

**LEAD Francophone Africa
Final Report
Special Opportunity Fund 2008 grant**

June 2009

Introduction

This final report refers to the activities implemented under the 2008 Lead Francophone Africa Special Opportunity and Investment Fund (FA 005).

The progress report includes the following:

1. Overall goal;
2. Management of funds;
3. Details of activities and expenditures

As was the case with Lead Africa, the first payment was made quite late (only in mid-June) even though the contract had been signed on 17 March 2008. This, even if, as recommended, the information related to the grant was put on Lead Francophone's website.

This obviously had a direct effect on the implementation of the activities. As a matter of fact, the activities initially planned for a twelve-month period was to be conducted within a six- month time frame starting from July 2008.

Therefore, there was going to be an overlap with the first quarter of 2009.

Overall Goal

The overall goal of the project was to keep pace with the ever-growing demand of LEAD National Associations in relation to a wide range of needs, as part of the implementation of their respective action plans.

Management of funds

As usual the grant received was supposed to be used in accordance with the Terms and Conditions of the Agreement signed by LEAD Francophone Africa and with the norms used by the Environment and Development in the Third World (ENDA TM).

The funds granted by LEAD International are to be used for the specific objectives and outcomes outlined below:

1. To increase Lead Francophone Africa's capacity to respond to needs expresses by National Associations in implementing their Action Plan;
2. To enhance our distance-learning method and the related capacities;
3. To include the Corporate Social Responsibility component into Action Plans
4. To produce cases studies related to vulnerability and adaptation to climate change.
5. To develop a portfolio of project proposals

Details of activities and expenditure

Five main tasks have to be implemented.

1. Documents relating to the following skills module have been translated and customized for use by LEAD Francophone Africa and Lead Association: Leadership; Corporate Social Responsibility.
Also, documents relating to ToT (Training of Trainers) have been translated.
2. Two interns were recruited respectively for four months for the first and six months for the second, to work with the ITC coordinator. Therefore, the team managed to consolidate the e-learning platform and the capacities relating to

web-conferencing using WEBEX (<http://leadafrica.webex.com>) and Acolad (<http://lead.u-strasbg.fr>).

Telephone bills have been paid, and 30% of the ICT Manager's salary have been paid.

3. CSR: conferences have been held by NAs in: Algeria, Côte d'Ivoire, Cameroon and Mali.

LEAD Chad's National Association has received a grant to participate in the training programme; LEAD Niger's NA to participate in the AFRICA social Forum; LEAD Congo for a feedback on the World Forum on the Environment. Plane tickets have been paid for ToT.

4. Case studies on vulnerability and adaptation to climate change have been produced.

Both the BAKEL project consultant and the coordinator have been paid.

5. Project portfolio:

A consultant has been paid to prepare a concept paper, and another for the formulation of a pan-African research project on GIP-P. Plus money to with the programme.

Table of the expenses

(1 US \$ = 459 FCFA, rate of US \$ used for the transfer, 18 June 2008)

	FCFA	US Dollars
TOTAL Expenses	21 382 664	46 585

CONCLUSION

The implementation of this project has gone beyond the planned period. As clearly specified in the recapitulation, there are expenses directly settled by LEAD International which, if withdrawn from the total amount to be transferred by LEAD International; will leave space for the payment of the remaining 10% of the grant payable at the end of the project.

Unless otherwise proved, **what we are waiting for is then: \$ 4,000**, because transfers have already been made as follows:

- 60% of the total grant on the 20th June 2008
- 30% of the total grant on the 22nd October 2008