

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

I. Analysis of field programme delivery in the NE region

The delivery estimates of the RNE field programme, at 30 November, are of US\$ 20.1 million (excluding HQs delivery estimates); these were of US\$ 23.3 million (15% higher) at the same period of last year. The actual delivery is US\$ 17.2 million (86%).

a) Delivery achieved in the region

The achieved delivery, as shown in Table 1, is US\$ 17.2 million, representing 86% of the delivery estimates for 2006. The delivery percentage is 90% for projects operated by RNER and 76% for projects operated from decentralized offices. Table 1 shows also that the delivery of TF projects is higher than that of TCPs, 87% and 63% of the respective delivery estimates.

b) Delivery estimates for 2006 and 2007

The 2006 delivery estimates of OA projects operated from RNE is US\$ 20.1 million. As for 2007, the delivery estimates are at present at the level of US\$ 14.9 million (expected to reach US\$ 23 million with the approved 14 new projects under the KSA/FAO agreement (2007-2011)).

c) Total available budget for implementation as at 30 November 2006: The total available budget for implementation is about US\$ 34 million out of which 90% is of TF projects.

**Table 1- Summary of RNE field programme delivery
Situation as at 30 November (FPMIS as of 5 December 2006)**

Project Operator/Fund Type	Actual Delivery US\$ million			Budget Holder's Provisional Estimates for 2006 (as at November) US\$ million	Delivery as November 2006 against Budget Holders' Estimates for 2006 (%)	Available budget as at November 2006 US\$ million
	2004	2005	2006 (as at November)			
RNE Total Delivery	21.1	23.2	17.2	20.1	86	33.7
Total TCP	6.6	4.9	1.5	2.1	63	3.3
Total TF	14.4	17.9	15.0	17.4	87	30.4
Others (UNDP/SFS)	0.1	0.4	0.7	0.6	100	
RNER Operated Projects	9.8	11.8	11.4	12.5	91	20.3
RNER TCP	2.5	2.0	0.7	0.8	88	1.1
RNER TF	7.3	9.5	10.0	11.1	91	19.2
Others (UNDP/SPFS)	-	0.3	0.7	0.7	100	
FAORs/Reg.TO Operated Projects	11.3	11.4	5.8	7.6	76	13.4
FAORs/Reg.TO TCP	4.1	2.9	0.8	1.3	62	2.2
FAORs/Reg.TO TF	7.1	8.4	5.0	6.3	79	11.2
Others (UNDP/SPFS)	0.1	0.1	-	-	-	-

II. Delivery at the individual country level

As at 30 November 2006, the total delivery estimates of countries with one or more than one million US\$ delivery estimates represent about 80% 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 November 2006 (US\$ million)	% of delivery up to November 2006 vs. Annual Delivery Estimate	Delivery Estimates for 2006 As at November (US\$ million)
Saudi Arabia	8.1	8.0	89	9.0
Tunisia	2.8	1.5	88	1.7
Syria	2.2	1.4	88	1.6
Morocco (*)	1.1	0.5	50	1.0
Libya	0.9	2.2	100	2.2
Total	15.1	13.6	88	15.5

(*) delivery is around 87% as per the locally recorded expenditures.

The above table indicates that most of the RNE FAO field programme portfolio is concentrated within the above mentioned countries (5); with around 80% contribution to the 2006 overall delivery estimates as well as to the achieved delivery. In this respect, it is worth mentioning that the delivery estimates of the FAO programme in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia represent 45% of the RNE delivery estimates in 2006 and this percentage is expected to increase in 2007 with the approved agreement (2007-2011).

Countries with low delivery estimates

Countries with delivery estimates higher than US\$ 500,000: **Three countries**, these are Egypt, Mauritania and Sudan.

Countries with delivery estimate less than US\$ 500,000 and higher than US\$ 250,000: **Two countries**, these are Tajikistan and Yemen.

Countries with delivery estimates less than US\$ 250,000 and higher than zero: **Nine countries**, these are Algeria, Djibouti, Iran, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Lebanon, Oman and Qatar.

Countries with zero delivery estimates: **Seven countries**, these are Bahrain, Iraq, Kuwait, Palestine, Somalia, Turkmenistan and United Arab Emirates.

As per the above information, there are **sixteen countries** with delivery estimates less than US\$ 250,000. As at 30 November 2006, the contribution of these 16 countries to the overall 2006 delivery estimates is limited to 6%. According to FPMIS present figures, the trend is quite similar in 2007 with around 10% contribution of these countries into the 2007 delivery estimates. However, the 2006 emergency programme in Iraq, Palestine, Somalia and Tajikistan, countries of the above group, is around US\$ 40 million.

In addition, the 2007 present delivery estimate figures indicate that potential countries like Mauritania and Tunisia are expected to face substantial decrease in their 2007 delivery as compared to 2006.

III. Pipeline in the Near East region

The list of pipeline projects (as at 30 November 2006) shows a total number of 117 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	15	10	7	32
TF/UTF	25	8	16	49
TF/GCP	-	13	18	31
UNDP	1	-	4	5
Total	41	31	45	117
Estimated total budget (\$m)	93	170	60	323
Budget allocated for 2007 (\$m)	24	40	7	71

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 November 2006 (\$million)	PSC (%)	AOS (US\$)		
				November 2006	Total	
					100% delivery	80% delivery
TCP	0.8	0.7	7	19,000	22,000	21,000
TF/UTF	1.9	1.6	14	82,000	98,000	97,000
UTF/GCP	3.1	2.8	13	135,000	150,000	146,000
TF/UTF	6.0	5.6	7	153,000	165,000	161,000
UNDP	0.7	0.7	10	26,000	26,000	26,000
Total	12.5	11.4		415,000	461,000	451,000

In accordance with the 2006 budget, RNER AOS income target is set at US\$ 350,000. This means that RNER staff and non staff costs will be easily covered from the 2006 AOS with a minimum income of US\$ 450,000. PBE was requested to carry over the made available cash balance to the year 2007.

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). At present 100% of the made available funds were used/committed and unless the requested funds are transferred in the near future, the implementation of the project activities will be discontinued.

Umbrella Programme for Libya: to follow up with the government authorities for the fielding of the formulation mission requested by the government for the preparation of 3 project documents.

Approval of TCP projects: TCP portfolio in 2006 has dropped more than 50% as compared to 2005 (\$2.2 million as compared to \$4.8 million in 2005). There may be need to review the region's pipeline TCP projects for eventual approval during 2007.

New Agreement FAO/Saudi Arabia (2007-2011): The five-year (2007-2011) FAO/KSA Agreement was signed at FAO headquarters in Rome on 22 November 2006 by the Minister for Agriculture of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and FAO Director-General. Fourteen projects, for a total amount of about US\$ 60 million, were selected for implementation under this agreement. In this connection, closer follow up is needed from all concerned parties in order to ensure a smooth implementation of the selected projects starting early January 2007 with needed backstopping and support from all concerned parties.

Concretization of formulated/final consultation UTFs/GCPs:

The below mentioned projects were expected to be declared operational in 2006:

- Regional- Marine Resources Programme in the Red Sea- (Djibouti, Egypt, Eritrea, Jordan, Saudi Arabia, Sudan and Yemen) (Budget: \$ 4.4 million)
- Oman- UTF/OMA/005/OMA: Study on Policy Options and Alternatives for the Cultivation of Fodder Crops in Al-Batinah Region, Sultanate of Oman (Budget: \$ 0.2 million)
- Algeria- UTF/ALG/012/ALG " Formation des formateurs de la Direction Générale des Forêts"
- Algeria- UTF/ALG/013/ALG "Appui technique et formation dans la mise en oeuvre des engagements d'adhésion à la zone de libre échange euro-méditerranéenne".
- 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)
- Kuwait- Establishment of an International Centre of Research and Technology on Wastewater Treatment and Reuse in the State of Kuwait (Budget: \$ 3.3 million).

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