**OSIEA Uganda Program – Natural Resource Governance**

**July 2012**

**Name of Organization:**  Greenwatch Uganda

**Year of Founding:** 1999

**Grant Title:** Deepening community and civil society engagement on oil/gas governance in Uganda

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**Grant Period:**  September 01, 2012 – September 01, 2014

**Other Support:**  World Resources Institute ($55,250), Environmental Law Institute ($33,580)

**Past OSF Support:** 2008-2010-Operationalising the Access to Information Act in Uganda (OSIEA)

2010-2012- Supporting communities in the Albertine region of Western Uganda to monitor impacts of oil and gas activities on the environment. (OSIEA)

**Organization Budget:** $106,762

**Amount Requested:** $182,940

**Amount Recommended:** $146,000

**Program/Dept:**  OSIEA Uganda (100%)

**Disbursement(s):**  2

**Description of Organization:**

Greenwatch Uganda is an environmental rights group established in 1995 to promote public participation in the protection, sustainable use and management of the environment. The organization has participated in policy research, advocacy, and networking activities together with other civil society organizations to challenge various government decisions to de-gazette and give away thousands of hectares of natural forests. The organization is the leader in environmental public interest litigation in the country and conducts trainings in environmental law for judicial and other government officers. This has contributed to a more informed judiciary and the building of informed environmental jurisprudence in Uganda.

**Description of Project for which funding is sought:**

This application seeks to deepen Greenwatch’s work supported by OSIEA over the past two years to strengthen the oversight capacity and effective participation of civil society and local communities in monitoring environmental impacts in the oil region. While the first grant was used to pilot a monitoring tool in one district, the current proposal seeks to cover a larger geographical area and include more participants. In particular the project will:

* Improve the understanding of CBOs and communities on the environmental, social and legal aspects of oil developments in order to mitigate or reduce their negative impacts;
* Broaden civil society and citizen engagement in monitoring the activities in the oil sector; and
* Strengthen civil society and community participation in debates to contribute to the emergence of a new caliber of civil society activists engaged in the oil sector in Uganda.

The project activities include: community land rights empowerment; strategic litigation on natural resource transparency; and community outreach and civic education. Support will be given to citizens monitoring oil activities as will information, education and communications materials, engaging civil society and governmental stakeholders in the oil region.

**Concerns and Caveats:**

The environmental movement in Uganda has surprisingly emerged as one of the leading voices calling for state accountability and transparency and is increasingly under attack by the government. Over the past two years, a number of OSIEA-supported grantees, including Greenwatch, have been accused of meddling in national politics. The government has arbitrarily sought to restrict access to the oil region of Uganda by civil society groups operating from Kampala. Security awareness and strategic advocacy is critical in tackling this issue. Greenwatch possesses both.

**Sustainability Strategy:**

Greenwatch is one of the very few well-established civil society groups in Uganda with expertise in natural resources litigation. The organization already attracts an array of donors interested in the natural resources governance field. Their program to train judges and lawyers in environmental law has given it an edge above many other organizations in its category as has its participation in Civil Society Coalition on Oil (CISCO), a broad coalition that has come to prominence over the past two years.

At the grassroots level, work on community monitoring will be sustained beyond the project life span as the local leadership take up responsibility to continuously inform and engage in the oil debates. Indeed the community alliances being established will go a long way in creating lasting relationship between national and local activism, which ensures the relevance and long-term sustainability of Greenwatch.

**Rationale for Recommendation:**

This is an application to renew the grant to Greenwatch. Oil and gas sector development in Uganda has entered a new phase of constructing the refinery, although the country still lacks transparent policies and laws on oil/gas revenue allocation. The land acquisition by government and speculators in anticipation of a refinery and other oil related activities in the oil region has led to human rights abuses and environmental degradation. Continued support to address questions of land rights and environmental impact is all the more important as the country moves closer to becoming an oil producer.

This grant fits in OSIEA’s objective to ensure that oil revenues are used in an accountable and transparent manner to promote development.

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**Approved by the OSIEA Regional Board**

**during 8th OSIEA Regional Board Meeting**

**July 26th - 28th 2012, Naivasha, Kenya**

**Grant and Payment Details**

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Date Requested** | | **Begin Date** | | **End Date** | | |
| 05/21/2012 | | 09/01/2012 | | 09/01/2014 | | |
| **Program (%)** | | **Amount $** | **Budget** | **T1** | | **T0** |
| OSIEA (100%) | | 146,000 | 5 | 47020 | | B7425 |
| **Monitoring Schedule** | | | **Number of Disbursement(s): 2** | | | |
| **Report** | **Date** | | **Date** | | **Amount $** | |
| Interim | 01/15/2013 | | 09/01/2012 | | $73,000 | |
| Final | 09/15/2014 | | 01/30/2013 | | $73,000 | |

**PROJECT BUDGET:**

**Name of Organization:** Greenwatch Uganda

**Project title:** Deepening Community and Civil Society Engagement in Monitoring Oil and Gas Activities on the Environment

**Grant Period:** September 01, 2012 – September 01, 2014

**Grant Amount:** $146,000

| **Line Item** | **Total Project Cost ($US)** | **Amount Requested ($US)** | **OSIEA Recommendation ($US)** | **Other Sources of Support ($US) (MacArthur Foundation)** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Contribution to staff salaries (% of staff time the salary represents)** |  |  |  |  |
| Programme Officer (Human Rights and Good governance- 24 months @ $1500 per month, (36%) | 12,960 | 12,960 | 12,960 |  |
| Executive Director @ $2300 x 24months (26.95%) | 14,880 | 14,880 | 14,880 |  |
| National Coordinator@ $1800 x 24 months (32.2%) | 13,920 | 13,920 | 13,920 |  |
| Research Assistant@ $900 x 24 months (35.5%) | 7,680 | 7,680 | 7,680 |  |
| Project Accountant@ $800 x 24 months (37.5%) | 7,200 | 7,200 | 7,200 |  |
| Administrative assistant @ $500 x 24months (50%) | 6,000 | 6,000 | 6,000 |  |
| ***Subtotal*** | ***62,640*** | ***62,640*** | ***62,640*** |  |
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| **Community Land rights awareness** |  |  |  |  |
| **raising training sessions x 6** |  |  |  |  |
| Meals @ $ 4x2x 50pax x2days x 6 | 4,800 | 4,800 | 2,340 | 2,460 |
| Teas and refreshments @ $ 2.5 x2 x50 x 6meetings x 2 days | 3,000 | 3,000 | 0 | 3,000 |
| [Lodging@ $ 20x 50 pax x 2 days x 6](mailto:Lodging@%20$%2020x%2050%20pax%20x%202%20days%20x%206) | 12,000 | 12,000 | 4,800 | 7,200 |
| Stationery and handouts @ $ 250 x 6 | 1,500 | 1,500 | 0 | 1,500 |
| Contractual costs for facilitators @ $ 80 x 6x 3 pax | 1,440 | 1,440 | 0 | 1,440 |
| Travel reimbursements for participants@ $20x50x6 | 6,000 | 6,000 | 2,000 | 4,000 |
| Travel reimbursements for facilitators@ $50x3pax x 6 | 900 | 900 | 900 |  |
| Hire of Public Address system @ $50x 2days x 6 | 600 | 600 | 0 | 600 |
| Communication and coordination costs @ $ 45x6 | 270 | 270 | 270 |  |
| DSA for staff members @ $ 30 x 2 days x 3 pax x6 | 1,080 | 1,080 | 1,080 |  |
| Car hire@ $ 130 x 3 days x6 | 2,340 | 2,340 | 0 | 2,340 |
| Fuel costs @ $ 120 x 2 days x 6 | 1,440 | 1,440 | 1,440 |  |
| Meeting costs @ $ 50 x 2days x 6 | 600 | 600 | 600 |  |
| ***Subtotal*** | ***35,970*** | ***35,970*** | ***13,430*** | ***22,540*** |
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| **Public Awareness creation** |  |  |  |  |
| Printing 500 info sheets @ $ 5 each | 2,500 | 2,500 | 2,500 |  |
| Developing pre-recorded materials for radio talk shows @ $ 320 | 320 | 320 | 320 |  |
| Recording and editing materials @ $200 | 200 | 200 | 200 |  |
| Radio time for broadcasting materials @ $70 x 10 | 700 | 700 | 700 |  |
| Facilitation to radio talk show host @ $10x 10 | 100 | 100 | 100 |  |
| Printing 250 copies of community based monitoring guide @$10 each | 2,500 | 2,500 | 2,500 |  |
| ***Subtotal*** | ***6,320*** | ***6,320*** | ***6,320*** |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| **Community Outreach and civic education sessions x20** |  |  |  |  |
| Meals @ $8 x 30 pax x 2days x 20 meetings | 9,600 |  | 9,600 |  |
| Venue hire @ $60x 2 days | 120 |  | 120 |  |
| Hire of Public Address system@ $50 x 20 meetings x2 days | 2,000 |  | 2,000 |  |
| Meeting costs (including hiring chairs, tables) @ $50 x2 days x 20 meetings | 2,000 |  | 2,000 |  |
| Facilitation fees for guest speakers/facilitators @ $50 x 3 pax x 20 meetings | 3,000 |  | 3,000 |  |
| Travel Reimbursements @ $20x 30 pax x 20 meetings | 12,000 |  | 12,000 |  |
| Communication and coordination@ $45 x20 meetings | 900 |  | 900 |  |
| Stationery and materials @ $140 x20 meetings | 2,800 |  | 2,800 |  |
| ***Subtotal*** | ***32,420*** |  | ***32,420*** |  |
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| **Strategic Litigation on a key issue(to be identified)** |  |  |  |  |
| Professional fees @ $5800 | 5,800 |  | 3,000 | 2,500 |
| Legal fees (including drafting court documents, Filing, access etc.) @$ 11,070 | 11,070 |  | 5,070 | 6,000 |
| ***Subtotal*** | ***16,870*** |  | ***8,070*** | ***8,500*** |
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| **IT support for 3 select CBOs** |  |  |  |  |
| Internet routers/modems(fixed) @ $160 x 3 | 480 |  | 480 |  |
| Monthly subscription @ $35 x 24 months x 3 | 2,520 |  | 2,520 | 2,400 |
| 5 laptops/ desk tops @ $480 | 2,400 |  |  |  |
| ***Subtotal*** | ***5,400*** |  | ***3,000*** | ***2,400*** |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| **Contribution to administrative/overhead costs (13.8%) -24 months @ $971.67** | **23,320** |  | **20,120** | **3,200** |
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| **GRAND TOTAL** | **182,940** | **104,930** | **146,000** | **36,640** |