



Summary of Findings and Recommendations

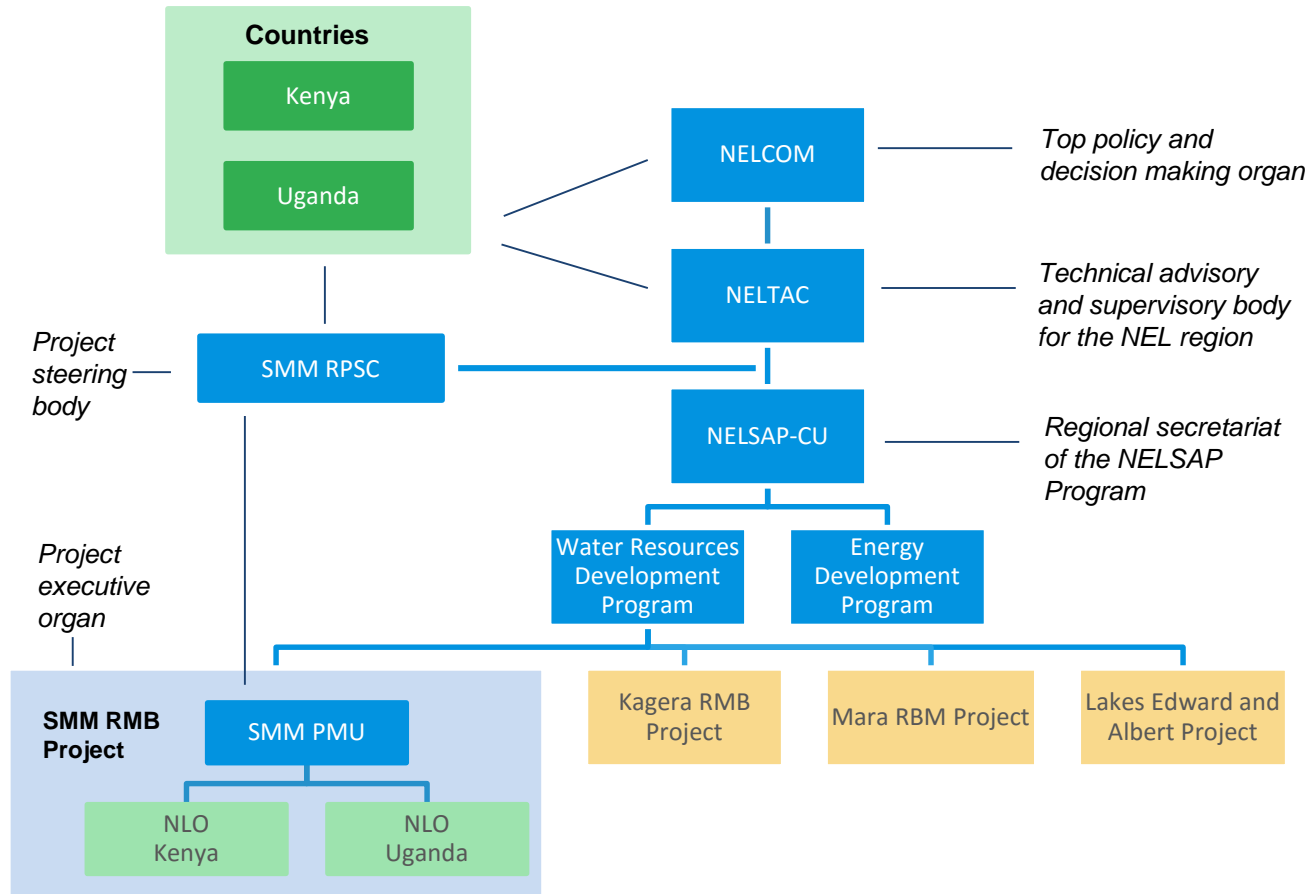
The SMM Project

- The Governments of Sweden and Norway have provided US \$ 10.96 million over 12 years to support 3 phases of NELSAP's SMM RBM Project
- Other major sources of funding are the World Bank and GIZ

To establish a sustainable framework for the joint management of the water resources of the Sio-Malaba-Malakisi catchments in order to prepare for sustainable investments that will improve the living conditions of the people as well as protect the environment

Project components

1. joint sustainable cooperative management framework (transboundary water governance);
2. investment opportunities identification in the catchments (regional water infrastructure planning and development);
3. capacity building at all levels for sustainable management of water resources (institutional strengthening); and
4. small scale investment projects.



Institutional Framework for the SMM Project

Achievements

1. Transboundary water resources management policies in Kenya and Uganda have been improved;
2. Within each country, the institutional framework for catchment-based integrated water resources management has been strengthened and mechanisms from cross-sectoral coordination and stakeholder participation improved;
3. Institutional options for cooperative management of the SMM sub-basin by the two counties have been put forward and a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) signed between the two countries for continued cooperation on management of the SMM Sub-basin;
4. Water resources monitoring networks of the two countries have been strengthened;
5. The knowledgebase for river basin planning has been enhanced through numerous studies, preparation of river basin monograph, preparation of a state of basin report and creation of a river basin database and GIS system;

Achievements

6. Tools for sub-basin planning and water allocation have been improved by carrying out a Multi-sectoral Investment Opportunity Analysis, preparation of an investment strategy and development of a computer-based water allocation tool;
7. Sub-regional capacity for transboundary water resources management improved through training of public officials and members of the local community in a diverse range of topics related to Integrated Water Resources Management (IWRM) and Transboundary Water Governance;
8. Community participation in natural resources management has been enhanced through their active involvement in project activities;
9. A pipeline of 13 investment projects have been prepared to a bankable stage;
10. Sub-catchment management plans for three sub-catchments (Lwakhakha, Middle Malakisi-Malaba and Lower Sio) have been prepared; and
11. Six small-scale investment projects have been implemented (three in each country) to build early confidence in sub-basin community.

Priorities for follow-up

- Support the countries in resources mobilisation
- Implementation of the investments projects
- Implementation of the sub-catchment management plans
- Preparing sub-catchment management plans for new sub-catchments
- Upscaling small-scale demonstration projects
- Continuing capacity building in the area of transboundary water and environmental resources management
- Operationalizing the MoU

Possible activities under OES/IGAD

- Finalisation of the legal and institutional framework for transboundary water cooperation in the SMM basin;
- Facilitation of a process for prioritization of investment projects in the SMM basin; pursuing an open and transparent process that allows for enhanced dialogue, bargaining and trade-offs between various interest groups, and between the two countries, to reach agreement on prioritization of the many investment projects.
- Training on water diplomacy and transboundary water management, and awareness raising on the UN Watercourses Convention and UNECE Water Convention;
- Identification and nurturing of basin champions for integrated river basin management and development;
- Establishing and operating an SMM Water Forum;
- Supporting the preparation/refinement of good practice guides (approach for sub-catchment planning; gender mainstreaming, stakeholder participation, climate change mainstreaming, resettlement action planning etc.)

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE OES/IGAD PROJECT

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- Explore the “less traditional” benefits of transboundary water cooperation to help attract support for a **formal institutional framework**
- Identify all the benefits and beneficiaries of specific cooperation activities to support **prioritisation**
- Use the SMM BOAD to launch the update of the SMM Investment Strategy – e.g. implement a first phase (of a longer process) that focuses on identifying common principles of the management plans from Uganda/Mpologomo and Kenya/LVNorth, as well as gaps
~~Develop qualitative assessments of benefits to support prioritisation through the BOAT tool~~
- Communicate the benefits of transboundary cooperation **institutions and projects to MoFs and DPs to attract national and DP funding** – as part of that, engage MoFs and DPs in next workshop





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