OVERVIEW

On November 30th, 2013, Nile Basin Discourse received a grant from CIWA/World Bank to implement the project named "Engaging Civil Society for Social and Climate Resilience in the Nile Basin (P132448). The initial phase ran from February 2014 to 31st December 2016. Due to the successful implementation of the project, NBD received additional financing of US$ 1,000,000 for the second phase of the project which ran from January 2017 to December 2019.

Additional Financing was given to concretize the achievements out of the CIWA/WB first phase Project P132448 such as the implementation of Communication, M&E, and Financial Sustainability strategies; and support the implementation of the issues that emerged therein, the major ones of which include: (i) developing the NBD Strategy 2018-2022, (ii) revitalizing the link between NBD Secretariat and the NDFs via NTSEs as entry points at national level for spot-lighting emerging issues towards advocacy, (iii) building capacities of the NBD member CSOs on how to engage in Climate Risk Management (CRM) back-to-back with governance meetings, (iv) advocating for pro-poor investment programmes and the need for inclusive water governance in the Nile basin at regional platforms such as Nile Day Celebrations and the Nile Basin Development Forum (NBDF), (v) conducting the Nile Basin Discourse Summit that has allowed a wide spectrum of stakeholders to discuss on how to promote integrative and inclusive cooperation in the Nile Basin besides sharing of experience. The total amount of funding disbursed to NBD from 2013 to December 2019 is US$2,500,000.

Among other achievements under this project, NBD conducted the stakeholder mapping research with the objective of understanding organizations, networks and interrelations between stakeholders involved in the Nile Cooperation and Development initiatives.

OPERATIONAL UPDATES (2014 -2019)

Regional Cooperation platforms

- NBD attended and participated in regional events engaged by our esteemed stakeholders such as Nile days and where NBD advocated for basin wide cooperation in the Nile based on international water laws and principles of Integrated water Resources Management (IWRM).
- NBD conducted policy dialogue platform where it informed Nile Basin Policy makers on the need for “Integration & Inclusion of new ideas for collaboration in River Basins policies and practices”. This was done through the Nile Basin Discourse Summit 2018.

Trans-boundary Community Engagement

- NBD has engaged with the Subsidiary Action Programs (SAPs) in Nyimur, Baro-Akobo-Sobat (BAS), and Lakes Edward and Albert Fisheries (LEAF) and Nyimur-Aswa Trans-boundary Project which led to increased Community participation in NBI’s investment projects.
- NBD has enhanced awareness of Nile Citizens and Media houses on the benefits of cooperation in the Nile basin through Nile Voices, Social media campaigns and participation in Nile Media Awards.

Capacity building

- In 2018, 533 selected youth and Women attended capacity building training on Resilience to Climate Change in ten countries. Women represent 289 of the total beneficiaries.
- In 2015, 2016, 2017, NBD enhanced awareness and capacity building on Climate Risk Management (CRM) trough in-country capacity building training and reached 1568 beneficiaries in 9 countries. Women represent 763 of total beneficiaries.
NBD was able to:
- Identify the gaps in support and coordination linkages and information and communication strategies within the NBD network.
- Scope out gaps in members’ participation in the Nile Basin activities and their benefits from the NBD and NBI.
- Review and identify funding challenges and constraints for NDFs.
- Clearly figure out challenges of social inclusion in the NDFs’ membership.
- Know the exact number of its members, their geographical coverage, and field of engagements in each country.

Focus areas of NBD members’ activities:
- Environment: 50%
- Food Security / Agriculture: 18%
- Water, Sanitation and Hygiene: 14%
- Other: 7%

The 2018 Capacity building for women and Youth on resilience to climate change

Enhanced awareness of Nile Citizens and Media houses on the benefits of cooperation in the Nile basin through Nile Voices and participation in Nile Media awards

Actual NBD Members mapped per country

NBDS Participants

Former NBD chairperson (right) Mr. Jean Baptiste Habyaremye (RIP) handing over Radio award to the winner

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