

Recharge Techniques and Water Conservation in East Africa

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Report of visit to Nairobi 15 and 16 May 2006

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Purpose: Program planning and partnership development

The team had meetings with the MWR, international agencies (UNICEF, WSP/WB, UNEP), Dutch Embassy, with a national NGO (Maji) and with an international NGO (Cordaid):

Organization	Persons met	Position/ Email address
WB/WSP	Piers Cross Patrick Nduati Mwangi	Principal Regional Team leader
Maji na Ufanisi (NGO Water and Development)	Prof Edward Kairu Nancy M. Githaiga Kariuki Mugo	Director
Dutch Embassy	Andre Vermeer	
Global Water partnership	Simon Thou	Regional Coordinator East Africa
Ministry of Water and Irrigation	Mahmoud M. Maalim Peter Munguti	Permanent Secretary Deputy Director
Cordaid	Peter de Keijzer	Director
UNDP/GEF	Charles O. Nyandiga	Programme Analyst
UNICEF	Fredrick Donde	Chief WSS Section
Earth Water	Gischeru	earthwater@nbi.ispkenya.com

Summary of the meetings

WB/WSP:

- Supports the initiative
- Offers dissemination support through their Field Report series
- Offers a presentation in their regular stakeholder workshops
- Recommends to present the initiative in the RWS conference in Ghana (21-22 Nov 2006) which is chaired by Piers Cross

Maji

- Supports the initiative and welcomes cooperation
- Is rebuilding their rural WSS program in ASAL
- Maji has the secretariat of ANEW (African Civil Society Network for Water and Sanitation) which includes the management of database and has close links with AMCOW
- They work a.o. with SIDA, Cordaid, Christian Aid and Ford Foundation

Ministry of Water and Irrigation

- MWI is interested to get involved in the initiative (both PS and Munguti)
- PS expressed interest to visit Kitui (as did the Minister in Mexico)

- The Water Trust Fund is a good public funding source for implementation projects in Kenya. In fact SASOL has already received funding for 50 dams in 2006 and it is likely that this funding will be repeated in the coming 5 years (250 dams)

UNICEF

- Expressed keen interest in the program
- *Appointment made with Fredrick Donde to visit Kitui (30 May)*
- UNICEF offered to accommodate proposals from us in their proposals for program funding which they are currently preparing for different funding agencies (EU, AWF,)
- UNICEF is also willing to be included as supporting agencies in proposals we submit to funding agencies

UNEP/GEF

- PDF-A proposal (max. 50,000 US\$) can be submitted and will be approved within 3 month (approval within UNEP/GEF team). UNEP will assist in the proposal preparation
- PDF -B proposal (350,000 US\$) can be prepared under PDF-A funding but it takes 18 month for processing and approval from the regional coordination unit in Pretoria (Martin Kraus)
- UNDP can provide supplementary funding from their regular budget. (Max 100,000 US\$). *Pieter will meet with the ResREp on Thursday May 24 to discuss this*

Dutch Embassy

- Suspension of the Euro 200 million contributions to UNICEF/WTF has put the Embassy on the sideline in the water sector. There is a change that the funds will become available again in the 2007 budget but short term funding for our initiative is not possible
- The Ambassador will leave in August
- Embassy is interested in the initiative and appreciates to remain informed.

Cordaid

- No active support yet. Wants to consult first its staff and their development partners in Kenya. Offered to give a presentation to their staff and their partners to raise interest
- Cordaid Kenya is also responsible for the Ethiopia activities
- There are 40-50 international NGO's active in Kenya (incl. Plan International, Simavi, Terres des Hommes and ICCO)
- More than 1000 local NGO's work in the rural WSS sector

Main conclusions

There are many (local and national) NGO's in Kenya active in the water supply sector. National NGO's based in Nairobi include: MAJI, NETWAS, Practical Action, Searnnet, KRA, PISP). They have working and funding relationships with the international NGO's and work together in different networks (AMEV, IRC-RC, RAIN partners). All these networks also work in the field of rainwater harvesting and some of them already have a working relationship with SASOL. A new sand dam reference network would have to link up with these networks to avoid overlaps. Moreover, a new sand dam reference center may have little added value to the existing networks as it would be seen as a new player in the field.

SASOL and Acacia's core business is not to establish and run a center. We therefore decided to focus on our added values: developing tools and advisory services to projects (both in planning, design and construction) and assure that we are paid for these services. Challenge in this to keep the ownership of the upscaling initiative and to be recognized as the focal point for advice and support services.

With the recognition we have now, it will be more effective to seek project funding for the activities under component 6 and make the results available to the existing networks.

Projects will include our (paid) specialist inputs and its outputs will give us a lead in knowledge and information and we can capitalize on that by offering services to implementation projects by NGO's etc.

The project approach also gives us a focus to seek funding agencies that are interested top fund technical assistance (we see that many funding agencies are primarily focused on implementation and disregard the need to pay for support services and feasibility studies that make the investment effective). We agreed that Earth Water would join the SASOL-Acacia alliance in order to broaden our expertise and to have a Kenyan private sector company on board.

Attached are project data sheets for project 6a, 6b and 6c. Project 6a (dissemination) could be financed by GEF/UNDP. SASOL should be the leading partner as GEF funding can only be applied by local NGO's. IVM will also be an active partner in this project. For project 6b (pilot project) we will approach PvW-2. Project 6c (advise to upscaling) may be funded by the African Water Facility but may need a large NGO (or a network of NGO's) as leading partner with as technical advisors.

Acacia, SASOL and Earth Water have a total of 16 people to involve in projects (4 Acacia, 6 SASOL, 6 Earth Water). Table 2 gives the names and core expertise. *We will exchange CV's and billing rates for use in proposals and should agree on the rates that are used for the input of the individuals.*

It would be worthwhile to prepare a 4-page PR folder to describe the program and the partners. It should include the socio-economic impact table and a box with the story about the recent drought (Pieter). The contents can later be used for the WSP field note (if we decide to do that)

A thought I got here in Addis (while watching BBC) is to submit the initiative to Worldchallenge.com to nominate it for the worldchallenge award.

SASOL

SASO has currently 6 persons on the payroll and need expansion of its staff in order to cope with the increasing workload;

- Construction of the new 500 dams in the coming years
- More dissemination work mainly by hosting exposure visits to Kitui
- Technical assistance in upscaling project.

New staff would include: an office manager/accountant, a (new) hydro geologist, a new engineer and a new community worker and a PR person. One of the specific issues is that Sam should preferable delegate his field director tasks in Kitui and become more available as the senior technical expert and resource person in the upscaling programme. Funding of the staff expansion should come from

- Overhead cost dam construction funding (SASO Kitui)
- Dissemination and coordination activities to be included in project proposals
- Staff included in project proposals against rated which include overhead and profit

We agreed that SASOL would prepare an organizational and financial development plan for the next 3-5 years

Ongoing projects and proposals

Aqua4 All (component 3,4 and identification of 6): we are waiting for the final approval and contract signing. This visit of Albert is part of this contract

IWRMS/PvW project; SASOL agreed with the proposed set up which Albert orally explained: no active SASOL involvement in the implementation/coordination, IVM/ Acacia team visit in June and two visits of SASOL to The Netherlands and to Iran. *Jeroen Aerts*

and Arjen de Vries will be the main contact persons and sent SASOL a email with the detailed planning.

UNDP/GEF: we agreed to go ahead with a PDF-A proposal as it (i) provides funds to prepare a PDF-B and (ii) gives more assurance that the PDF-B will be prepared. Contrary to earlier messages, the GEF funding does not include dam construction, but should focus on studies, tool development and capacity building related climate change and biodiversity and also fill in gaps in other programs. The proposal will cover the issues in component 6a.

UNDP Direct Funding: this funding can be added to the PDF-A and could cover some of the immediate actions for component 5 and 6a with a focus on Kenya

PvW/NWP funding: This funding (25,000 Euro max) would also cover component 5 but with a focus on an inventory in other countries (India) and on consortia development in the Netherlands for the implementation of component 6b.

PvW-2 pilot funding: Albert will discuss with PvW the option to find component 6b (max 600,000 Euro) as a follow up for the PvW/NWP co-funding for Component 5.

Actions ad follow up

Action	Who	When completed
Discuss with UNICEF the details of the options to accommodate our proposals under their program funding as to assure that our proposal is not downgraded once UNICEF has secured the funding.	Pieter and Sam will discussed this with Fredrick Donde during his Kitui visit	May 30
Email to the PS-WRI to brief him the mission and invite him to visit Kitui. (Albert with follow up of Pieter	Albert to sent email. Pieter gives follow up	20 May 1 June
4 page flyer about the program	Albert (draft (Pieter; box with recent drought story	1 June
Detailed planning for PvW project to SASOL	Jeroen and Arjen	25 May
CV data base	All CV to be sent to Arjen by all parties	1 June
Agreement of billing rates	Albert and Pieter	1 June
Completion 2 page fact sheets on component 6a,b and c.	Albert	1 June
Decision on WSP offer to issue a Field Note for distribution during Ghana conference	All	To be decided during June mission (draft should be ready be end of July)
Reporting back to RAIN and IRC	Albert	25 May