

**RNE MONTHLY FIELD PROGRAMME DELIVERY REPORT  
(Excluding emergency projects)  
As at 30 September 2006**

**I. Analysis of field programme delivery in the NE region**

The delivery estimates of the RNE field programme, at 30 September, are of US\$ 19.7 million (excluding HQs delivery estimates); these were of US\$ 24.6 million (20% higher) at the same period of last year. The actual delivery is US\$ 13.2 million (67%).

*a) Delivery achieved in the region*

The achieved delivery, as shown in Table 1, is US\$ 13.2 million, representing 67% of the delivery estimates for 2006. The delivery is in the range of 71% for projects operated by RNER and 61% for projects operated from decentralized offices. Table 1 also shows that the delivery of TF projects is higher than that of TCPs, 68% and 50% of the respective delivery estimates.

*b) Delivery estimates for 2006 and 2007*

The 2006 delivery estimates of OA projects operated from RNE is US\$ 19.7 million. As for 2007, the delivery estimates are at present at the level of US\$ 12.2 million (expected to increase significantly with the approval of the KSA/FAO new agreement (2007-2011)).

*c) Total available budget for implementation as at 30 September 2006:* The total available budget for implementation is about US\$ 36 million out of which 90% is of TF projects.

**Table 1- Summary of RNE field programme delivery  
Situation as at 30 September (FPMIS as of 4 October 2006)**

Project Operator/Fund Type	Actual Delivery US\$ million			Budget Holder's Provisional Estimates for 2006 (as at September) US\$ million	Delivery as September 2006 against Budget Holders' Estimates for 2006 (%)	Available budget as at September 2006 US\$ million
	2004	2005	2006 (as at September)			
<b>RNE Total Delivery</b>	<b>21.1</b>	<b>23.2</b>	<b>13.2</b>	<b>19.7</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>36.0</b>
Total TCP	6.6	4.9	1.2	2.4	50	3.9
Total TF	14.4	17.9	11.4	16.7	68	32.1
Others (UNDP/SFS)	0.1	0.4	0.6	0.6	100	
<b>RNER Operated Projects</b>	<b>9.8</b>	<b>11.8</b>	<b>8.9</b>	<b>12.6</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>22.6</b>
RNER TCP	2.5	2.0	0.6	1.0	60	1.3
RNER TF	7.3	9.5	7.7	11.0	70	21.3
Others (UNDP/SPFS)	-	0.3	0.6	0.6	100	
<b>FAORs/Reg.TO Operated Projects</b>	<b>11.3</b>	<b>11.4</b>	<b>4.3</b>	<b>7.1</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>13.4</b>
FAORs/Reg.TO TCP	4.1	2.9	0.6	1.4	43	2.6
FAORs/Reg.TO TF	7.1	8.4	3.7	5.7	65	10.8
Others (UNDP/SPFS)	0.1	0.1	-	-	-	-

The above table confirms the significant decrease in the delivery estimates of the RNE decentralized offices (\$ 7.1 million as compared to the 2005 delivery of \$11.4 million)

## II. Delivery at the individual country level

The 2006 total delivery estimates of countries with one or more than one million US\$ delivery estimates represent 76% of the overall RNE delivery estimates (table 2).

**Table 2- Delivery of countries with one or more than one million US\$ delivery estimates**

Country	Total Delivery in 2005 (US\$ million)	Delivery as at September 2006 (US\$ million)	% of delivery up to September 2006 vs. Annual Delivery Estimate	Delivery Estimates for 2006 As at September (US\$ million)
Saudi Arabia	8.1	6.8	76	9.0
Tunisia	2.8	0.7	58	1.2
Syria	2.2	1.3	81	1.6
Morocco	1.1	0.3	30	1.0
Libya	0.9	1.2	57	2.1
<b>Total</b>	<b>15.1</b>	<b>10.3</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>14.9</b>

Countries with low delivery estimates- the below table (table 3) shows that the contribution of 14 countries of the RNE region in the 2006 delivery estimates is limited to 8%.

**Table 3: Delivery of countries with low/very low delivery estimates**

Country	Actual delivery (US\$)		Delivery estimates (US\$)	
	2005	Sept. 2006	2006	2007
Bahrain	0	0	0	0
Iran	609,000	186,000	212,000	0
Iraq	0	0	0	0
Kazakhstan	206,000	62,000	93,000	0
Kuwait	247,000	0	0	0
Kyrgyzstan	277,000	76,000	162,000	68,000
Lebanon	532,000	154,000	245,000	217,000
Oman	197,000	54,000	121,000	73,000
Qatar	82,000	0	0	0
Somalia	0	0	0	0
Tajikistan	280,000	62,000	361,000	0
Turkmenistan	79,000	0	20,000	53,000
UAE	0	0	0	0
Yemen	573,000	153,000	349,000	22,000

The above tables (2 & 3) show that most of the RNE FAO field programme portfolio is concentrated within 5 countries; with around 80% contribution to the 2006 overall delivery estimates and that the contribution of the countries with low delivery estimates (less than \$250,000) is very limited.

As for 2007, the present figures indicate that in addition to the further decrease of the portfolio of countries with low delivery estimates, potential countries like Mauritania, Tunisia and Yemen are expected to face significant decrease in their 2007 delivery as compared to 2006; if no new projects are approved in the near future.

### **III. Pipeline in the Near East region**

The list of pipeline projects (as at 30 September 2006) shows a total number of 106 projects distributed as in table 4; excluding emergency and telefood projects:

**Table 4- RNE pipeline projects/Near East region**

Type of project	Final consultation	Active pipeline	Idea	Total
TCP	14	10	6	30
TF/UTF	18	14	13	45
TF/GCP	-	11	15	26
UNDP	2	-	3	5
<b>Total</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>106</b>
<b>Estimated total budget (\$m)</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>195</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>307</b>
<b>Budget allocated for 2007 (\$m)</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>69</b>

### **IV. RNER expected AOS income in 2006**

Table 5 shows the expected RNER earnings for 2006 based on the actual delivery and delivery estimate figures:

**Table 5- RNER Delivery and AOS Income**

Type of fund	2006 delivery estimates (\$ million)	Delivery at 30 September 2006 (\$ million)	PSC (%)	AOS (US\$)		
				September 2006	Total	
					100% delivery	80% delivery
TCP	1.0	0.6	7	16,000	28,000	25,000
TF/UTF	1.9	1.5	14	77,000	98,000	94,000
UTF/GCP	3.1	1.8	13	87,000	150,000	137,000
TF/UTF	6.0	4.1	7	112,000	165,000	157,000
UNDP	0.6	0.6	10	23,000	23,000	23,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>12.6</b>	<b>8.9</b>		<b>315,000</b>	<b>464,000</b>	<b>436,000</b>

In accordance with the 2006 budget, RNER AOS income target is set at US\$ 350,000, which means that RNER staff and non staff costs will be easily covered from the 2006 income (ranging between \$ 430,000 and \$ 460,000).

#### **V. Issues for consideration and follow-up by RNE and HQ**

The following actions, highlighted in previous monthly delivery reports, require additional support and follow up from RNE management and HQs concerned units:

Projects/matters requiring special follow up:

*UTF/LIB/026:* the issue of funds transfer for project activities implementation in 2006 is still valid (only \$1.8 million out of \$11.8 million was made available).

*Umbrella Programme for Libya:* Follow up for the assessment of the needs and formulation of projects.

Approval of TCP projects: TCP portfolio in 2006 has dropped by 50% as compared to 2005 (\$2.4 million as compared to the delivery of 2005 of \$4.9 million). There may be need to review the pipeline TCP projects for further assessment.

New Agreement FAO/Saudi Arabia (2007-2011): The government has approved the allocation of 40 million Riyals per year (\$10.7 million) for the 2007-2011 Agreement. In this connection, closer follow up is needed from concerned parties in HQ and RNE for the signature of the Agreement in November 2006 as expected.

Pipeline projects and concretization of formulated UTFs/GCPs: the following pipeline projects (final consultation), require additional attention:

- Marine Resources Programme in the Red Sea- (Djibouti, Egypt, Eritrea, Jordan, Saudi Arabia, Sudan and Yemen) (Budget: \$ 4.4 million)
- Oman- Study on Policy Options and Alternatives for the Cultivation of Fodder Crops in Al-Batinah Region, Sultanate of Oman (Budget: \$ 0.2 million)
- Qatar- Capacity building and strengthening of the food control system (Budget: \$ 0.5 million)
- UAE- Strategic Framework for Sustainable Agricultural Development in the Emirate of Abu Dhabi (Budget: \$ 0.5 million)
- Establishment of an International Centre of Research and Technology on Wastewater Treatment and Reuse in the State of Kuwait (Budget: \$ 3.3 million)

In addition to the above mentioned pipeline projects/programmes, there is real need for a coordinated follow up for the concretization of the formulated UTF programmes under the FAO Regular Programme, such as in Kuwait, Algeria and Qatar.

The 2006 delivery of the RNE FAO programme is expected to decrease as compared to 2005 (around 15% less). In this respect and in order to reverse the trend in 2007, a coordinated support is well needed for the formulation and/or approval of new projects in the near future. In this connection, further assessment of the present situation of the RNE field programme is well needed in order to address issues and required follow up actions for the development of the field programme in the NE region.

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