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**WWF TECHNICAL PROGRESS REPORT
PART 1: GENERAL NARRATIVE REPORT**

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- 1) **News, Highlights, and Progress on Activities: Provide a brief summary of progress at the main activity level against the project workplan, highlighting any news and advances.**

Work Plan year 2 approved by USAID.

In Uraba, the Alliance with Mercy Corps, is being strengthened this quarter through the development of exchanges of experiences where three delegates from Chigorodo and Mutatá case study participated. Common learnings, opportunities and challenges on the issue of ethnic territorial conflicts were identified. In the following months, this alliance will further strengthened through the signing of a MoU between Mercy Corps y WWF.

Sacred sites of El Portal indigenous reserve, a step towards its consolidation as an Area of Environmental Interest: In June, a group of Nasa traditional medicine doctors visited El Portal (San José del Fragua, Caquetá) reserve, considered one of the three Areas of Environmental Interest established by Alto Fragua Indi Wasi National Park and local actors as part of the Territorial Security project. The visit of traditional medicine doctors not only served to bless the territory of the Reservation and improve the welfare of the families that inhabit it, but was used to identify sacred sites of special significance for spiritual beliefs of the Nasa people.

In Putumayo: Most notable in this quarter was that before than expected the **Cofan and Awa agreed to hold a first round table conversation**, the date initially agreed by the end of June in Puerto Asis, was postponed to early July (July 12) due to cross agendas of both organizations. It is expected that by the the end of this first conversation they agree on an agenda for further meetings and field trips.

In Putumayo, a **map showing pressures and threats** to the integrity of ethnic territories and their inhabitants was produced and will be the basis of regional analysis to be shared with project stakeholders

2) Status of advances, achievements, and projections per each case of work

SEE report – monitoring matrix in annex

- 3) **Challenges and Strengths Affecting Performance.** Highlight any failures, problems or constraints that have affected progress, and describe the measures taken to respond to them. List any key changes to the external environment in which the project is operating (especially where these relate to risks identified in project plan). Based on your analysis of the progress made, for each set of workplan activities, objective, project sought to achieve in this reporting period explain *why* it was or was not accomplished, discussing briefly the *internal* (e.g. *management processes or capacity*) and/or *external challenges* (e.g. *stakeholder behaviour*) and/or *strengths* that enabled or hindered performance. What challenges or enabling conditions will you face over the next three months?

During this quarter (April-June), the main effort was aimed at minimizing the negative effects of the electoral campaign and the new National Government's inauguration regarding mobilization and meetings of people in the different project sites. To overcome this, permanent analysis of the political context is being developed; in some cases, this analysis led to postpone workshops and meetings, in other, to relocate. The overall balance is that most of the activities were carried out as scheduled in the quarter.

Major tasks and challenges for the next quarter can be summarized as follows:

- Identify with partners in each location, factors that guarantee or hinder sustainability-continuity of the activities for conflict transformation and organizational strengthening in the three project's sites, beyond project life.
- In the three project's sites: ensure that government agencies play the role defined for them in the framework of the project. Their interest and commitment has been expressed but must be reflected in practice. Project leaders of each project's sites will have to define a schedule of visits and meetings with agencies to secure their support.
- In Urabá, complete detailed information on the legal status of tenure of at least 17 peasants and establish agreements with them. Technical advice will be provided on the follow up of the process to clarify the legal status of land tenure in Chigorodó and Mutatá.
- In Putumayo, carry out the first round table conversation Awa-Cofán and the agreement of an agenda. This is a challenge due to strong positions of both organizations. To face this situation, WWF promotes a conciliatory and transforming scope towards each other.
- In Caquetá, establish agreements on the AIA (Areas of Environmental Interest, acronym in Spanish) at family and community levels and make advances towards production and conservation activities for the agreements. Commitment of the Rio Fraguüta Committee has been demonstrated. Alto Fragua Indi Wasi National Park and WWF facilitated the methodology to identify AIA withing the framework of the strengthening capacities process. Also, agreements with government agencies need to be established in order to strengthen the agreements previously established at the AIA at watershed level (El Portal, Alto Peneya y Aguas Calientes-Buenos Aires).

- 4) **Learning and Sharing.** Describe key lessons learned, that are important to your project or that may be of use to others outside this project. They may relate to any of the following: successes, strategies adopted, challenges you are facing, surprise results, management processes, or technical understanding.

Its fundamental to allocate time and resources to a personal follow up on those that participated in training processes to evaluate their learning: If not, there's a risk on losing enthusiasm. It is important to highlight that when follow up on the learning process has been provided, there is evidence of impacts beyond expected (in Urabá more impact on women participation in local councils and more participation of young people as facilitators of processes of conflict resolution, at family level, in some communities)

- 5) **Adaptive Management.** Based on your analysis of the situation and the project's progress, which project objectives and activities have been changed, or will need to be changed? Please attach latest versions of your action plan (e.g. workplan) and monitoring plan, if changes have been made.

- Adjustments were made to the second year work plan on two issues: 1. Exchange of experiences with Nasa in Cauca was not carried out due to public unrest conditions and was changed for a Learning Meeting on Territorial Conflict Transformation, this event will take place in the next quarter (July-September) and will produce a systematization document for the project; other organizations working in this subject will be included. 2. The communications campaign for Urabá was changed for a communications strategy (where one of its outputs is the campaign for the visibilization of the culture and collective land rights of the Embera. NOTE Adjusted Work Plan was previously sent to USAID for approval.

- The evaluation that would take place in the next quarter (July-September) was moved towards the last quarter in order to avoid duplicity of efforts with the external monitoring hired by USAID and carried out by Universidad de Antioquia (June-July 2010) and to take advantage of the recommendations proposed.

6) **Communications/ Stories.** Highlight any actions or successes meriting communications attention (e.g. success stories, positive media coverage, new opportunities or partnerships, or major events) as well as any significant communications activities undertaken or planned over the next 3 months.

During this quarter, communications workshops took place in Uruba and Putumayo (with the Awa). Communications strategy previously designed was carried out as result of this process; based on their organization strategy, participants were involved in practical exercises and the use of communications tools. See Annex.

Chigorodo and Mutatá Indigenous reserves publish their bulletin # 5 of Dayi Drua (Our Territory) and Voices of the Forest (radio program). See Annex

From Putumayo it is included in this report a story of a non expected positive impact of the Project in the Cofan Indigenous Guard. See Annex.

In the **next quarter (July – September)** another cycle of workshops will be carried out to strengthening communications capacities:

- **In Uruba, with the communications teams of Chigorodó and Mutatá indigenous reserve (Date pending),** tasks and practical exercises will be resumed allowing to developed the designed communications strategy.
- **In Putumayo, with the Cofán Permanent round table (July 6-8, 2010):** First workshop to define the purpose and design a communications strategy that includes strategic lines, identify actors, tasks, strengths and weaknesses and define a chronogram.
- **With ACIPAP, pending date in August 2010 for second workshop.** Review advances in the communications strategy that will strengthen ACIPAP image for local and regional actors and political and management skills.
- **In Caquetá (July 19-23, 2010)** a visit to identify communications needs to be strengthened with participation of Rio Fragüita Committee.

7) **Overall Assessment of progress.** Assess whether the project has made the expected progress against the action plan and project indicators, and whether the planned objectives will be achieved.

Most of the activities were carried out as planned during this quarter. Significant progress against action plan and targets have been achieved during this period since much of the capacity building efforts made the previous year is now showing results because of the practical application of the training by project partners and the information that has been qualified and gathered.

Overall assessment of progress during first year of project implementation: 65% of advance to targets achievement.

Detailed by site:

- Urabá: 78% of advance to targets achievement
- Caquetá: 55% of advance to targets achievement
- Putumayo: 62 % of advance to targets achievement