



MINISTRY OF WATER AND ENVIRONMENT

DIRECTORATE OF WATER RESOURCES MANAGEMENT

ALBERT WATER MANAGEMENT ZONE

CONCEPT NOTE ON

THE LAUNCH OF THE CONRAD N HILTON FOUNDATION PROJECT

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1. 0 Introduction

The Ministry of Water and Environment (MWE), through the Directorate of Water Resources Management (DWRM), has been implementing Catchment Based Water Resources Management (CBWRM) in the Albert Water Management Zone (AWMZ) since 2011.

The implementation approach of CbWRM in the AWMZ has been hinged on the development of Catchment Management Plans (CMPs). Therefore, the developed CMPs highlight hotspot areas where catchment management measures can be implemented as well as possible mitigation and adaptation measures aimed at catchment restoration and livelihood enhancement.

In this regard, Mpanga CMP was developed in 2015 and highlighted challenges such as limited and unreliable availability of essential data, unsustainable land use practices (deforestation, overgrazing, agriculture), river bank lakeshore and wetland degradation, siltation of water bodies, deteriorating quality and quantity of river waters, and weak institutional capacity and weak governance structures for water resources management for water resources management.

In 2016, the Albert Water Management Zone, in liaison with the key catchment stakeholders prioritized the implementation of catchment management measures in the upstream Mpanga in Kabarole District where communities were trained in soil and water conservation and Tree growing in Nyakitokoli, Kibwa, and Kamabale Parishes; Establishment of Nursery bed at Mountains of the Moon University in Saaka village and at Kazingo primary school in Bukuku sub-county; Midstream in Kyenjojo where communities were trained in nursery bed establishment and Tree planting in Kigaraale, Butiiti and Nyabuharwa Sub-counties), and downstream in Kamwenge (restoration of Mutamba wetland and promotion of wetland friendly activities like Aquaculture in Kahungye Sub-county).

The Government of Uganda has continuously scaled up the catchment management measures such Tree growing and also promoted Alternative income-generating activities such as ;Apiary, Energy saving cook stoves and Fruit growing) within Mpanga Catchment in Karangura ,Kabamiro Sub-County and Kabuga Town Council.

The mitigation (nature-based solutions) and adaptation (Alternative income generating activities) measures implemented have since then impacted the catchment area in terms of improved water quantity/quality and enhanced livelihoods.

Over the past years, MWE's interventions within the catchment have attracted other actors like Join for Water, Water for People, Joint Effort to Save Environment, Natural Resources Defence Initiatives, Iles de Paix, NAADS among others. It is upon this background that the Ministry of Water and Environment has initiated memorandums of understanding with various water and environment resources practitioners in the Albertine region. MoUs have been developed with institutions and NGOs such as; Tooro Kingdom, Water for People among others.

2.0 MWE-Water for People Partnership

Water for People a region-based NGO which promotes sustainable WASH practices through collaboration with the Ministry of Water and Environment adopted the Catchment Based Water Resources Management approach in 2012. Water For People has supported Albert Water Management zone in delivering its mandate with Conrad N Hilton funding as follows; establishment of a weather station (rain gauge) at Kabambiro Primary School in Kamwenge, installation of Groundwater divers in Kabambiro Sub-county, Groundwater and Surface water monitoring stations constructed at River Rushango, restoration of river banks, wetlands and livelihood enhancement for the vital ecosystem frontline communities in Kabuga Town council.

Following the previously highlighted achievements, MWE-AWMZ deemed it necessary to team up with Water for People and generate a proposal to scale up the Mpanga catchment interventions aimed at sustainable management of the ecosystem. This year, the Albert Water Management Zone has secured the Conrad N Hilton Grant to facilitate the implementation of catchment-based Water Resources in five riparian districts of R. Mpanga. Similarly, Water for People and Join for Water received funding to; facilitate knowledge management interventions in five riparian districts of the river Mpanga catchment in form of learning and reflection sessions, learning journeys, documentation of the water resources management best practices and experiences as well as related knowledge assessments and to digitally map the wetland & riparian zone and develop wetland/riverbank management plan and strategy respectively.

2.1 Overview of Conrad Hilton Foundation Project

The Conrad N. Hilton Foundation pursues approaches that touch a diversity of people, places and needs. Safe water is one of the seven program areas of focus in three countries including;

Ethiopia, Ghana and Uganda. The Foundation's approach is aligned with the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goal 6.1: By 2030, achieve universal and equitable access to safe and affordable drinking water for all and also focuses on issues beyond infrastructure to address systemic challenges related to Safe Water, including water resources management, climate change, policy and regulatory frameworks, and data systems, among others.

Currently, the Ministry of Water and Environment through the AWMZ has received the Conrad N Hilton Foundation grant to facilitate the implementation of Catchment based Water Resources in five riparian districts of R. Mpanga (Kabarole, Kamwenge, Ibanda, Kitagwenda and Kyenjojo) aimed at improving watershed management in the catchment. The interventions will align with the AWMZ's mandate to implement its core activities in areas of water quantity and quality monitoring and implementation of catchment-based restoration measures. The project will be implemented in three years that is 2024-2026.

2.1 Project Objectives

2.1.1 Main Objective

To implement watershed management and nature-based water conservation activities within the Mpanga Catchment

2.1.2 Specific Objectives

- i. Support capacity building of catchment management organizations for better institutional processes, planning and management through trainings
- ii. Strengthening the capacity of the AWMZ staff in their role as the primary coordinating entity through building skills in carrying out work planning and monitoring including technical tests for better implementation
- iii. Support the restoration and implementation of priority catchment management measures by using nature based solutions in the districts of Kamwenge, Kabarole, Kyenjojo and Ibanda
- iv. Showcasing AWMZ as a model of catchment based water resources management through institutional cooperation and publication of work success stories from mpanga catchment

2.2 Project Outcomes

- a) Restoration of degraded landscapes through afforestation on private and public land
 - 180Ha in Kabarole, Kyenjojo and Ibanda districts
 - 500 households to be trained
- b) Restoration of wetland systems and their buffer zones demarcated
 - 120Hactares in Kamwenge & kyenjojo.
 - 400 community people to be trained on the importance of wetland restoration
- c) Soil and Water Conservation
 - 150 community individuals to benefit in flood and soil erosion control measures
 - 2km of soil to be established and stabilized in upstream
 - Establish 10 percolation and infiltration pits in upstream
- e) Installation of 1 mini weather station
- f) A newly constructed hydro-monitoring station at mpanga catchment outlet

2.3 Expected Working Relation

- i. Members of Mpanga Catchment Management Committee
- ii. District Local Government (Natural Resources department staff, Water Officers, Production Officer Local Council members at district, sub county and village level
- iii. Political Leaders, Cultural and Religious leaders
- iv. Local communities
- v. NGO's, CBOs and community groups related works in the target districts
- vi. Water Users like the Mpanga Hydro power plant, Industries and Agriculturalists among others.
- vii. Grievance Redress Committees.

PROPOSED BUDGET FOR THE LAUNCH OF THE WMNC PROJECT TO BE HELD ON 08TH AUGUST 2024 AT KALYA COURTS HOTEL-FORT PORTAL

	NAME	DESIGNATION	NIGHTS/SDA	QTY	AMOUNT	TRANSPORT/ FUEL REFUND	TOTAL
1	Hon. Richard Rwabuhinga	LCV Chairperson / Kabarole	160,000	1	160,000	50,000	210,000
2	Hon. Rubaihajo Gilbert	LCV Chairperson / Kyenjojo	160,000	1	160,000	100,000	260,000
3	Hon. Joseph Karungi	LCV Chairperson / Kamwenge	160,000	1	160,000	100,000	260,000
4	Happy Herbert Mayanja	Ibanda LCV	160,000	1	160,000	150,000	310,000
5	Festus Bandeeba Besigye	Kabarole RDC	165,000	1	165,000	-	165,000
6	Kweyamba Ruhemba	CAO Ibanda	150,000	1	150,000	150,000	300,000
7	Rwampara Stephen	CAO KABAROLE	160,000	1	160,000	-	160,000
8	Joanita Kakityo	CAO KITAGWENDA	150,000	1	150,000	150,000	300,000
9		CAO KYENJOJO	150,000	1	150,000	100,000	250,000
10		FORTPORTAL CITY CLERK	15,000	1	15,000	50,000	65,000
11	Turuhahebwa Hanny	CAO Kamwenge	150,000	1	150,000	100,000	250,000
	<i>Sub-total</i>						<i>2,530,000</i>

	DISTRICT TECHNICAL OFFICERS						
12	Ruyonga Godfrey	Kabarole / DNRO	12,000	1	12,000	50,000	62,000
13		Kyenjojo -Forest Officer	110,000	1	110,000	-	110,000
14	Kiirya Erry	Ibanda DNRO	120,000	1	120,000	150,000	270,000
15	Namara Deborah	Kiruhura DNRO	120,000	1	120,000	150,000	270,000
16	Salvatory Abigaba	Kabarole- Wetlands officer	12,000	1	12,000	50,000	62,000
17		Kabarole -Forest Officer	12,000	1	12,000	50,000	62,000
18		Kyenjojo-Wetlands officer	110,000	1	110,000	-	110,000
19	Natugonza Gladys	Fortportal City -Snr Environment officer	12,000	1	12,000	50,000	62,000
20	Peter Sseremba	Kitagwenda -Forest Officer	110,000	1	110,000	-	110,000
21	Mushemera Ismail	Kitagwenda- Wetlands officer	110,000	1	110,000	-	110,000
22	Moses Bujara Turyamureeba	Kitagwenda DNRO	120,000	1	120,000	150,000	270,000
23	Tukaikiriza Caleb	Kamwenge -Forest Officer	110,000	1	110,000	-	110,000
24		Ibanda-Forest Officer	110,000	1	110,000	-	110,000

25	Kassim Ariganyira	Kamwenge DNRO	120,000	1	120,000	100,000	220,000
26	Kamwenge RDC	Kamwenge- Wetlands officer	110,000	1	110,000	-	110,000
27		Kyenjojo-DNRO	120,000	1	120,000	100,000	220,000
	Sub-total						2,268,000
	OTHER NGOs AND GOV'T ENTITIES						
28	Jane Mulumba	IRC- Country Director -Kampala	160,000	1	160,000	450,000	610,000
29	Achiro Brenda	Water for People- Country Director - K'la	160,000	1	160,000	450,000	610,000
30	Ndungo Isaiah	Join for Water- Country Director - K'la	160,000	1	160,000	450,000	610,000
31	Byamugisha Gilbert	Umbrella -Midwest- Manager	120,000	1	120,000	100,000	220,000
32	Mutabazi Hillary	RWSRC-5 -Fort P	12,000	1	12,000	50,000	62,000
33		Area Manager NWSC-FORT P	12,000	1	12,000	50,000	62,000
34	George Ongwech	NWSC-Ibanda Manager	110,000	1	110,000	150,000	260,000
35	Bitwire Ronald	NWSC -Kamwenge	110,000	1	110,000	120,000	230,000

36	Manager Mpanga Hydro Power	Mpanga Hydro Power-Kitagwenda	110,000	1	110,000	150,000	260,000
37	Prof. Moses Muhumuza	Mountains of the Moon University-Fort P	12,000	1	12,000	50,000	62,000
38	Magenzi Moses	Kyaninga Forest Foundation -Fort P	12,000	1	12,000	50,000	62,000
39	Hon Stephen Frankstock Kiyingi	Tooro Kingdom - Fort P	12,000	1	12,000	50,000	62,000
40	Kalyegira Hamilton	Voice of Tooro	12,000	1	12,000	50,000	62,000
41	Kokugonza Harriet	TBG -Kabarole	12,000	1	12,000	50,000	62,000
42	Pamela Kabasinguzi	HEWASA-Kabarole	12,000	1	12,000	50,000	62,000
43	Patrick Baguma	JESE -ED -Kabarole	12,000	1	12,000	50,000	62,000
44	Edgar Muganzi	Team Leader -NRDI	12,000	1	12,000	50,000	62,000
	Sub-total				-		3,420,000
	MWE/DWRM Staff						
45	Mr. Alfred Okidi	Permanent Secretary	160,000	5	800,000	1,000,000	1,800,000
46	Dr. Callist Tindimugaya	Director	150,000	5	750,000	1,000,000	1,750,000
47	Samantha Mushanga	Communications Officer -Mbarara	110,000	1	110,000	416,000	526,000

48	Olumbe Janet	Communications Officer-Kla	110,000	1	110,000	-	110,000
	Sub-total						4,186,000
	AWMZ Staff				-		
49	Dr. Guma Brian Emmanuel	Team Leader	12,000	1	12,000	50,000	62,000
50	Sup Chemari Oscar	Environmental Police	12,000	1	12,000	50,000	62,000
51	Bahebwa Lorene	Sociologist	12,000	1	12,000	-	12,000
52	Chekwurui Susan	Sociologist	12,000	1	12,000	-	12,000
53	Nabaasa Rhitus	Water Officer	12,000	1	12,000	-	12,000
54	Mwesigwa Andrew	Water Officer	12,000	1	12,000	-	12,000
55	Kiteme Rita	Sociologist	12,000	1	12,000	-	12,000
56	Mugisha Jill	Accountant	12,000	1	12,000	50,000	62,000
57	Mubangizi Silver	Economist	12,000	1	12,000	-	12,000
58	Agola Anita	Procurement officer	12,000	1	12,000	-	12,000
59	Kabookya Janice	Accountant	12,000	1	12,000	50,000	62,000

60	Ntale Joel	Procurement officer	12,000	1	12,000	-	12,000
61	Ahimbisibwe Justus	Hydrogeological inspector	12,000	1	12,000	-	12,000
62	Babi Gerald	Senior Water officer	12,000	1	12,000	-	12,000
63	Atuhaire Immaculate	Forester	12,000	1	12,000	-	12,000
64	Kigozi Frank	hydrological inspector	12,000	1	12,000	-	12,000
65	Okello Kenneth	Water Analyst	12,000	1	12,000	-	12,000
	Sub-total						404,000
	DRIVERS & Guards						
	K'la-MWE	2	55,000	5	550,000	-	550,000
	K'la Partners(WPF,JFW,IRC)	3	70,000	1	210,000	-	210,000
	Further districts	16	55,000	1	880,000	-	880,000
	Stakeholders-Fort	8	12,000	1	96,000	-	96,000
	Partners ,other Districts	4	55,000	1	220,000	-	220,000
	AWMZ,RWSRC5	4	12,000	1	48,000	-	48,000

	Body Gurads -RDC ,Tooro	2	12,000	1	24,000	-	24,000
	Sub-total	39					2,028,000
	IEC MATERIALS AND STATIONERY		Quantity	Rate	Amount		
	Books (branded)	Branded books for 100 people	100	6,000	600,000		600,000
	pens (branded)	Branded pens for 100 people	100	3,500	350,000		350,000
	Document holders	Document holders for 100 people	100	4,000	400,000		400,000
	Fact sheets	Fact sheets about project	100	2,000	200,000		200,000
	Banners	Pull up banners	2	250,000	500,000		500,000
	Tear drops	Tear drops	1	300,000	300,000		300,000
	Signboard	customised	1	450,000	450,000		450,000
	Graphics designing	for all awareness materials	1	200,000	200,000		200,000
	Sub-total						3,000,000
	HOTEL SERVICES						
	Breakfast	Break tea for 100 people	100		15,000		1,500,000

	Lunch	Lunch for 100 people	100		45,000		4,500,000
	Water	Water for 2 sessions of 100 people	200		4,000		800,000
	Hall hiring	One Day	1		800,000		800,000
	Sub-total						7,600,000
	Media	Region based journalists -4 journalists	1	50,000	200,000	-	200,000
	Mobilization	Delivery of invitation letters(2 Officers) -2 days	2	110,000	440,000	-	440,000
	Mobilization	1 Driver -2 days	2	55,000	110,000	-	110,000
	Sub-total						750,000
	GRAND-TOTAL						26,186,000

PROGRAM FOR THE LAUNCH OF THE WMNC PROJECT ON THE 8th OF AUGUST 2024 AT KALYA COURTS.		
Time	Activity	Responsible Person
Opening Session: Chairperson <i>LCV Kamwenge</i>		
08:00-08:45 am	Arrival of participants	All
08:45-10-10 am	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prayer • Self-introduction • Welcome Remarks • Opening Remarks 	All LCV Kabarole Director - DWRM
10:10-10-15 am	Presentation of Grant objectives	Water Officer-AWMZ
10:15-10:30 am	Overview of the implementation of CbWRM in the AWMZ	Water Analyst-AWMZ
10:30-11:10 am	Break tea	All
Session Chairperson <i>LCV Kabarole</i>		
11:10-12:10 am	Presentation on the scope and expected outputs; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grant to the AWMZ • Grant to the Water For People • Grant to the Join For Water 	TL – AWMZ Water For People Join For Water
12:10-12:30 pm	Discussion	All
12:30-12:40 pm	Vote of Thanks	RDC-Kabarole
12:40-1:00 pm	Project Launch	Minister of State for Water
1:00 -2:00 pm	Lunch and Departure	All

