be reported in the next reporting period.

M4.1 Tonnes of carbon dioxide equivalent (tCO2eq) reduced or avoided as a result of sustainable management of forests and conservation and enhancement of forest carbon stocks (Unit: tCO2eq)

Please provide the ex-post 'Current Value' on a cumulative basis. Please note that the values should be based on total funding (GCF funding and co-financing). The 'Final Target' is the amount of emission reduced up to the end of implementation. The 'Expected lifetime emission reductions overtime' is an estimate of emission reductions over the lifetime. If the end of lifetime coincides with the end of implementation then please provide the same value for 'Final Target' and 'Expected lifetime emission reductions over time'.

Baseline	Current Value	Mid-term Target	Final Target
0 tCO2eq		62,362 tCO2eq	140,046 tCO2eq

Expected lifetime emission reductions overtime	140,046 tCO2eq
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Remarks (including changes, if any)
 The project has yet to calculate GHG emissions basing on the methodology used during the feasibility studies this will be reported in the next reporting period.

A1.2 Number of males and females benefiting from the adoption of diversified, climateresilient livelihood options (including fisheries, agriculture, tourism, etc.) (Units: number of individuals and percentage %)

Please provide ex-post 'Current Value' on a cumulative basis.

Baseline	Baseline (% of female)
0	0 %
Current Value	Current Value (% of female)
Mid-term Target	Mid-term Target (% of female)
75000	52.3 %
Final Target	Final Target (% of female)
150000	52.3 %

Remarks (including changes, if any)

The desegregated data on beneficiaries will be reported in the next reporting period because during the 2020 APR an assessment was being conducted.

2.4.3 Project/Programme-level Outcome & Output Indicators

Please provide ex-post 'Current Value' on a cumulative basis. If you have multiple outputs to be reported against one outcome, you need to write down the same outcome name for every output. Likewise, if you have multiple indicators to be reported against one output, you need to write down the same output name and corresponding outcome name for every indicator.

Use 'Add row' button to add multiple outcomes, outputs and/or indicators.

Results Area Type	Outcome Name		
Adaptation	A7.0: Strengthened adaptive capacity and reduced exposure to climate risks		
Output Name (under the afore-mentioned outcome)			
Please write 'Not Applicable' if the below-mentioned indicator is to be reported directly at the outcome level.			
Indicator Name			
Number of Males and Females benefiting from the adoption of diversified climate resilient livelihoods options			
Unit			
Households.			
Baseline	Current Value	Mid-term Target	Final Target
0	53473	75000	150000
Remarks (including changes, if any)			
Indirect beneficiaries: counting was inconsistent due to Covid 19 restrictions but this will be reported on during the next APR			

2.5 Report on changes during implementation (include actual and expected changes)

The changes that have been identified are:

1. All the 4 components of the project include activities that involve stakeholder engagements requiring physical interactions between the project implementation team on the one hand and the contractors, local level administration and community members on the other hand. As a result, activities have experienced delays due to lockdowns aimed to contain and limit the spread of the COVID19 pandemic that were instituted by the Ministry of Health in the course of project implementation. The lockdown is still in force and therefore continues to affect project implementation through delays in delivery, in particular on trainings and mobilization meetings which are critical to deliver results on a range of outputs targeted under the project.
2. The rescheduling of activities that were originally scheduled for Quarters 1 & 2 to Quarters 3 & 4 for year 1 and Years 2 and 3. Therefore, the budgets that correspond to the implementation of the affected activities have also been reprogrammed accordingly. This however, does not affect the budgets allocated to components nor any other financial change that would violate the 10% variance limit set under the FAA.
3. In few instances, activities have been brought forward from later years (4 to 6) to earlier years (2 & 3) to adhere to the sequencing of activity execution where some activities can only be implemented after measures are in place. For example, the construction of radical terraces was spread out across various quarters over a 5-year period. Consultations with District of Gicumbi technical experts provided compelling recommendations to fast track construction of radical terracing in two years to expeditiously enhance resilience within the farming communities in response to predicted unusual onset of rains in the short season.

Describe changes to the project during the reporting period. In particular, the report should cover elements such as change of beneficial ownership structure, management changes of the Accredited Entity, policies and other elements relevant for the project, and any other material change that could influence the overall outcome of the project.

2.6 Implementation challenges and lessons learned

Challenge encountered

Improved adaptive crop variety distributed to Gicumbi farmer beneficiaries to build climate resilience was infested by Potato Bacterial Wilt (PBW) that affected 20% of the crop on 40 Hectares.

Describe the challenge faced during the last twelve (12) months of implementation that may result in a change to the scope and/or timing of the project; please provide a description and how they have impacted the implementation period and final targets.

Challenge type	Impact on the project implementation
Operational	Minor/Solved

Measures adopted

Through field visit and consultations with Rwanda Agriculture Board (RAB) & district technicians, appropriate measures were taken to redress this challenge and recommendations are on record.

Lesson learned and other remarks

Continue to work with certified seed producers in the country to secure potato seeds that have undergone selection as a remedy for obtaining climate resilient seeds.

Also, strengthening the capacity of local extension services to increase the uptake of climate resilient practices is very paramount.

Challenge encountered

Low community awareness sessions due to the Covid-19 challenge. COVID19 pandemic affected the implementation and resulted into delays in delivery like trainings and mobilization meetings as per the plan because many staff could not go to work during the total lockdown and gathering of many people was not allowed due to COVID-19 restrictions

Describe the challenge faced during the last twelve (12) months of implementation that may result in a change to the scope and/or timing of the project; please provide a description and how they have impacted the implementation period and final targets.

Challenge type	Impact on the project implementation
Operational	Moderate

Measures adopted

The project will continue to observe Ministry of Health (MoH) Covid-19 guidelines in mobilizing communities.

Lesson learned and other remarks

On the challenge of low community mobilization, the project team came up with innovative mechanism on how to mobilize communities in light of Covid 19 challenges. The use of community radio (radio ishingiro) and mega phones are some of the means that are currently used to pass on key messages. Also use of scaled down involvement of contractors in agricultural activities which were allowed even in COVID related lockdown In addition, a catch-up plan was developed by each component lead on how some activities were to be speeded up after the lockdown.

Confirmation and Acknowledgement of Information *

* This is a required question to submit section 2 of the Annual Performance Report (APR).

The accredited entity hereby confirms that the information provided in section 2 is complete and ready for submission.

Section 3: Financial Information

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Please note that this is section 3 of the six Annual Performance Report (APR) sections. APR will be considered valid only after all the six sections and the additional section on COVID-19 are filled with relevant details.

3.1 Approved Budget for entire project period as per FAA

Currency

USD

(Information is locked for editing)

GCF Funding (Equity)

GCF Funding (Grants)

32 794 442.4

(Information is locked for editing)

GCF Funding (Guarantees)

GCF Funding (In-kind)

GCF Funding (Loans)

GCF Funding (Results-Based Payment)

3.1.1 Total GCF Funding

32 794 442.4

(Information is locked for editing)

Please confirm if the afore-mentioned values are different as per your knowledge.

No differences to be reported.

3.2 Co-financing

Currency

USD

(Information is locked for editing)

Co-financing (Equity)

Co-financing (Grants)

359 990

(Information is locked for editing)

Co-financing (Guarantees)

Co-financing (In-kind)

359 990.4

Co-financing (Loans)

Co-financing (Results-Based Payment)

3.2.1 Total Co-financing

359 990.4

*(Information is locked for editing)***Please confirm the afore-mentioned values are different as per your knowledge.**

No differences to be reported.

3.3 Disbursements Details (Cumulative to this reporting period)

3.3.1 Total GCF Disbursement

(Information is locked for editing)

Currency

(Information is locked for editing)

GCF Equity Disbursement

GCF Grants Disbursement

(Information is locked for editing)

GCF Guarantees Disbursement

GCF In-kind Disbursement

GCF Loans Disbursement

GCF Results-Based Payment Disbursement

Please confirm the afore-mentioned values are different as per your knowledge.

3.3.2 Co-Financing Disbursement

Provide the cumulative amount of disbursements from the start of implementation to the end of this reporting period. Indicate '0' if no amount is disbursed yet.

Choose currency

3.3.3 Total Project Disbursement

Provide the cumulative amount of disbursements from the start of implementation to the end of this reporting period. Indicate '0' if no amount is disbursed yet.

Choose currency

Please provide comments on sub-section 3.3, if any.

3.4 Expenditure details (Cumulative to this reporting period)

Choose currency

GCF Equity Expenditures

Provide the cumulative amount of expenditures from the start of implementation to the end of this reporting period. Indicate '0' if no amount is disbursed yet.

GCF Grants Expenditures

Provide the cumulative amount of expenditures from the start of implementation to the end of this reporting period. Indicate '0' if no amount is disbursed yet.

GCF Guarantees Expenditures

Provide the cumulative amount of expenditures from the start of implementation to the end of this reporting period. Indicate '0' if no amount is disbursed yet.

GCF Loans Expenditures

Provide the cumulative amount of expenditures from the start of implementation to the end of this reporting period. Indicate '0' if no amount is disbursed yet.

3.4.1 GCF Expenditures

Provide the cumulative amount of expenditures from the start of implementation to the end of this reporting period. Indicate '0' if no amount is disbursed yet.

3.4.2 Co-financing Expenditures

Provide the cumulative amount of expenditures from the start of implementation to the end of this reporting period. Indicate '0' if no amount is disbursed yet.

3.4.3 Total Project Expenditures

4626948.49

Please provide comments on sub-section 3.4, if any.

3.5 Investment & Other Income (Cumulative to this reporting period)

Reporting Level for investment

Please select the second option 'Accredited Entity Portfolio Level' only if AEs have more than one project where all GCF funds are held in a consolidated GCF Special Account.

- Project Level
- Accredited Entity Portfolio Level

Choose currency

Please provide comments on sub-section 3.5, if any.

3.6 Report on AE fees (Cumulative to this reporting period)

Reporting Level for AE fees

Please select the second option 'Accredited Entity Portfolio Level' only if AEs have more than one project where all GCF funds are held in a consolidated GCF Special Account.

- Project Level
- Accredited Entity Portfolio Level

Choose currency

Project Level AE Fees

Please provide comments on sub-section 3.6, if any.

Project AE fees received USD 351804 The 2020 reported cumulative expenses USD 246957.34

3.7 Annual Financial Performance Report

Please download the Financial Performance Report Template in Excel.

[Financial Performance Report Template](#)

This sub-section 3.7 is not applicable for REDD+ Results-Based Payments Projects. Please provide a separate 'Financial Progress Details' in Section 6.

Please attach the Annual Financial Performance Report here.

[Section 3 - APR 2020 Financial Information.xlsx](#)

Please provide comments on the attachment.

The Financial Information includes both GCF investment budget and AE fees.

Confirmation and Acknowledgement of Information *

* This is a required question to submit section 3 of the Annual Performance Report (APR).

The accredited entity hereby confirms that the information provided in section 3 is complete and ready for submission.

Section 4: Environmental and Social Safeguards & Gender

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Please note that this is section 4 of the six Annual Performance Report (APR) sections. APR will be considered valid only after all the six sections and the additional section on COVID-19 are filled with relevant details.

4.1 Implementation of environmental and social safeguards and gender elements

Please provide information on the project or programme on the following: (1) key risks and impacts as identified; (ii) compliance with applicable laws and regulations including FAA conditions and covenants; and (3) progress in the implementation of environmental and social management plans and programs including monitoring activities undertaken during the implementation of the funded activity.

4.1.1 The information includes description on any changes in the key environmental and social risks and impacts as identified and arising from the implementation including any unanticipated risks and impacts (ex. from changes in laws and regulations) and, based on these if any change in the project’s environmental and social risk category. In case of a change in the E&S risk category for the project, please provide an explanation.

Before starting the implementation of planned activities, component leads were trained and provided with a copy of ESMP to help them track the implementation of anticipated mitigation measures and how to identify other unanticipated risks that may happen as well as how these risks can be addressed. They were also given a simplified tracking form that help them to record information on Environmental and social Safeguard and Gender elements as per ESMP and GAP.

4.1.2 The information should include status of compliance with applicable laws and regulations of the country as well as the relevant conditions or covenants under the FAA. This can be captured in the table below:

Status of compliance with applicable laws and regulations and the conditions and covenants specifically addressing ESS & Gender under FAA

Compliance Type
Law / Regulation
Compliance Title & Description
Status of compliance
Documents and implementation of planned project activities are compliant with domestic laws and regulations as well as the international provisions as described in the ESS documents that were submitted

4.1.3 Provide a report on the progress made in implementing environmental and social management plans (ESMPs) and frameworks (ESMFs) describing achievements, and specifying details outlined in the tables below.

Implementation of ESMPs and ESMFs

Activities implemented during the reporting period, including monitoring

Seedling production and site preparation and tree planting

Outputs during the reporting period

- (i) Selection of beneficial/ appropriate species and sites for planting forest planting and rehabilitation with key stakeholders from Gicumbi district including district officials, members of civil society, forest owners, cooperatives and farmers.
- (ii) tree nursery beds for establishment for both fruits, agroforestry and plantation forests
- (iii) Tree planting for both forest plantations and agroforestry.

Key environmental, social and gender issues, risks and impacts addressed during implementation

Local resistance against project proposal to change of forest tree species. This was resolved through: (i) Demonstration tree nurseries and forest as proof of concept of efficient nurseries, tree species and forests (ii) Inclusion of key players of Gicumbi District in tree nurseries in the project intervention to support sensitization and public awareness in order to gain acceptance and ownership. Players like existing veteran tree nursery owners, small woodlot owners and local authority were involved.

Any pending key environmental, social and gender issues needing accredited entity's actions and GCF attention

No Pending document on such activities.

Activities implemented during the reporting period, including monitoring

Construction of both radical and progressive terraces

Outputs during the reporting period

- (i) Meeting with land owners/beneficiaries to avail land for the project to construct radical and progressive terraces and signing of land release proof (consent forms)
- (ii) Meeting with land owners to agree and identify beneficial agroforest trees and hedgerows to be planted in the terraces
- (iii) construction of radical and progressive terraces
- (ii) agroforestry and hedgerows tree nursery beds were established and planting was conducted from October

Key environmental, social and gender issues, risks and impacts addressed during implementation

Local resistance against proposed watershed protection interventions on their land. This was addressed using: (i) promotion of tree species that benefit local farmers to motivate and promote broad participation in planting and caring for the trees on their plantations or homestead (ii) meetings with farmers and signing consent-based land lease agreements with them before actual construction of terraces

Any pending key environmental, social and gender issues needing accredited entity's actions and GCF attention

No Pending document on such activities

Activities implemented during the reporting period, including monitoring

Nursery establishment and seedlings production for coffee and tea

Outputs during the reporting period

- (i) meeting with tea and coffee farmers to agree on kind of crones they prefer
- (ii) engage keys stakeholders in coffee and to advise on preferable seeds/ crones that are beneficial on international market
- (iii) tree nursery beds for both coffee and tea were established and planting of coffee was done from November

Key environmental, social and gender issues, risks and impacts addressed during implementation

Local resistance against introduction of new coffee and tea species. This was addressed through meeting with farmers, Mulindi Tea Factory owners and other stakeholders like Rwanda Agricultural Board (RAB) and NAEB to support identification and selection of the best crones that improve productivity and competitive on international market

Any pending key environmental, social and gender issues needing accredited entity's actions and GCF attention

No Pending document on such activities

Activities implemented during the reporting period, including monitoring

Construction of Gullies

Outputs during the reporting period

- (i) Identification of Gullies to be constructed in collaboration with local leaders
- (ii) Mobilization of communities where these gullies will be constructed
- (iii) Construction of Gullies

Key environmental, social and gender issues, risks and impacts addressed during implementation

The activities are still ongoing and no key environmental and social risks were identified so far

Any pending key environmental, social and gender issues needing accredited entity's actions and GCF attention

No Pending document on such activities

Activities implemented during the reporting period, including monitoring

Preliminary planning and securing land for the construction of climate resilient settlements in Kaniga and Kabeza sites

Outputs during the reporting period

- (i) Hiring a consultant to develop the Resettlement action plan (RAP) and livelihood Resettlement action plan (LRP)
- (ii) Informing the Affected people on the proposed development of the RAP
- (iii) conduct social economic survey and valuation of land and properties on the site
- (iv) Provision of the Cut-off date
- (v) Compensation of the affected properties

Key environmental, social and gender issues, risks and impacts addressed during implementation

- Economic displacement of 20ha agricultural land, crops and trees at Kaniga site. This was addresses through: (i) the development of Resettlement action plan (RAP) and livelihood Resettlement action plan (LRP).
- (ii) Compensation at full replacement cost for all eligible people.
- (iii) Monitoring of the implementation of the developed RAP.
- (iv) Resolving of informal grievances raised by affected people in the site by the Community Coordination Committees (CCCs) and district officials

Any pending key environmental, social and gender issues needing accredited entity's actions and GCF attention

No Pending document on such activities

4.1.4 Provide information on how the GCF Independent Redress Mechanism, as well as the AE's GRM (e.g. contact details, accessibility, and basic procedures of such mechanisms), is brought to the attention of executing entities, people, and beneficiaries in the project target area and the public in accordance with the relevant ESMS/ESIA.

- The Normal communication channels (phones, e-mails) between a project level GRM representative and the Community Coordination Committee established, composed of representatives from local administrative levels (Village, Cell and Sector) and different groups of beneficiaries at the same levels.
- Other means of communication and sharing information have been used including trainings, meetings and field visits.
- In addition, the channels for receiving, addressing and reporting the complaints raised at the above mentioned levels were set and relevant materials and templates were developed and shared to them.
- The Grievance mechanism portal also has been put in place to facilitate easy lodging and receiving of complaints.

4.1.5 Include a description of the actions undertaken towards increasing the relevant stakeholders' engagement in the project environmental, social and gender elements.

The information in this subsection should be provided for all projects regardless of the E&S risk category for the project.

Implementation of the stakeholder engagement plan

Activities implemented during the reporting period

Consultation/ mobilization meeting for bench and progressive terraces sites identification

Dates and venues of engagement activities

20th February 2020 at the project intervention area in Gicumbi district

Information shared with stakeholders

Communicating to farmers about the plans (including timing dates) for bench and progress terraces construction to avoid disruption of and conflict with other plans.

Signing of land release agreements between the district and farmers where the terraces will be constructed

Outputs including issues addressed during the reporting period

Meeting and mutual planning with farmers from the mapped sites build consensus on the terms and conditions for construction of bench and progressive terraces.

Many issues related to how people will be supported in terms of manure/fertilizer provision as well as climate resilient seeds after terraces construction were addressed

Activities implemented during the reporting period

Consultation meeting with Local leaders in Gicumbi district for 2020-2021 annual planning

Dates and venues of engagement activities

15th May, 2020 in Gicumbi district

Information shared with stakeholders

Presentation of annual project planned activities and those that can be put in the district annual plans

Outputs including issues addressed during the reporting period

Joint planning resulted into an integrated plan with district, sector and cell leaders that incorporates project interventions to be implemented over the government fiscal year.

Activities implemented during the reporting period

Training of members of Community Coordination Committees from 9 sectors where the project is being implemented

Dates and venues of engagement activities

15th -19th June 2020 at sector headquarters of the 9 sectors of interventions

Information shared with stakeholders

- Presentation on the project background with its different components and activities
- Functionality of the Community Coordination Committees including roles and responsibilities

Outputs including issues addressed during the reporting period

Trained on the role and responsibilities of the committees and of each member as a major part of this training. Major responsibilities of these committees include:

- Facilitate in the planning and monitoring of project activities
- Facilitate in conflict resolutions for all grievances that may happen across the project implementation
- To facilitate coordination of information of activities (such as surveys, supervising documentation)

Issues related on how they will be handling different grievances and the support of project implementation unit as well as district officials were addressed

Activities implemented during the reporting period

Training of Cell leaders on the project

Dates and venues of engagement activities

18th June 2020 at Gicumbi district headquarters

Information shared with stakeholders

- Presentation on Project's components and background of the project and planned execution arrangements;
- Discussion on the role of cell leaders in the implementation of the project activities especially on the community mobilization

Outputs including issues addressed during the reporting period

Cell leaders briefed and gained understanding on their role in implementation of planed project activities. Issues related to the schedule of some activities, identification of beneficiaries were raised and addressed

Activities implemented during the reporting period

Technical coordination committees' workshop (for the Steering committee)

Dates and venues of engagement activities

18th -19th June, 2020 at Gicumbi district

Information shared with stakeholders

- Assess the implementation status of the project
- Provide technical guidance to the project implementers and establish working relationship between the Technical Coordination Committee and project implementers through development of Memorandum of Understanding (MoUs).

Outputs including issues addressed during the reporting period

The workshop and field visit by both the project team and members of the project Technical Coordination Committee facilitated a common understanding on how the teams can partner to ensure the project intended outcome are timely achieved.

Issues related to how different institution that are part of the technical coordination committee can participate in the project implementation were addressed and put in the signed MoUs

Activities implemented during the reporting period

Community Mobilization meeting on the provision and construction of Rainwater harvesting tanks

Dates and venues of engagement activities

October, 2020 at 9 sectors of project intervention area

Information shared with stakeholders

Provided information related to who will benefit the RWH tanks, contribution of beneficiaries and the importance of the facilities to their livelihoods

Outputs including issues addressed during the reporting period

- Criteria for the selection of beneficiaries
- Types of rainwater harvesting tanks to be build
- Location and provision of land where the facilities will be built

Activities implemented during the reporting period

Community mobilization for check-dams construction

Dates and venues of engagement activities

October and November 2020 in 9 sectors of project intervention area

Information shared with stakeholders

Provided information related to the kinds of check-dams that will be constructed, contribution of beneficiaries and their importance in erosion control processes

Outputs including issues addressed during the reporting period

- Identification of sites where check-dams will be constructed
- Discussion on leasing and provision of land within the beneficiaries' lands

Activities implemented during the reporting period

Community Mobilization meetings on project planned activities

Dates and venues of engagement activities

21st July - 03rd Aug, 2020 in 9 sectors of project intervention area

Information shared with stakeholders

Conduct community workshops to increase project awareness, gain community participation reinforce community ownership and build on community knowledge to develop innovative, relevant and practical Community Adaptation Facility (CAF) & Community Adaptation Plans (CAP).

Outputs including issues addressed during the reporting period

- Presentation of planned project activities in each sector
- Responding to critical issues among communities before actual activities implementation

Activities implemented during the reporting period

Train local authorities (Sector technicians) and volunteers on their role in project implementation.

Dates and venues of engagement activities

22nd - 25th Sept, 2020 at Gicumbi district headquarters

Information shared with stakeholders

The role of volunteers in the project implementation process

Outputs including issues addressed during the reporting period

- Training on role and responsibilities of the volunteers
- The reporting mechanisms of the volunteers to the project team

Activities implemented during the reporting period

Women's representatives training on project objectives and gender mainstreaming & their role in project implementation

<p>Dates and venues of engagement activities</p> <p>07th - 08th Oct, 2020 at Gicumbi district headquarters</p>
<p>Information shared with stakeholders</p> <p>Climate change impacts on women and their participation in the project implementation process</p>
<p>Outputs including issues addressed during the reporting period</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Role of women in the project implementation process - Mobilization process and planned opportunities for women in the project as per the Gender Action Plan

4.1.6 Implementation of the grievance redress mechanism - list on the grievances received in the reporting period with the description of the grievance, the date the grievance was received, and the resolution of the grievance.

<p>Description of issues/complaints received during the reporting period</p> <p>During the mobilization sessions on construction of radical terraces under the project, some beneficiaries raised an issue related to their crops in their farms that would not be ready for harvesting in the period planned for construction of terraces</p>	<p>Date of receipt</p> <p>2020-03-18</p>
<p>Description of resolution</p> <p>A land consent form was signed between farmers and beneficiaries and those who had crops were advised to be considered in the next year. The beneficiaries understood and were put on the list for next year radical terraces construction</p>	<p>Status of addressing issues/complaints</p> <p>The beneficiaries understood and were put on the list for next year radical terraces construction</p>

<p>Description of issues/complaints received during the reporting period</p> <p>Complaints related to access to jobs from current activities under implementation. The jobs available were not enough for all potential beneficiaries within the implementation period</p>	<p>Date of receipt</p> <p>2020-05-13</p>
<p>Description of resolution</p> <p>Those who could not get jobs in the implementation period were consulted and informed that not all project activities started at once and that those who were left out at the time would be the first to be considered for upcoming activities</p>	<p>Status of addressing issues/complaints</p> <p>Addressed by giving them job opportunities in upcoming works</p>

4.2 Gender Action Plan

Women, Women Headed Households and youth were considered during the implementation of this year planned activities as in each activity, more than 40% of participants or beneficiaries were women. This shows that the implementation of Gender Action Plan is on track as per set targets. Due to some challenges of COVID-19, intensive community mobilization was not done as planned to increase participation of women and youth but as measures and restrictions are being eased, there are high chances that numbers will increase in the upcoming year.

Provide a progress report on the gender action plan developed during project preparation stage for the reporting period. This will primarily be a report on activities undertaken and results achieved as a result of completion of an activity. Further it should also indicate if the project is on track to achieving the intended outcome(s). The reporting should be done for activities, targets and indicators already set in the action plan including on vulnerable groups (youth, poor, female heads of households, etc.) as would have been identified in the gender analysis and action plan. If activities or targets are not achieved as per plan, reasons should be provided, and recourse action should be proposed. Please include a reporting on any changes or deviations. Include a Report on implementation challenges and lessons learnt and how these will inform on-going actions and what action will be taken by when to address the challenges faced. Incorporate both quantitative data and qualitative report of the performance of such actions, and on progress on actions identified.

4.2.1 Progress on implementing the project-level gender action plan submitted with the funding proposal

Activity / Action	
Women targeted to participate in public works to reduce slope erosion to sustainable levels and to stabilize rivers, roadsides and steep slopes with protective forestry.	
Indicator	
At least 40% of workers in public works schemes are women	
Baseline	Target, including sex-disaggregation
0	40%
Budget	Currency
336 134	USD
Report on annual progress	
Women were more represented in all activities that have so far been implemented. These include Bench (Radical) and progressive terrace construction; nursery bed establishment for forest, agroforestry, tea and coffee seedlings. Out of 17,410 people who were offered in above activities 9,053 (52%) were women. This gave capacity to women in terraces making and also raised income to them which helped in their livelihood's improvement.	

Activity / Action	
Women's preferences taken into account during species selection for integrating agro-forestry into farming systems	
Indicator	
Species selection reflects women's preferences in at least 50% of target HH	
Baseline	Target, including sex-disaggregation
0	50%
Budget	Currency
351	USD
Report on annual progress	
Women were very well represented during species selection of agro-forestry. A field visit was conducted for farmers to see where different tree species were planted so that they can decide accordingly. Out of 18 people representing different stakeholders that participated in this field visits 7 were women. This helped communities especially women in choosing species of their choice that would benefit them economically.	

Activity / Action	
Training and job opportunities communicated through various channels to reach women, men and youth	
Indicator	
At least 50 women farmers are consulted on shade tree species	
Baseline	Target, including sex-disaggregation
0	50%
Budget	Currency
19 800	USD

Report on annual progress

Women were part of the mobilization meeting organized during before some activities that provided jobs starts. These include Terraces making, nursery bed establishment for forest, agroforest, tea and coffee seedlings. Out of 272 who participated 111 were women. This gave women a high level of participation in all activities that were planned.

Activity / Action

Women and female headed households targeted for sale and use of clean cook stoves but also in training for engaging as entrepreneurs in clean energy alternatives

Indicator

At least 40% of participants receiving technical training in clean energy alternatives are women

Baseline

0

Target, including sex-disaggregation

40%

Budget

45 455

Currency

USD

Report on annual progress

Women Headed Households were well represented in the provided training in as 60%. Of the 52 trained people were women. This helped women in gaining skills that will help in sustaining proved cook stoves and also raise their level of income

Activity / Action

Clean energy in households (particularly in rural areas) promoted for reduced time burden, health impact, and forest degradation especially on women and youth

Indicator

No. of households (women and youth) provided with energy saving cookstoves

Baseline

0

Target, including sex-disaggregation

23000

Budget

90 909

Currency

USD

Report on annual progress

Women Headed Households were more represented in the training and provision of cooking stoves. Out 6700 people who benefited 5360 were Women households

Activity / Action

Women's skills are built in seedling management to address the issue of poor-quality seedling

Indicator

At least 50% of the community members trained in seedling management will be women

Baseline

0

Target, including sex-disaggregation

50%

Budget	Currency
19 269	USD
Report on annual progress	
Women were represented in the training on seedling management. Out of 180 trained 108 were women. This provided them with skills that will support them in sustaining planted trees and establishment of another tree nursery establishment	

4.3 Planned activities on environmental and social safeguards for the next reporting period

The project team has an Environmental and social specialist who will continue to provide support to mitigate and reduce potential environmental and social risks/conflicts in the project's area of intervention. The project plans the following activities for 2021 to adhere to the project's ESIA and RPF:

- Continue to follow up with stakeholders through and project implementation Unit on the implementation of the ESMP and Stakeholders Engagement Plan
- Capacity building for the Community Coordination Committees on their roles in the project implementation especially conflict resolution and grievance handling
- Promptly respond to grievances as they arise
- ESS Specialist to carry out regular screening and monitoring of the Environmental and Social Management Plan and the risks associated to it, throughout the project period
- Based on the assessment of the project ESIA, RPF and Gender Action Plan that were developed, the ESS Specialist facilitate update the risks and mitigation measures as appropriate
- Carry out quarter monitoring of the ESMP of the project and EHS that will be developed by the contractor for upcoming construction of Climate Resilient Settlements in Kaniga and Kabeza sites

Provide a list of activities in the ESMP to be implemented in the next reporting period. Include relevant deliverables such as reports or action plans, and other project specific products. Please include the monitoring schedule concerning ESS (including other potential vulnerable groups and indigenous people) for the next annual reporting period.

4.4 Planned activities on gender elements for the next reporting period

Activities planned for 2021 are as follows: The ESS Specialist will review project documentation, observe project activities and interact with project staff and beneficiaries to draw up an implementation plan for addressing the points raised in the Gender Action Plan The ESS Specialist will carry out the necessary steps for the training for project staff on gender awareness and tracking of gender aspects across all project components ranging from those related to watershed management, forest management, energy, climate resilient settlements construction, etc The ESS specialist will develop specific guidelines for including gender as a central concern in every aspect that the project is engaged in, with detailed guidelines for each activity and a gender monitoring schedule The project will also conduct the Annual Gender Assessment for all implemented activities with reference to the project Gender Action Plan The project will continue to actively encourage the equal participation of women and men as project beneficiaries with all beneficiary figures disaggregated. Aside from the activities given above, the ESS specialist may carry out further activities as he deems fit especially focusing on the implementation of Gender Action Plan.

Provide a list of activities in the gender action plan to be implemented in the next reporting period. Include relevant deliverables such as reports or action plans, and other project specific products including processes that will be involved to implement the activities effectively. Please include the monitoring schedule concerning gender activities for the next annual reporting period. Report on actions taken on any of the recommendations made by the secretariat (if applicable) to improve the level of integration of gender issues in the project.

Confirmation and Acknowledgement of Information *

* This is a required question to submit section 4 of the Annual Performance Report (APR).

The accredited entity hereby confirms that the information provided in section 4 is complete and ready for submission.

Section 5: Annexes

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Annex 1: Updated implementation timetable for the Funded Activity

[Annex 1_ Updated Implementation timetable for the Funded Activity.xlsx](#)

Submit only if there are any changes from implementation plan submitted in the FAA.

Annex 2: Accredited Entity compliance reports

[GCF AE Self-assessment Template v2.1 201911_for CY2020 reporting via PPMS.docx](#)

Self-assessment reports, Report on Actions pursuant to Clause 18.02, if applicable. Self-assessment reports: In accordance with the AMA requirement in Clause 13.01 of the Accreditation Master Agreement, with the Fiduciary Principles and Standards, ESS and Gender Policy. Report on Actions pursuant to Clause 18.02: Only applicable to International Accredited Entities. In accordance with the Monitoring and Accountability Framework, a report on its actions carried out or planned to be carried out pursuant to Clause 18.02 of the Accreditation Master Agreement.

Please provide comments on the annexes attached above if any.

The Attached is the 2020 Annual Assessment Report on progress and compliance to the accreditation policies

Confirmation and Acknowledgement of Information *

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The accredited entity hereby confirms that the information provided in section 5 is complete and ready for submission.

Section 6: Attachments

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Submit the Unaudited/Audited financial statement and Interim/Final evaluation report (as required by FAA). Submit a supporting document for Section 2.4. (Update Progress on the Logic Framework Indicators), describing the calculation methodology for the current values provided.

This sub-section 2.4 is not applicable for REDD+ Results-Based Payments Projects.

Other Attachments (if any). Such as additional budget-related information, loan repayment schedules to GCF (interest/principal), equity investment schedules, other related reports relevant to the Funded Activity, statements of capital account, valuation reports, credit guarantee agreements, investor reports, and others, as specified in the relevant legal agreements (e.g. Funded Activity Agreement, Shareholders Agreement)

For the Annual Performance Report of REDD+ Results-Based Payments projects, provide 'Implementation Timetable/Milestones for the next reporting period' and 'Financial Progress Details' as an attachment in this section.

Comments from AE (if any)

Confirmation and Acknowledgement of Information *

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The accredited entity hereby confirms that the information provided in section 6 is complete and ready for submission.

Additional Section: COVID-19 Impact

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In this additional section of the Annual Performance Report (APR), please provide an update of COVID-19 impact on your project/programme. APR will be considered valid only after all the six sections and the additional section on COVID-19 are filled with relevant details.

Please indicate if your project/programme is adversely impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Yes

Please choose the severity of overall impact.

Facing delays

Description of levels of severity:

1. On-track with no or minor impact: No or minor impact on project implementation and corresponding annual activities.
2. Facing delays: Implementation progress faced delays in the timeline but did not require any substantial changes in the implementation plan.
3. A minor change(s) required: Changes that are not classified as Major changes but requires intervention from GCF.
4. A major change(s) required: As per paragraph 16 of the Policy on Restructuring and Cancellation - Board Decision B.22/14 paragraph (a). Please find the link to the policy document below.

[GCF Policy on Restructuring and Cancellation](#)

Please describe an overall impact on your project/programme by the COVID-19 pandemic (100-word limit).

Rwanda like many other countries in the world has been affected by Covid 19 pandemic. The pandemic has affected the implementation of some activities and this led into delays in implementation of planned activities such as trainings and community mobilization meetings. As a way forward, the project has rescheduled affected activities to resume after the lockdown and adopted the online community mobilization to speed up delayed activities.

Provide a short description of the adverse impact on your project/programme and provide references or supporting materials in the Annexes and Attachments sections as relevant.

Please describe details of challenges encountered and corrective/mitigation measures taken.

Select a type of the challenges encountered.

Field Activities

Describe details of the challenge encountered.

All the 4 components of the project include activities that involve stakeholder engagements requiring physical interactions between the project implementation team on the one hand and the contractors, local level administration and community members on the other hand. As a result, these activities have experienced delays due to lockdowns aimed to contain and limit the spread of the COVID19 pandemic that were instituted by the GoR in the course of project implementation. The lockdown is still in force and therefore continues to affect project implementation through delays in delivery, in particular on trainings and mobilization meetings which are critical to deliver results on a range of outputs targeted under the project.

Sample challenges for Field Activities:

- Delays in travels, planned training, workshops, conferences, events, and awareness-raising events
- Limited access to project sites especially outer islands
- Postponed field missions for collecting/validating information, and conducting consultations with local stakeholders
- Measures required to ensure the security and safety of workers
- Delays in pilot projects, feasibility/baseline studies

Describe details of the corrective/mitigation measures taken as much as you can.

The project has continually observed the Covid-19 pandemic measures put in place by the GoR to effectively contain and limit the spread of the virus while seeking exceptional considerations periodically granted on some of the essential services especially related to Agriculture and the likes. The Covid 19 measures has triggered Lessons that are emerging through which the project will increasingly rely on online platforms and rural extension approaches in community trainings and mobilization. Specifically, the use of community radios and mega phones are increasingly used to pass on key messages for public awareness to sensitize communities.

Select a type of the challenges encountered.

Supply Chain

Describe details of the challenge encountered.

- i. Evaluation of tenders is a big challenge, contract negotiation with successful bidders not physically present and signing of contract is tedious and leads to delays. In addition, access to the sites or project intervention areas due to lockdown/Covid 19 by project suppliers and partners has also been challenging especially in times of total lockdown and restrictions to travel from one District to another
- ii. Timely delivery challenges especially on importable goods and outsourced international expertise due to travel restrictions has consequently delayed delivering results on some project activities.

Sample challenges for Supply Chain:

- Delays in procurement and importation of materials, and equipment due to halt in production or lack of raw material and supplies
- Logistic challenges leading to loss of business opportunities
- Need for extensions of tender submission dates

Describe details of the corrective/mitigation measures taken as much as you can.

- i. The use of online approach is being used despite the fact that it is sometimes challenging given that most of project suppliers, contractors and partners may have no or limited internet accessibility hence this causes inefficiency in the project implementation
- ii. In cases where the International Consultants living in Rwanda, AE & EE have managed to hire them for different consultancies planned but also the option of hiring National consultants was chosen to be able to implement project planned activities.

Select a type of the challenges encountered.

Others

Describe details of the challenge encountered.

Covid-19 restrictive measures taken by the Government to contain the spread of Covid 19 pandemic especially requiring AE and EE Staff to work from home has caused inefficiency and therefore performance challenges. All national institutions are relying on digital facilities to function which constrains the existing digital facilities (Modem and Airtime, Consistent network, video conference facilities). This is especially evident on the part of PIU that is located in rural areas where such facilities normally face challenges

Describe details of the corrective/mitigation measures taken as much as you can.

The AE & EE are devising measures to provide enough digital facilities to all the Staff to facilitate efficient performance while working from home. Consistent network coverage and also video conference facilities will support AE and EE to work with external stakeholders as well as communicate with the communities in Gicumbi District.

Please describe if any support is required from the GCF to address the COVID-19 impact on your project/programme.

No support required at the moment from GCF. The project will continue to observe Covid 19 guidelines by the ministry of health while implementing the project.

Confirmation and Acknowledgement of Information *

* This is a required question to submit the additional section of the Annual Performance Report (APR).

The accredited entity hereby confirms that the information provided in the additional section on COVID-19 is complete and ready for submission.