PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Bowé Center Poverty Reduction Project

Guinea

I. Introduction

This appendix describes the activities to be undertaken and the results to be achieved with the funds obligated under this Agreement. Nothing in this Appendix A shall be construed as amending any of the definitions, conditions, or terms of the Agreement.

II. Background

The Bowé Center Development Association (BCDA) is a registered community development association composed of 1,594 residents of nine villages in the Boke mining region of Guinea. BCDA helps its member communities to access basic community infrastructures and services and enables them to select, manage and monitor their development projects. BCDA was developed through an active social mobilization process, by which the villages participated actively in the planning process.

Using this process, the participating member villages developed a five-year community development action plan, in which they identified and prioritized activities and projects to mitigate the impact of mining operations on the community and to improve the overall quality of life for members of the community. Among the problems identified was a lack of formal education and training to enable community members to qualify for jobs being created through the mining activities in the area. However, BCDA does not have the financial resources to address these constraints.

III Funding

A. ADF Contribution

The financial plan for ADF's contribution is set forth in Appendix A-1 to this Agreement. The Parties may make changes to the financial plan without formal amendment, if such changes are made in accordance with Article 7 of the Agreement and do not cause ADF's contribution to exceed the obligated amount specified in Article 4, Section 4.1 of the Agreement.

B. Grantee Contribution

The communities will contribute local construction materials (gravel and stone blocks) and unskilled labor for the construction of the schools and health posts. Women will transport water to the construction sites while men will work directly with the contractors. The communities will provide lodging to the contractors and their workforce. The total contribution of the communities is estimated at approximately 15 percent of building costs, excluding the equipment costs.

IV. Project Goal

The goal of this Project is to improve the living conditions of the population in the Bowé Center area.

V. Project Purpose

The purpose of the Project is to promote community participation in local development activities and increase community members' access to training services. This will be measured by the number of meetings, training sessions, and cultural events that are held in the center that would otherwise have been held in Sangaredi or other locations outside the Bowe Center area.

VI. Outputs

The outputs of the Project are described as follows.

A. One third of the number persons from Bowé Center completing French language literacy training obtain paid employment by September 2009.

B. Service fees generated by the community center cover operating and maintenance costs of the center by the end of the Project.

VII. Activities

The proposed Project activities consist of construction of community infrastructures in response to the needs expressed by the members of BCDA, replanting and maintenance of village woodlots, and skills development and French literacy training of members of the Association and project management structures. BCDA will undertake the following major activities to achieve the outputs identified above.

A. Construction and Equipment:

BCDA will select a qualified contractor to construct and equip a community center at Mobhi, the headquarters of the Association, to serve the villages of Mobhi, Safatou, Fillobowal Mangodji, Sinthiourou Almamy, Koulore, Parawi and Soumbalaco by September 2009.

Contractors will be selected by BCDA in consultation with the ADF Partner and GA's consulting engineers through a competitive bidding process. The communities' beneficiaries will provide local construction materials and unskilled labor force as their contribution. The ADF Partner and Global Alumina Company (GAC) consulting engineers will provide technical oversight of the construction.

B. Village reforestation, including clearing the established two hectare woodlot, replacing dead seedlings and preventing bush fires in each of the nine villages. Seedlings for both fruit and wood production will be planted by community

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VIII. Roles and Responsibilities of the Parties

The staff and elected leadership of BCDA are responsible for the management and the proper implementation of the Project. ADF's Partner in Guinea will provide selected training and also assist in identifying qualified technical assistance providers and trainers as necessary. ADF'S Partner and BCDA will develop terms of reference to manage the relationship, define reporting channels and evaluate the performance of BCDA.

IX. Monitoring and Evaluation

Within sixty days of the effective date of this Agreement, the Grantee, working with the ADF Partner, will form a monitoring and assessment committee composed of a representative cross-section of the Grantee's organization. The committee will provide the Partner input for the project monitoring plan. In addition, during implementation, the committee will have responsibility for ensuring that the Project follows the implementation plan, and that problems identified through monitoring and evaluation are properly addressed in a timely manner.

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