

Report on expenditure of grant

Receipt of grant

From: German Foreign Ministry

Support code: FKZ 2516AA0275

Donee (person receiving grant): Global Ecovillage Network of Europe e.V

Type of fund:

Support of project

Form of financing:

Non-repayable

Repayable on condition

Repayable

Amount of grant: **30,368,00** EUR

Type of financing:

Financing in part

Financing missing section

Financing set amount

Financing whole project

Purpose of grant:

GEN Africa Conference 2017 Nigeria

Period of grant:

From **25.09.2017** to **31.12.2017**

1. Technical Report

1.1. Project Implementation

Compare measures that should have been carried out in the period of the project with those measures that were actually carried out. In this report one should explain the key parts of the financial proof. Especially one should discuss deviations from the allotted financial plan. Thereby one should discuss the suitability and necessity of the measures that were carried out

For the past five years, the Global Ecovillage Network (GEN) International facilitated the formation of GEN Africa: GENs regional affiliate representing communities on the African continent. After formation GEN Africa adopted several thematic areas to create employment, halt environmental degradation, increase agriculture productivity and increase climate resilience in the face of rapid climate change across the continent. These thematic areas are strategically mobilised through a diverse collection of strategic means including ecovillage transition, centres of excellency and demonstration sites, green schools for sustainable development, and training in natural building processes and renewable energy systems.

In collaboration with GEN, GEN Africa has developed an innovative model that transitions traditional villages and urban communities into resilient and regenerative ecovillage communities. The Pan African Ecovillage Development Programme (PAEDP) was launched at COP22, Marrakesh (https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gy_WxcxDjqI&t=18s). We have thus far secured interest from 23 governments.

The PAEDP is designed to radically reform current development practices and put communities, sustainability, and wealth creation at the heart of the development process. The PAEDP has pioneered the establishment of Centres of Excellence in Africa that are training over 3000 people with training on permaculture, natural building, biointensive agriculture and environmental preservation methods. Such centres include the Biointensive agriculture Centre in Kenya, the Ghanaian Institute of permaculture, Umpakasti Peace Ecovillage in South Africa, Scope Centre in Zimbabwe, Bafut ecovillage in Cameroon, and Marrakesh Organics in Morocco to name only a few.

This project has led to the establishment of a strategic alliance between GEN/GEN Africa, PAXHERBALS and the Governor of Edo State towards the implementation of the PAEDP in Nigeria.

THE ACTIVITIES:

The hosting of a conference with short interactive/capacity building workshops in order to enhance the implementation of climate change adaptation in Africa (5 full days).

Period: 11 - 16 December 2017 (10th and 17th as travel days)

Number of participants: 15 delegates from GEN Africa National networks and 14 representatives from Paxherbals and the Nigerian Ecovillage Network.

Location: St. Benedict Monastery, Ewu-Esan, Edo State, Nigeria

1 - GEN Africa Conference in Nigeria

- 15 delegates from the different African national networks and 14 additional representatives from Paxherbals and the Nigerian Ecovillage network met to strengthen the exchange of best practises for climate resilience and food sovereignty.
- We shared best practice from the existing projects as presentations.
- 15 delegates were empowered and certified as Trainers for Ecovillage Taster and Ecovillage Introduction
- The PAEDP document has been refined and updated as a brochure. It has been made easily accessible to GEN Africa members for use in its implementation in their different countries.
- We made a courtesy visit to the Governor of Edo State, where we introduced the delegates, presented GEN and the PAEDP, and the Ecovillage approach to sustainable development.

2 - Visit to EWU community and PAXHERBALS (<http://www.paxherbals.net>)

- During the conference: we had a tour of PAXHERBALS clinic – learning from its agro-ecological enterprise model for possible replication in other African countries.
- The PAXHERBALS natural medicine initiative is one of the social innovation strategies that were adopted for further implementation in other African countries.
- On 14th of December 2017, we made a 1 day visit to the Ewu community where we empowered the community and shared tools on climate change adaptation and mitigation strategies through the use of the 4 dimensions of sustainability – Social, Ecology, Economy and Culture.

In summary: the financial resources were spent on the budget. The greatest deviation took place in the field of:

- **Flights for 15 representatives:** 2 delegates cancelled their trips and tickets because they were not able to secure their visas on time and due to other insurgencies. Consequently, these delegates were replaced at the last minute with new and expensive tickets. These last minute flight cancellations had a toll on the budget and an extra 195 EUR was covered by GEN. Though this is an ever challenging field when bringing people from different parts of the world together, GEN Africa has over the years paid special attention to this and continues to put in place measures to ensure we don't lose funds on ticket.
- **Visa costs:** Most of the delegates/Africa countries did not require visa for Nigeria.

2. Reaching the desired project goals

Here one should explain whether and to what extent the goals of the project have been achieved. Thereby one should discuss the effects of the project on the target audience, both the desired effects and the actual ones, and – as possible – in quantitative and qualitative form. In the case that the project goals were not reached or were only partly reached, the reasons should be explained in detail.

Measurable Outcomes

- Refine version of the PAEDP brochure: The PAEDP document has been refined into a brochure with clear and concise text to ease understanding.
 - The PAEDP brochure.pdf
- To consolidate current activities and market to non-member countries, the sustainable development strategies (NB: Kosha was going to think about this further. But we agreed, it should carry: update on where EDP is taking place, strategy for which countries to follow up and communication with different government officials)
 - The PAEDP is currently happening in the following countries: Zimbabwe, Zambia, Cameroon, DR Congo, Senegal, Ghana, Mozambique and Egypt.
 - The Executive Director of GEN, Kosha Joubert presented the international scale of the program, showing best practices from other continents/countries: China, Armenia, Brazil and others.

1- Conference in Nigeria

- 15 GEN Africa representatives and advisors meet in Benin-City, Nigeria for 5 full days
 - 15 GEN Africa delegates and advisors, and 14 National delegates from Nigeria met in Nigeria for 5 full days.
 - GEN Africa Conference 2017 Nigeria_Participant list.pdf
- 10 presentations shared online
 - 10 presentations from the delegates were made accessible on the GEN Africa website to the rest of the public. (add link to website uploads)
 - 10 presentations in pdf format in a folder [GEN Africa Conference Presentation 2017](#)
- 15 participants certified for Ecovillage Taster and Introduction Sessions
 - See certificates of 15 certified Trainers for Ecovillage Taster and Introduction Sessions. [ToT GENAfricaConference Nigeria 2017](#) and a Participant List.
- Updated PAEDP document published online
 - See screenshot of PAEDP published on GEN Africa website.

- Action plans for implementation of PAEDP in 7 African countries leading to project applications and meetings with local governments – both are reported on.
 - See the PAEDP updates for 7 African countries (links to baseline study, state whether proposal was developed, Next steps and connection with local government).
 - See the executive summary of the baseline study carried out for all 7 countries: Baseline Study Executive Summary.pdf
 - The individual baseline studies for all 7 countries: Nigeria, Zimbabwe, DR Congo, Senegal, Gambia, Namibia and Tanzania are presented as separate .pdf documents in this folder. [Baseline Study Africa.pdf](#)
 - And, see (#of proposals) funding proposals that have been developed and submitted for funding. [In Country Funding Proposals](#)

2-Visit to Ewu community and Paxherbals

- Article on the Ewu community written with photos from the outing and spread through the GEN Newsletter.
 - Please click on this link to view articles <https://ecovillage.org/gen-africa-annual-regional-conference/>
- 10 best practice examples of solutions implemented in Ecovillages uploaded to the Solution Library
 - [See uploaded solutions as pdf](#)