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World Bank Mission Spells Out Way forward

KMFRI hosted the first 2012 World Bank (WB) Mission to KCDP from 30th January to 3rd February. The Mission was led by WB Technical Team Leader, Ms Ann Jeannette Glauber, accompanied by experts from WB and FAO and attended by senior officials from the Government of

Kenya, KCDP staff and technical staff from all the Project partners comprising the Fisheries Department (FiD), the Kenya Marine Fisheries Research Institute (KMFRI), the Kenya Forestry Research Institute (KEFRI), the Ministry of Lands (Department of Physical Planning; MoL-DPP), the Coast Development Authority (CDA), the Kenya Wildlife Service (KWS) and the National Environmental and Management Authority (NEMA).



Participants of Component 3 engaged in a group discussion during the World Bank Mission held at KMFRI In January/February

Objectives of the Mission were to:

- (a) assess progress made since the September 2011 mission, including review work program, procurement plan, and safeguard action plans;
- (b) agree on the core elements of the project restructuring;
- (c) agree on the CVF objective, funding windows and funding mechanism design; and
- (d) review management of fiduciary issues.

The Mission was formally opened by the Deputy Director of KMFRI, Dr. Renison Ruwa, who reminded the partners of the high expectation from Government and all stakeholders judging from the colourful launch in November 2011 that was attended by all leaders from the coast region. Dr. Ruwa noted that although many challenges were initially observed in procurement and disbursement of funds, these were now being addressed.

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KCDP Achievements to-date

- Disbursement of KShs 76.9 million project funds from IDA (KShs 63.6m) and GEF (KShs13.3m)
- Restructuring of the Project legal arrangements in results framework, institutional arrangements, and reallocation of expenditures
- Revision of the design and implementation of Community Village Funds as Hazina ya Maendeleo ya Pwani (HMP)
- Implementation of the Procurement Plan for the first 18 months

The Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Fisheries Development, who is also the Chairman of the Project's National Steering Committee, Prof Micheni Ntiba participated in the deliberations during the closing session of the Mission. In his remarks, Prof. Ntiba encouraged the partners to maintain the dynamism, team work and the commitment they have shown since the inception of KCDP.

"Everyone must take up their responsibilities in order for the team to deliver effectively", Prof. Ntiba urged. "It is crucial that issues in the Aide Memoire are adhered to fully in terms of activity, time frame and responsibility".

He concluded by stating that he wished KCDP to be seen as a coastal people's project and not a public officers' initiative. The Project staff should ensure that people on the ground are sensitized, fully involved and able to talk about KCDP and the anticipated meaningful progress it will bring to coastal people.

Prior to the remarks by Prof. Ntiba, the Directors and senior representatives in attendance from the partner agencies expressed their satisfaction that the objectives of the current WB Mission have been achieved. They reiterated their continued support and cooperation in implementing all the activities of KCDP.

Status of disbursements to KCDP partners

KCDP has to-date disbursed a total of KShs 76.9 million to the various partner institutions. The funds are being used in implementing various sub-component activities including conducting research, assessments, quality control, governance, capacity building, workshops and planning meetings. Out of this disbursement some KShs 63.6million is from the IDA category - representing 2.13 % of the total IDA funds, while the rest 13.3million is from GEF, representing 3.2%.

Institution	Sub-components activities	Funding Category and Amount (KShs) received
FiD	Inshore patrols, MCS activities, VMS upgrading and commissioning and BMU empowerment; Component 1 Stakeholder Sensitization and marine frame survey	IDA (9.73M) & GEF (6.5M)
CDA	Provision of Business Development Studies, Promoting Farming through FFS, Promoting PPP, Capacity building	(IDA) 5.2M
KEFRI	review of existing and new biodiversity and natural resources; Capacity building; mapping of target CBO's and groups	IDA (3.7M) & GEF (1.6M)
KMFRI	Workshops, lab supplies, gap analyses and assessments, mangrove management plan, driers, sites survey, value chain analysis, mariculture suitability, hatcheries rehabilitation, demonstration farms for shrimp	IDA (6.9M) GEF (2.6M)
KWS	GIS baseline template, Shimba biodiversity assessment, workshops, management and conservation strategies, M & E	IDA (6.3M) GEF (2.7M)
NEMA	None	0
DPP-MoL	GIS courses, Data collection for information systems, community awareness and feedback mechanism	IDA (10.3M)
Total disbursement to partners by end of March, 2012 = Kenya Shillings 76.9 Million		IDA (63.6M) & GEF (13.3M)

KMFRI Poised to Host KCDP Hub - Director of KMFRI Dr. Kazungu advises KCDP staff from KMFRI to formulate blue prints that will guide them in conducting project activities to successful completion.

As KCDP moves into the implementation phase, KMFRI has embarked on fulfilling the demanding responsibility of hosting the Project Coordinating Unit (PCU) effectively within its precincts and guiding partner institutions by leading in delivering the set objectives on brief, on time and on the budget.



Fisheries Development Minister Dr. Amason Kingi unveils the KCDP plaque depicting the Project Mission and Vision statements during the formal launch of the Project on November 11, 2011. Behind the Minister are the KMFRI Director Dr. J. Kazungu (holding microphone), area Member of Parliament Mr. Hassan Joho (next to him in cap) and Fisheries Permanent Secretary Prof. Micheni Ntiba.

Playing such a leading role while maintaining the required high standards is not an easy task and the management of KMFRI is aware of that. The management also recognises that the task ahead is an excellent opportunity for KMFRI to make a huge impact through successful implementation of KCDP that could have significant bearing on its institutional profile nationally. It is in this regard that on 21st February 2012, the Director; Dr. Johnson Kazungu invited the KMFRI staff coordinating KCDP activities for a consultative meeting. The KCDP staff comprised of Dr. Jacqueline Uku, the Project Coordinator, Dr. Melckzedeck Osore,

the Manager for Component 4 and Mr. Stephen Mwangi, the Technical Coordinator. The meeting was held at KMFRI and attended by KMFRI's senior management staff, Programme Coordinators, researchers and technicians.

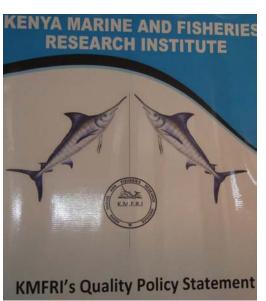
The overall aim of the meeting was to internalize into the annual KMFRI work plans all the activities of KCDP that the Institute's researchers undertake in the various components and coordinate at the PCU. These are mainly activities that fall under Components 1, 2 and 4 where the role of KMFRI is significant.

During the meeting, KMFRI researchers involved in implementation of KCDP presented an overview of activities proposed to be conducted through KCDP components including the expected outputs, timelines and associated budgets. The KMFRI focus in the project is mainly on fisheries, aquaculture, management of mangroves and environmental research that informs management and sustainable utilization of marine and coastal resources.

KCDP staff in turn gave an overview of the current status of the project implementation strategy in terms

> of available human capacity sourced from KMFRI and its partners, existing logistical support and the selected indicators for project monitoring and evaluation. The structure for providing support to coastal communities through the community development fund was also elaborated as well as the proposed communication framework for KCDP.

While contributing to the discussion, KMFRI's Deputy Director Dr. Renison Ruwa observed that since all the KMFRI activities in the Project components are interlinked, the



KCDP supports KMFRI's quest to provide quality service and its process of ISO certification.



Exhibition stand of the Ministry of Fisheries Development during the Mombasa International Agricultural Show. KCDP activities enhance fisheries research capacity in the Ministry.

linkages should also be lucid. He urged the researchers to address this mismatch in time as the project rolls out. Dr. Ruwa also highlighted the need to address the management of the intellectual property right within KCDP, which is a crucial issue for KMFRI as a research institution.

The meeting concluded with an advisory remark from the Director, Dr. Kazungu.

"Because of KMFRI's national role in this project and our own specific responsibilities as the key partner, this is a very important meeting and that is why I convened it and chaired it myself". Dr. Kazungu emphasised. "I am convinced that we are now on the right track, but we must strive to formulate the "blue-prints" to guide us in implementing various tasks so that any emerging challenges can be spotted early and addressed promptly".

Activities from the Components

Component 1: Sustainable Management of Fisheries Resources

Planning meeting for Component 1 was hosted at KMFRI by the Component Manager, Mr. Kennedy Shikami on 23rd and 24th February and attended by 17 representatives of partner institutions from KMFRI and Fisheries Department comprising fisheries experts, socio-economists and procurement officers.

Participants reviewed activity work plans, training projections and its costs, proposed research strategies, and streamlined how the partner agencies will collaborate to achieve synergies. They also discussed the most effective approach for linking Component 1 activities with those of other KCDP components. The participants devised an organization structure for implementing Component 1 activities and the format for reporting results.



Demonstration ponds at the Fisheries Department.



Demonstration fish ponds at the Fisheries Department, Mombasa District Office.

It was agreed that the top priority for the team at the moment is to sensitize the communities in order to create more awareness about the activities of Component 1. To achieve this, four ideal locations along the Kenya coast were identified for targeted sensitization visits - Vanga and Shimoni in the south coast, and Malindi and Lamu in the north. The team resolved to convene sensitization meetings in which the key invitees will be the leaders of Beach Management Units (BMU), senior representatives of institutions and from the counties.

Mr. Shikami and his team also took full advantage of the meeting to prepare an advance response to the issues related to Component 1 that were raised in the Aide Memoire following the World Bank Mission conducted in January/February, 2012.



Entrance to the tree nursery of the Kenya Forestry Research Institute (KEFRI), Gede Station.

Component 2: Sound Management of Natural Resources

The Manager for Component 2, Mr. Francis Mutuku convened the first Component meeting this year on 14th February, 2012. The key agenda was to discuss and prioritize start-up activities planned by partner institutions within Component 2. The Meeting was attended by 15 participants representing all the partners who presented status reports on sub-project activities undertaken in their institutions.

KMFRI's report was presented by Mr. Stephen Mwangi. He informed the meeting that KMFRI's planned tasks include assessing impacts of land based activities on the marine environment and determining the effectiveness of MPAs in improving the coastal and marine biodiversity. Dr. James Kairo also of KMFRI presented a historical perspective of the protection of mangroves forests in Kenya since the 1890s. In his elaborate presentation, Dr. Kairo informed the meeting the steps to be undertaken in the process of developing management plans for the mangroves along the Kenya coast.

Dr. Mohammed Omar presented the KWS report and mentioned that among the main activities to be undertaken include the development of management strategies to address the coral reef and the endangered sable antelopes of Shimba Hills. Mr. Linus Wekesa presented the report from KEFRI in which he highlighted five key activities planned to be implemented in collaboration with relevant institutions and stakeholders. These activities include conducting consultative workshops, selecting of seeds and determining their quality, assessing soil fertility and identifying of target groups.

The team noted with concern that since the inception of KCDP, the participation of Kenya Forestry Services (KFS), which is one of the Key stakeholders of Component 2 with its activities as the national custodian of forests closely linked to those of KEFRI, needed to be strengthened. Therefore, the team resolved to strategize how to fully engage KFS as well as other similar partners. The following additional issues regarding the Component were also discussed:



View of the upper floor of the building where the Project Coordinating Unit of KCDP is based.

- Research Plan deliberate effort will be made to closely link research activities with project objectives and indicators
- Collaboration rather than competing against each other, participants in this Component resolved to encourage inter-agency collaboration and synergies, which will be nurtured by establishing MoUs.
- CVF/HMP funds possible collaborative activities.

Component 3: Support for Sustainable Alternative Livelihood

Among the main activities that Component 3 Manager, Mr. Geoffrey Rono was tasked with was to lead the team that selected the pilot sites for implementation of KCDP activities. The selection process, which was both rigorous and transparent, was intended to identify pilot sites that would maximize the impact of KCDP by focusing and consolidating project activities.

On 15th February 2012, Mr. Rono led the team in the process of identifying six pilot sites each representing one of the coastal Counties. The process considered 11 selection criteria that included existing social capital, potential for "quick wins", results of local consultations, availability of baseline data (including land mapping), presence of important biodiversity, level of development threat to natural resources and potential for sustainable development/use such as fisheries. The impact or

severity of each criterion on all the potential sites in every county was weighted on the score of low, medium or high. For each potential pilot site, the selection process also considered the effects of environmental and social safeguards as well as the impact of prominent activities of economic, cultural and traditional value. Team members for this tasks comprised: Mr. Geoffrey Rono and Dr Jacqueline Uku (PCU); Mr. Patrick Gwada, Mr. Stephen Mwangi and Dr. James Kairo (KMFRI); Mr. Musingo Mbuvi, Mr. Linus Wekesa and Mr. Bernard Owuor (KEFRI); Mr. Ali Mwanzei (NEMA), Mr. Collins Ndoro (FiD) and Dr Mohammed Omar (KWS).

On the basis of this elaborate selection process, seven tentative pilot sites were identified in the six counties. However, these sites are not yet confirmed until they are approved by the National Project Steering Committee (NPSC).

Component 4: Management of Community Village Fund

The first major KCDP activity this year took place at the Project Coordinating Unit (PCU) from January 9th to 12th. It was the Planning Workshop for Component 4, which was hosted by the Component Manager, Dr. Melckzedeck Osore. Among the key participants was Dr. Michael Marx from the Investment Centre of the Fisheries and Agriculture Organization (FAO) who was especially invited to facilitate and assist the partners to advance the design of the Coastal Village Fund (CVF).



Preliminary discussions on the overall nature and possible interventions of the CVF and the activities to be undertaken were held on 9th January and attended by representative from the WB Nairobi Office, the Project Coordinator and component managers. The main part of the workshop was held on 10th and 11th January to discuss the design of the CVF mechanism. Additional participants included technical coordinators and representatives from partner institutions. On 12 January, further discussions were held on single structural and operational aspects of the fund.

The main outcomes of the Planning Workshop were:

- Change of the name from CVF to HMP Hazina ya Maendeleo ya Pwani (Development Fund of the Coast), in order to reflect the actual aspiration of the fund and distinguish it from other national initiatives
- Three proposed and clearly defined funding windows of HMP i.e. Micro and Small Enterprise (MSE), Natural Resource Management (NRM) and Community Service (CS); including their conditions of applications and funding allocations

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