

CEPF SMALL GRANT FINAL PROJECT COMPLETION REPORT

I. BASIC DATA

Organization Legal Name: Kasigau Conservation Trust

Project Title (as stated in the grant agreement): Capacity Building to Empower Community Conservation

Implementation Partners for This Project: Kasigau Conservation Trust and CEPF office.

Project Dates (as stated in the grant agreement): October 1, 2004 – November 30, 2005

Date of Report (month/year): May 8, 2006

II. OPENING REMARKS

Provide any opening remarks that may assist in the review of this report.

Kasigau conservation Trust (KCT) is a community based and managed by a committee derived from the community members themselves. KCT is an umbrella Institution/body for the five ecotourism bandas project in Kasigau.

After the registration of the KCT as a trust, the community of the bandas decided to contribute some funds to build an office herein, KCT office. After the completion of the office construction the KCT account had nothing to initiate activities to make it operational.

The truth of matter is that the funding from CEPF has contributed tremendously towards the raising of the KCT office profile. Having a community-managed office equipped with computer equipment is something worthy recognition. Other notable things that made the raising of KCT profile is the training of six boys at Kenya Wildlife service Training Institute (KWSTI) for a month bearing in mind that that the trust has existed for two years since its inception. The tree nursery activity and the famous 2004 April bicycle derby has been achievable through the CEPF funding support.

Due to this, KCT is becoming an authority in the conservation issues of Kasigau area.

III. NARRATIVE QUESTIONS

1. What was the initial objective of this project?

- One of the major objectives of the project was to send six boys for a one-month training for a course on wildlife management and ecotourism development at Kenya wildlife service training institute.
- To create conservation awareness among the village members and promote ecotourism.
- Initiation of a tree planting programme which targeted planting at least 10,000 seedlings by distributing them to the villager for planting on their farms
- To build the capacity for KCT and its village bandas members to enable them to contribute towards the conservation of the flora and fauna of Mt. Kasigau and its environs, which is currently threatened by human activities.
- To create monitoring activities of the forest threats and forest use.

2. Did the objectives of your project change during implementation? If so, please explain why and how.

Yes, especially the time period that was given changed since it delayed at least one month. This delay also lead to the late completion of the project hence it had to be extended for at least two month after the initial expiry of the period. Likewise for things or activities could not happen since there were not reflected in the proposed budgets. This is especially the tree nursery project forced KCT to squeeze some money to erect a fence around KCT compound to protect the seedlings from domestic livestock. The natural climate, thus lack of efficient rain forced the delay of planting one thousand seedlings at mwangoto degraded area.

3. How was your project successful in achieving the expected objectives?

The CEPF funding guaranteed the opening of day to day of the KCT office which has raise the KCT profile since it have become a strong spokes institutions on the matters of conservation in the area. Some activities happened within the 12 months of implementation especially the training of six boys at Kenya Wildlife Service Training Institute at Naivasha for one month.

4. Did your team experience any disappointments or failures during implementation? If so, please explain and comment on how the team addressed these disappointments and/or failures.

Yes, one of the major disappointments was the inefficiency of the computer hardware. The main drawback is the lack of electricity. The use of solar power energy could not perform to the members' expectations. Another drawback is the lack of a copier machine. Frequenty visitors to KCT came to receive photocopy services that was not available since the machine in place is a printer come copier that happened to photocopy little copies only.

5. Describe any positive or negative lessons learned from this project that would be useful to share with other organizations interested in implementing a similar project.

Similar projects especially tree planting should be given a longer time for implement because its success depends on the favoritism of the nature, if it doesn't rain in good time, the seedling overgrows on the nursery beds. This shortcoming will bind this kind of project to fail. Likewise similar project should have a tentative implementation time frame.

6. Describe any follow-up activities related to this project.

The CEPF grant manager for Africa has since he visited the project within the implementation period. This is vital since the donor carries home the true and precise area of the project, amount of achievements and shortcoming of the same.

7. Please provide any additional information to assist CEPF in understanding any other aspects of your completed project.

There is need to leverage the manpower of human resources especially on conservation issue because there is no enough manpower.

IV. ADDITIONAL FUNDING

Provide details of any additional donors who supported this project and any funding secured for the project as a result of the CEPF grant or success of the project.

Donor	Type of Funding*	Amount	Notes
Kasigau Badas	Conservation fees	Ksh100,000	Conservation activities
Born-free foundation	Film shooting activity	Ksh60,000	Game scouts activities

***Additional funding should be reported using the following categories:**

- A** *Project co-financing (Other donors contribute to the direct costs of this CEPF project)*
- B** *Complementary funding (Other donors contribute to partner organizations that are working on a project linked with this CEPF project)*
- C** *Grantee and Partner leveraging (Other donors contribute to your organization or a partner organization as a direct result of successes with this CEPF project.)*
- D** *Regional/Portfolio leveraging (Other donors make large investments in a region because of CEPF investment or successes related to this project.)*

Provide details of whether this project will continue in the future and if so, how any additional funding already secured or fundraising plans will help ensure its sustainability.

This project would continue in the future because so far the Eco-tourism Bandas in the area have contributed their yearly conservation fees to KCT account which is about Ksh 100,000. Their is also Ksh 60,000 from Born-Free foundation Kenya office out of the film shooting activities in the area on Bush Meat poaching.

The committee has plans to employ a fundraising officer to assist them in donor fundraising activities.

V. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Despite the fact that the project did not complete within the scheduled time period, it is worth to note that the proposed activities/objectives in the proposed and its budget had a good completion of over ninety five percent (95%).

KCT therefore recommends that in future funding directed towards conservations activities, the time period for completion should be given some extension of at least two to three months prior to the actual dates of completion. This is because of the naturally calamities such as climatic

weathers changes whose effects do not fever some activities such as transplanting of trees seedling in the bush, because there are to be transplanted during rainy seasons.

VI. INFORMATION SHARING

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Yes _____

No _____

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