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W+ PROJECT IDEA NOTE (PIN)

Country:	Cameroon
Title of Project:	Reducing the degradation of mangroves and other ecosystems through improved fish smokers and stoves

1. PROJECT IDENTIFICATION

Title of Project	Reducing the degradation of mangroves and other ecosystems through improved fish smokers and stoves
Project Start Date	September 2019
Project End Date	October 2024
Bref Summary of Women's Empowerment Activities:	Forest restoration including mangroves; women 's empowerment - income generating activities; capacity building on women leadership in community forest management, negotiations, access to markets; advocacy to influence policies and practices for gender equity in land tenure and forest management; advocacy to ensure that the voices of rural and indigenous women are being heard and progressively taken into consideration in REDD+ processes; agroforestry to support local livelihoods (food, livestock, land); and supporting women fisherfolk including in preserving and marketing fish. REFACOF (The African Women's Network for Community Management of Forests) conducts capacity-building programs, imparting technical skills, leadership traits, and negotiation prowess to ensure that women can influence the policies and advance their right to land, forest products and market access. Market-related training equips women to add value to their products, elevating their standing in the marketplace. Income-generating activities, such as selling dried fish at local markets, empower women to bolster their household economies. It contributes to both adaptation and mitigation, through agroforestry activities, which not only enhance livelihoods but also nurture the environment. There are technological innovations in fish drying solar installations which contribute to mitigation and adaptation through: Specific activities: 1. Introduction of new technologies for fish drying through solar installations

	2. Capacity building for mangrove restoration
W+ Domains applied:	Income & Assets, Leadership, Time savings, Knowledge & Education
W+ Labeling:	NA
Date of submission:	15 January 2024

2. APPLICANT DETAILS

Applicant	
Name	The African Women's Network for Community Management of Forests (REFACOF)
Type of organisation	☐ Government agency _____ ☐ Municipality _____ ☐ Private company _____ ☒ NGO _____ ☐ Other: _____
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3. LOCATION OF PROJECT

Location of Project	
Country	Cameroon
Region/State/Province etc.	Manoka and Douala
City/Town/Community etc.	Ndogpassi Bobongo in the commune of Douala 3rd and in Youpwè in the commune of Douala 2nd
Brief narrative description of the project location	Cameroon's mangrove ecosystems constitute a reservoir of exceptionally varied biodiversity and are considered among the most productive in the Gulf of Guinea. They occupy an area of 232,723 ha (Cam-Eco, 2014). They are among the largest in Africa and thus occupy the 6th position (UNEP, 2007). Cameroon's maritime coastline extends from 2°20' (border with Equatorial Guinea) to 4°40' north latitude (Akwayafé River, border with Nigeria). These mangrove ecosystems are concentrated in three large areas classified in descending order according to the area, namely: (1) the Rio Del Rey area (128,900 ha); (2) the Cameroon Estuary (102,249.36 ha) and (3) the Rio Ntem area, extending from the mouth of the Nyong to the Ntem River (1,573.54 ha). Mangroves fulfill multiple functions and are of capital importance from a biological, ecological, environmental, economic and social point of view. Three reasons justify the choice of these districts: (1) their proximity to the ports where mangrove fuelwood is unloaded, (2) the concentration of women who smoke fish in these districts and (33) the impoverishment of households whose main source of energy used for cooking meals is mangrove fuelwood. Manoka is the largest island in Cameroon and the capital of the Douala 6th district. Located 35 minutes off the small fishing port of Youpwé, it is inhabited by a mosaic of local and foreign communities with a strong Nigerian community. This island has 11 fishing camps and its inhabitants live mainly from fishing and smoking fish. Due to the lack of electricity, most women practice hot smoking of fish as the only means of preservation. The smokehouses used are traditional structures that consume enormous quantities of mangrove wood.

GPS coordinates of the project's activity(ies)	Between 3°51'19"N and 9°36'53"E
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4. WOMEN'S EMPOWERMENT ACTIVITIES

General Information	
Provide a brief description of the rationale for applying the W+ Standard and selected domains (reason or opportunity)	• Income & Assets: Income generation through the selling of dry fish • Time savings: Women save time when using the new technology for drying fish • Leadership: through capacity development, women are leading the mangrove restoration initiative and are recognized as leaders by members of the community • Knowledge & Education: strengthening technical capacities to use the new technologies for fish drying, access to markets and mangrove restoration process (is there any cap dev for policy?) • Health: women's health improved using the new technology
Describe number of women benefiting from activities associated with the project.	60 women benefit directly, while 80 more thrive through the Forest Area Program.
If the Project intends to generate W+ Units <u>and</u> seek W+ labelling of carbon credits, explain how the applicant will differentiate W+ Units from W+ labelling to ensure there is no double-monetizing of units.	NA

W+ domains applied and associated activity(ies)	
For each W+ domain applied, describe associated activities and expected benefits	• Income & Assets • Time savings • Leadership • Knowledge & Education
Specify start date and end date (if applicable) for each activity	

Additional information	
Summarize potential concerns and mitigating measures, and how they have been identified	NA

Linkages to other types of projects	
Is this project registered under any other standard or certification scheme?	- CDM - Gold Standard - Voluntary Carbon Standard - Social Carbon - Plan Vivo - Fair Trade - Forest Stewardship Council - Organic Certification - SA 8000 - GlobalGAP - Other (please specify)
Crediting period under the other Standard or certification scheme	NA
Name of certification body	

5. PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION & W+ MEASUREMENT TEAM

Project implementation team	
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Describe the organisations and persons that carry the responsibilities related to: - planning and implementing activities - monitoring and evaluation - gender/women's empowerment <i>The essential qualifications and experiences should be briefly presented.</i>	Cecile Ndjebet, REFACOF President and Founder; forester and gender expert with decades of experience in project management and network building. Additional Project staff to be confirmed
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W+ measurement team	
Qualifications related to: - Monitoring and evaluation - Gender/women's empowerment <i>The essential qualifications and experiences should be briefly presented.</i>	WOCAN's W+ Expert Leader, Dr. Barun Gurung will supervise the measurement. He has over 20 years of experience in gender and Natural Resource Management, M & E and training in W+ methods. Larissa Dominguez Fuentes and Daniele Ramiamanana, WOCAN W+ Experts

Schedule	
Current status of women's empowerment project activities (if applicable)	☐ planning stage ☒ operating less than 2 years ☐ operating more than 2 years
Status of financing women's empowerment activities	
Has permission been obtained from relevant authorities, if needed?	☒ yes ☐ no ☐ other (please specify):

PIN Template Revision History (box to be removed from final document)		
#	Date	Description
1	2015 (version 1.0)	Original
2	May, 2017 (version 1.1)	Edits to nomenclature for consistency. Removal of redundant information requests. Addition of time-frames and specificity regarding multiple domains and prevention of double-counting.
3	May 2019 (version 1.2)	Addition of overall start and end dates of project, number of women per activities, expected benefits instead of indicators (indicators would be required at the PDD level)
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