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1 Project Background

Project Title: Nile Transboundary Environmental Action Project (NTEAP)

Executing Agencies : Nile Basin Initiatives through UNOPS

Development Partners: GEF,CIDA, Netherlands, UNDP, WB

Project Duration : 5 years

Geographical Location of the Project: Ethiopia

The Nile Basin Initiative's Shared Vision Program (SVP) is designed to help realize the shared vision of the Nile basin countries: harnessing the resources of the river to create a better life for the [300 million people] that depend on it.

The Nile Transboundary Environmental Action Project (NTEAP) is one of the eight Shared Vision projects (SVP) of the Nile Basin Initiative (NBI). The main objective of the NTEAP project is to provide a strategic environmental framework for the management of the Transboundary waters and environment challenges in the Nile River Basin. Specifically, the project will:

- Improve the understanding of the relationship of water resources development and environment;
- Provide forum to discuss development paths for the Nile with a wide range of stakeholders;
- Enhance basin-wide cooperation and environmental awareness and
- Enhance environmental management capacities of the basin-wide institutions and the NBI.

The project has five components:

- Institutional Strengthening:
- Community-Level Land, Forest and Water Conservation:
- Environmental Education & Awareness:
- Water Quality Monitoring:
- Wetlands and Biodiversity Conservation:

1.2 Report Background

This report is prepared in accordance with the Results Based reporting format and covers the period during January 1st to December 31st, 2008. The NPC & MGC executed their activities at national level on the basis of the framework plan and in accordance with the project plan developed for 2008. The report attempts to compare progress of project implementation against the work plan for the period.

2. Project Context

Like any other project NTEAP-Ethiopia (NPC & MG) has been subjected to various factors both internal and external. Although both are project implementing arms of NTEAP at the national level, for the purpose of this report factors considered internal are those situations that took place within the limits of power entrusted to NPC & MGC while those situations that are beyond the scope of the NPC& MG are considered external.

2.1 External Context

In 2008, there is significant delay in budget authorization this affects the national level activities. Delay in no objection for the 2008 NEPs up to end of May, 2008 made implementation of the three NEPs in the remaining period critical.

Other payments for procured goods and services are only possible after significant delay and long conversation and follow up.

2.2 Internal Context

The project structure is similar to the preceding years. Learning from the experiences of year 2007 the NPC & MGC offices have been in a better position to deal with the various tasks entrusted to them. There is an effective collaboration among different partners (NGOs, CBOs, Federal and Regional State Actors) and a very strong commitment on the part of Regional and National Working Group Members. The assistance extended by the PSC and TAC members towards the successful implementation of the NTEAP activities is increasing. Moreover, the main guiding body for the MG, NSC, was more active in the field appraisal as well as monitoring and evaluation of the program. However, lack of collaboration from some of the NEPs and school projects focal persons has negatively contributed to the timely execution of project activities.

2.3 Effects on Project Implementation

Taken together the start-up of the implementation of some projects was delayed. The NPC and WG members were obliged to work on overtime to make up for the lost time.

3. Actual Results

This section of the report summarizes the major achievements obtained during January 1st - December 31st, 2008.

Outcome 3. 1: Institutions Strengthened to Facilitate Regional Collaboration

Among the various achievements under this component are:

Output 3.1.1 National Project Office Coordinated

At the regional level, NPC attended three regional meetings: the 5th Project Steering Committee Meeting held in Tanzania, Mwanza during January 26- February 2, 2008. The NBI RBS training held in Cairo from the 27th - 30th of May 2008 and the 2008 Regional NBDF during November 17-19, 2008 in Sudan, Khartoum. Both the NPC & LMGC are also attended the 3rd Staff retreat and the MGC attended the regional capacity building event organized for Women NGOs held in Cairo during June 4-9, 2008

The national level NTEAP activities have been also coordinated and various stakeholders contacted.

The NPC has attended at the national level the National Nile Women Forum stakeholders meeting and the NBI coordination meetings organized by CBSI and TAC.

The NPC participated as organizing and technical committee members for the 2008 Regional National Nile Day celebration,

The 2008 Regional Nile Day was celebrated in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia on the 22nd of February 2008 at United Nation Economic Commission for Africa Conference Hall (UNECA)

The celebration was presided over by Gust of Honour H. E. Girma Woldegiorgis President of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia. Present during the celebration were H.E. Maria Mutagamba Minister of Water Resources Uganda and Nile COM Chair, H.E. Asfaw Dingamo, Minister of Water Resources of Ethiopia, Mr. Kenchi Ohashi World Bank Country Director, Members of Ethiopian Parliament, Mr Audace Ndayzeze Executive Director of NBI, Ministers and Ambassadors NBI countries, representative of the Embassy of Canada, representatives of CBOs, NGOs, NTEAP environmental Journalist, NBI staff, officials from Ministry of Water Resources, Environmental Protection Authority and invited guests from the five administrative regions of Ethiopia. All together about 300 guests attended the 2008 Regional Nile Day celebration.



Members of the Presidium



Partial view of participants

The ceremony started by children song from Assay School followed by different cultural music of Ethiopian National Theatre Troupes.



Children songs



Cultural Show

The welcoming address was made by Mr Tefera Beyene, TAC Member of Ethiopia and Nile Day Organizing Committee Chair. Followed the opening remarks, speeches of Mr Audace Ndayzeze Executive Director of NBI, Mr. Abiy Hailu, Nile Basin Discourse Steering Committee Member, Mr. Kemichi Ohashi, World Bank Country Director, H.E. Asfaw Dingamo, Minister of Water Resources of Ethiopia and H.E. Maria Mutagamba, Minister of Water resources of Uganda and Nile COM chair respectively.



Speech of H.E. Asfaw Dingamo



Speech of Mr Audace



H.E. Maria Mutagamba,, Nile COM chair Mr. Tefera Beyene, TAC member

During the day press conference was made by H.E. Maria Mutagamba Minister of Water Resources Uganda and Nile COM Chair, H.E. Asfaw Dingamo, Minster of Water Resources of Ethiopia and Mr Audace Ndayzeze Executive Director of NBI,

Poster exhibition of all Shared Vision Projects and SAPS were also shown to participants of the celebration.

In the after noon, The Nile Cap Basket Ball Challenge was made between the Ethiopian Water Sport Men Basketball Team Vs Circle Sport de Kigali Men’s Basketball Team (Rwandan Champions). The Ethiopian team won the game73 points against 67. The trophy, medals and bolls were awarded to the winner and runner-up respectively.



Ethiopian Water Sport Men Basketball Team & Circle Sport de Kigali Men’s Basketball Team with H. E Asfaw Dingamo, (right at the center), Minister of Water Resources of Ethiopia

The celebration was finalized by the Ethiopian National Theater Troup songs and refreshments.

Both NPC and MGC have also actively participated in the 2008 National NBDF forum organization which was held at the Ghion Hotel, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, from March 20-21, 2008. The forum was attended by 119 participants representing government institutions at the

Federal and Regional levels, research institutions, academia, the private sector, consultants and non-governmental organizations. Fifteen technical papers were under five sum theme were presented



Opening

Outcome 3.1. 2: Knowledge Management and Communication tools Produced:

As part of NTEAP's effort to inform Stakeholders in Ethiopia, the NPC office actively engaged in the review of the Amharic translation and timely distribution of both the Amharic and English versions of the quarterly news letter. Accordingly the last quarter newsletter of the year 2007 and three quarters newsletters of the year 2008 both English and Amharic newsletters have been distributed. However, the 2008 NTEAP News letters were not regularly distributed to different partners, including working group members, represented institutions, PSC member, NSC members, grantee NGOs, and TAC member due to delay in approval in printing press.

Copies of the Nile River Awareness Kit (NRAK) are ready for distribution and it is being distributed in all meetings, although it will be advantageous to facilitate fund for organizing training on the utilization of the CD.

Short profiles of all the NTEAPs are prepared with publisher format and submitted to the National Environmental Protection Authority for further explanation to the parliamentarians regarding the contribution of the NTEAPs to the local development efforts.

Materials (photographs and posters) that can show national achievements through NTEAP-Ethiopia country office were prepared and displayed in Mwanza on the PSC meeting held during 30 and 31 January 2008 and also during the Nile Day celebration held on 22 February 2008.

Awareness raising document entitled Integrated Wetlands and Watershed Management Techniques produced and distributed through one of the MG supported projects. Documents regarding the medicinal plants have been organized, compiled by one of MG guarantee CBO. Furthermore, posters, brochure, flyers and T-shirts were prepared and distributed during Nile Environment Week.

Output 3.1.3 Macro/ sectoral studies and Documenting BP report:

The final report of the Macro/sectoral study, the synthesis report and the Best practice Environmentalist reports has been finalized and sent to PMU.

Output 3.1.4 Monitoring and Evaluation conducted:

During the year, two Monitoring and Evaluation visits have been conducted. The first M&E visit was made with the World Bank mission during September 1-4, 2008. The mission paid visit to three MG & Two School projects.

The projects visited include:

- Highland Fruit and Natural Resource Conservation Initiatives by Professional Alliance for Development in Ethiopia (PADET)
- Tokkee Kutaye Environmental Protection Project by Ethiopian Environmental NGO (EENGO)
- Mini Watershed Based Soil and Water Conservation Project by Lem, The Environment and Development Society of Ethiopia.
- The Ambo Preparatory and Secondary School project
- The Gohatsion School project

The mission appreciated the success achieved so far and reflected the same in front of the TAC member, Mr. Teferra Beyene.



The mission visiting project sites

The second M&E visit has been paid to MG, NEP& School projects jointly by the MGC LS, M&ELS, WGMs , NPC and MGC. During the trip two MC, two schools of one NEP and one school projects have been visited. Furthermore, after and before the field visit, three different meetings were held with the mission during October 26-31, 2008





The JMV mission visiting project sites

Three NSC meetings have been organized during the year 2008. The meetings were held on 24 January, May 10 and June 2,6 2008 in the respective order. During the first event, update on the status of projects were presented and discussed. Moreover, the milestones communicated by the NTEAP PMU regarding the MG projects (issue related to approval of new projects, final disbursement and project completion cut off date) are well discussed. The second event focused on reviewing and approving of different concept papers. The third meeting was organized in order to review and approve project proposals accordingly six additional projects are approved.

During the reporting period , a short visit paid to Shiret Debregeten Medhane Alem Monastery, one of the MG project sites. The objective of the visit was to attend the graduation of trainees on making fuel saving stoves as well as attending the

demonstration of using fuel saving stoves for the local stakeholders. Totally 8 women participants were trained in making the technology. Among the trainees four of them are coached to take the activity as an income generation so that will establish the business at the very local level, which would make the supply and maintenance sustainable. The stoves are proved to reduce the fuel wood consumption by 50% compared to the traditional open system. The total stoves made are 60 and 56 are distributed (10 with in the monastery and 46 to the neighbouring residents) as an extension of the project based learning. The project is among the selected projects as performing best practices.

Furthermre, the MGC has conducted monitoring visit to two grantee NGOs (i.e. Ethiopian Aid and Itsecomol Medicinal Plants Plantation Association) as a follow up visit to recheck the status after the transfer and before accepting the request for the next transfer respectively.

In addition to this, two female NGO representatives attended the regional capacity building training held in Cairo during June 4-9, 2008.

The 2008 monthly, first quarter and six months and monthly reports have been regularly produced and sent to the PMU on time. Reports were shared with PSC, TAC and NSC members on regular basis.

Outcome 3.2 Improved capacity of the communities of the project areas to demonstrate viable approached to land, forest, and water management

Monitoring visits done to grantee NGOs, viz; Shiret MedhaneAlem Monastery, Ethiopian Aid, Lem Ethiopia and Professional Alliance for Development in Ethiopia (PADET), EENGO, ORDA, ERSHA, ESAT, Green Horizon, Ethio-wetlands. The objective of the visit was to check the status of activities before releasing the second and final grant transfers to the stated NGOs plus rendering technical support. Projects are focusing on tackling problems of land degradation, improving livelihood and introduction of appropriate technologies.

Performance audit has been done to six of the 18 projects by an external auditors fielded by UNOPS. The visited projects were: Ethio-Wetlands Mettu and Wereta projects, Green Horizon

Debretabor, Professional Alliance for Development in Ethiopia-Highland Fruits, Ethiopian Environmental NGO-Ambo, ORDA-Zegie Projects. The preliminary performance assessment brief reassured that results on the ground are found splendid.



Performance audit undergoing

Output 3.2.1 Micro-grant projects put fully operational and implementation on the ground strengthened

Transfer is processed for three projects; viz, Ethiopian Aid, Lam Ethiopia and Ethiopian Environmental NGO. The total transfer is US\$ 23,855.

Three out of the total 18 MG projects have been completed during the quarter. The Projects are: Integrated Wet Lands and Water Management in Teshikena Catchment, Household Based Forest Development within The Upper Jejeba Watershed, Alternative Practices and Livelihood Diversification for Sustainable Land Management in Degeli Konor Catchment.

During the mid year, six projects are approved by the National Steering Committee. The projects focus on wetlands, women, cross border aspects as well broad conservation issues. The total budget approved is US\$ 147,990. This raised the over all MG commitment to the country USD 593,700.

The current physical implementation statuses of the projects are: 6 projects 40 -59%, 3 projects 60 – 79 %, 7 projects 80 -100% and additional 7 projects are just at the start.



Plantation and beekeeping by grantee organizations

Outcome 3.2.2 Improved capacity of the communities of the Nile Basin to demonstrate viable approaches to integrated natural resources management across GEF focal areas:

Output 3.2.2.1 Capacities of NGOs and CBOs on addressing environmental threats enhanced

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Outcome 3.3 Environmental Education Improved and Public Awareness Enhanced

Output 3.3.1 National Teachers Training Conducted

The Second National Teachers Training Workshop was held from April 21-22, 2008. Twenty participants took part in the workshop from 10 Model NTEAP schools from Amhara, Benishangul Gumuz, Gambella, Oromia and Tigray Regions. Participants attended trainings on:

- E-learning Modules Hands on training.
- The UNISCO Theory training
- NRAK CD utilization

Additional field excursion has been made to one of NTEAP school project. During the training participants attended both practical and theoretical hands on training.



Training in progress

During the year, the Public awareness program at the national level was very fruitful through, the Regional Nile Day celebration and National Nile Development Forum, the 2008 School Award Ceremony and the 2008 Nile Week campaign.

Output 3.3.2 National Environmental Education & Awareness Working Group Forum formed

The National Environmental Education and Awareness Forum meeting has been conducted during June 19-20, 2008. Twenty four participants took part in the forum from , Amhara, Benishangul Gumuz, Gambella, Oromia and Tigray Regions, EPA, NGO and donor agencies At the end of the two days meeting, the National EE &A forum was formed and agreed the forum to be called as ‘ Environmental Education and Awareness National Forum: Ethiopia’’. Participants are also prepared the forum TOR.



Opening

Output 3.3.3 Facilitate School Awards Scheme

The Nile Transboundary Environmental Action project in collaboration of Ministry of Education is organizing an essay poem and art competition for schools in all Nile Basin Countries The advertisement was made throughout the basin secondary schools. It was posted to invite students starting from November 2007 up to the end of February 2008. Accordingly entries were sent their work to the NPC office. Entrants were invited to participate in Art, Poem and Essay highlighting how can the quality and the quantity of the Nile River water improved. The theme of the 2007 competition is " Healthy Nile Basin Wetlands: Balancing Benefits and Threats ". .The School Award Competition has promoted students' awareness on Nile Environmental Threats. During the ceremony, awards were handed over by the TAC member to the winners during the National Environmental Education and Awareness Working group forum which was held during June 19-20, 2008.



Award ceremony and Prize Winners with forum participants

Output 3.3.4 School Environmental Projects Supported

At the national level ten school projects are supported by NTEAP. All the ten schools have got authorization and all of them are involved in the process of implementation.

Output 3.3.5 National Eligible Projects (NEPs) Supported

Based on the consensus reached with the National Steering Committee for the NEPs, the 2006 NEPs for Ethiopia focus was made on EE&A. Accordingly 3 proposals on Promoting Environment Education through Children in Local Development (CHILD) project from the Environmental Authorities of three regional states (Amhara, Oromiya and Tigray) has been submitted to PMU. These proposals focused on schools environmental capacity building activities and recommended 37 schools, 14 schools from Amhara Region (Mekete (10), Dessie Zuria (4)),nine schools from Oromiya Region(Yayagulele (9) and Thahtay Adiabo weredas (14) ,Tigray Region were selected for implementation in collaboration with WFP and CCF2. The PMU has approved all the three projects. A total outlay of \$93,000 USD was allocated. The procurement of goods and services has been finalized. The implementation of the project activities is in progress.

In year 2008 three additional NEPs has been approved by NTEAP PMU and no objection has been received from the World Bank. Approval of the MOU has been received from the PMU. Currently the procurement of goods and services is being done in all the three NEPs.

Outcome 3.4 Increased Wetlands and Biodiversity Conservation

Output 3. 4.1. Enhance Regional Cooperation and Capabilities

- **Second Regional Working Group Workshop Conducted**

The Second Regional Working group meeting was conducted during March 25-27, 2008.

During the meeting the working group members attended the review of the Lake Tana wetlands, Biodiversity and Water Quality study result and the wetlands and biodiversity training documents. They have also approved the 2008 activities of the component

Output 3.4.2. Wetlands Education Training and Awareness Programs developed

- **Training workshop for wetlands and biodiversity managers**

One officers from Amhara Region Environmental Protection Land use Authority attended the International Course on African Wetland Management in Kenya. NTEAP also co-sponsored the wetland management training conducted in Bahir Dar during September 30- October 7, 2008. A total of 22 professionals have attended the training.



Group picture of participants with their certificate

Output 3.4.3. Better understanding & broader awareness of role of wetlands in supporting sustainable development

- **Support Studies in Lake Tana Basin**

The Lake Tana Wetland and Biodiversity and Water Quality study has been successfully completed. The study result review has been conducted during March 4th – 8th May 2008.



Study result review

- The Altash National Park Rapid Assessment

The Altash National Park Rapid Assessment study has been finalized and the study result has been reviewed during August 3-5, 2008. The study has brought valuable data and information about the Park.

Outcome 5: Increase the capacity and awareness on Water Quality Monitoring in the NBI countries

Output 5.1. Regional Water Quality Working Group established

Three Regional Working Group members are members of the Regional Water Quality Monitoring Network and attended different capacity building trainings..

Output 5.2. Capacity of selected labs in each country improved

- Procured Simple Water Quality Monitoring Kit and handed over to the MOWR

4. NTEAP-Ethiopia Expenditure

The total utilized budget of NPC for the year 2008 is USD 234,439.74 while that of MGC is about US\$ **352,441** including grant transferred to the eligible projects. Annex 1. & 2 show the utilization of NPC budget by component during January 1st- December 31, 2008. (After the end of the month, updated figures will be communicated)

5. Challenges and Constraints

The challenges and constraints faced during 2008 are presented in the table below.

Summary of Challenges and Constraints

Challenges or Constraints	Significance of the Challenge	Effect on Implementation	Mitigation Strategy applied
Delay in fund Authorization	<p>1.Delay in timely reimbursement of telephone bill to EPA</p> <p>2. Delay in authorization for NTEAP quarterly newsletter printing,</p> <p>3. Delay in authorization for school projects after completion of vendor forms</p> <p>4.Delay in reimbursement/payment to consultants & regional participants DSA</p> <p>5. Delay in authorization for National Teachers Training Workshop</p> <p>6. Delay authorization for NEW</p>	<p>1. Affects the NPC relation with EPA</p> <p>2.The last two quarterly news letterers are not printed</p> <p>3.Can cause missing of the planting season</p> <p>4.Caused dissatisfaction of consultants & regional participants</p> <p>5. Confusion in accomplishing the activity</p> <p>6. Unable to finalized as planned in June</p>	<p>1.Followed up reimbursement</p> <p>2. Followed up approval & authorization</p> <p>3.Followed up authorization</p> <p>4. Followed up payments</p> <p>5. Used borrowed fund from EPA</p> <p>6. Continue sending reminder</p>
Delay in establishment of MGC petty cash	Delay in executing planned activities of MGC	Delay in executing planned activities of MGC	Forced to use personal money for timely implementation of the project activities
Delay in approval of 2008NEPs	-Delay in approval of 2008NEPs up to end of May, 2008	- Will cause pressure on the procurement of goods and services on the remaining months of 2008.	- Preparation MOU & other activities are being done by EPA& NPC
Slow procurement process by school & NEPs	Missed the seeding period	- Can cause missing of the authorized budget	- Support projects in procurement process and follow up payments for procured goods
Power	- There has been 2-3	- Critically affected	- Using WRPM PMU

Interruption	days power interruption per week during the April- June 2008	NTEAP activities	office and working off office hours in my residence after 21.00 pm when the power is usually turned on
Reluctance in submission of reports by the project proponents	Affects timely judgements of progress in the implementation	Delay in the submission of aggregated national report to the PMU and low national grant budget utilization rate	Frequent reminder and alerting messages to the proponents and field monitoring in a relatively short period of time specific to the identified proponents

6. Lessons Learned and Recommendations

6.1 Lessons Learned

6.1.1 Lessons Learned

1. Maintaining smooth relationship with PSC, TAC, WG members, NSC and other stakeholders is highly essential for effective implementation of NTEAP activities.
2. Commitment and effective participation of the regional and national working group members.

6.2 Recommendation

During the 2008, significant time of the NPC and MGC are being lost in following financial matters and consultant recruitment efforts. It is therefore advisable to improve the fund flow in the remaining period of the project.

Results Achieved for the Period: January 1st December 31st 2008

Outputs & Activities	Performance Indicators	Planned Achievements	Actual Achievements
Outcome 1 Institutions strengthened to facilitate regional collaboration			
Output 1.1 National coordination offices managed	National office functioning	NPC country level activities coordinated with all stakeholders at the national level and within the basin	All national level activities coordinated
Output 1.2. Knowledge management and communication tools produced	1. Quarterly newspapers Translated into Amharic 2. Four quarterly English versions distributed	1.Last quarter report of 2007 and three quarters of 2008 are translated into Amharic 2.Four quarterly English versions distributed	1.Last quarter report of 2007 and three quarters of 2008 are translated into Amharic 2.Four quarters English versions are distributed
Output 1.3 M&E system in place	Monthly, quarterly, semi annual & annual reports prepared & disseminated to respective partners	Monthly, quarterly, semi annual & annual reports produced and disseminated.	Monthly , quarterly, semi annual & annual reports produced and disseminated.

<p>Outcome 2</p> <p>Improved capacity of the communities of the project areas to demonstrate viable approaches to land , forest , and water management</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> At least 7 of the Micro grant Projects will prove to be replicable and up scaleable. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4 projects are found to be implemented with good practices that can be picked up by other interested development actors. Other 3 projects identified as potential good practice projects 	
<p>Output 2.1 Micro-grant projects are fully operational and proper implementation started</p>	<p>US\$44,119 in grants disbursed in at the national level for 17 projects.</p>	<p>US\$44,119 in grants disbursed in at the national level for 17 projects.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Facilitated \$ 23,855 transfer for different grantees
<p>Output 2.2 Four New cross border, wetlands, women focussed projects are evaluated and approved</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> US\$ 100,000 committed. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Four projects evaluated & approved valued USD 100,000 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Six related projects are evaluated and approved valued USD 147,990
<p>Out put 2.3 Responsible bodies are informed and got regular briefings on the MG progress</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Two NSC meeting and monthly briefing to the PSC conducted. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Two NSC meeting conducted and six briefings to the PSC is done, 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Three NSC meeting conducted and six briefings to the PSC is done,

		summary of reports sent to the TAC.	
Out put 2.5 Awareness created on the NBI and MG issues at the national level	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Requests for more knowledge on the subject initiated and demand for the grant increased. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Awareness programmes done on three important events (CBSI, Nile Day, ENTRO) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Awareness programmes done on three important events (CBSI, Nile Day, ENTRO)
Out put 2.6 Micro grant projects are well monitored and advised	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At least all of the projects will be visited and checked once during the period 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 14 projects got monitoring coverage during the period 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 15 projects got monitoring coverage during the period
Outcome 3 Environmental Education improved and public awareness enhanced			
Output 3.1 National Teachers Training Conducted	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. National Teachers Training Conducted 2..Awareness raised in Nile Environment threats 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. National Teachers Training Conducted 2. .Awareness raised in Wetlands and biodiversity raised 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. National Teachers Training Conducted 2. .Awareness raised in Wetlands and biodiversity
Output 3.2 National Environmental Education & Awareness Working Group Forum formed	- National Environmental Education & Awareness Working -Group Forum formed	- National Environmental Education & Awareness Working Group Forum formed	- National Environmental Education & Awareness Working Group Forum formed
Output 3.3 Facilitate School	- Facilitate School	- Finalized the 2008	- Finalized the 2008 national School

Awards Scheme	Awards Scheme	national School Award	Award
Output 3.4 School Environmental Projects Supported	-Ten school projects supported	- Ten school projects supported	- Implementations of all the ten school projects are in progress.
Output 3.5 National Eligible Projects (NEPs) Supported	- SIX NEPs supported	- The implementation of the first three NEPs and the procurement of goods for the three new NEPs is in progress	- The implementation of the first three NEPs is in progress. The procurement of goods for the three new NEPs is in progress
Outcome 4 Enhanced capacity for conservation & management of wetlands & their biodiversity			
Output 4.1. Enhance Regional Cooperation and Capabilities	-Second Regional Working Group Workshop conducted	-Second Regional Working Group Workshop conducted	-Second Regional Working Group Workshop conducted
Output 4.2 wetlands training program developed	One training program developed	One training program developed	-One expert trained - Supported the training of 22 professionals training on wetlands management training
Output 4.3. Better understanding & broader awareness of role of wetlands in supporting sustainable development	- Support Studies in Lake Tana Basin	Studies on Wetlands , Biodiversity and Water quality of the Lake Tana basin finalized	-Studies on Wetlands , Biodiversity and Water quality of the Lake Tana basin finalized - Finalized the Altash National Park rapid

			assessment study
Outcome 5 Increase the capacity and awareness on water quality monitoring	Transboundary water quality monitoring network established and operational	Transboundary water quality monitoring network established and operational;	Three regional Working Group members selected
Output 5.1. Water quality monitoring pilot sites selected	5 TB sampling stations selected and agreed upon by WQWG members	5 TB sampling stations selected and agreed upon by WQWG members	Identified five Transboundary water quality monitoring sites;
Output 5.2 Capacity of selected labs in each country improved	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Lab equipment purchased and delivered selected Common sampling and analytical methods agreed for basin wide use by WQWG 2. One NWG member trained 3. Budget for WQ data collection approved 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. One simple Water quality monitoring kit purchased and delivered to MOWR Common sampling and analytical methods discussed by WQWG 2. One NWG member trained 3. Action plan prepared 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Simple water Quality test kit procured. .Common sampling and analytical methods agreed by WQWG members 2. One NWG member trained 3. Action plan prepared

Annex 1: NPC- Ethiopia - 2007, Financial Utilization (Jan1st - December 31, 2007)

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No	Component	Authorized	Utilized	Balance	Remark
I	INSTITUTIONAL STRENGTHENING				
1	Best practice Documentation expenses	2035.00	1408.58	626.42	
2	Newsletter printing	2382.69	1788.01	594.68	
3	Newsletter Translator payment	2684.32	2684.32	-	
4	2007 PSC Meeting expenses	5988.60	5335.98	652.62	
5	Office operational Budget	600.00	384.14	215.86	
6	Office Supply	254.00	254.00	-	
7	Office Running cost (Telephone, Vehicle (service, Insurance, repair), camera, CD printing)	3778.85	3553.62	225.23	
8	NTEAP-Drivers Uniform & Over Time	1171.87	1171.87	-	
9	M &E Expense	1157.60	577.03	580.57	

10	Visa expense	50.00	48.32	1.68	
	Sub Total	20,101.93	17,205.87	2,897.06	
II	MACRO SECTORAL				
2.1	Consultant payment	3,949.26	2,395.00	1,554.26	
	Sub Total	3,949.26	2,395.00	1,554.26	
III	Environmental Education and Awareness				
3.1	Workshops Expense	11151.00	9503.22	1647.78	
3.2	Honorarium Payment	632.90	316.45	316.45	
3.3	School Award Expenses	1736.50	1739.84	-3.34	
3.4	Nile Environmental Week Campaign Expenses	5557.41	4983.79	573.62	
3.5	School Project	4302.16	4072.18	229.98	
3.6	NEP-2008 Projects	110000.00	48966.46	61033.54	
	Sub Total	133,380.00	69,581.94	63,798.03	
IV	W&B				

4.1	2 nd RW&BWG & Lake Tana W&B study review WS expenses	12481	9413.65	3067.35	
4.2	Alitash Rapid Assessment Result review Workshop Expense	2356.05	1469.93	886.12	
4.3	Wetland training expense	13618.01	12231.77	1386.24	
4.4	Lake Tana consultants payment	66942.86	59602.05	7340.81	
4.5	Lake Tana consultant fee	66044.00	58703.19	7340.81	
	Sub Total	161,441.90	141,420.60	20,021.33	
V	WQ				
5.1	Simple water quality kit purchase	<i>2,494.33</i>	<i>2,126.64</i>	<i>367.69</i>	
5.2	Workshop Expense	2,052.01	1,709.69	342.32	
	Sub Total	4,546.34	3,836.33	710.01	
	Grand Total	323,420.43	234,439.74	88,980.69	72.5%

Annex 2
Nile Transboundary Environmental Project
Micro grant National Coordination Office
Financial Report

Country: Ethiopia

Month of Reporting: January- December 2007.

Prepared by: MGC

Activity	Authorizations			
	Date of request	Date of receipt	Amount in US\$	Disbursement in US\$
Grants			324,497	340,993
Disbursement on COB			17500	11,448.04
Other authorizations (include activities not covered through COB)				
Total				352,441

Note:

1. Date of request is the date of submission to PMU/LS.
2. Date of receipt is date of receipt of the authorization at country level.
3. For each authorization reflect total disbursement without details or breakdown.
4. For NGO support cost the amount received by the Host NGO is considered as disbursement.
5. Other authorizations include issues such as travel; soil erosion related cost, capacity building of NGOs.etc. For travel of participants to attend regional and national events, please liaise with the NPC to avoid double counting.
6. COB disbursement is either through host NGO, UNDP or other PMUs