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AMERINDIAN DEVELOPMENT FUND PROJECT

HALF YEAR REPORT

January 2017 - June 2017

INTRODUCTION

The Poverty Reduction Strategy Paper 2011-2015 articulates the strengthening of the village economy and community development through programmes such as the Presidential Grant, National Hinterland Secure Livelihood Programme and the LCDS GRIF-ADF. The ADF-CDP Community Development Projects which is under the LCDS-GRIF funded projects for 161 villages in nine (9) regions. These community projects are aimed at strengthening the entrepreneurial capacity of Indigenous communities, diversify their economy, create job opportunities and to reduce poverty. The projects undertaken by the Villages includes, Agriculture (Farming (cassava, peanuts, cash crops) , Cattle, Poultry, fisheries) – 88, Village Shops – 22, Transportation – 15, Artisanal – 12, Tourism related – 14, ICT – 1 and 9 (nine) communities are undecided about their CDPs or experiencing governance issues.

The ADF project has the following outcome, outputs and targets:

Intermediate Outcome: Improved socio-economic development of Amerindian communities

Output 1: Strengthened entrepreneurial and Institutional capabilities of the village economy of Amerindian communities

Targets:

- 70 percent of communities have functioning management teams by the end of year 3
- 40 percent of community ventures break even by year 3
- 50 percent of established businesses progressively formalized

Output 2: Improved linkages with the private sector to further develop value chains.

Targets:

- 80 percent of community ventures are part of the value chain by year 3
- 50 percent of linkages between community enterprise and larger firms are established
- 20 partnership linkages are developed

Output 3: Strengthened Institutional framework to support local economies.

Targets:

- Local government agencies (Village Council and Ministry of Local Government and Regional Development, now Ministry of Communities) are convening and brokering relationship between public sector, private sector and village level enterprises to enable community economic development
- Framework for local economic development delineated that focuses on Amerindian communities

PROJECT INFORMATION SEPTEMBER 2014 TO JUNE 2017

- ▶ Project budget: USD 6,259,414.32
- ▶ Project duration: September 2014 – September 2017 (3 years)
- ▶ Of the 161 communities/villages targeted by the ADF II project, 161 (100%) were visited, out of which 161 scoping and 152 training exercises were carried out.
- ▶ 152 (94% of communities visited) Micro-Capital Grant Agreements signed for Community Development Plans (CDP)
- ▶ Of the 152 MCGA signed, 151 (or 94% of 161) first tranche requests were forwarded to the UNDP for 1st Disbursements. (Table 1)
 - ▶ 145 (or 89% of 161) were financed to first disbursement to a total value of GYD\$ **354,593,681**
 - ▶ 61 (or 42% of 1st tranche disbursements) communities received their second tranche disbursements totaling GYD\$ **140,151,827**.
 - ▶ 29 (or 20% of 1st tranche disbursements) requests for second tranches are still to be paid up to the end of June 2017, totaling GYD \$ **79,480,440**
- ▶ 152 CDP Management Teams (CMTs) were formed and are operational. The CMTs are managing the grants disbursed
- ▶ 152 CMTs & Amerindian Village Councils (VC) were trained in leadership and business development. Three National United Nations Volunteers conducted a 5 day trainer of Trainers course in 99 Villages.
- ▶ Project financial delivery in January to June 2017:- **USD 732,651.18** as compared to Jan to June **2016–USD 490,814**
- ▶ Total financial Delivery to date –**USD 4,016,962.5 (64.1%)**

PROJECT INFORMATION JANUARY TO JUNE 2017

- ▶ Project budget (2017) : USD 2,164,547.68
- ▶ **3** out of **5** Micro Capital Grant Agreements were signed for Community Development Plans (CDP) in 2017.
- ▶ **23** first tranche disbursements are planned for 2017 at a value of GYD**\$57,736,168.83**
 - ▶ **14 (or 57%)** communities received their first tranche disbursements totaling GYD**\$37,700,903**. (table 3)
 - ▶ **6 (or 26%)** of first tranche requests totaling **\$13,779,650** were sent to the UNDP and are still awaiting disbursements.(table 2)
- ▶ **63** Second tranche disbursements are planned for 2017 at a value of GYD**\$199,304,963.37**
 - ▶ 18 (or 13%) communities received their first tranche disbursements totaling GYD**\$45,606,964** (table 3)
 - ▶ 29 (or 46%) requests for second tranches are still to be paid up to the end of June 2017, totaling GYD **\$79,480,540** (table 2)
- ▶ Project financial delivery in January to June 2017:- **USD 732,651.18** or 34% of 2017 programme.

Outputs / Achievements Jan to June 2017

Activity Result 1: CDPs operationalized

1.1 Action: Conduct 5 Re-Scoping missions

Achievement: 3 of 5 (60%) Re-Scoping missions were conducted with communities on CDPs that focus on peanut production, poultry and village shop. All three communities were able to develop a CDP and all three are awaiting disbursement from the UNDP.

1.3 Action: Identify and coordinate with relevant technical stakeholders

Achievement: Stakeholders/ organizations identified and included in CDP implementation and to provide support. Stakeholders included: Guyana Livestock Development Authority, National Agricultural Research Institute, Fisheries Department of the MOA, Guyana Tourism Authority, Guyana Technical Institute, Guyana Forestry Commission, Forest Products Development & Marketing Council of Guyana Inc., and the Guyana Energy Agency

1.4 Action: 100 CDPs transformed into business plans

Achievement: 0 CDPs transformed into business plans.

1.5 Action: 5 MCGAs signed

Achievement: 3 or 60% MCGAs signed with the Amerindian Communities of Kabakaburi, Kurukutu and Kaibarupai.

1.6 Action: 23 MCGA first tranche disbursements & 63 Full disbursements

Achievement: 13 first tranches (57%) were disbursed (table 1) by the end of April 2017 at a cost of **\$37,700,903**, taking the total disbursement to 144 of 161. Also, 7 additional requests for first tranches were sent to the UNDP during the first half of 2017, the request value is \$16,392,150 and are awaiting disbursement (see table 1). Eighteen (18) out of 63 full disbursements were completed totaling **\$45,606,964**, and additional 29 request for disbursements was sent to the UNDP and are still to be disbursed.

OUTPUT 2- Improved linkages with private sector to further develop value-chains

2.1 Action: Business venture value chains mapped

Achievement: No activity has been undertaken for this

2.2 Action: Private sector champions identified

Achievement: No activity has occurred on this activity

2.3 Action: Policy framework created

Achievement: No activity has commenced on the development of this policy framework.

2.4 Action: Policy framework assessed and improved

Achievement: No activity

2.5 Action: Seminar convened

Achievement: No activity

The terms of reference for the Consultancy to facilitate the activities for output 2 were finalized. The request for consultancy was advertised by the UNDP in September 2016. The Consultant is to be hired by the UNDP to execute activities 2.1 to 2.5. The partnership with NRDDDB was signed and training for the NRDDDB was conducted in October 2016 and May 2017.

OUTPUT 3- Strengthened institutional frameworks to support local economies

3.1 Action: Seminar convened to facilitate brokering of partnerships and analysis of barriers to market entry

Achievement: No activity occurred under this heading.

3.2 Action: First draft of policy and institutional framework identifying institutions and roles

Achievement: No activity

The terms of reference for the Consultancy to facilitate the activities for output 3 were finalized. The request for consultancy was advertised by the UNDP in September 2016. The Consultant is to be hired by the UNDP to execute activities 3.1 and 3.2.

Financial Report

Output	Planned 2016	Jan to June	Percentage
Output 1: CDPs*	1,512,765.27	481,015.45	32%
Output 2: Improved Linkages & Value Chains	124,939.57	5,944.97	5%
Output 3: Policy	59,130.43	-	0%
Output 4: Project Management	467,712.41	245,690.76	53%
Total	2,164,547.68	732,651.18	34%

The financial performance for January to April was 26/% of the budgeted estimate for 2017. However, undisbursed request for micro capital grants alone total \$299,512 or an additional or 14% of the 2017 budget. Also, UNDP is responsible for the hiring of the consultants for Output 2 and Output 3, for which no works has started to date. These two output account for 8.5% of the total budget.

CHALLENGES

The challenges faced by the ADF Includes:

1. **Disbursement challenges:** Time taken to disburse the Micro Capital Grants by the UNDP can take from 7 days to 4 months to disburse one tranche of the CDP grant. This creates execution issues for villages who are dependent on seasonal variations for material extraction or planting of crops.
2. **Governance Issues at village level:** Seven Communities are experiencing Governance issues, such as disintegrated Community Development Councils due to death, migration or drop outs. The MoIPA / MOC will be tasked to work along with these Communities to correct the Governance challenges
3. **Capacity Challenges:-** It was noted that the CMT are not preparing the Financial Report accurately. This is resulting in delays for the CDP Projects as the second tranche is being delayed due to the low accuracy of these reports. The NUNV have been conducting supplemental training to several villages with CDPs.

4. **Competition from other Projects/Events:** Some villages/communities have given priority to other projects such as the Jubilee and Presidential Grants Project or different sector agencies, and have placed their CDP project on hold pending the completion of those projects.
5. **Staff for Monitoring:** The ADF Unit comprises of 4 Staff members, and the Unit is working in 161 Villages, i.e. one person being responsible for 40 Villages/Communities. The large staff to village ratio means that the PMU is unable to give each village / community the individual attention that is required to execute their CDPs.

PROJECTED ACTIONS JUNE TO DECEMBER 2017

The ADF-PMU has to work along with the Villages to motivate the Villages to execute works in an efficient manner and according to budget, provide on the site training to Villages who are struggling to prepare reports. Sixteen Villages (16) villages are necessary to be processed for their second tranche to achieve the 2017 target of 63 second tranches.

Also, marketing research into major products such as cattle, ginger and cassava will have to be done during the second half of 2016, to improve the marketing prospects for these commodities. With respect to cattle, two seminars are planned for the 2nd half of 2017, one cattle seminar in the Rupununi and the other seminar in Region 8. These seminars will be focus on record keeping, farm operations, corral construction, improvements and maintenance, and the marketing of cattle. For cassava, a workshop will be held in August with the NRDDDB to develop a standardize approach to the production of cassava products, improvement in health and hygiene to facilitate the clustering of villages to supply markets continuously, the seminar will also seek to determine the range of markets available for cassava products. For Ginger, a workshop will be held to discuss ginger husbandry, harvesting and sorting of Gingers, preparing ginger for the market and determining the best markets for ginger. The ADF will also partner with IICA to deliver cost of production training to CDP villages.

Table 1:- Disbursements First and Second Tranche

Table 2:- Pending Disbursements

#	Region	Community	CDP	PENDING DISBURSEMENTS	
				1 st Tranche	2 nd Tranche
1	1	Kwebana	Wood Processing, lumber yard	3,802,500	
2	2	Wakapao	Village Shop - Shopping Complex	2,012,600	
3	7	Kako	Internet Service	1,687,150	
4	8	Kaibarupai	Village shop	2,500,000	
5	8	Karisparu	Village Shop	1,630,600	
6	8	Mountain Foot / (Bashville Yawong)	Village shop	2,146,800	
7	1	Barima Black Water	Mixed farming		1,485,000
8	1	Hotoquai	Red Beans Farming		1,831,000
9	1	Kamwatta	Poultry rearing		2,650,050
10	1	Smith Creek	Marine Fishing		1,382,000
11	1	St Dominic	Ginger Farming		2,502,000
12	1	Tobago	Cassava Processing & cash crops		2,410,000
13	1	Unity Square	Mixed farming		1,448,000

14	1	Whitewater	Guest House / Eco Lodge		1,438,920
15	3	Saxacalli	Village Shop		3,237,600
16	6	Orealla	Peanut Farming & Processing		1,434,240
17	7	Dagg Point	Boat for transporting logs		3,350,000
18	7	Kaikan	Village Shop		2,909,500
19	7	Omenaik	Fuel Depot		2,982,660
20	7	Phillipai	Passenger Boat / Fuel Depot		2,117,500
21	7	Warawatta	Furniture Workshop		3,499,800
22	8	Taruka	Cattle Rearing		3,470,000
23	8	Tuseneng	Cattle Rearing		3,920,000
24	8	Campbelltown	Poultry rearing		2,174,950
25	8	Princeville	Village Shop		2,884,420
26	9	Hiawa	Cattle Rearing		3,847,000
27	9	Kaicumbay	Cassava Processing		1,662,000
28	9	Nappi	Cattle Rearing		3,448,000

29	9	Quarrie	Cattle Rearing		3,946,000
30	9	St. Ignatius	Cattle Rearing		3,918,000
31	9	TigerPond	Cassava Processing		3,320,000
32	9	Tipuru	Mixed farming		3,230,000
33	9	Shulinab	Tannery / Farming		1,847,000
34	9	Achawib	Cattle Rearing		3,340,000
35	9	Parabara / Erfoimo	Village Shop		3,794,900
TOTAL				13,779,650	79,480,540

Table 3:- Disbursements 2017

#	Region	Community	CDP	1st Tranche Disbursement	2nd Tranche Disbursement
1	1	Assakata	Mixed farming		3,650,000
2	1	Aruau	Ginger Farming		2,284,000
3	1	Arukamai	Ginger Farming		2,916,000
4	1	Sacred Heart	Ginger Farming		2,264,000
5	1	Eclipse Falls	Guest House / Eco Lodge		701,900
6	1	Barima-Koriabo	Mixed farming	2,571,750	
7	1	Red Hill	Village Market & Passenger Boat	3,304,500	
8	2	Akawini	Village Shop	1,400,000	
9	2	Kabakaburi	Peanut Farming	2,612,500	
10	3	Caria Caria	Tractor	5,000,000	
11	6	Orealla	Peanut Farming & Processing	3,565,760	
12	7	Dagg Point	Boat for transporting logs	1,650,000	
13	7	Wax Creek	Village Shop	767,300	
14	7	Batavia	Poultry rearing		
15	7	Kurukutu	Poultry Rearing	2,773,000	
16	7	Quebanang	Fuel Depot		
17	8	Chenapou	Aquaculture	2,231,500	
18	8	Bamboo Creek	Cattle Rearing		
19	8	Kopinang	Aquaculture		

20	9	Kokshebai	Cattle Rearing	1,790,000	
21	9	Quiko	Mini Bus	5,000,000	
22	9	Shea	Cattle Rearing	2,019,000	
23	9	Kwaimatta	Cattle Rearing		3,140,000
24	9	Wowetta	Guest House / Eco Lodge		1,941,000
25	9	Katoonarib	Village shop		3,929,700
26	9	Karasabai	Guest House / Eco Lodge		2,830,000
27	9	Churikidnau	Cattle Rearing		3,648,160
28	9	Karaudarnau	Cattle Rearing		3,700,000
29	10	Wiruni	Guest House	3,015,593	
30	10	58 Miles	Furniture Workshop		1,912,954
TOTAL				37,700,903	45,606,964

Random CDP Pictures



1 Hururu, Region 10, Poultry CDP Project



2 **Tapakuma Peanut and Cassava Farm**



3 **Honorable Sydney Allicock, Minister of MoIPA watches as the Ribbon is cut to commission Katoonarib Village Shop**



4 Honorable Sydney Allicock, Minister of MoIPA handover the Truck Keys to Toshao Massakenari, Region 9



5 Fuel Depot, Quebanang, Upper Mazaruni, Region 7



6 Under Construction Karasabai Nature Tourism Project



7 Tiger Pond Cassava Processing Building under Construction



8 Sand Creek Vaquero Hut



9 Honorable Sydney Allicock, Minister of MoIPA exams Aranaputa's Breeding Bull from a safe distance



10 Kwatamang Clay Brick Factory Machine