FUNDING CYCLE 2023

THE PROJECTS

AFRICA

REPUBLIC DEMOCRATIC CONGO – NORTH KIVU - ANAPAC – TO PROMOTE AND STRENGTHEN THE TERRITORIAL AND CULTURAL KNOWLEDGE OF THE PYGMIES INDIGENOUS COMMUNITIES THE PROVINCE OF MAIDOMBE AND SOUTH KIVU.

Last year the project has been very successfully implemented in the provinces North of TSHOPO and in the East of DRC and it has strengthened the cultural identity of the autochthones. This year it will be extended in other 6 provinces in MAIDOMBE and SOUTH KIVU, East and West of the DRC with the same goal, giving to the young generation the means to protect and defend their territory, their resources and identity. To note also that the PYGMY community beneficiary of this project is a minority who speak their own language and live deep into the forest.

THE REPUBLIC OF CONGO -

APETDS –ASSOCIATION POUR LA PROTECTION DES ECOSYSTEMS TROPICAUXSTRENGTENING INCLUSIVE COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE AND EFFECTIVE ENGAGEMENT WITH THIRD PARTIES BY BAKA AND BAKWELE COMMUNITIES MESSOK DJA IN THE SANGHA DEPARTMENT OF CONGO.

This project seeks to support right based approaches in development and conservation following last years work with 16 communities in the MESSOK DJA which will continue this year, pursuing last year goal by giving to the communities the needed strength and knowledge about their rights.

CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC –

DEFENDING COMMUNITY LAND RIGTS = PREFECTURES OF LOBAYE AND MBPUMPU AND THE CAPITAL BANGUI

RF UK

As last year, this project will continue to engage with indigenous people BAYAKA and BANTU Supporting self-led forest management, agricultural production and Increasing access to markets and finance which is a vital way to continue demonstrating the power of community-based approach and to maintain a strong society capable of seizing momentum and openings.

KENYA –

CHEPKITALE INDIGENOUS PEOPLE DEVELOPMENT PROJECT – CIPDP

The goal of the project in its second year is to ensure that the community participates in the implementation of the COMMUNITY LAND ACT, FOREST CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT ACT, pursue Land injustice meetings with the Ministry of Land, Ministry of Environment and Forestry and the National Land Commission and follow up with the implementation of the 2022 court ruling with more budgetary allocations. This was the result of the successful first year strong engagement by the Communities. But the budget is really too high and a thorough scrutiny shows that the project can be implemented with less funding OR with FPP addition.

UGANDA-

REMEMBERING OUR CULTURE, RECLAIMING OUR VOICE – UOBDU

For many years the BATWA have fought for their rights and finally in August they won their court case at the Constitutional Court which ordered the government to implement affirmative action for the illegal eviction of the Batwa from their lands. This point to a possible opening of the recognized land and territorial rights of the Batwa and other Indigenous people. This proposal will therefore ensure that

more BATWA plus their youth will be strengthened to advocate for their rights .Securing these achievements over the longer term requires continuous Engagement with the stakeholders and Ministries plus continuously engaging the BATWA community.

THE AMERICAS

BRAZIL –

ASSOCIATION TERRA INDIGENA DO XINGU -

USE OF NATURAL MEDICINES – This new project will create a resource of medicinal plants for the benefit of all the indigenous peoples of the Lower XINGU. The project will be run by the KAIABI TRIBE but will create a resource of medicinal plants for the benefit of all the indigenous peoples of the Lower Xingu. The medicinal garden project will reinforce indigenous knowledge of medicinal plants and revitalize understanding of treatment methods safeguarding the knowledge now held by only a few elders, by passing it on to the new generation.

ECAM- EQUIPE DE CONSERVACAO DA AMAZONIA -

AMAPA INDIGENOUS AND TRADITIONAL RIGHTS –

ECAM has been working with indigenous and other traditional communities in the Brazilian Amazon since 2002. In this project and responding to the current context in the advance of deforestation and loss of rights under the previous government this proposal aims at strengthening the Indigenous and Quilimbola communities representation in the State and support the need for recognition of traditional land rights. This will be achieved also by supporting the training of 15 young indigenous leaders from different regions who have the necessary legal communication and technical skills and knowledge to defend and promote the rights of their communities and those of indigenous and traditional communities.

PANAMA –

RF US- ADVANCING LAND RIGHTS AND TERRITORIAL MONITORING OF THE WOUNAAN AND EMBERA COMMUNITIES -

The project in its second year focuses on ensuring that WOUNAAN AND EMBERA communities have the resources and technical assistance needed to defend their land rights and monitor their territories to stop the advance of deforestation in indigenous territories which represent some of the last intact forests in Panama. RF US delegates the work to GEOINDIGENA and long-term partners CNPW, CGTCEW which represent the biggest part of the budget compared to indigenous needs.

COSTA RICA –

DEFEND AND ADVANCE THE RIGHTS OF THE INDIGENOUS PEOPLE BRI BRI IN A DIFFICULT AND CHALLENGING SITUATION

THE SUPPORT OF RAINFOREST FUND has been instrumental in giving the BRI BRI and the adjacent peoples the BRORAN the means to strongly fight against illegal and violent attacks by illegal Invaders. Furthermore it is urgent to enhance their cultural identity trying to overcome government resistance.

ASIA

INDONESIA –

TERRITORIAL SECURITY AND ACCESS TO JUSTICE FOR THE INDIGENOUS PEOPLES OF DAYAK BAHAU IN MAHAKAM ULU –LONG ISUN-

PNP -PERKUMPULAN NURANI -PEREMPUAN –

PNP is a women organization who lives with the communities they protect and defend. Their goal is to ensure social justice and respect for the human rights of the DAYAK peoples providing the assistance and

regular discussions with the Long Lsun people to keep the spirit ONE VOICE, ONE GOAL to maintain their natural resources Land, forests, river which are the source of their lives through periodic discussions in the village, focus group discussions, workshop of territorial management Involving the youth of the village. The final goal will be to submit CUSTOMARY FOREST PROPOSAL OF LONG ISUN to the Ministry of Environment.

BORNEO – YKLM –

ENHANCING INDIGENOUS PEOPLES CAPACITY TO PROTECT THEIR REMAINING LANDS AND FORESTS THROUGH LEGAL AND PARALEGAL ASSISTANCE

The goal of the project in its second year is to secure effective recognition and protection of indigenous peoples' rights to their lands and forests and to rebuild sustainable livelihoods in the context of recovering Lands from oil palm plantations.

THE PHILIPPINES –CALG –

INTENSIFYING ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AND ANCESTRAL LAND DEMARCATION –

The project is a continuation of last year which was successful in reaching out to a

greater number of indigenous communities and file successfully applications for 40 villages which we

acknowledged by the National Commission on Indigenous people. Like in previous years the goal of the 2023 project will continue to be two-fold. Firstly to secure the forestland of threatened indigenous people and also to appeal to the INDIGENOUS PEOPLES'RIGHTS ACT and follow the procedure for the release of CADT certificates.

Thank You,

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