

PROJECT PROFILE

Sector	Water Infrastructure
Sub-sector	Other
Code	0149
Title	operational water resources management - Nile Basin
Implementing Agency	Ministry of water, Lands and Environment
Total Plan Exp	US\$ 5.0m
Funds Secured	US\$ 5.0m
Funding Gap	Nil
Start Date	2002
Completion Date	2007

Background

The Nile Basin is shared by the ten states of Burundi, Egypt, Ethiopia, Eritrea, Kenya, Rwanda, Sudan, Tanzania, Uganda and Zaire. Projected demands on Nile waters appear to have committed the river's resources almost entirely. Upper basin countries can be expected to develop water resources within their territory, and further upstream water consumption will curtail present lower basin uses. The absence of a water resources management framework that secures water availability makes water resources development of the Nile resources, at regional and national level not only ad hoc, but also accompanied by adverse external factors. At the end of the project, it is expected that complementary or interfacing interests will have been clarified and the goals of future co-operation identified.

Objectives

The objective are to strengthen regional co-ordination among the Nile Basin states. To enhance capacity to negotiate joint management and equitable sharing and utilisation of water resources, and to protect the environment in the Nile Basin.

Expected Outputs

- Assistance in Development of national water policies
- Promotion of regional co-operation on issues of Nile River Water usage.
- Improved information on water flows and usage in order to assist planning and negotiations between riparian states.

Performance Indicators

- Specific policies developed
- Regional networks established
- Specific development plans formulated
- Information systems established
- Headquarters structures established

Technical Description.

The Project aims at developing the following requirements:

- i. Adequate, well harmonised national water policies in the participating Nile states;
- ii. International frameworks for dialogue, technical exchange, planning, consolidating of plans, co-ordination and allocation of Trans-boundary water resources;
- iii. Basin management and development plans for regional and national economic development and regional monitoring activities in the Nile Basin; and
- iv. An operational information system for water resources and environmental monitoring.

Feasibility Studies

In 1990 FAO took the initiative to promote a program on resources management for agricultural production in the River Nile basin. It is within the context of the Nile Program that the Project Document for the present project was drawn up. Subsequently, the draft project

Document was subject to discussions and revisions as a result of a number of FAO/Consultants Visit to the Nile state in recent years.

Financing.

Financing for the entire project, i.e. to cover work in all the involved Nile States is budgeted at US \$ 5m. However, since Uganda will host the project headquarters, the larger share of the total budget among the co-operating countries is expected to be realised here. It is estimated that around US\$ 1.2m will be utilised in Uganda. Italy will provide the funding through FAO.

Plan of Operation

This phase of the project, which started in 2002 is scheduled for a five -year duration. A detail work plan has been prepared and will be regularly updated. Upon commencement of the project, a Mission to ensure co-ordinated initiation and active participation, inputs and necessary follow-up was undertaken.