Phase I Project (2010-2015)

The following is the list of achievements from the phase I project.

- Village leaders enhanced their governance capacity. The incidence of forest fires, illegal cutting, and crop damage caused by animals has drastically declined.
- Noru Watershed Management Council formed by relevant posts administrative and villages.



Village leaders and post administrative officers together with NDFWM officers discuss natural resource management at intervillage and watershed level .

- Around 55,200 seedlings planted by 300 farmers while 3,600 seedlings produced by 200 farmers.
- About 600 farmers have applied sustainable upland farming techniques at their own farms, improving crop yield. Shifting cultivation was abandoned.



Nursery making/ Planting/Compost making

Women enjoyed additional sources of income, e.g. groups in one village have earned about US\$ 3,000 from the sales of cassava chips using their products.



Timeline for the CB-NRM Project Phase II

Overall work schedule is shown in the diagram below.



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MAF/JICA Project for Community-based Sustainable Natural Resource Management (CB-NRM) Phase II



Villagers, NGOs and MAF officers are discussing the current availability of the resources before planning for the future land use.

Project Period:

August 2016 – August 2020

Targeted Area:

Comoro watershed and Laclo watershed

Implementers:

National Directorate for Forestry and Watershed Management (NDFWM), Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries (MAF)

Project Purpose:

Capacities of key operational actors including NDFWM, NGOs and other stakeholders to expand the CB-NRM mechanism are enhanced.

The **CB-NRM** Project works with rural communities to establish a mechanism for sustainable natural resource management through Participatory Land Use Planning (PLUP) and the implementation of Micro Programs (MPs) for forestry management, agricultural development and livelihood improvement. Furthermore, the villages can also form a Watershed Management Council.

Output 1 Roadmap

The roadmap for the expansion of the CB-NRM mechanism is formulated.

The followings are the activities planned for Output 1.

- 1-1. Identify issues to be addressed and measures to be taken for expansion of the CB-NRM in major watersheds
- 1-2. Develop a framework of the roadmap
- 1-3. Draft the roadmap
- 1-4. Obtain agreement and official endorsement by MAF on the roadmap
- The stakeholders (MAF, DPs, NGOs, Villagers) work together on more prioritized, critically degraded watersheds to manage existing resources and plan to fill the gaps of the resources for the future.
- The activity would contribute to the implementation of forestry law and forestry sector policy at community level.



Platform is developed to enhance relevant institution for CB-NRM expansion.

The followings are the activities planned for Output 2.

- 2-1. Facilitate the set-up of a secretariat in MAF in coordination with existing networks and fora
- 2-2. Identify the stakeholders working in the fields relevant to CB-NRM
- 2-3. Assist the platform to regularly exchange information to accumulate lessons learned and good practices
- 2-4. Formulate a new set of policy recommendations on further expansion of the CB-NRM
- CB-NRM platform formation would bring multiple benefits in terms of coordination among stakeholders working in the same field. The diagram below shows some of the expected activities among the platform members.



Output 3 Capacity development

Capacities of key actors are improved through on-the-job trainings (OJT).

The followings are the activities planned for Output 3.

- 3-1. Facilitate the implementation of the CB-NRM in Project Sites (6 villages)
- 3-2. Facilitate the establishment and operation of watershed management councils at the Project Sites
- 3-3. Conduct the On-the-Job Training (OJT) for the key actors through the implementation of the CB-NRM mechanism



- As shown in the diagram on the left, JICA Project Team contracts with the experienced NGOs for providing OJTs on CB-NRM activities to the members of other unexperienced NGOs or field stuff of the developing partners.
- JICA Project Team provides guidance for the PLUP activities for the OJT trainees to facilitate the workshops in the villages. Their performances are evaluated, and feedbacks on them are given by the MAF officers.



Formation of a CB-NRM working group at each village is an important first step for the implementation of the mechanism.

