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Updates on implementation of OSRO/UGA/704/HCR & FAO-SPGS III

11.10.2018/ Refugee EETWG Meeting @MWE



OSRO/UGA/704/HCR project on “Valuation of forest products for refugee resilience and planning forest resources management for emergency and development needs in Bidibidi settlement, Uganda”

Outcome: Appropriate options for the sustainable forest resources management to address energy needs and build resilience in the refugee context are assessed

Output 1: Forest Management Plan (FMP) for refugee hosting areas developed

Output 2: Forest products value assessed



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- Stakeholders mapping done
- A consultative meeting was held in June in Yumbe town.
- Stakeholders' who took part in the consultative meeting were informed of the scope of their engagement in the FMP development for bid bidi as follows:
 - Yumbe DLG** - identify potential land for forestry interventions and allocate such land for refugee use through a clear process;
 - OPM** - ensure that there is a solid agreement that will support the refugees engagements on the land identified for forestry interventions in a secure manner;



FAO - to provide technical backstopping and guidance to the forestry interventions;

UNHCR - to perform oversight roles.

-From the consultative meeting, a committee was formed to identify land for planning appropriate forestry interventions.

- The committee composition was as follows:

1. The District Secretary for Production Yumbe DLG - Committee Chairman
 2. OPM Bidi bidi settlement commandant
 3. Muni University (major land lord)
 4. Chairpersons LC III for the five sub counties
 5. Sub-county Chiefs (Senior Assistant Secretaries) for the five sub counties
 6. Yumbe District Lands Officer – committee secretary
 7. District Natural Resources Officer - Yumbe DLG
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-The committee's preliminary report (August 2018) indicate a total of 18,522 acres (7,409ha) of land was proposed by the host community within the Bidi bidi refugee settlement as potential land to establish fuel woodlots to meet the high refugee demand of fuelwood for cooking.



Participants of the consultative meeting held in Yumbe on 25th June 2018



- The land suitability assessment of the proposed sites for forestry interventions is currently taking place in Bidi bidi. This assessment includes biophysical and socio-economic data collection in order to develop a forest management plan as well as consultations on sharing of the resulting forest benefits (wood products) to define the conditions on the use of land offered by the host community.

Appropriate templates for data collection were developed.

-A forest management plan (FMP) expert (national consultant) was recruited to carry out the land suitability assessment . The consultant begun his work this October being assisted by a team of 3 technical persons (including the Yumbe DFO)

-The FMP which is expected to be participatory, is hoped to be concluded before December 2018.



Output 2: Forest products value assessed

- The **methodology to assess** the contributions of **non-wood forest products** to diets and livelihoods in the context of displacement settings was identified.
- A toolkit including a questionnaire for the NWFPs assessment at household and market level, and a focus group discussion template for groups of respondents was developed and digitalized to conduct the field survey using tablets through the Open Foris Collect Mobile, an Android app developed by FAO.
- The field validation of the NWFPs toolkit to be carried out by the FAO HQ team during the backstopping mission scheduled in November 2018, will include data collection to estimate the **economic value of forest products**.
- The costs analysis for tree planting will be carried out in the preparation of the Forest Management Plan



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SPGS III – Woodlot support





SUMMARY OF PROGRESS:

- Consultations with RDOs for Mbarara and Hoima regions concluded
- Consultations made at settlement level for Nakivale, Rwamwanja, Kyaka II, Kyegegwa, and Kiryadongo . Consultations involved OPM settlement staff, area District Forestry Officers, and OPM implementing Partners.
- A total estimated area of 240 ha was identified in four (4) settlements and found suitable for planting appropriate fuel wood species. Kyangwali (210 ha), Rwamwanja (20 ha), Kyaka II (5 ha), and Nakivale (5 ha).



NEXT STEPS:

- Conclude phone consultations for settlements under Arua and Adjuman
- Conduct Land assessments and settlement level consultations for West Nile settlements
- Conduct basic training in plantation establishment for refugee settlements where land was identified.
- Woodlots establishment to start March/April 2019 planting season.