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**RHODES UNIVERSITY SUSTAINABLE LAND MANAGEMENT FOR RURAL RESILIENCE PROJECT (RU-SLMRR), GEF5**

**QUARTERLY PROGRESS REPORT**

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**Report compiled by**:

**Organization**:

**Quarter and year**: QQYYYY

**Reporting outputs**: e.g. 1.2a or 3.3a

**Date of report:** DDMMYYYY

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# INSTRUCTIONS

# Please refer to Sections A-E below and include the necessary information and attachments to document your progress toward one or more outputs of the GEF5 SLMRR Project (use the examples provided to guide you).

# Please submit your completed progress report on or before the 12th day of the final month of a particular quarter. This is according to reporting regulations set by Department of Environmental Affairs for the GEF5 SLM Project.

# Please submit your report to: Rebecca Powell (rebeccajoub@gmail.com) and cc James Gambiza (j.gambiza@ru.ac.za).

# SECTION A: OUTPUTS PROGRESS & CHALLENGES (Please complete columns A-F in the table below)

**\***Progress toward achieving planned activities indicated in column C.

**\*\*** Challenges to achieving progress on activities, as identified in columns C and D

| AOutput code | BYR1 goals (deliverables) | CPlanned activities for reporting quarter | DProgress\*1 = completed, no concerns; 0.5 = partial progress, some concerns; 0 = no progress, major concerns | EChallenges\*\* | FAddressing challenges |
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| e.g. 3.4a | Rehabilitation strategy for communal farms in Baviaanskloof | 1) Expert workshop to define planting protocols for communal farms.2) Brief literature search on cheap and effective erosional and herbivore control techniques.3) Planning meetings with LL team and rehab experts to document methods for implementing specific rehabilitation activities. | 1) 12) 0.53) 0 | 1) Difficult to define best planting protocols due to multiple conflicting perspectives from experts.2) Time constraints3) Teams were unavailable to meet | 1) Identified one or two key experts to review a draft of revised planting protocols to pin down most suited techniques.2) Revised time management plan |
| e.g. 3.2a | Baseline carbon stocks assessment for 200 ha | 1) Define SOPs for carbon baselines.Prepare team and equipment for baseline data collection.2) Collect baseline data for 50 ha at Tchuganoo communal farm. |  | 1) None2) Apathy from certain team members3) None | 1) Set regulations in place for maintaining work ethic and made issues known to persons in question- seems to have improved work ethic. |
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# SECTION B: IDENTIFIED RISKS AND SOLUTIONS

# Describe the identified risks to the project outputs

# *Examples:*

# *There is a potential for no buy-in to project by communal farmers after several months of engagement. Project activities will need to be moved elsewhere (commercial land) which will result in time delays.*

# *Equipment may be stolen or trained personnel may fall ill during carbon baseline assessment which will precipitate budget and time constraints on achieving the output.*

# Describe possible solutions to identified risks

# *Examples:*

# *Will place a defined engagement period of 6 months for engagement and buy-in to GEF5 project related activities by local communities. If there is no buy-in after this time period then will begin engagement with commercial farmers.*

# *Identify back-up personnel with skills to be able to implement field work if others should fall ill. Set protocols for handling and storing equipment in and out of the field.*

# SECTION C: SUMMARY OF LESSONS LEARNT DURING THE REPORTING QUARTER

# *Example:*

# *Engagement with stakeholders around land rehabilitation needs to be at a household level as the leaders of the community are not communicating well with household level stakeholders.*

# SECTION D: BUDGET TRACKING

# Please note that you will be required to submit a financial report at the end of 2017 (Before December) detailing your expenditure for the year. This requires that you keep a record of all invoices and receipts relating to project expenditure. The format for the report will be sent closer to the time.

**SECTION E: APPENDICES**

**APPENDIX 1:** *e.g. Minutes of expert workshop held on planting protocols (include one or two photographs and an attendance register if possible)*

**APPENDIX 2:** *e.g. Raw carbon baseline data collected for 50 ha on communal farms in Baviaanskloof (include map of where data was collected)*

**APPENDIX 3:** *Photos, maps anything to justify or prove your activities and expenditure.*

**APPENDIX 4**