

**Working Group on Energy and Environment for Refugee and Host Population Empowerment**  
**WorkGrEEen 4 ReHoPE**

Monthly National Coordination Platform

MINUTES

DECEMBER 11, 2019

10:00 – 12:50

INNOVATION VILLAGE

<b>CO-CHAIRS</b>	John Paul Magezi (Absent with apology), Ranya Sherif
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**Absent with apologies**

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 Anna Marie Leichtfried – OPM; Emmanuel Ekakoro – UNHCR; George Gasana - NFA  
 Ryan Lee – ACE; Michael Ahimbisibwe - Ministry of Energy

**Agenda topics**

1. Opening Prayer
2. Self- Introductions
3. Remarks from the Chair and Announcements (5 Min)
4. Working Group Management – Election of Co-Chairs and Secretariat
5. Review of Last Minutes and Actions (20 min)
6. Presentation from the Host (10 minutes)
7. Presentations of Updates / Concept Notes (5-10 minutes each)
  - a. Isaac Muhofa/Ark Organics – Permaculture
  - b. CRS-Evergreen Project
  - c. Other new concepts

Break Tea

8. Tour de Table (30 min)
9. Next Meeting – TBD 2020

#### REMARKS FROM THE CHAIR

DISCUSSION		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Congratulated everyone for having worked and delivered on their work in 2019</li><li>○ Reviewed summary from the field (Read it out aloud)</li><li>○ It is an indicative summary. Urban activities are missing from this note so presenters can report on this.</li><li>○ There will be no meetings in January (taking a break)</li><li>○ Joint field monitoring is expected in February for the end of year and to kick off 2020 (this can be discussed as AOB)</li><li>○ No reactions were given</li></ul>		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE

#### Working Group Management – Election of Co-Chairs and Secretariat

DISCUSSION		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• There was no quorum to discuss this.</li><li>• Discussed if there is any partner interested in working group management<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ LWF showed interest-Administration, RGF (interested in coordinating)-communications committee</li></ul></li></ul>		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• To add agenda item in next meeting</li></ul>	OPM	February

#### REVIEW OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

DISCUSSION		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Meeting was well attended</li><li>○ All presentations were shared.</li><li>○ Members encouraged to share information on the Whatsapp group.</li><li>○ Kobo tools being deployed in the field to map existing and potential plantations and tree nurseries; tree survival form to be developed.</li><li>○ <b>Response Plans</b> (Ranya provided an update on):<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ <b>Water Environment Refugee Response Plan</b> – finalized by the MWE</li><li>○ It was noted that Regional Forest Officers to be included in settlement level meetings</li><li>○ <b>Sustainable Energy Refugee Response Plan;</b><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Michael Ahimbisibwe at MEMD is the CRRF coordinator and energy focal point</li></ul></li></ul></li></ul>		

- 7 value chains have been identified; clean cooking (stoves and fuel), household solar, renewable energy for institutions, rural electrification, energy for productive uses, promotion of efficient appliances, safe and efficient handling of petrol and diesel
  - All streetlights and diesel generators locations and consumption are being mapped and all the consumption such that the Rural Electrification Agency can do the analysis of the energy needs for each place.
  - **ACTION:** MEMD will give an update in the next meeting
  - Ranya highlighted a brief of the contents of the SERRP-Sustainable energy refugee response plan has been prepared pending circulation
- **E&E Dashboard**
    - The Q3 data was submitted but not yet analysed because of the capacity gap.
    - An environment officer will be recruited by Feb 2020 to support the sector's activities at UNHCR.

#### **Last Meeting minutes were adopted**

<b>ACTION ITEMS</b>	<b>PERSON RESPONSIBLE</b>	<b>DEADLINE</b>
To create a standard form for tracking tree survival.	Emmanuel Ekakoro/Duncan Katimbo	
Training for environment mapping tools for partners at Kampala level without the field teams	Duncan Katimbo	Jan 2020
To organise a coca cola visit	Sarah RGF	Week of 16 <sup>th</sup> Dec 2019
	Ranya	Jan 2020
Nsamizi team to work with UNHCR focal point to proceed with the streetlight mapping project in southwest	Nasasira Anita	
MEMD will give an update in the next meeting	Michael Ahimbisibwe	

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	
<p><b>Presentation from the Host presented by Sarah Basemera – RGF</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Partnership with KCCA to strengthen the existing briquette training center through repairs, improving the existing container to a small distribution point and carrying out a TOT for a team which will support the training center. This place will be a training point for both refugees and host community. It's more reliable because it was established by KCCA for community training. This will bring the training center (for briquettes, cookstoves and cooking baskets) to three.</li> <li>○ Partnership with Total to promote the 3kg LPG (which is refilled at only 30,000) with in the urban refugee community, starting point is 100 women.</li> </ul> <p><b>Kyangwali</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ RGF will carry out a training of TOTs with the community of women whom we have been working with for basket weaving and cook basket production.</li> </ul> <p><b>Bidi Bidi</b></p>	

- Currently collecting data in zone three and mapping users and different types of productive uses which will be supported by the solar minigrid.

#### **DISCUSSION**

- Energy in the urban has been a gap for a long time, so applauds for RGF to have this kind of intervention.
- It's good to have such strategic partnerships both in Urban and Settlements.
- DanishAid provides; Cooking baskets, stoves, pigeon peas for cooking which can be adopted in the urban.
- There is a common concern on the safety about the use of the LPG. (RGF is taking precaution to train the users on the safe way to use this product)

#### **Presentation from WAGE – presented by Isaac Muhofa**

- Combines Agriculture, ecology and land scaping
- Grow food organically
- No herbicides, pesticides or fertilizers.
- Food forests

#### **Discussion**

Why are these solutions not working and take too long?

Eg. If you chase away communities from forest reserves it does not work and yet food forest solution can be effective. Permaculture has solutions on how to increase biodiversity, eg inter cropping, using animals (How animals can help with pest control).

- Is there any training modules?

**ACTION** Isaac promised to share the training modules

- How was the Carbon computation derivation achieved? -ANSWER- Used the research outputs from FAO.
- Ecotrust-encouraged permaculture to take it to another level, if they restore, ecotrust can incentivise that by buying the carbon and in the long run the refugees benefit and hence plant more trees for a purpose.

#### **Presentation from CRS – Lisa Gaylord; slides will not be shared at request of CRS.**

The Global Evergreening Alliance (GEA), a not-for-profit platform that was established in 2012, by its members to facilitate a collaborative approach to addressing the global problems of food insecurity, rural poverty, climate change and land degradation, and to develop and implement long-term solutions on a globally significant scale. They are currently working in partnership, CRS, CARE and World Vision, on a program to restore the land and livelihoods of one million vulnerable small-scale farm households, covering an area of approximately two million hectares, and to enhance carbon sinks using locally-appropriate evergreening systems across six countries: Tanzania, Uganda, Malawi, Zambia, Kenya and Ethiopia.

The program will support climate-vulnerable communities to improve the sustainability and resilience of their ecosystem goods and services, and increase household resilience and adaptive capacity. It will take a multi-faceted, evidence-based approach to scaling-up evergreening practices, and will develop equitable agroforestry value chains and ecosystem-based businesses to underpin the sustainability of the scaling-up process.

The approach is to *accelerate the adoption of locally-appropriate evergreening practices by out-scaling from within and among areas where these practices have already been successfully piloted*, enhancing relevant frameworks and initiatives, and contributing significantly to national, continental

and global climate change and sustainable development targets. Additionally, it aims to foster national movements that will further expand the adoption process to millions of additional vulnerable small-scale households beyond the programme's life and scope.

The program will equip key stakeholders with surveillance and analytic tools to support strategic decision-making for climate resilient development and comprehensive near real-time monitoring of the impacts of this program and future efforts.

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Permaculture to provide training modules	WAGE-Isaac Muhofa	
Presentations by partners to be shared	Emmanuel Ekakoro/Ranya	

## TOUR DE TABLE

DISCUSSION
<p><b>DRC:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Kiryandongo activities and handing over to DCA</li> <li>ii. DRC and ICRAF looking for co-funding for project in Rhino</li> <li>iii. ACTION to share concept note</li> </ul> <p><b>LWF</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Sowing of assorted tree seeds ongoing in 3 central tree nursery sites in Adjumani, Moyo and Kyangwali.</li> <li>ii. 70,979 assorted tree seedlings are being maintained in Pagirinya, Ayiro 1 in Adjumani, and Kyangwali settlements in preparation for the first rainy season (March 2020).</li> <li>iii. 24 (M=22, F=2) woodlot owners from Adjumani were supported with assorted tools for woodlot management</li> <li>iv. 04 apiary groups from Adjumani were supported with assorted apiary tools including traditional Tuff local bee hives (20pcs), metallic stands, air tight buckets (10pcs), honey harvesting kits (15) for harvesting and processing honey.</li> <li>v. A total of 49 Rocket Lorena stoves were constructed for 49 HHs in Palabek settlement and Adjumani sub-programs.</li> <li>vi. 06 briquette making groups in Kyangwali district were supported with briquette making equipment which include drums, rollers, mixers and driers.</li> </ul> <p><b>New Environment and Energy Projects</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>vii. LWF has signed a partnership agreement with Church of Sweden to implement a four-year MIRP (Mutual and Integrated Resilience Program) project, targeting environmental protection and energy access and WASH in Kyangwali (November 2019 – October 2023). The project is funded by SIDA with Church of Sweden as the consortium lead.</li> <li>viii. LWF has also signed a partnership agreement with GIZ to implement the Productive Use of Electricity (PUE) project in Lamwo district (Dec 2019 – June 2020). The project will target both refugees and host community “ecopreneurs” to effectively utilize the mini-grids that will be installed by GIZ.</li> </ul> <p><b>DAN Church AID</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. DCA is currently procuring 1500 Energy cooking baskets and 1500, portable Lorena fuel efficiency stoves, these to be distributed to PSNs and House hold as well.</li> <li>ii. DCA participating in handover process for E&amp;E activities involving UNHCR outgoing partners in Kiryandongo (DRC), Arua (RICE) and Koboko (HADS)</li> </ul>

- iii. DCA is undertaking a survey on adoption of briquettes and Fuel efficient stove usage in Bidi Bidi-this will involve lab testing too.
- iv. DCA will continue with the implementation of the E&E activities through collaborating with Nursery bed operators and local CBO's in new settlement areas of Kiryandongo and Koboko.

**Nsamizi**

- i. Tree planting in Nakivale and Oruchinga (the trees were planted on community, individual, institutional level and under incentivized tree planting approach: Nakivale -149,680 (50ha covered), Oruchinga -32,125(15ha covered); 88430 planted through incentivized tree planting in Nakivale and 5200 in Oruchinga
- ii. Potting, pricking out, hardening off are ongoing in the Nurseries in Nakivale and Oruchinga
- iii. Wetland evictions and sensitizations on wetland reclamation around the wetlands of Nyarugugu, Kiretwa in Nakivale and Rwamurunga in Oruchinga
- iv. Trainings on making of household briquettes using locally available materials like cow dung and biomass waste as an alternative source of fuel
- v. Sensitizations on use of renewable energy
- vi. Construction of household solar stoves
- vii. Use of the KoBo tool to measure tree survival has started in Nakivale.

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- o Next Meeting – TBD 2020

**Ended meeting: 12:50pm**