

Process Framework for Involuntary Restrictions

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Jordan Birdwatch Association

Project Title: Supporting traditional farming and protecting biodiversity in northern Jordan

Project Location: Jordan - Ajloun KBA-JOR01

Grant Summary

1. Grantee organization. Jordan Birdwatch Association (*الجمعية الاردنية لمراقبة الطيور*)
2. Grant title : "Supporting traditional farming and protecting biodiversity in northern Jordan"
3. Grant number : CEPF-111432
4. Grant amount (US dollars): US\$ 97,980
5. Proposed dates of grant.
6. Countries or territories where project will be undertaken: Jordan
7. Date of preparation of this document. 8/2/2021

A. Project background

This project will be carried out in an area including three villages (Rasoun, Irjan and Ba'un). The inhabitants work mainly in agriculture, in governmental institutions, or have small businesses. A socioeconomic study will be carried out to assess main economic issues and develop plans for some practices that maintain biodiversity. The project will support traditional land use which is part of the local community's lifestyle and aims at increasing the local financial and environmental benefits. In addition to the traditional farming, part of the local community already adopted the concepts of eco-tourism. The combination of traditional farming and eco-/agro-tourism in surrounding natural woodland and the entire landscape diversifies income generation, making the local community more resilient to changes like economic crisis, such as the crisis caused by the covid-19 epidemic, political instability in surrounding countries, and climate change. Jordan BirdWatch-JBW is adopting a participatory approach, and is planning to increase local capacities, to empower the local community to take decisions and measures which will serve the aims of this project, in terms of protecting biodiversity and maintaining livelihoods. Protecting the environment will by itself have positive impacts, so it is important to increase the appreciation and awareness of decision makers about these relationships. JBW will involve various entities such as local associations, the local municipality and the regional directories in Ajlun, raising their awareness, and capacities which will contribute in making the results of this project more sustainable.

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B. Participatory implementation

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C. Criteria for eligibility of affected persons

No one will be negatively affected by the project. Only those who are exposed to illegal activities (such as poaching) and possibly people who may be disturbed by the tourist routes near them Affected indirectly. The project aims to improve the production of traditional products such as (Pomegranate + molasses; figs + fig jam) offered to the market, with tangible economic benefits to farmers.

The project aim at initiating a Special Conservation Area, which is cat V IUCN protected Area, with integrated land use management but limited restriction of access/use of natural resources, and established through participatory process. Rights of landowners will not be affected by the SCA.

D. Measures to assist the affected persons

JBW does not anticipate that any individuals will be eligible for compensation as a result of this project. This is because the project itself will not limit or prohibit access to natural resources.

According to this project, there will not be persons affected by this project however it is possible that there may be individuals who would like to take part in the project but who are unable to for a number of reasons.

JBW will propose to encourage all interested parties to attend the training process to build skills and raise awareness. In particular, we are aware that women may not want to take part due to cultural traditions related to farming, but we will aim to engage women in most of the project activities such as in the production of traditional products (pomegranate + molasses, figs + fig jam) through the leadership of the productive kitchen in the selected CBO.

Communities will be trained in best farming practices and agroforestry and improve the production of their agricultural crops so that all individuals have the opportunity to make better livelihoods, without undergoing illegal activities.

E. Conflict resolution and complaint mechanism.

The project will provide local communities and other interested stakeholders with the means by which they may raise a grievance with JBW, and CEPF Regional Implementation Team, local communities will be informed of the objectives of the project and the existence of a grievance mechanism. The email address, telephone number, and physical address of JBW, the CEPF Regional Implementation Team, and the CEPF Grant Director will be made publicly available through announcements at public meetings/visits/workshop/training.

JBW will share all grievances – and a proposed response – with the Regional Implementation Team and the CEPF Grant Director within 15 days. If the claimant is not satisfied following the response, they may submit the grievance directly to the CEPF Executive Director at cepfexecutive@conservation.org or by surface mail. If the claimant is not satisfied with the response from the CEPF Executive Director, they may submit the grievance to the World Bank at the local World Bank office.”

F. Implementation Arrangements

This project will build and developed in consultation with the project stakeholders.

This is the first method employed to reduce the likelihood of conflict and complaints.

Posters, leaflets, and a grant roll-out meeting will provide information to stakeholders on the purpose, goals, scope and intended activities of this project. They will help to manage expectations among affected persons and will also reduce the likelihood of complaints during implementation.

Regular stakeholder meetings will provide a forum for issues to be shared and resolved in a timely and transparent manner. This should reduce the need for a formal grievance mechanism to be used.

The contact details of the JBW project manager and JBW office will be available for public communications related to this project, to enable the grievance mechanism to be activated. Details of stakeholder meetings will also be shared in advance to enable face-to-face communications.