

Mainstreaming Environmental Issues into Development: How UNDP- UNEP PEI Uganda did it

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- Is part of the global UNDP-UNEP Poverty Environment Initiative (PEI).
- Overall goal in Uganda was to build capacity in mainstreaming environmental sustainability concerns into poverty reduction strategies and other development strategies by specifically capturing the critical linkages between poverty and environment.

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Objectives at country level

To include environmental sustainability in national development strategies, such as:

- Poverty Reduction Strategy Papers (PRSPs);
- National Development Plan(NDP);
- District Development Plans(DDP);
- Sectoral Policies and Plans;
- MDGs implementation plans or equivalents;
- Increasing national budget allocations to the environment sector;
- Building the long-term capacity of government to integrate environmental concerns into the design; and implementation of development plans and programmes.

1. PEAP Revision and NDP

Two prongs

- A. Prepared the ENR Sector paper
- B. Reviewed other sector papers for Environmental consideration

A. Preparing ENR Sector paper

- Supported the paper drafting committee
- Developed TORs and engaged the main paper drafting consultant
- Identified subsector consultants for forest, wildlife, wetlands and climate subsectors
- Arranged meetings/workshops to inform the process

B. Review other sector papers for environmental considerations

- Gathered draft papers from sector working groups and the PEAP secretariat;
- Developed ToRs for “Mainstreaming” consultant to identify environmental opportunities, concerns in sector papers and suggest responses;
- Interacted a lot with sector planning committees, sector drafting committees and coordinators.

Opportunity for conservation organizations

- Cabinet endorsed the devt of 30-year, 10-year and 5-year NDP consistent with the National Vision for Uganda.
- Prepare what you want to mainstream and target the 10 year or 30 year NDP

2 Influence District BFPs

- Mapped budget and planning cycles of PEI focus districts(Butaleja, Nakasongola and Masindi)
- Identified points at which to influence-district budget committee
- Supported District Environment Officers to negotiate during key meetings

District Dev't Plans and Budgets

- In aiding local government to identify key P-E issues and integrate them in their DDPs and Budgets, we
 - Supported districts on a pilot basis to develop Environmental Policies
 - Supported districts on a pilot basis to implement micro land use plans

Opportunity for cons. groups

At district level, there is opportunity to make a case through;

- District Development Plans
- District Environmental Policies

District Environment Officers as
reference point

3. Influence sectoral BFPs

- Reviewed consolidated Budget Framework Papers(BFPs) for Agriculture, Energy and Local Government
- Identified gaps, made comments and recommendations to the Director Budget at MFPED
- Met sectoral planners to give comments on BFPs.

4.Environmental mainstreaming in sectoral guidelines

- Identified sectoral focal points for environment and planners
- Prepared TORs jointly
- Agreed on work plan
- Edited drafts
- Convened a number of workshops
- In the process of developing the Health, Agriculture, Justice Law and Order Sector guidelines

Thank you for listening!
