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PROGRESS REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER 2006

NBD/DFID PROJECT

1. INTRODUCTION

This report is brief and only concerns the activities carried out in month of October after the submission of the final report of the first milestone on 31st August 2006, under the funding in the second half of the First Milestone in the NBD/DFID project.

2. ACTIVITIES REALISED IN THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER

1. Continuation of the registration process of NBDF Rwanda as an NGO

- The Ministry of Local Government requested us to go back to the district and get a certificate of collaboration, which we have finally received and as well went to the main collaborating ministry (Ministry in charge of Water and NBI) and we also got a letter of collaboration. We are now waiting to get proof of funding documents so that we can take them with other memo's needed.
- This activity will continue in the second milestone but will be budgeted in the contingency section, so it won't appear in the main budget, however, what has been achieved so far is a great step and what is remaining is not as stressing as what is finished.
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2. Consultative Meetings with NBI Projects and Programs

- A Consultative meeting and phone contacts were made with CBSI, our financial contribution is needed to make sure that the joint media program goes well. We were also able to attend CBSI Gender mainstreaming conference and as well the CBSI Media Network meeting, which we are the Vice Chair and we made several contributions.

3. Translation of 5 years National Strategic Plan from French to English

- Translation of the strategic plan from French to English language started On 30th October and will be ended in Mid November. This will enable all the NBD family to view our strategic plan, once finished it will be posted on the NBD website.

CONCLUSION

Those activities mentioned above mark the end of the first milestone activities we however have a balance of funds from the second instalment (4209 US\$) which has been carried forward in the second milestone budget. The detailed financial reports for the two months are accompanying this report. We are however closing the books on 8th Nov 2006, because of the translation of the National Strategic plan which was not finished in October, so the funds were still on the account.