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Environmental Information Systems and Networking

**Six-Month Report
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RESULT 1 - INTERNAL INFO SYSTEM

Results: Clearance process started, but delayed until other features can be added.

Short-term: add calendar, contact database, and web-publishing component to structure of internal website, facilitating communications. EISN will also survey which missions have internet access at every desktop.

Long-term: Connect ENR and missions to databases and information sources (e.g. EPP, GTN). Create a summary function for EPP.

9 Month Projected

1. Work with a website designer to improve structure of website.
2. Survey of which missions have desktop access to internet.

Year Target

1. Put all files into the system.
2. Training started (overseas).

RESULT 2 - SYSTEM FOR QUICK RESPONSE

Results: Training 90% completed; Danube Presentation; IEE Filing System; Ukraine Milk Report.

Short-term: Add to hard copy and electronic copy files. Establish better communication with CDIE contracts that provide information services to all Bureaus. Complete briefing materials - packets will be assembled for desk officers. EISN will invite other CDIE contracts to present services to ENR.

Long-term: Merge information with internal website to establish one system.

9 Month Projected

1. Add to presentation materials.
2. Add to library.
3. Complete and make available briefing booklets.
4. Provide training in cooperation with CDIE on information gathering.

Year Target

1. Train all ENR staff.
2. Maintain all information resources.

RESULT 3 - TRANSITION REPORT

Results: Researched possible consultants; created timeline for report.

Short-term: hire consultants; begin acquiring data.

Long-term: Complete the survey and data analysis (as laid out in the first report) and add country specific, technical information to the report.

9 Month Projected

1. Hire primary consultant to begin acquiring data.
2. Develop country specific technical report format.
3. Begin data analysis (World Bank and WRI data).
4. Identify and hire country specific experts for country overviews.

Year Target

1. Complete data analysis (World Bank and WRI data).
2. Complete first draft of country reports.

Note: Survey will start 1/99 after the holidays are over.

RESULT 4 - SHARE LESSONS ACROSS ENI BORDERS

Results: hired consultant; presented ENR with options; began looking for case studies. Aarhus brochures completed.

Short-term: meet with IIE about using the conference to promote EPP; decision on conference; consult with ENR on case studies; pick presenters; conference logistics. Aarhus info added to websites. Begin collecting case studies on past projects from close-out missions.

Long-term: database of case studies ready to present at events, listed on websites, and available for briefing materials.

9 Month Projected

1. Develop case study format.
2. Identify essential case study topics. (e.g. Poland, Estonia case studies in order to capture lessons learned and retain institutional memory).
3. Identify consultants for developing specific case studies.
4. Send Aarhus brochures packages to the missions.
5. Begin collaborating with the EEP team (A regional EPP conference introduction).
6. Make a determination on a conference for this year.

Year Target

1. Complete a first set of case studies. If appropriate, showcase a case study at a regional conference.
2. Complete an agenda for the conference selected (if approved by USAID).
3. Coordinate a conference in the region (if approved by USAID).

RESULT 5 - LD LEARNING & PROPOSED LANGUAGE CHANGE

Results: There is a demonstrated need for short-term technical consultants by ENR staff. LD activity is redundant with G/HCD activities.

Short-term: EISN proposes a language change in result 5 to accommodate this demand. Will add a list of environmental long distance learning links to external and internal websites.

Long-term: Use this result to provide input for other activities in the contract.

9 Month Projected

1. Summarize a list of G/HCD environmental related long distance learning programs.
2. Make this list available on the internet (ENR internal and external websites).
3. Complete the directory of technical consultants and functional matrix.
4. Complete the consultant request form and educate the technical staff appropriate scopes of work.

Year Target

1. Hire consults as requested.

RESULT 6 - ARTICLES PUBLISHED IN U.S. & THROUGH ELECTRONIC MEDIA

Results: Newsletters up on website. Interviewed three possible media consultants.

Short-term: Hire consultant to place two articles over the next six months (in main stream publications or professional journals). Will work with ENR staff to identify the most timely subjects.

Long-term: Work with a media firm on events such a press breakfasts, etc. for the tenth anniversary of the wall coming down

9 Month Projected

1. Hold brainstorming meetings on topics for mainstream articles.
2. Develop a list of article topics and get approval for where the articles can be placed.
3. Hire a consultant/freelance writer to focus on mainstream articles.
4. Two mainstream articles written and submitted for approval to LPA and ENR.
5. Discuss the idea of hiring media firm to promote/educate public about environmental topics for the 10th anniversary of the "wall coming down" in the region.
6. Publish new articles monthly on external website.
7. Conduct a mass mailing/broadcast fax advertising the external website and new articles.

Year Target

1. Develop a comprehensive outreach strategy that combines published materials and electronic media and incorporates mission perspectives.
2. Publish two articles in mainstream newspapers.

RESULT 7 - INFORMATION TRAINING

Results: Working with ISAR, EISN proposes to do training workshops in CAR.

Short-term: Train organizations in CAR to communicate and find information through the internet. Establish networks between organizations in CAR by linking them electronically.

Long-term: Through these groups of networks, hook CAR organizations up with organizations outside the CAR region.

9 Month Projected-Result 7

1. Identify and make available key information sources to ENR technical staff (databases).
2. Discuss whether cooperation with ISAR fulfills objective of Result 7.
3. If ISAR appropriate, begin training workshops in CAR.

Year Target-Result 7

1. Create pilot electronic networks in CAR through training workshops.

RESULT 8 - ESTABLISH NETWORKS

Results: External website on-line.

Short-term: Items such as articles, the Aarhus brochures, etc. will continue to be added to the site. Will discuss with ENR the boundary lines between this result and results under EPP.

Long-term: Promote ENI environmental projects at trade and association conferences. Identify associations interested in CEE and NIS. Introduce these associations to associations in ENI or create electronic networks between different types of associations..

9 Month Projected-Result 8

1. Maintain an up-to-date external website, including Aarhus materials and monthly articles.
2. Identify target audience for outreach strategy within the U.S. (e.g. associations interested in the region).
3. Gain ENR approval of outreach strategy.
4. Clarify broader objective under Result 8 (define the line between EISN and EPP) with technical staff.

Year Target-Result 8

1. Creation of an external website for ENR.
2. Establish at least one other network.
3. Implement approved outreach strategy.