

## Final Project Evaluation Report

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<b>Project Title</b>	Participatory Conservation of Emsos swamp and its catchment
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**1. Indicate the level of achievement of the project's original objectives and include any relevant comments on factors affecting this.**

Objective	Not achieved	Partially achieved	Fully achieved	Comments
Community awareness and capacity building				<p>The local community was effectively trained on ecosystems services of swamps, sustainable utilisation of the swamp resources, tree planting and other environmental management practices.</p> <p>Emsos Conservation group, through capacity building and support from our project team, were able to get funding from Safaricom Foundation (Ndoto Zetu Program) to start beekeeping as pilot project.</p>
Diversification of income generation				<p>Some community members started sustainable projects such as beekeeping, fruit farming and also they are looking to reduce number of livestock.</p> <p>Emsos Conservation Group recently receipt funding from Safaricom foundation (Ndoto Zetu project) to buy 20 modern beehives and harvesting materials</p>
Environmental education and strengthening of wildlife clubs				<p>School children promise to embrace environmental care, respect for wildlife and they will spread information to their parents.</p> <p>Wildlife groups of three schools visited the swamps and learn its significance to their communities and they promise to spread information back home</p>

**2. Please explain any unforeseen difficulties that arose during the project and how these were tackled.**

The communities were a little rebellious at the initial stages of the project start. However, through our consultative meetings and awareness creation and local administration support, they were able to understand, participate and appreciate the aims of the project.

**3. Briefly describe the three most important outcomes of your project.**

- Formation of Emsos Conservation Group: The group was instrumental in identifying key conservation and socio-economic issues that are of interest to the local communities. They were helpful in mobilising community and awareness programme.
- Identification of community sustainable projects. The community identified beekeeping, nature trails and fruit farming as their priority project. Some members embrace dairy farming and fruit farming. This was through our awareness programme and sensitisation carried by our project team. The experiences demonstrate that communities can be empowered to participate in conservation efforts and benefit from their environment, developing sustainable livelihoods and supporting their families, while conserving biodiversity. There remarkable change of attitude and embracing on sustainable farming by some members of community
- Implementation of an environmental education programme for schools in the area and community outreach programme. There increase interest of youths to be locals guides and be involved in ecotourism project.

**4. Briefly describe the involvement of local communities and how they have benefitted from the project.**

The local communities were involved from the beginning of the project through training, mobilisation, decision making, awareness and monitoring.

Emsos conservation group represent the all members of the community, therefore the role of the group will impact positively to community and be the part of the project through representation. The project was participatory and all members of the team, selected community members, local authorities, County government officials and other stakeholders. They meet regularly and discuss progress, challenges and new emerging opportunities to ensure smooth running of the project. Emsos Conservation Group approach also encouraged a constructive dialogue with the communities, building bridges and catalysing positive action.

**5. Are there any plans to continue this work?**

Yes, there need to extending environmental outreach programs to neighbouring communities, since their regular activities has negative impact to Emsos swamp particularly during drought season.

Wetland regeneration and protection of river springs through fencing of water springs and community re-afforestation programme involving planting of seedlings in the swamp which will help recover the degraded habitat and improve the habitat.

**6. How do you plan to share the results of your work with others?**

We have shared a lot of our activities on social media handles. We also intend to publish our results in peer reviewed journals and with all organisations who partnered with us during the project.

Copies of the final report will be shared with Lake Bogoria National Reserve, Baringo county government, local primary schools, Emsos Conservation Group and other stakeholders.

**7. Timescale: Over what period was the grant used? How does this compare to the anticipated or actual length of the project?**

The RSG grant was used during the entire period of the project time just as anticipated.

**8. Budget: Provide a breakdown of budgeted versus actual expenditure and the reasons for any differences. All figures should be in £ sterling, indicating the local exchange rate used. It is important that you retain the management accounts and all paid invoices relating to the project for at least 2 years as these may be required for inspection at our discretion.**

Item	Budgeted Amount	Actual Amount	Difference	Comments
Awareness Creation: 1. Charts: Visual Compact Discs, and T-shirts 2. Allowance for project staff( food ,accommodation and transport) 3. Administration cost (printing, postage and emails) 4. Stakeholders meeting (meals and transport)	£1590	£1650	+\$60	There was increased in cost of printing T-shirts with logo.
Field visit of nature clubs student to swamp. Three schools	£975	£900	-\$75	We negotiated for transportation to be £300 per school
Capacity building workshop - community meetings and workshops	£1700	£1700		
Project equipment's 1. One laptop 2. One digital camera 3. Projector	£735	£750	+\$15	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£5000</b>	<b>£5000</b>		

**9. Looking ahead, what do you feel are the important next steps?**

- Based on the sustainable income generating activities identified and prioritised by the locals we intend to help the community in actualising their priorities project. This through funding application and linkages.
- Protection of Emsos springs and regeneration is one of important stage to help in restoring degraded parts of swamp.

**10. Did you use The Rufford Foundation logo in any materials produced in relation to this project? Did the Foundation receive any publicity during the course of your work?**

Yes, we use the logo in our information and education activities such as t-shirts, flyers and posters during the community education programmes.

RSG received publicity for instance during our meetings, printed T-shirts and social media share of our project.

**11. Please provide a full list of all the members of your team and briefly what was their role in the project.**

**Charles Koech**-He was involved capacity building and awareness.

**Jane Lentapuru**- She was involved with community meetings and income generating activities project. She is working as an Environmental officer for Baringo County government.

**Joseph Cherutich**-He was involved with school visit to Emsos swamp and coordinating environmental activities for the schools. He is a teacher and Environment patron at Kapyemit primary school. He is a member of the Wildlife clubs of Kenya.

**Emmanuel Toroitich**: community mobilizer

**William Kimosop**- project advisor

There were other stakeholders who provide vital role in success of our project such as county Government of Baringo, Friends of Nature Bogoria, Lake Bogoria National Reserve management, Kenya Forest Research Institute-Marigat, Water Resource users association and local administrative officers.

**12. Any other comments?**

On behalf of project team, I want to express my sincere appreciation to Rufford Foundation entrusted me with a task I had proposed. The grants was key for establishment of grassroots conservation initiatives that are not only helping to save biodiversity but also helping to improve livelihoods by alleviating poverty.

The community expressed great positive sentiments with the undertaken interventions and project benefits and together with the Emsos Conservation Group and Swamp committee, have strongly participated in the identification of next initiatives to be undertaken with regards to ensuring sustainable usage of wetland resources and viable livelihoods improvement options.