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REPORT OF COMPLETED PROJECT

This document highlights the work carried out under project PD 845/17 Rev.3 (M) of the Committee on Economics, Statistics and Markets. The Committee may declare this project complete:

PD 845/17 Rev.3 (M) Enhancing the Capacity of Forest Communities in Forest Governance, Monitoring and Community Development Projects in Mankraso Forest District Ghana

Budget and Sources of Funding:

Total Budget:	US\$	144,400
Government of U.S.A.:	US\$	120,000
Government of Ghana:	US\$	24,400

Executing Agency: Rural Development and Youth Association (RUDEYA)

Collaborating Agency: Resource Management Support Centre (RMSC/FC)

Approved: September 2019

Financed: November 2020

Starting Date: April 2021

Duration:	Planned:	18 months
	Actual:	21 months

This project aimed at specific capacity building activities to improve community participation in forest governance, monitoring and access to equitable benefit sharing arrangements in timber revenues in Ghana. The project contributed to legal compliance for the production and export of legal timber right from the forest gate.

The specific objective was to improve the capacity of 20 forest communities in forest governance to enhance their negotiation skills for community development projects in Mankraso Forest District. This project commenced in April 2021 and the implementation proceeded on schedule despite Covid, with all planned outputs achieved and activities completed by the end of September 2022.

The main outcomes achieved by this project are as follows:

- 20 forest communities in the Mankraso Forest District improved their knowledge and capacity to participate in forest governance and forest management practices.
- The Local Independent Monitors (LIMs) are providing step down education on forest governance and community participation in forest management practices in their communities.
- The community led independent monitoring teams were able to lead their communities to check and control illegal timber operations in collaboration with the Forest Services Division in the project area.
- Community negotiation capacity for Social Responsibility Agreement (SRA) benefits improved and they were able to implement 10 community development projects with inputs from SRA incomes and benefits.
- In a separate development, another 10 communities were able to negotiate, advocate and leverage 10 development projects from the 3 District Assemblies without SRA matching funds.

- The project also provided a platform for local forest information collection and exchange among the key stakeholders.
- Community-based participatory monitoring strategies have been developed and implemented with 20 forest communities to enhance forest law compliance at community level.
- A monitoring guidebook was designed and developed to facilitate Civil Society and Community Independent Forest Monitoring.
- Lessons and knowledge produced from the project have been documented and disseminated amongst key forest stakeholders.

The full completion report, the technical report and the final audit report were received by the Secretariat in January 2023. As the completion report and the final audit report have been deemed satisfactory by the Secretariat, the Committee may wish to declare the project duly complete.

The full project completion report and financial audit of project funds submitted by the Executing Agency are available on request from the Secretariat (English only).

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