**OSIEA Uganda Program – Rights of Marginalized Groups**

**July 2012**

**Name of Organization:**  Ecological Christian Organization (ECO)

**Year of Founding:** 2007

**Grant Title:** Localizing human rights among small scale miners and local communities in Uganda’s Karamoja region

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**Grant Period:**  September 01, 2012 – August 30, 2014

**Other Support:**  CORDAID ($280,262); IrishAid ($155,000); PATHFINDER ($274,949); Global Greengrants Fund ($7,000); Sustainable Population Australia ($95,000); Oxfam GB ($165,000)

**Past OSF Support:** 2010: Promotion of good governance in extractive resource

management in Uganda’s Karamoja sub region

(OSIEA $40,000)

2010: Profiling the Human Rights challenges among the pastoral

communities in Uganda (OSIEA $35,000)

**Organization Budget:** $890,880

**Amount Requested:** $70,000

**Amount Recommended:** $70,000

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

**Disbursement(s):**  2

**Description of Organization:**

Ecological Christian Organization (ECO) is a nongovernmental organization working to promote good governance in the management of natural resources in order to enhance sustainable livelihoods of the poor and protect their rights and dignity in all development processes. ECO has implemented projects aimed at enhancing good governance in the management of natural resources, promoted resilience of communities to climate change, and conducted public hearings on natural resource governance in Uganda.

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

The Ecological Christian Organization (ECO) proposes to document and conduct advocacy around the issue of extractive mining in Karamoja district and its impact on the Karamojong people. The project will assess the conflict between indigenous communities and the extractive sector activities that are violating the rights of the Karamojong and the extent to which rights of indigenous peoples are being violated locally by the large mining corporations and their agents. It will outline the mineral policy and related legislation, institutional roles and responsibilities and their interface with the land policy (right to land) given the unique cultural context of Karamoja region.

The documentation will be used as an advocacy tool to promote human rights good governance and accountability in Karamoja’s extractive sector. This will include processes using the researched evidence to inform CSO activism within Karamoja; informing local government authorities in the Karamoja region to control the numerous mining companies currently flocking into the region; and informing improvement in the legislation governing the mining sector putting human rights into consideration.

**Concerns and Caveats:**

The government may be hostile to ECO’s documentation work because of its strong human rights component. However ECO has been working in this region throughout the disarmament process and it has learnt to build alliances with Karamoja’s local government leadership as a means of protecting ECO’s work. This project will therefore build on the existing ECO-local government relationships to achieve mobility within the region.

**Sustainability Strategy:**

ECO, which was a small organization when OSIEA started funding it, has already accessed substantial funding from various donors. At the national level, the organization is member to various organizations which gives it space for networking and strengthening its capacity.

**Rationale for Recommendation:**

The current decentralization system of governance in Uganda, although expected to be effective and beneficial, was adopted in a framework of inadequate human and financial capacity to handle the challenges that come with it. This has undermined the local government’s effective control of resources and revenues in their areas of jurisdiction and negated community access to and control of resources. In Karamoja, a region endowed with diversity and large quantities of extractable minerals including gold, limestone and marble, this has been a recipe for conflict where land has been granted to commercial interests depriving communities of access to grazing and arable land, degrading the environment; and excluding them from any meaningful proceeds from the minerals.

OSIEA has supported ECO and other civil society organizations to do human rights work in relation to mining in the pastoralist sub-region of Karamoja. This particular grant will support the documentation of rights violations in the sub region by mining companies, security agencies and other government actors. The project will also fill a critical information gap by analyzing Uganda’s Mineral Policy and related legislation; the institutional roles and responsibilities of local and central government actors; and their interface with the land policy regime with a view to assessing their joint and individual applicability within the unique cultural context of Karamoja Region. It is hoped that this information will empower local artisanal (small-scale) miners and local communities with the knowledge to drive their own advocacy efforts geared towards promoting and protecting their constitutional rights. The grant advances the Uganda program’s strategic objective of building competence and knowledge among leaders and organizations of marginalized groups to enable them advance their human rights protections.

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**Approved by the OSIEA Regional Board**

**during the 8th OSIEA Regional Board Meeting**

**July26th - 28th 2012, Naivasha, Kenya**

**Grant and Payment Details**

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| **Date Requested** | | **Begin Date** | | **End Date** | |
| 05/21/2012 | | 09/01/2012 | | 08/30/2014 | |
| **Program (%)** | | **Amount $** | **Budget** | **T1** | **T0** |
| OSIEA (100%) | | 70,000 | 5 | 47040 | B7425 |
| **Monitoring Schedule** | | | **Number of Disbursement(s): 2** | | |
| **Report** | **Date** | | **Date** | | **Amount $** |
| Interim | 08/15/2013 | | 09/01/2012 | | $35,000 |
| Final | 09/30/2014 | | 08/30/2013 | | $35,000 |

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| **Line Item** | **Total Project Amount ($US)** | **Amount Requested from OSIEA ($US)** | **OSIEA Recommendation ($US)** | **Other Sources of Support ($US)** | |
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| **Contribution to staff salaries and benefits (% of organization staff time the salary represents)** |  |  |  |  | |
| Executive Director (40% x $1,725 x 24 months) | 41,400 | 16,560 | 16,560 |  | |
| Karamoja region project coordinator (50% x $1,100 x 24 months) | 26,400 | 13,200 | 13,200 |  | |
| ***Subtotal*** | ***67,800*** | ***29,760*** | ***29,760*** |  | |
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| **Collaborative Planning & Preparation** |  |  |  |  | |
| Internal team training and planning workshop, (100%) Out of pocket for 12 people for 2 days @ $35 per day | 840 | 840 | 840 |  | |
| Meeting supplies (Printer cartridges, notebooks, pens, photocopy paper) | 412 | 412 | 412 |  | |
| ***Subtotal*** | ***1,252*** | ***1,252*** | ***1,252*** |  | |
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| **Transport and Communication for field visits & consultative meetings** |  |  |  |  | |
| Vehicle hire (100%) (primary data plus consultative workshop) - 1 vehicle for 10 days @ $150 | 1,500 | 1,500 | 1,500 |  | |
| Fuel (100%) (primary data plus consultative workshop) - 70 litres for 10 days @ $2 | 1,400 | 1,400 | 1,400 |  | |
| **Line Item** | **Total Project Amount ($US)** | **Amount Requested from OSIEA ($US)** | **OSIEA Recommendation ($US)** | **Other Sources of Support ($US)** | |
| Vehicle maintenance (100%) - (20% of fuel costs ($1,400) | 280 | 280 | 280 |  | |
| Airtime / communication (100%) - (1 person for 10 days @ 20) | 200 | 200 | 200 |  | |
| ***Subtotal*** | ***3,380*** | ***3,380*** | ***3,380*** |  | |
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| **Consultative Workshop** |  |  |  |  | |
| Venue hire (100%) - (1 hall for 2 days @ $200) | 400 | 400 | 400 |  | |
| Participants transport (100%) - (40 people for 1 workshop @ $40) | 1,600 | 1,600 | 1,600 |  | |
| Meals, refreshments & stationery (40 people for 2 days @ $20 | 1,600 | 1,600 | 1,600 |  | |
| Accommodation (100%) - (40 people for 2 nights @ $30) | 2,400 | 2,400 | 2,400 |  | |
| Printing of the Banners (100%) - (2 banners for 1 workshop @ $248) | 496 | 496 | 496 |  | |
| Rapporteur fees (100%) - (2 persons for 2 days @ $200) | 800 | 800 | 800 |  | |
| Land, Mining and Indigenous Rights Experts Facilitation - combined (100%) - (4 persons for 1 session @ $500) | 2,000 | 2,000 | 2,000 |  | |
| National media Stipend (TV & Newspapers) (6 people for one event @ $100) | 600 | 600 | 600 |  | |
| ***Subtotal*** | ***9,896*** | ***9,896*** | ***9,896*** |  | |
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| **Documentation & Dissemination** |  |  |  |  | |
| Technical & Experts meeting(100%)-(30 persons for 1 day reimbursement @$50) | 1,500 | 1,500 | 1,500 |  | |
| **Line Item** | **Total Project Amount ($US)** | **Amount Requested from OSIEA ($US)** | **OSIEA Recommendation ($US)** | **Other Sources of Support ($US)** | |
| Venue, stationery, meals and Refreshments(100%)-(30 persons for 1 day@$44) | 1,320 | 1,320 | 1,320 |  | |
| Consultant (100%)- for 10 days@$218 | 2,180 | 2,180 | 2,180 |  | |
| ***Subtotal*** | ***5,000*** | ***5,000*** | ***5,000*** |  | |
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| Professional publication (100%) (graphic design, formatting, printing) (400 copies @ $10) | 4,000 | 4,000 | 4,000 |  | |
| Launch of Publication (100%) - (50 people for 1 day @ $70) | 3,500 | 3,500 | 3,500 |  | |
| Press releases (60%) - (2print media and 2 Radio talk shows @ $1,400) | 5,600 | 5,600 | 5,600 |  | |
| ***Subtotal*** | ***13,100*** | ***13,100*** | ***13,100*** |  | |
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| ***TOTAL PROJECT COST*** | ***100,428*** | ***62,388*** | ***62,388*** |  | |
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| **Contribution to ECO's administrative overhead costs (rent, utilities, internet, communication costs)-11% of total grant amount (24 months @ $317.17)** | ***7,612*** | ***7,612*** | ***7,612*** |  | |
| ***Subtotal*** | ***7,612*** | ***7,612*** | ***7,612*** |  | |
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| **GRAND TOTAL** | **108,040** | **70,000** | **70,000** |  | |