Rwanda

Agreement between the Ministry for the Environment, Land and Sea of the Republic of Italy and GGGI

Project Results Report 201801/03

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Highlights

- Climate Finance Capacity Building workshop, Climate Diplomacy course for Youth and participation in COP24 in Katowice, Mobilization of USD 1.12 million for Rwanda, the NDC partnership plan for Rwanda, the Africa Center for Climate and Sustainable Development workshop.

Context

Rwanda is one of the most vulnerable countries to climate change associated with extreme weather conditions. Climate change-driven droughts and floods across the country and will have drastic impacts on the national economy. According to the Germanwatch Global Climate Risk Index 2018, Rwanda is placed on the 133th position out of 182 countries accounting for the period of 2016. Based on The Notre Dame-Global Adaptation Index (ND-GAIN) Country Index, 2016- a free opensource index that shows a country’s current vulnerability to climate disruptions, Rwanda is the 29th /182 most vulnerable country-that is, a country with high level of vulnerability to climate change with greater adaptation needs and urgency to act.

In this regard, a Memorandum of Understanding was signed between The Ministry for the Environment, Land and Sea of the Republic of Italy (IMELS) and the Ministry of Environment (MoE) Rwanda- aiming at: (i) strengthening and coordinating the efforts to combat global climate change and address its adverse effects, (ii) supporting mechanisms to reduce climate change vulnerability and enhancing risk assessment, (iii) promoting secure, clean and efficient energy, and (iv) stimulating the transition towards a sustainable low-carbon economy and to implement adaptation actions and opportunities to protect the environment and natural resources.

Relevant SDGs

- **SDG 6.** Clean Water and Sanitation.
- **SDG 7.** Affordable and Clean Energy.
- **SDG 9.** Industry, Innovation and infrastructure.
- **SDG 11.** Sustainable cities and communities.
- **SDG 12.** Responsible Consumption and production.
- **SDG 13.** Climate Action.
- **SDG 15.** Life on Land.
- **SDG 17.** Partnerships for the goals.

Overall objective

Support the Rwandan Government in identifying and promoting projects and technology transfer opportunities, providing ad hoc capacity building activities in the field of renewable energy and energy efficiency, green cities development, sustainable agriculture, water resource management and sustainable waste management with the aim of supporting sustainable development, local job creation and fostering international partnerships.
Results achieved in 2018

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Improved capacity of stakeholders for best practices in climate change mitigation and adaptation and climate finance.

GGGI Rwanda have co-organized a two-day capacity building workshop on Climate Finance. The training brought together public and private sector experts that play a crucial role in the implementation of Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs). More than 40 participants representing the public and private sector, non-governmental bodies, and financial sectors attended the training session. The two-day capacity building training on climate finance had the overall objective of explaining global, national and local finance opportunities to help Rwandan sector experts to strategize effectively on NDC capital raising for implementation. It also provided opportunity for experts to discuss different options for accessing climate finance, project identification and development of bankable projects.

GGGI has supported the greening of the District Development Strategies (DDS). However, in realization of a lack of DDS reports of the green components, it was suggested to organize a specific session on greening the DDSs. The reports were examined closely to find ways to incorporate or add the green aspects based on the Green Growth and Climate Resilience Strategy, NDCs, and international documents such as Paris agreement and SDGs.

GGGI has supported Rwanda Environment Management Authority and the Ministry of Environment youth engagement in intergovernmental climate change negotiations. The Youth delegates were enrolled to a web-based course for eight weeks with the title: “Climate Change Diplomacy: Negotiating effectively under the UNFCCC” organized by United Nations Institute for Training and Research. The course intended to develop participants’ understanding of the climate change policy framework, and considered the pertinent challenges currently facing diplomats and international decision makers in making progress with what is currently on the negotiating table.

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Providing support for capacity building and knowledge sharing based on Ministry of Environment (MoE) & IMELS agreement.

GGGI conducted Green Growth needs assessment for capacity building in prioritized thematic areas and offered training on Climate finance targeting sector experts (at least 45 people were trained) and delivered a course on Climate Diplomacy targeting Youth.

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NDC coordination supported to strengthen NDA capacity for sector coordination.

Rwanda has engaged with the NDC Partnership - a global coalition of countries and institutions collaborating to drive transformational climate action through sustainable development. GGGI, as well as many partners in Rwanda have come together as per a request from the Government of Rwanda to support for the implementation of NDCs. GGGI provided technical support by participating in the review, and validation of National Partnership plan that has been developed in collaboration with NDC Partnership Secretariat. This was an intersectoral multi-stakeholder dialogue also to promote ‘whole of government approach’ in implementing NDCs and their integration in development policies; and to identify the support needed to advance on the NDC implementation planning.

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NDC communication supported.

To implement the Rwanda NDC Partnership plan, GGGI has pledged among other support to strengthen Institutional and regulatory framework for sector coordination of NDC relevant sector priorities (environment and climate change). In this framework, GGGI established a coordination mechanism for the NDC implementation.

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Increased potential for finding for implementation of climate change mitigation/adaptations actions.

GGGI has supported Rwanda Environment Management Authority (REMA) to design and develop a USD 1.12 million project proposal in line with MoE/IMELS priority areas on Sustainable Urban Wetlands Development within Kigali City. This project will not only increase the resilience of the City but also the rehabilitated urban wetland eco-tourism park will have long-term benefits for the citizens of Kigali because it is a public asset designed to address the need for recreational space that is currently lacking, provide green jobs. The knowledge gained during this process and the sustainable model established with the project will be used to promote similar strategies elsewhere in Rwanda especially in secondary cities.

Furthermore, GGGI is working to elaborate on more potential projects that will be presented to IMELS during the next Joint C meeting. Program of interests identified with high priority are the following:
1. Green incubator & accelerator facility; support small businesses through a Public-Private Partnership (PPP) model;
2. Increasing climate resilience through wetland management and wise use;
3. Sustainable management of hazardous wastes;
4. Assessment of the greenness of the Integrated Development Program (IDP) model villages.

GGGI has supported MoE to develop a National Adaptation Readiness and Preparatory Support for Building Flood Resilience Capacities in Rwanda.

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Initiating specific projects to facilitate the implementation of NDC in RWANDA in line with priorities of the IMELS/MoE Agreement.

Two project concept notes were developed and submitted to IMELS.

GGGI has been working closely with REMA to identify thematic priority areas including; (i) integrated water management; (ii) urban wetland management; (iii) urban waste management. Project profiles have been elaborated, shared with REMA and IMELS for feedback and formal endorsement. The priority areas have been put together in one project profile, which was approved for funding my IMELS.

GGGI has engaged with the implementation of the project in close collaboration with the Africa Center for Climate and Sustainable Development (ACSD). GGGI has closely consulted with the NDA and other relevant Government institutions and supported the development of project profiles focusing on: (i) Climate Resilient Waste Management for the City of Kigali and Secondary Cities of Rwanda; sustainable landscape; (ii) Reviewing “AGREED” (Promoting Africa’s Green and Climate Resilient Development) program note.

**Reasons if progress was below target**

N/A
Additional results

- African Green Growth Forum and the Africa Center for Climate and Sustainable Development workshop: The first ever Africa Green Growth Forum has attracted over 1,000 investors, policymakers and financial specialists from across the continent to examine the opportunities that come with green growth as well as some of the challenges impeding its uptake. Also, in line with IMELS priorities, GGGI has organized the Africa Center for Climate and Sustainable Development workshop to discuss the barriers and available solutions for sustainable development in Africa and raise awareness on the existence of the newly established Centre and its position to accelerate Africa’s green growth agenda and increase resilience. The workshop was attended by more than 100 participants from different countries in Africa. Development Partners working in Africa and Sector experts in Rwandan public and private institutions.

- Outreach activities to promote public spaces “Urban Walk”: It was noted that green and public spaces development is one of the priority areas for secondary cities. With partnership with GGGI, the Government of Rwanda has brought forward the discussion on pressing urbanization issues. The “Urban Walk” was launched in Nyagatare aiming to promote secondary cities. The objective of this initiative was to meet and support with the District of Nyagatare in the green growth development process. Two events were organized: Urban Walk that served to raise awareness on the importance of green and public spaces in urban centers, and Participatory Design Workshop that has use bottom up approach for planning and designing green and public space.

Lessons learned

- The key lessons learned: the importance of collaboration between GGGI and the government partners in co-delivery of outputs, thus strengthening the move towards a climate resilient economic growth for Rwanda.

- The project collaboration proved to be a practical mechanism to create the needed synergy with sustainable wetlands management in the context of green urbanization both from the planning and implementation perspectives.