

ETHIOPIA: Sustainable Land Management Programme - Subcomponent Participatory Forest Management

Following a public tender in 2008, GITEC as part of a German consortium was awarded the technical assistance services for implementing the GTZ subcomponent "Participatory Forest Management in Ethiopia". The project forms part of the Sustainable Land Management Programme which is multi-donor-financed programme activity. The objective of the Sustainable Land Management Project in Ethiopia is to reduce land degradation in agricultural landscapes and to improve the agricultural productivity of smallholder farmers, whilst the objective of the German contribution, supported by GTZ, KfW and DED is "Increased food security and reduced land degradation in rural highland regions of Tigray, Amhara and Oromia".

The German contribution to the "Sustainable Land Management Program" (SLM) comprises three components:

1. Improvement of framework conditions and reform processes
2. Increase of agricultural productivity and income and
3. Innovative approaches and methods for SLM, participatory forest management and energy use.



Community meeting in the project area

The 3rd component is entrusted to the German consortium for implementation. The component aims at ensuring/increasing food security through sustainable land management, reduction of net biomass consumption for energy use through improved stoves and protection of natural forests through participatory forest management (with active participation of forest and non-forest dwellers).

The advisory services focus on up-scaling of participatory forest management to selected forest districts in the Oromia region, networking with other actors to harmonize participatory forest management with similar approaches and increase dissemination. This goes along with the promotion and establishment of income-generating activities from forest- and/or

non-forest-products (including ecotourism), and the development of regulatory frameworks for forest user groups in Oromia as well as for SLM-user groups in Oromia, Tigray and Amhara.

Mobilisation of the experts took place in February 2009. Planning workshops and harmonisation with other donors and organisations in the region took place, whilst first activities are in progress of implementation.

ARMENIA: Construction Supervision of Water Supply Infrastructure in Armavir, Metsamor and 7 surrounding villages

The construction of water supply and sewerage infrastructure in Armavir and surrounding villages, co-financed through KfW Development Bank had been awarded in 3 lots to 3 different construction companies. In July 2007 GITEC was entrusted with the provision of consulting

services required for the implementation of works for the last outstanding lot, e.g. construction in 7 villages. Our services comprise of the preparation of tender documents for numerous different items (e.g. installation of new steel tanks, extension of water supply networks, installation of

pumps, etc.), assistance on tendering and construction supervision. Construction works commenced in October 2008 and were completed in October 2009.

In addition to the measures in the villages, our services include the supervision of remedial works in Armavir (replacement of pipes, reinstallation of house connections, reinstatement of asphalt roads). These measures (except asphaltting) were implemented by force account through the Water Utility Nor Akunq CJSC. The implementation commenced in August 2007 and has been completed October 2009.



Assembling new steel tank on site

BANGLADESH: Successful Completion of Rural Infrastructure Improvement Project



Practical training on infrastructure maintenance

Since February 2004, GITEC has been implementing the Institutional Support & Training (IST) Component of the Rural Infrastructure Improvement Project (RIIP-1), which is financed through GTZ under German Technical Cooperation, in 16 districts of the South and South-West of Bangladesh. The physical infrastructural improvements, financed by the Government of Bangladesh, the Asian Development Bank and through German Financial Cooperation (KfW) have been completed by June 2009. Those comprises among others 1,226 km of rural roads, 68 markets/growth centres including 60 women market sections, 89 boat landing sites and 100 Union Council Complexes. The services under technical cooperation provided by GITEC are being extended by GTZ up to April 2010 to assist the Government in safeguarding and fostering the improvements achieved, ultimately aiming at poverty reduction in rural areas.

The focus of our activities is accordingly on further capacity building and coaching of 105 pilot union councils, reinforcement of road safety related campaigns and messages, coaching of female shop owners in improved growth centres, monitoring and further improvement of the performance of Market Management Committees, assistance to female maintenance workers in starting income-generating activities from their own savings, and consolidation of improvements in the field of road maintenance, through a performance-based off-pavement maintenance system, and through mobile maintenance teams.

The IST Terminal Report on Benefit Monitoring & Evaluation, presented to all development partners in August 2009, gave proof of the multiple positive effects and impacts resulting from the activities of RIIP-1. For example, direct employment generation from construction has exceeded 40,000 person-years, of which 22% for female workers. Maintenance will create further employment of 44,000 person-years over the coming years, mainly for women.

The number of roadside shops increased by 277% along project roads. Motorised traffic increased by 136% in Khulna and 160% in Barisal. Non-motorised vehicles increased by 61% in Khulna and 43% in Barisal, and the number of pedestrians increased by 71% in Khulna and by 122% in Barisal. As a result, the Economic Internal Rate of Return of roads improved exceeded 30% in Khulna and 20% in Barisal Division.

The lease value of improved Growth Centres increased by more than 200% on average, resulting in higher availability of funds for maintenance and development of those markets.

In a capacity assessment, the RIIP-1 Pilot Union Councils scored 19 percentage points higher than Control Unions. The own revenue collection of Pilot Unions increased, on average, by 104% between 2003/04 and 2007/08. This gives them more independence in planning and implementing their own small projects, identified through public participation in so-called Citizen Forum Meetings.



Theoretical training on infrastructure maintenance

The GITEC Principal Advisor/Institutional Development and Training Adviser is, since the beginning of the project, Dipl. Wirtschaftswissenschaftler Rainer Kuhnle.

PHILIPPINES: 3rd Provincial Towns Water Supply and Sanitation Programme



Under a financial cooperation agreement between the Federal Republic of Germany and the Republic of the Philippines, a fund of EUR 10.2 million was earmarked for the realisation of improvement and expansion of existing water supply systems in up to 30 water districts including an array of measures to ensure a 24-hour supply of good quality potable water under the 3rd Provincial Towns Water Supply and Sanitation Programme (PTWSSP III).

GITEC in association with its local partner have been selected in international tendering to provide the consultancy services for the project which is scheduled

for a period of 36 months (12 for final design, 6 for tendering and 18 for construction).

The envisaged consulting services include review and validation of earlier feasibility studies, preparation of detailed design, bills of quantities, cost estimates and tender documents and to assist the implementing agency LWUA as well as the water districts in tendering, construction supervision and acceptance of completed works.

Between 2003 and 2006 GITEC carried out the feasibility study „PTWSSP III“ which included Orani, one of the bigger districts, which also belongs to the group of the 30 project districts. The detailed design of

Orani will be prepared by applying a GIS based methodology which will allow a more efficient future management of the water supply infrastructure. It is also intended to introduce a GIS based asset management concept.

The improvement measures for the other districts will be based on the plans of work (including simplified feasibility studies, designs, tender documents, etc.) prepared by LWUA. The consulting services for these districts will focus on the review of documents and assistance on tendering and on supervision of implementation.

Commencement of consulting services is expected in January 2010.

PHILIPPINES: Health Sector Reform Agenda Support Programme (HSRASAP)

In October 2009, GITEC's Health Department started its consulting services for the Health Sector Reform Agenda Support Programme in the Philippines. Our team leader, Mrs. M. C. Nubla, and her team, supported by our local partner, will support the Department of Health (DoH) and the Department of Finance through their implementing units Bureau of International Health Cooperation (BIHC) and Municipal Development Fund Office (MDFO) in capacity strengthening of the Local Government Units (LGUs) regarding pro-poor health service delivery.

A loan of EUR 10 million has been agreed between the Philippines and the German Government for further strengthening the ongoing Health Sector Reform Agenda in a provisionally final phase until end of 2011.

Based on the experience of former and ongoing multi-donor Health Sector Reform Agenda activities in 16 provinces (known as FOURmula ONE for Health, 2005-2010) and aligned with the overarching Sector Development Approach to Health, GITEC's support to DoH/BIHC and MDFO shall basically focus on capacity strengthening through sub-loans for health sector investments of Local Government Units. Additionally, performance-based grants shall be awarded to loan-participating LGUs. Managerial capacities of the decentralised, but still fragmented health system in the Philippines shall be strengthened through the process of the project implementation itself. Additional measures, such as trainings, needs-based planning procedures, and strengthening of pro-poor financing mechanisms of the

national health insurance system through the Philippine Health Insurance Corporation are expected to result in a measurable increase in efficiency and quality of health services.

GITEC's support aims at a greater accessibility of primary health care and prevention services for the near-poor population, particularly for women. GITEC's Health Department can rely on several former activities in the Philippines: "Women's Health and Safe Motherhood Project (WHSMP)" (KfW, 1996-2004), WHSMP/Prospective Impact Monitoring and Community Partnership Component (EU, 1999-2002), Health Sector Reform Project/Convergence Approach (KfW, 2003-2004), and Cold Chain Equipment Project (KfW, 2002-2008).

CAMBODIA: Rapid Assessment Rural Infrastructure Development



Laterite road rehabilitated under Tertiary Road Improvement Programme IV in Prasat Sambo District

From July 2009 to September 2009 GITEC has conducted a rapid assessment on the Rural Infrastructure Development in the Kingdom of Cambodia upon request of the Ministry of Rural Development. Based on the information provided by the relevant ministries and organisations involved in rural development, supported by field visit to 3 provinces, an outline for a country-wide Integrated Rural Development Programme was proposed, which could serve as a basis for closer negotiations. Out of the total package amounting to EUR 95 million priority should be given to the following infrastructure components:

1. Rural water supply and sanitation facilities, rural roads
2. Health care facilities and markets
3. Small scale irrigation and rural markets

The assessment is based on the current status, considering the relevant strategies and policies of the Royal Government, the projects/programmes which are planned or under implementation, and it identifies the issues that need further study. As 90% of Cambodia's poor population live in the rural areas, the required investments in rural infrastructure will definitely promote poverty alleviation.

Community pond in Svay Ear Village, Stung District



CHINA: Sustainable Forest Management (SFM) Project Hubei Province

Following a public tender in 2008, GITEC and partners were awarded the contract for conducting the feasibility study on the Sustainable Forest Management Project Hubei Province. Executing Agency is the Hubei Forestry Bureau.

The project would be the 3rd Sino-German Financial Cooperation/KfW Forestry Project in Hubei but it is the 1st financial cooperation project designed for Hubei specifically with a Sustainable Forest Management (SFM) and the Close to Nature concept in mind. It is also the 1st Sino-German forestry project in South China in which the German contribution is fully loan-financed. It shall be anchored within the KfW SFM South China Program as one of 3 pilot conceptual approaches to date: Guizhou – community-based; Anhui III – village-based; and SFM Hubei – collective reform based.

The project will centre itself within the development of provincial policy for SFM and will provide a demonstration of the SFM pilot approach through 3 distinct facets, namely: an institutional model – the Forest Management Units; an economic model – the Forest Farmer Loans; and a technical model – the Forest Management Plans.

The specific objective is the introduction, establishment and institutionalisation of international SFM standards in the Hubei Forestry Bureau, whereby practical experiences shall be gained through piloting and testing various SFM operational



Inspection offsite and discussion of silvicultural intervention

models (26,500 ha) in 5 project counties. The project will introduce Close to Nature concepts and their application, which will entail silviculture interventions in order to improve stand quality and structure, transformation of monocultures into mixed stands, utilisation of natural processes, selective harvest practices, reduced-impact logging and marking of timber in order to improve the commercial value and ecological quality of existing forest.

Lessons learnt from the Sino-German Forestry Projects Hubei II, Guizhou, Anhui II and the proceedings of the 2008 Anhui SFM Conference have been duly considered in the design of the project.

The team was composed by 3 international and 4 national specialists. Team Leader of the Study was Mr. R. Sobey supported by GITEC's Head-office Study Director Mr. P. Keil-Bruder.

NEWS:

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At the end of this year

we would like to thank our Clients and Partners

for the confidence and effective cooperation we have enjoyed,

and to express our best wishes for a successful 2010!

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