

PROJECT NAME: Strengthening Community Resilience to Change: Combining Local Innovative Capacity with Scientific Research (CLIC–SR)

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## 1.0 Introduction

The report reflects on the activities implemented from October to December 2012. PROLINNOVA–Uganda did not start implementing the Strengthening Community Resilience to Change: Combining Local Innovative Capacity with Scientific Research (CLIC–SR) project activities in September 2012 as had been expected. Implementation of the activities started in October 2012 because the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was sent by ETC Foundation to Environmental Alert on 16 October and signed on 31 October. The funds for the project were received on 22 November 2012. This caused further delay for project implementation. PROLINNOVA–Uganda, through its partners, then implemented various activities, as briefly described below. The report also refers to challenges and strategies for 2013.

A multi-stakeholder partnership approach is used to implement the project. The partners involved are Environmental Alert, Kulika Uganda, National Agricultural Research Organization Mukono Zonal Agricultural Research and Development Institute (NARO/MUZARDI), National Agricultural Advisory Services (NAADS) and Africa 2000 Network Uganda. Specifically, the project is implemented by Environmental Alert in Moyo District and by Kulika Uganda in Nakasongola District.

## **2.0 Implementation of activities**

**Objective 1: Improving the capacity of smallholder communities, especially the women within them, dependent on agriculture and natural resources to innovate and adapt to climate change through PID**

### **2.1 Field assessment of communities' perspectives on main changes and challenges**

#### **2.1.1 Planning meeting and inception workshop**

The planning meeting cum inception workshop was organised on 6 November and attended by 23 people (13 men, 10 women) from Kulika Uganda Head Office (3), Kulika Uganda Nakasongola Office (2), Environmental Alert Moyo Office (2), Development Network of Indigenous Voluntary Associations (DENIVA) (2), Africa 2000 Network (2), NARO/MUZARDI (2), Moyo District Local Government (3), PROLINNOVA–Uganda Secretariat (2), Participatory Ecological Land Use Management (PELUM)–Uganda (1), Kikandwa Environmental Association (1), Centre of Integrated Development (CIDEV) (1), Uganda National Farmers Federation (UNFFE) (1) and Laurens van Veldhuizen, ETC Foundation, member of the PROLINNOVA International Support Team (1). The objectives were: i) to share information on the CLIC–SR project; ii) to identify and agree on the expected outputs; iii) to agree on the operational areas of the project; iv) to discuss the roles of each partner in the project; and v) to agree on and finalise the implementation schedule of the project. The main recommendations coming out of the meeting were that:

- Meetings for sensitisation of leaders be organised at different levels, for example, at district level;
- The main partners in the project (Kulika and Environmental Alert) implement the baseline survey and field studies by the end of 2012.

#### **2.1.2 Field studies and baseline survey**

These activities are in the process and are to be finalized by the 15 February 2013. The two main partners have developed the concepts to conduct the field studies and baseline studies in Nakasongola and Moyo Districts. The tools for the field studies have been developed and are being finalised. The PROLINNOVA–Uganda Secretariat developed an MoU for Kulika Uganda for partnering in implementation of the project activities. This was shared in order to agree on content but was not yet signed by the end of 2012.

### **Challenge**

The late disbursement of funds from ETC (Environmental Alert received the funds only in November) meant that the main partners had already scheduled for their annual planning for their main programmes. This challenge has been solved by incorporating the project activities into the organisations' programming.

### **Strategy**

Review the MoU of PROLINNOVA–Uganda partners involved in CLIC–SR for inclusion of the project activities within their annual plans and budgets.