

Nile Cooperation for Climate Resilience (P172848)
7th Implementation Support Mission (March 25-28, 2024)
Aide Memoire

I. INTRODUCTION

1. A World Bank team¹ carried out the 7th implementation support mission for the Nile Cooperation for Climate Resilience Project (P172848) between March 25-28, 2024. The objective of the mission was to follow-up on the progress of activities agreed during the 6th Implementation Support in November 2023 and to provide support to the implementing agencies to ensure timely and quality delivery of the project. This mission reviewed the technical, procurement, financial management, environmental and social risk management, and M&E aspects of the project, and the progress made towards enhancing inter-agency coordination. The mission held discussions with all the five implementing agencies (IAs), namely, Eastern Nile Regional Technical Office (ENTRO), Lake Victoria Basin Commission (LVBC), Nile Basin Discourse (NBD), Nile Basin Initiative Secretariat (Nile-SEC); and the Nile Equatorial Lakes Subsidiary Action Program Coordination Unit (NELSAP-CU) who gathered in Nile-SEC headquarters in Entebbe, Uganda. The mission was preceded by several online meetings of thematic groups. A wrap up meeting was held with the heads of agencies.

2. This Aide Memoire (AM) summarizes the key mission findings and recommendations, and reflects the agreements reached. The mission team wishes to thank Nile-SEC for hosting the mission in Entebbe, and the heads of the agencies and their staff for their active participation in the mission. Annex 1 provides a list of mission attendees; Annex 2 provides the list of agreed actions for the period April 2024 to September 2024; and Annex 3 provides an update to the Results Framework.

II. KEY PROJECT DATA

3. The project development objective is to improve mechanisms for cooperation on water resources management and development in the Nile Basin.

Table 1: Key Project Data (as of March 31, 2024)

Key Project Information	
<i>Project Approval</i>	<i>February 27, 2021</i>
<i>Effectiveness Date</i>	<i>March 25, 2021</i>
<i>MTR</i>	<i>May 15-19, 2023</i>
<i>Closing Date</i>	<i>November 30, 2025</i>
<i>Total Project Cost</i>	<i>US\$ 30 Million</i>
<i>Total disbursement</i>	<i>US\$ 19.3 Million (64 %)</i>

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III. SUMMARY OF MISSION FINDINGS

Key Highlights

Project Ratings	Previous	Current
Progress towards achievement of PDO	S	S
Overall Implementation Progress	MS	MS
Component 1: Advancing Nile Basin-Wide Cooperation	MS	MS
Component 2: Improving Mechanisms for Cooperation in the Nile Equatorial Lakes (NEL) Region	S	S
Component 3: Improving Mechanisms for Cooperation in the Eastern Nile	MU	MU
Component 4: Water Quality in the Lake Victoria Sub-Basin	MS	MS
Component 5: Enhancing stakeholder engagement in the Nile Basin	S	S
Procurement	MS	MS
Financial Management	S	S
Environmental safeguards	S	S
Social safeguards	S	S

S: Satisfactory MS: Moderately Satisfactory MU: Moderately Unsatisfactory

4. Implementation Progress remains Moderately Satisfactory: Disbursement has moved up by 10% since November 30, 2023, to 64% as of March 31, 2024. Overall implementation progress is retained as Moderately Satisfactory. Progress for Component 1 (led by Nile-SEC), Component 2 (led by NELSAP-CU), Component 4 (led by LVBC) and Component 5 (led by NBD) are retained as MS, S, MS, and S respectively. Rating for Component 3 (led by ENTRO) is retained as Moderately Unsatisfactory owing to relatively lower disbursement and delay in procurement of key consultancies.

5. The position of Regional Dam Safety Coordinator (RDSC) at ENTRO has been filled, while the position of the Project Coordinator and Head of Finance and Administration had been extended up to October 2024, allowing improvement in project implementation. The position of Project Coordinator at NELSAP-CU is under recruitment with an interim arrangement in place. The Bank requests proper transition plans to be prepared and executed by the agencies so that there are no impacts on project performance due to not having the required staffing.

6. Satisfactory progress was observed in the implementation of the action plan prepared during the last mission in November 2023. The implementing agencies have also projected all remaining activities to be completed well within project closure in November 2025. As discussed during the last and current mission, it was agreed that no new procurement should be added after July 1, 2024, and that any new procurement items will be approved by the WB only on a case-by-case basis after then. IAs have been advised to fully focus on concluding the project on a timely manner with most activities concluded within the Annual Work Plan and Budget cycle 2024-2025, ending on June 30, 2025, and not to extend activities to the last (2025-2026) budget cycle coinciding with the project. The agencies have accordingly worked on a detailed month to month activity plan, linked with the available budget.

7. The mission reiterated the importance of continuing to proceed with project implementation in an inclusive manner. While some countries in the Nile basin are not actively participating in NBI activities

(for example, Egypt), it remains pertinent for the Implementing Agencies to continue sharing key project outputs with all countries, nevertheless.

IV. SUMMARY OF KEY PROJECT ACTIVITIES

Component 1: Advancing Nile Basin-Wide Cooperation (Lead: Nile-SEC, US\$ 9.5 million)

8. Platform for cooperation: Nile-SEC has progressed well during the period and implemented several key activities, including the Nile Day in Bujumbura, Burundi, which was also the 25-year anniversary of the NBI on the 22nd of February and regular meeting of both Nile-TAC as well as Nile-COM took place in connection with the Nile Day. Nile-SEC also participated in the national water week in Uganda in March, as part of the ongoing effort to increase visibility at the national level. The mission encouraged continued engagement at the national level to increase awareness of the work of and benefits of NBI and expressed appreciation of the increased ambitions. The development of the Community and Stakeholder Engagement Strategy (CHSE) is moving forward with a consultant recruited and consultations groups being established, after having faced earlier delays. The Inception Report will be delivered during the first half of April. While progress has been made and expenditures have increased, the platform activities still run behind the workplan schedule. The mission noted the need to expedite implementation of activities and also seek for opportunities to bundle activities, including with other centers.

9. Innovative Information Services for Climate-resilient Investment Planning: The work on the Information Systems aspects, including the Nile Basin Data & Analytic Services (NB-DAS) activities, are proceeding steadily. The NB-DAS consultants have initiated the development of the NB-DAS services and dashboard and received early inputs to a first “agile” development prototype. The shared cloud services and training are ongoing across NBI centers. A third batch of Young Professionals (this time from Sudan, Tanzania, and Uganda) have work underway. There are activities underway to improve the Nile Basin platform (now integrating the Integrated Knowledge Portal IKP and with plans for an AI Chatbot tool for the eLibrary). The EUMETCAST data is being packaged to be sharable for Nile Basin countries. The World Bank, through their KIDS (Knowledge, Information & Data Services) Helpdesk, have had regional NBI staff training on the emerging world of free/public-domain data and analytics services and dashboards.

10. The World Bank indicated the need to improve outreach, including ePackaging of interactive reports with embedded data/analytics for insights into the Nile Basin, as well as webinars and other events to help improve regional access to regional and global good practices in a rapidly evolving world of open data/analytics, AI and other technologies. The mission also discussed the need to improve the synergy among the various data-related activities (NB-DAS, water quality, flood/drought, dam safety, hydromet, climate, etc.) to help showcase more data/analytics services and interactive products.

11. Water Quality (WQ) Investment Planning and Prioritization: Nile-Sec's activities within the Water Quality thematic area encompass the development of the WQ database and course map, which have been finalized and linked to the IKP, tested, and deployed to the NBI server. The mission highlighted data gaps in the database and discussed the possibility of incorporating a global dataset to address these gaps, a task to be carried out using in-house capacity during the IKP enhancement phase. WQ models have been

created for six hotspots, with training provided to the Regional Working Groups (REWG). Individual consultants (ICs) have been hired for communication and awareness-raising products, with an inception report set for submission soon. Another IC has been engaged for training on ESF policies and standards, with a training session for the NBI task team held on November. Following negotiations, a contract has been signed for the supply and installation of water quality equipment, and the supplier is preparing a claim and bank guarantee for an advance payment.

12. Regarding challenges faced, the collection of water quality data from the countries experienced delays beyond the initial projections. The proposed solution involves maintaining engagement with the countries, conducting regular follow-ups to expedite the process, and utilizing the installation of WQ equipment as an opportunity to gather missing data. Furthermore, there was a delay in procuring the water quality equipment supplier. To address this, the contract of the consultant overseeing procurement and installation will be extended by nine months at no additional cost. Security concerns in Sudan and Eastern DR Congo have been acknowledged as hurdles. The solution entails delivering equipment to Nile SEC for DR Congo and monitoring the situation in Sudan while retaining the equipment at Nile-SEC until conditions improve.

Component 2: Improving Mechanisms for Cooperation in the Nile Equatorial Lakes (NEL) Region (Lead: NELSAP-CU, US\$ 9.5 million)

13. Platform for Cooperation: NELSAP is continuing its progress in accordance with the work plan and expenditures are on par, or above, in relation to elapsed project period. NELSAP have implemented several media briefings as well as continued to produce country briefings and also conducted a media training during the period. A range of media trainings, development of brand products (including innovative multimedia ones) as well as a capacity building workshop are planned for the upcoming project period. The planned activities for the remaining project period are confirmed to be implemented as per plan and remain relevant. The mission noted that it will be important to seek synergies between the activities under the platform for NELSAP but also in coordination with the other centers.

14. Flood and Drought Risk Management: The mission discuss the progress of the two work packages under Flood and Drought thematic area for NELSAP that includes basin wide flash flood assessment and identification of investment option for flood. The work on WP 1 for Basin-wide Flash Flood Early Warning System (FFEWS) has advanced well. The rapid mapping of areas prone to frequent flash floods has been successfully accomplished, providing crucial insights for the system's effectiveness. Furthermore, the draft for the flash flood early warning system has been formally submitted, marking a key milestone in the system's development and feedback from the Technical Working Group (TWG) will be integrated. Plans are underway to integrate flash flood warning information into the Integrated Knowledge Platform (IKP) by June, enhancing accessibility and usability. Additionally, capacity building initiatives are set to persist until the conclusion of the firm contract, ensuring that stakeholders are well-equipped to effectively utilize and benefit from the EWS.

15. The procurement process for WP2 Consultancy Services to conduct a Basin-wide Flood & Drought Risk Assessment and identify investment options for Flood & Drought Risk Mitigation has made significant strides. Following the successful evaluation of Technical and Financial proposals in January, a contract was signed. A Needs assessment/Inception Workshop aimed at identifying investment options was conducted,

coinciding with the NB FFEWS Training/Review workshop in March 2023. The mission discusses the budget constraints limit the number of flood assessment sites and workshops for reviewing the Flash Flood Early Warning System. To overcome this, additional budget was proposed to increase sites to at least one per country in the investment plan by conducting a regional workshop to prioritize investment and to hold one more physical workshops for stakeholder feedback and collaboration.

16. Dam Safety: The remaining activities being implemented by NELSAP-CU under the Dam Safety Capacity Building thematic area are: i) the development of a geo-referenced inventory of dams in the basin; ii) the development of a tiered risk management framework for dam safety; and iii) institutional strengthening of national Dam Safety Units (DSUs). The regional dam safety coordinator has recently reported to duty and joined for a workshop, held in Nairobi from March 4-8, 2024, to review progress on the deliverables. At the workshop, NELSAP's consultants presented the draft deliverables and next steps in their work programs, and the Technical Working Group, with representatives from all participating countries, reviewed them for quality and relevance and provided feedback to guide their finalization.

17. The deliverables under the consultancy for the inventory and risk management framework are proceeding satisfactorily despite some delays and challenges in acquiring the necessary data. The consultant has integrated the earth observation inventory results provided under the Bank-Executed consultancy together with data from other sources into a consolidated dataset containing more than 800 records for the basin. Results for each country were shared with their respective representatives, and a timeline was agreed for their initial validation of the inventory records. It was acknowledged that a longer time, beyond the consultancy period, would be needed for those countries with a large number of dams to properly verify the new records and attributes not previously included in their national repositories. It was, thus, recommended for the basin dam database to be released with a first version with subsequent updates as countries ground-truth more of the data. Quality issues persist on the institutional strengthening of DSUs consultancy. As was agreed during the Mid-Term Review, an international expert has finally been mobilized to support this activity. It is important that NELSAP-CU facilitate close collaboration between the two consultants as well as more interaction with the DSUs to ensure the outputs respond to the practical needs of the countries.

18. Water Quality Investment Planning and Prioritization: The mission reviewed the two tracks for the MCA process: Track 1 involves expediting MCA for two demonstration sites/hotspots chosen by countries from long list of areas with significant water quality challenges. Track 2 focuses on MCA for two hotspots identified using data from the Water Quality Database and Coarse Map developed by Nile-SEC. Progress on the baseline survey field trip for Track 2 in Rwanda was completed in December 2023, while the trip to the South Sudan/Sudan border was delayed due to security concerns but is now planned for April. NELSAP-CU is now preparing for track 1 baseline survey to gather information on potential water quality interventions/WQ Management Alternatives for selected hotspot areas in Ethiopia and Tanzania, scheduled for April and May respectively, with the draft Interim Report expected by May.

19. The mission also addressed challenges such as delayed data submissions, safety issues affecting travel, time constraints, and the need to extend consultant contracts. Proposed solutions involve expediting activities, collaborating closely with National WQ-TWG members, exploring alternative travel routes, and extending contracts at no additional cost until the end of July.

Component 3: Improving Mechanisms for Cooperation in the Eastern Nile (Lead: ENTRO, US\$ 9.5 million)

20. Platform for Cooperation: ENTRO's work under the platform has continued to progress well in the areas where it previously was and picked up in areas where delays had been experienced. The internship program continues to progress well, with very high interest from the countries. The mission noted that ENTRO has continued to invite participants from Egypt to the program, and some batches have Egyptian participation, which is positive. They have continued the work to advance gender (also reported below), including participation in the Women in Water Diplomacy forum meetings and plans for an eastern Nile Women in Water Diplomacy network.

21. Country benefits booklets, corporate report and newsletters have continued to be produced as per plan. For the next project period several ongoing activities are continuing and an innovative forum with faith leaders, ex diplomats, private sector will be delivered (mid-April). Also, to this forum Egyptian participation seems likely after ENTRO outreach. While this progress is positive, other activities under the thematic area are behind schedule and the mission noted that the implementation needs to speed up. The mission noted that it would be important to seek synergies between activities under the platform area and other thematic areas as well as with other centers.

22. Flood and Drought Risk Management: The mission highlighted the significant progress made by ENTRO in the three work packages (WP) related to floods. WP1, which involved survey and data collection in various towns using ground survey and EO products, has been successfully completed. A database was created, compiling historical hydro-climatological datasets, terrain datasets of flood-prone areas, hydro-meteorological datasets, and key community characteristics. In WP2, Task 1 and Task 2 on flood forecast and early warning (FFEW) enhancement and Flood Risk Mapping Consultancy Work have been finished, along with validation and dissemination workshops to enhance the use of FFEW information services by EN countries. Tasks 3 and 4(vulnerability and risk mapping), along with Task 5 on capacity building, are scheduled for completion by June 2024. In WP3, the contracting of a consultant for flood community awareness and preparedness has been finalized, with a workshop planned in Ethiopia for April 4-5, 2024. Training for EN national forecasting centers has been completed, and community awareness training has been conducted for South Sudan and Sudan, with Ethiopia's session scheduled for April. Challenges such as security issues delaying field activities were noted. The mission emphasized NBD's involvement in WP3 and urge the centers to enhance coordination with countries for outreach and forecast product utilization. It was recommended to have effective coordination with other thematic leads from various centers is essential for the successful implementation of the proposed new activities i.e., cloud infrastructure expansion and outreach service to countries.

23. Progress on the development of the Drought Early Warning System (DEWS) was discussed during the mission. An Inception/Scoping workshop was successfully conducted in January with the goal of introducing the project to the countries to for buy-in, gather initial information on DEWS need and risk management, and consult on the existing DEWS in the Nile basin. The DEWS Inception report has been finalized, and the draft Version 1 of the technical components of Nile DEWS, including hydrological modeling, surface water body identification and change detection, meteorological and agricultural drought monitoring and forecasting, and data systems for DEWS production and information sharing/user

engagement, is currently in progress as per the schedule. The mission recommended the need to synergize this work with the river flow forecast of Nile-Sec.

24. Dam Safety Capacity Building: The remaining activities being implemented by ENTRO under the Dam Safety Capacity Building thematic areas are: i) development of a model regulatory framework to support country frameworks for dam safety, and ii) establishment of a regional training center for dam safety. Implementation of the activities has resumed fully since the onboarding of the regional dam safety coordinator in October 2023. The regulatory framework consultancy contract has been extended through to June 2024, but as of March, several deliverables under the contract have not yet been sent to ENTRO for review. Significant improvement is also still needed on the reference regulatory framework. It is critical that ENTRO exercise strong oversight on both the technical quality of the deliverables but also the consultant's fulfilment of the contract, specifically with regards to changes in the consultant's team and consultations (in-country) as denoted in the contract. ENTRO is encouraged to work with NELSAP-CU for joint planning of country visits under the DSU strengthening activity to the extent feasible. For the training center, the consultants have begun the work and is proceeding satisfactorily. ENTRO is encouraged to explore potential partnerships early on in the conceptualization of the training center before fully developing the center's training offering to ensure sustainability of the model.

Component 4. Water Quality in the Lake Victoria Sub-Basin (Lead: LVBC, US\$ 0.75 million)

25. LVBC is actively engaged in developing harmonized water quality management policies and a Regional Water Quality Management Strategy and Action Plan for the NEL region. Progress updates include the successful workshop conducted for the validation of the draft harmonized policy on water quality management in November. Subsequently, the finalized draft of the Water Quality (WQ) policy was presented to SECOM in February 2024, with one Partner State requesting additional time for internal processes, extending the review period until April 2024. Furthermore, the Regional validation workshop for the Draft final Water Quality Management (WQM) Strategy & Action Plan, along with gender training, was completed in March. LVBC has outlined plans to finalize the approval process for the draft final harmonized policy on WQM and the draft final WQM Strategy & Action Plan by the end of September. Additionally, a Policy Brief Note on these two instruments is scheduled to be prepared by the end of May. Discussions during the mission revolved around the plans and progress for the year 2024.

Component 5. Enhancing stakeholder engagement in the Nile Basin (Lead: NBD, US\$ 0.75 million)

26. Funding for the NBD component (\$750,000) was to implement selected engagements in two thematic areas and staff/operating costs of the Secretariat for 20 months, from January 2022 to August 2023. All of the activities in one thematic area (Platform for Cooperation) were completed and a few activities in the second thematic area (Flood and Drought) remained pending due to ENTRO's implementation schedule. While funding for the component was exhausted in 2023, the NBI centers agreed during the MTR in May 2023 to provide financial support for NBD activities and core functions for one more year. NBD and the Centers defined a set of additional activities which NBD agreed to execute.

27. The Bank appreciates the financial support from the NBI centers which reasserted the importance of civil society engagement in advancing cooperation in the Nile. Since the last mission, the Bank was able to raise US\$ 2.5 million for NBD from the CIWA donors and advised that a new RETF project will be prepared for NBD for this extended engagement. As for next step, NBD will formally submit the letter for

funding request to the Bank. Project preparation will begin immediately with the expected delivery in Q1 FY25. The Bank and NBD have begun scoping the activities that will be financed in the new RETF.

28. NBD has accomplished key activities since last mission, which included mobilizing flood prone communities in South Sudan on flood awareness and mitigation measures, participation in the development of a Nile Basin-wide Drought Early warning system (Nile DEWS), grassroots consultations in Kirehe (near Rusumo dam) - a water quality hotspot site in Rwanda,) to collect water quality data, scaling up the youth internship program and participation in the Regional Nile Day. The Bank advised NBD and the Centers continue to explore ways to sustain engagements until the new RETF becomes effective.

IV. FIDUCIARY

FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

Nile-SEC

29. The mission reviewed the FM progress of NCCR project at NileSec to ensure continued adequacy of FM arrangements in ensuring that project funds are used for purposes intended. FM performance and FM Risk ratings are maintained as **Satisfactory** and **Moderate** respectively.

30. **Financial reporting:** Nile-SEC is responsible for submitting consolidated IFRs to the world bank for three implementing agencies namely, Nile-SEC, NBD and LVBC. The agencies have continued to submit the required reports.

31. **Accounting and FM System:** Mission was informed that Senior management staff of all centers were trained on IPSAS in February 2024 and an action plan for deepening use of IFMIS in all centers was developed and system upgrade at Nile SEC is ongoing. Finalization of IFMIS upgrade is ongoing and migration to Dynamics 365 was scheduled for April 2024 while IFMIS Training on upgraded system for budget holders/ approvers is due in May 2024 after full migration.

32. **External Audit:** Nile-SEC submitted the audit report for the year ended 30th June 2023 at the end of January 2024 issued by Ernst & Young as independent external auditors with a clean opinion. We urge management to continue improving the submission timeline and recommendations by the auditor are implemented. Given the auditor in place, mission expects the next audit process to be expedited to ensure completion of the June 2024 audit and reports submitted to the Bank by December 31, 2024.

NELSAP-CU

33. The mission reviewed the financial management activities of NELSAP- CU and noted the FM performance as Satisfactory with a Moderate Risk rating. The current staffing arrangement is deemed adequate. The process of adoption and implementation of IPSAS was completed. The project uses the IFMIS (Microsoft Dynamics 365) with modules for accounting, reporting, budgeting, payroll, and procurement. The opening balances from the old Sun accounting system have been entered in the IFMIS and the finance team completed entering transactions for the period 2022/23 in the system since the system went live.

34. The Nile Basin Secretariate (NILESEC) provides internal audit services to NCCR and therefore supports the NELSAP-CU Internal Audit Function. An Internal Audit was conducted in January 2024 covering the period July 2023 – December 2023 and the findings, which relate to review of the status of implementation of prior external audit recommendations were presented to the NELTAC Governance in February 2024. NELTAC Finance, HR and Audit Sub-committee monitors the status of implementation of both the external and internal audit recommendations. The audit noted that out of 8 recommendations from the 2022/2023 external audit, four (4) were under implementation while one (1) was not yet implemented, and there were three (3) unresolved audit recommendations from prior years. The follow-up of audit findings needs to be improved. The action taken on the findings should be communicated to the Bank with the next quarter IFR. The external audit report for the year ended June 30, 2023, was submitted to the Bank on time. The audit had an unqualified/clean audit opinion. The management letter revealed weaknesses that need management follow-up.

35. The IFR for the period ending December 31, 2023, was submitted to the Bank on time. The disbursement from the Bank to NELSAP-CU as of March 31, 2024, amounted to US\$ 6.4 million which is 67% of the allocated amount. Out of the disbursed balance, absorption has been for US\$ 5.1 million as of March 31, 2024. The budget for FY 2023/24 approved by the NELTAC Governance was US\$ 2,825,287, while the actual expenditure as of March 31, 2024, was US\$ 1,237,745 hence a budget execution rate of 44% for nine months of FY2023/24. This has shown improvement from previous performances but still requires close follow-up.

ENTRO

36. As part of the implementation support mission the FM side has conducted FM assessment on ENTRO. The assessment mainly relied on the follow up was conducted on the recent FM supervision completed in October 2023. The main objective is to understand the status of the project's financial management arrangements and its adequacy in providing the Bank with accurate and timely information regarding the project performance including the compliance of the project with the legal covenants.

37. The mission was pleased to note that the ENTRO has implemented most of the agreed actions. While many aspects are running smoothly, the following key issues need attention:

- *Disbursement and budget utilization:* Out of USD 9.5 million allocated to ENTRO. The Bank had disbursed USD 5.06 million to date to ENTRO which is equivalent to 53% of the total grant. The budget utilization for FY 2022/23 was only 51% and currently it is at 40%. About 37% of the disbursed amount (that is USD 1,872,034.00) is found in the DA while 63% has been documented. The mission notes that there is room for improvement both on budget utilization and disbursement given the time remaining to closure; amount appearing in designated account; and implementation issues. Thus, ENTRO should continue improving project implementation addressing bottlenecks so as to improve budget utilization, disbursements and especially on documentation.
- *Covenants:* ENTRO is up to date in submitting IFR and external audit report of the project, and both were being submitted in time. One issue that needs improvement, as requested on the audit report review letter, is implementation of recommendations of the findings. In addition, the audited financial statements (not the management letter) of the Project should be disclosed in the website of the ENTRO.

- *Progress of Implementing Previous Action Plan:* Improvement in implementing the actions related to improving budget utilization, providing explanation for major variances in quarterly IFRs as well as disclosing audit reports to the public.

V. PROCUREMENT AND CONTRACT MANAGEMENT

Nile-SEC

38. For the FY the Agency planned to implement 54 activities of which 22 were reported complete and paid. A total of 18 contracts are under implementation while 10 are procurements under implementation and the 4 that are uninitiated will be commenced by end of June. The Agency reported improvement in uploading STEP documentation after benchmarking with another IA. It was agreed that reconciliation of all the documentation in STEP should be done for the 115 entries over the entire project period to especially reduce the 82 that were reflecting as under implementation. The major procurement for the Water Quality equipment suffered some delays because of procurement complaints. The Mission was advised these were resolved and the activity was being fast tracked. The procurement performance rating is moderately satisfactory.

LVBC

39. Implementation of the contract for the major procurement for consultancy services for Harmonization of Policies and Development of a Strategy and Action Plan for Water Quality Management in the Nile Equatorial Lakes Sub-Basin is almost complete. The draft report was presented to the Countries and the Consultant is in the process of incorporating comments. The only other procurement processed in the period was for Audit services for FY 2022/23 that was single sourced, and the assignment completed. The procurement performance rating is maintained as satisfactory.

NBD

40. The only procurement since last Mission was for External Audit services. The few procurements for NBD since last Mission were handled by Nile-Sec because NBD had no budget. STEP records show a total of 31 planned procurements of which 5 are signed, 14 cancelled and 12 under implementation. Of the latter 3 are to be cancelled and moved to operational expenses, 8 completed ones await uploading of completion documents and 1 procurement in process is to be completed by June 30, 2024. Procurement performance rating is maintained as Satisfactory.

NELSAP-CU

41. Based on procurement reports and information in STEP, the procurement performance is good. Currently, 15 contracts, worth \$ 436,844, have been completed, these include 9 consultancy contracts worth \$ 217,919, 6 goods worth \$ 218,925). 16 contracts, worth \$ 1,668,283, have been signed and are under implementation, these include 10 consultancy contracts worth \$ 1,614,493 and 6 contracts for goods worth \$ 53,790. It was noted also that 6 procurement activities, estimated at \$ 121,104, have not been initiated; the client is advised to initiate these activities in the shortest possible period to meet the project closing date. Preferably, it is advised that all pending procurements are initiated not later than 31st July 2024.

ENTRO

42. As per the information in STEP, 37 procurement activities that worth an aggregate estimated cost of USD 5.1 million planned. Of which 23 activities are selection of individual consultants, 5 activities belong to Goods category, 1 Non consulting service, 7 consulting assignment (firm) and 1 works category. The planned activities are under different stage of implementation in which the majority 25 activities with an aggregate estimated cost of USD 3.5 million are under contract implementation whereas 8 activities with estimated cost of USD 0.9 million are under procurement process and 4 activities with estimated cost of USD 0.6 million are planned but not initiated. The client is urged to plan and implement expeditiously those activities associated with the core project objectives including 3 consulting assignment related to Water smart Irrigation, Flood community awareness and preparedness, and WRP tools and models development, which are under selection stage.

VI. ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT

43. Bank funded activities, which include the installation of equipment in existing hydromet stations, have yet to commence and as such, the mission has no emerging issues to report. It was reported that the GM is functional on the Nile –SEC website, but it was not accessible at the time of the Mission. It was agreed to fix the problem soon and make it accessible to all stakeholders. It was emphasized that the GM should not only be accessible but should document all the process up to the resolution of the complaints. The E&S consultant is on board and attended the one-day ESF training in Kigali in November 2023, and he will cascade E&S virtual training to NBI staff soon. Thus, the E&S rating remains satisfactory.

VII. GENDER

44. Each of the five implementing agency's now have a gender focal point. Nile-Sec has functioned without a Gender FP for about 6 months but has now added Dr Adanech. All IA's presented gender engagement plans that were endorsed by senior management. With the new personnel, Nile-Sec has updated their gender action plan (GAP). In the last reporting period, ENTRO, NELSAPCU, and LVBC leveraged CIWA's offer to utilize the senior GESI specialist for training. Training was tailored made for each participating center which included core concepts for GESI in development work, case study applications for maximizing GESI in activity design and implementation, and institutional/work-place practices for improved GESI. The improved workplace practices content was in-line with completing the Equal Aqua survey, which was discussed during training. On the final day IAs worked with the trainer to update and improve the gender action plans. Training for Nile-Sec and NBD will be planned in the next reporting period. The current GAPs now address gender gaps in both the approaches to activities and towards institutional practices.

45. Gender sensitive results are accumulating. Approximately 19% of training participants have been women, however it is noteworthy that the range goes from 0 women in 11 people in DRC training versus 20-40% women in other trainings. The NBD has already reached the target of creating 10 Women networks at national levels and 1 regional women network for "Fit for Purpose Networks." **30 of 44 interns**

and young professionals are women, including from FCV settings, like South Sudan and Sudan. Half of community level stakeholders consulted for usability of flood warning notifications have been women.

MONITORING AND EVALUATION

46. M&E leads from implementing agencies presented reports on progress made towards realization of the planned project results at PDO level as well as at intermediate level. Most indicators are on track towards realization of the PDO based on the PDO and intermediate indicator targets. While most targets for Intermediate results were exceeded, some work, such as regarding Dam Safety appears to be behind schedule. Unfortunately, the M&E leads were not able to maintain their coordination effort and hold coordination meetings to jointly review results to the level that is agreed upon. More coordination effort is required to further streamline the M&E operations of the implementing agencies, providing a single consolidated (project-wide) report during support missions, and substantiating results. Despite multiple discussion on this issue including throughout the MTR, only a small fraction of the indicator results has been backed with details and substantiation and therefore the reliability is currently in question. Regular meetings are planned to assess the progress in development of the M&E Module with the IKP. The activity for development of the automated system has been included under the budget for the financial year. A consultant has been hired for creating the M&E module and is now scoping the work.

VIII. NEXT STEPS AND SUMMARY OF AGREED ACTIONS

47. The next implementation support mission is expected to be held in October 2024.

Attachments:

Annex 1: List of implementing agency officials attending the mission

Annex 2: Agreed Action Plan (November 2023-April 2024)

Annex 3: Updated Results Framework

Annex 1 – List of implementing agency officials attending the mission

	Name	Job Title
	Governance	
1	Dr Callist Tindimugaya	Nile-Technical Advisory Committee Member
	Nile-SEC	
2	Dr. Florence Grace Adongo	Executive Director
3	Dr. Michael Kizza	Deputy Executive Director
4	Mr. Tom Waako	Program Officer
5	Dr. Modathir Zaroug	Regional WR. Modeler
6	Ms. Juliet Nakasagga	Knoweldge Management Officer /Logistics Officer
7	Mr. Patrick Rutagwera	ICT Officer
8	Mr. Pape Ndiaye	Communication Consultant
9	Mr. Challa Zeleke	Earth Observation Specialist
10	Ms. Edith Mbonye	Procurement Officer
11	Mr. Martin Mutua	Head of Corporate Services
12	Ms. Josephine Lwasa	Finance Officer
13	Mr. Martin Mutua	Head of Finance
14	Mr. Jean Namugize	Water Quailty Specailist
15	Mr. Alain Amahoro	Information Systems Specailist
16	Mr. Charles B. Mwine	Administration/Human Resources Officer
17	Mr. Geoffrey Kijjambu	Internal Auditor
	NELSAP	
18	Dr. Isaac Alukwe	NELSAP Regional Coordinator
19	Mr. Godfrey Zimulinda	NELSAP Finance and Administrations Manager
20	Eng. Sami Osman Eltoum	NELSAP Water Resources Engineer and Acting Program Officer for Water Resources Management and Development
21	Mr. Wilfred Ojok	NELSAP Senior Economist and M&E Specialist
22	Mrs. Leocadie Mwenzikazi	NELSAP Procurement Specialist
23	Ms. Milly Mbuliro	NELSAP Water Resources Officer (GIS/Modeller)
24	Dr. Asie Kemal Jabir	NELSAP Dam Safety Coordinator
25	Mr. Vivien Niyomugenga	NELSAP Information, Communication and Technology Officer
26	Mr. Polycarp Onyango	NELSAP Communications Officer
27	Mr. Richard Sangabo	NELSAP Social Safeguards Specialist
28	Ms. Mireille Uwizera	NELSAP Administrative & Public Relations Assistant
	ENTRO	
29	Dr Salih Hamad	Executive Director
30	Prof. Yilma Seleshi	Flood and Drought Coordinator

31	Mr Assefa Gudina	Social Development Officer
32	Mr Diriba Insene	Monitoring and Evaluation Officer
33	Ms. Genet Abdi	Procurement Expert
34	Mr. El Sadiq Goda	Regional Administration and Finance Head
35	Mr. Teshome Atnafie	Senior Regional Project Coordinator
36	Dr. Muna Musnad	Water Resources Modeler
37	Dr. Ali Aman	Regional Dam Safety Coordinator
	LVBC	
38	Ms. Milcent Akinyi Opiyo	Principal Administrative Officer and LVBC Gender focal point
39	Ms. Faith Kinyua	Senior Procurement Officer
40	Eng. Simon otoung Awijak	Water Resources Management Officer
	NBD	
41	Ms Verdiane Nyiramana	Chair of NBD Board
42	Eng. Sylvester Anthony Matem	Regional Manager
43	Mr Ayenew Tessera Fenta	Monitoring and Evaluation officer
44	Mr Herbert Wairugala	Finance and Administration Officer
45	Ms Jennifer Kurubeija	Admin and Procurement Officer
46	Mr Mathias Nyanzi	ICT and Communication Specialist
47	Mr. Seguya Ismail	Driver/Logistics Assistant

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Component 1: Advancing Nile Basin-Wide Cooperation (Lead: Nile-SEC)

SN	Activity	Thematic area	Status as of March 31, 2024	Original completion date	Target completion date
1.3	Task team meeting NBI and NBD on Updating the CSHEs	1	Consultant will submit inception report by 4 April 2024 after which the meeting will be scheduled		April 11,2024
2.1	Inception phase Updating CSHE Strategy	1	Inception report will be submitted by 4 th April 2024	March 2022	April 4, 2024
2.2	As part of implementing capacity building strategy, conduct training of NBI staff in Stakeholder engagement	1	To be scheduled once CSHE strategy doc is completed	May 2022	June 30, 2024
2.3	Organize media relations and social media training for key NBI staff	1	Consultant on board. To carry out the training at the 3 centres	February 2022	May 31, 2024
2.6	Journalists' online source book. A journalist source book provides reference or information material on matters of Nile Basin.	1	CVs received and evaluation underway. Contract signing by 4 th April 2024	February 2022	May 31, 2024
2.7	Organization of the Nile Day 2025	1	Next country to host not yet announced.	February 2025	February 22, 2025
3.1	Update design, technical specification of WQ equipment and procurement of laboratory equipment, field tool kits, water quality sensors, IT equipment and software	5	Consultant still providing support with equipment installation and capacity building Contract will be extended till December, 2024	May 31, 2023	December 31, 2024
3.2.	Supply of equipment and reception by the countries	5	Contract signed and shared with supplier on March 22, 2024. Supplier is processing the required guarantees (performance and advance payment) Delivery to countries expected to start 1 st July 2024	October, 2022	October 31, 2024
3.3	Equipment installation (laboratories and field)	5	Installation will start 1 st August 2024	November, 2022	March 31, 2025

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SN	Activity	Thematic area	Status as of March 31, 2024	Original completion date	Target completion date
3.4	Training of lab technicians, O&M and testing reports	5	Planned for September 2024	January, 2023	September, 2024
5	Procure Consultant to prepare WQ Capacity building and awareness raising consultants and non-consulting services contracts	5	- TORs for consultant to develop e-learning modules under development	July, 2022	May 20, 2024
	Develop capacity building products (e-learning modules)	5	New		August 31, 2024
5.1.	Develop communication and awareness raising products - up to 10 (brochures, handbooks, Nile Basin, water quality sourcebook, media briefing on water quality pollution, monitoring)	5	Communication consultant is onboard (at inception stage)	February, 2022	December 15, 2024
6	Clarified roles for each center in coordination of activities and related procurement during implementation	5	Monthly meetings		ongoing
7	Update on countries to reflect commitment to allocate resources for upkeep of water quality equipment procured and installed under NCCR. Develop documentation of WQ equipment handover (sustainability plan, O&M manuals, etc.)	5	Ongoing through engagements Sustainability issues also discussed during handover of hydromet stations to countries (ongoing)		September 30, 2024
8.1	Development of NBI Data and Analytic Services platform	4	Prototype review workshop conducted. Further development is ongoing	April 2022	April 15, 2024
			DAS Rollout and Testing	New	November 30, 2024
			DAS Outreach and Dissemination	New	March 31, 2025
			DAS final development and submission	New	October 31, 2025

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SN	Activity	Thematic area	Status as of March 31, 2024	Original completion date	Target completion date
8.2	Specialist Individual Consultants - International/regional (e.g., data visualization, dashboard development, EO, modelling, subject matter) - 6 consultants.	4	Two assignments completed (socioeconomic and climate and meteorology reports) 4 individual consultants advertised and under evaluation (agricultures, environment, hydrology and hydraulics, geology and groundwater)	April 2022	June 30, 2024.
9	Needs assessment, review Conduct needs assessment and Awareness raising workshop (national) in DRC, South Sudan, Ethiopia, Rwanda, and Uganda on the NBI Data and Analytic Services Platform.	4	Completed except Sudan.	April 2022	
10	Young professional program attended by representatives of nine member states (one professional per country in three batches).	4	Batch 3 (Sudan, Tanzania, and Uganda) started on 16 March	April 2023	May 30, 2024.
11	Support periodic maintenance of NBI/IKP 2022-2023	4	IKP migration finalized successfully and launched as NBI website (Jan) IKP admins trained on the portal administration On board consultancy firm to support the maintenance of IKP (June 21, 2024).	Nov, 2025	October 31, 2025
			Integrate an AI (Chatbot) tool in the E-Library		October 31, 2024
12	Develop training modules and train NBI IT staff on maintenance of IKP and NBI-DAS	4	Java Script training conducted successfully (Nile-SEC, NELSAP, LVBC). Training of content editors on editing content in IKP	Apr, 2023	June 25, 2024.

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SN	Activity	Thematic area	Status as of March 31, 2024	Original completion date	Target completion date
13	On call support to member states on integrating EO in water resources management (on-the-job training for selected staff of national institutions applying/using NBI EO and other information products, such as river flow forecasts; computers/laptops/tablets, travel)	4	Regional training on QGIS conducted (January 22-26, 2024). Conduct 3 national workshops related to DAS, IKP, and NBRFFS based on the request from countries.	Apr, 2024	Dec 31, 2024
14	EUMETCAST - Development of Earth Observation information products specifications and piloting;	4	Procurement is at Contract negotiation stage	Apr, 2022	June 30, 2024
15	Enhance / refine Nile Basin River Flow Forecast Systems	4	Consultancy at proposal Evaluation stage	November, 2022	August 30, 2025
16	Prepare strategy/ conceptualisation of information services products, publicity, etc.	4	New		June 30, 2024

Financial Management Activities (Nile-SEC/LVBC/NBD)

SN	Activity	Status as of March 31, 2024	Original completion date	Target completion date
1	Nile-SEC IFR for quarter ending December 2021 - December 2022- documentation of costs in client connection pending	Partially done. Some staff contracts could not load in STEP.		30 June 2024
2	Consolidate and submit IFRs to World Bank	January-March 2024 April-June 2024 July-Sept 2024		14 May 2024 14 August 2024 14 November 2024
3	External Audit for FY 2023-24			Procurement of consultant to review NBI IPSAS Reporting framework to accommodate latest changes in IPSAS

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4	NBD IFRs October-December 2023	Completed		
5	NBD prepare and submit IFRs to NileSEC	January-March 2024 April-June 2024 July-Sept 2024		30 April 2024 30 July 2024 30 October 2024
6	NBD External Audit for FY 2023	On going		30 June 2024
7	LVBC External audit FY 2023-2024			31 December 2024
8	LVBC prepare and submit IFRs to NileSEC	January- March 2024 April-June 2024 July-Sept 2024		30 April 2024 30 July 2024 30 October 2024
9	Training of SMT, budget implementers on IFMIS (at NBI center level)	Training and update of SMT on IPSAS implementation carried out on Feb 24-25, 2024		30 April 2024
10	Task team meeting to review joint IPSAS /IFMIS action plan (NileSEC/NELSAP/ENTRO)	IPSAS/IFMIS action-plan for completion of implementation at the three NBI Centers finalized 15 March 2024		May 2024
11	Procurement of consultant to review NBI IPSAS Reporting framework to accommodate latest changes in IPSAS			May 2024
12	IPSAS review of operational manuals under review in preparation for submission to governance for approval	Nile TAC HR Special committee to validate HR manual NBI SMT and core team workshop to review the internal audit charter and policy manual Develop TORS for ICT policy manual consultant support Develop TORS for Procurement manual consultant support		April 2024 April 2024 April 2024 April 2024

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13	IPSAS/IFMIS project close out meeting (NileSEC/NELSAP/ENTRO)			September 2024
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Procurement (Nile-SEC)

SN	Activity	Thematic area	Status as of March 31, 2024	Original completion date	Target completion date
1.	Consultancy firm to enhance / refine Nile Basin River Flow Forecast Systems	4	Procurement process at Proposal evaluation.	Nov. 2022	April 20, 2024
2.	Procurement of a Technical Editor	1	ToR developed; procurement initiated.	May 2022	May 5, 2024
3.	Consultant to support development of the Journalists' online source book	1	At Evaluation stage.	February 2022	April 15, 2024
4.	Security Cameras		Receipt of bids closed on 26 th March 2024; At bid evaluation	Nov. 2023	April 18, 2024
5.	Procurement of an Audit/Risk Software (New)		At contracting stage	Nov. 2023	April 10, 2024
6.	Procurement of Solar Security Lighting (New)		Waiting receipt of bids closing date is on 16 th April 2024.	Nov. 2023	May 6, 2024
7.	Development of EO information products specifications (New)	4	Procurement is at Contract negotiation stage	April 2022	April 10, 2024
8.	NB-DAS Individual Consultant: Geological and Groundwater Data Scientist to support generation of outputs and information products for the Data and Analytic Services Platform (New)	4	At Evaluation stage.	April 2022	April 16. 2024
9.	NB-DAS Individual Consultant: Environmental Data Scientist to support generation of outputs and information products for the Data and Analytic Services Platform (New)	4	At Evaluation stage.	April 2022	April 16. 2024

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10	NB-DAS Individual Consultant: Hydrology, Hydraulic Structures, Elevation, Municipal and Urban waste impacts on water Data Scientist to support generation of outputs and information products for the Data and Analytic Services Platform (New)	4	At Evaluation stage.	April 2022	April 16. 2024
11.	NB-DAS Individual Consultant: Agricultural Data Scientist to support generation of outputs and information products for the Data and Analytic Services Platform (New)	4	At Evaluation stage.	April 2022	April 16. 2024
12	Procurement of an Individual Consultant to develop e-learning modules (New)	5	To be initiated	July 2022	May 15, 2024
13	External Audit for FY 2023-24		To be initiated	July 20, 2024	September 30, 2024
	Procurement of consultant to review NBI IPSAS Reporting framework to accommodate latest changes in IPSAS		To be initiated		

Safeguards (Nile-SEC)

SN	Activity	Status as of March 31, 2024	original completion date	Target completion date
1	Recruitment of environmental and a social consultant to support implementation	Inception phase completed. Remaining activities will happen during installation of equipment	November 2022	March, 2025
2	Preparation of trainings of NBI tasks team on ES safeguards	Completed 16-17 Nov 2023	January, 2023	Completed
3	Training of national task teams on ESS safeguards one day per country, at least 3 countries	To be carried out at start of installation. Consultant on board.	February 2023	November, 2024

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M&E (Nile-SEC)

SN	Activity	Status as of March 31, 2024	original completion date	Target completion date
1	Complete development of IKP M&E Module	Inception report submitted and discussed with the task team. Updated IR expected by 2 nd April 2024	April 2021	May 31, 2024

Gender (Nile-SEC)

SN	Activity	Status as of March 31, 2024	Original completion date	Target completion date
	Introductory training for NBI management staff	Introductory training for NBI management staff conducted in February 2023		Done
2.	Focal point assignment	Focal point, Dr Adanech, replaced Ms Maroushka, assumed responsibility in February 2024		Done
3.	NBI Gender Mainstreaming Policy and Strategy (2021) to be published and disseminated	Policy and strategy ready for layout design and publication		Done
4.	Separate NBI Gender Mainstreaming Policy and Strategy (2021) into two part			June 2024
5.	Graphics design and publication of the NBI Gender Mainstreaming Policy and Strategy.		September 2021	September 2024
6.	Published NBI Gender Mainstreaming Strategy dissemination			December 2024

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7.	Preparation of Implementation action plan of the NBI Gender Mainstreaming Policy and Strategy.			December 2024
8.	NBI Gender Mainstreaming Policy and Strategy Launching event			December 2024/February 2024 with Nile day celebration
9.	Gender sensitization training Nile-SEC staff			May 2024
10.	Gender mainstreaming training for Nile-SEC at institutional level and other regional organizations (i.e. NELSAP, ENTRO, LVBC and ENTRO) at regional level.			August 2024
11.	Hydro-diplomacy Training for Nile-SEC, NELSAP, ENTRO, LVBC and ENTRO female staffs			August 2024
12.	Gender mainstreaming in water sectors in Nile Basin countries. status baseline assessment study			June 2025
13.	Establish Women networks in the Nile basin and capacitate already established networks			June 2025
14.	Celebrate international women's day 2025 at regional level			March 2025
15.	Two Nile-SEC, ENTRO, NELSAP, LVBC and NBD female staff experience sharing and networking meetings			July 2024 And January 2025
16.	Half year evaluation meeting to evaluate implementation of gender activities at Nile-SEC and regional level			July 2024 And January 2025

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17.	Update of the stakeholder database			September 2024
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Component 2: Improving Mechanisms for Cooperation in the NEL Region (Lead: NELSAP-CU)

Component 3: Improving Mechanisms for Cooperation in the Eastern Nile (Lead: ENTRO)

SN	Activity	Thematic Area	Status as of March 31, 2024	Original Completion Date	Target Completion Date
	Flood and Drought				
1	WP 2: EN-FFEW enhancement and Flood Risk Mapping Task 2 – Flood Hazard Assessment and Flood Extent Mapping.	2	Ongoing. At draft final report review Stage.	April 2024	April 2024
2	WP2: EN-FFEW enhancement and Flood Risk Mapping (Task 3): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Flood Vulnerability Assessment Report Flood Vulnerability of the Flood Prone Communities - Data 	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ongoing, at model building stage 	New activity (not in the previous agreed action plan)	May 2024
3	WP2: EN-FFEW enhancement and Flood Risk Mapping (Task 4) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Flood Risk Assessment Report Flood Risk of the Flood Prone Communities – data Flood Impact Assessment Training Sessions Flood Impact Assessment Training Report	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ongoing, at model building stage 	New activity (not in the previous agreed action plan)	June 2024
4	WP3: Support in Establishing Flood Community Awareness and Preparedness. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Workshop: User- design/ Preplanning/ Inception physical 	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> At preparation Stage (CN Prepared and approved, invitation sent out). 	February 2024	April 4-5, 2024

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5	<p>WP3: Support in Establishing Flood Community Awareness and Preparedness.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Task 1.1 Flood Management Strategies for the flood prone communities Report Task 1.2 Community specific flood action bulletin. 	2	Ongoing. At inception Stage.	May 2024	July 2024
6	<p>WP3: Support in Establishing Flood Community Awareness and Preparedness.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Task 2.1 Community Flood Preparedness Workshops at the flood prone communities' sites. 	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Not started 	New activity (not in the previous agreed action plan)	July 2024
7	<p>WP3- Validation and dissemination workshops on developed flood management strategies, flood Community awareness and preparedness plan, Community-specific flood action for sustainability & high usability of the project.</p>	2	Not started	New activity (not in the previous agreed action plan)	July 2024
8	<p>WP3: Support in Establishing Flood Community Awareness and Preparedness.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Task 2.2 Flood Community awareness and preparedness plan Report. 	2	Not started	New activity (not in the previous agreed action plan)	August 2024
9	<p>WP3: Support in Establishing Flood Community Awareness and Preparedness.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Task 3.1 Implementation plan Report 	2	Not started	New activity (not in the previous agreed action plan)	September 2024
10	<p>WP3: Support in Establishing Flood Community Awareness and Preparedness.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Task 4.1 Flood Protection Report 	2	Not Started	New Activity (not in the previous agreed action plan)	November 2024
11	<p>WP3: Support in Establishing Flood Community Awareness and Preparedness.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Task 5.1 National Flood Preparedness Training Sessions Workshop 	2	Not Started	New Activity (not in the previous agreed action plan)	October 2024
12	<p>WP3: Support in Establishing Flood Community Awareness and Preparedness.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Task 5.2 Flood Preparedness Capacity Building Report 	2	Not Started	New Activity (not in the previous agreed action plan)	December 2024
13	<p>Community level awareness training with NBD (3 days; 25 people): Ethiopia</p>	2	<p>Planning stage. Community level awareness training.</p>	December 2023	April 2024.

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14	Tana and Gambela flood plain areas field visit (institutional and community consultation) Ethiopia.	2	Planning stage, Community level (flood managers) awareness training.	February 2024	April 2024.
15	Producing and issuing June-September 2024 flood forecast for the EN flood prone areas using the enhanced EN-FFEWS and providing capacity building training to the regular National FFC staff interns at ENTRO.	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Not started 	New Activity (not in the previous agreed action plan)	June- September 2024
16	Draft Version 1 of Nile DEWS technical components (reports, programs, and software) inclusive of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hydrological modelling Surface water body identification and change detection. Meteorological and agricultural drought monitoring and forecasting Data systems for production of DEWS components above. Data systems for information sharing / user engagement.	2	Has started on as of Nov 1, 2023. At data collection and Model building Stage.	August 2024	August 2024
17	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Conduct DEWS consultation and validation workshops at regional level (End user training at regional level will be conduct): 20 participants; 2 days 	2	Not started	New Activity (not in the previous agreed action plan)	September 2024
18	Experience Exchange Visits and participate in conferences.	2	Planning stage	Ongoing.	May 2024
	Dam Safety Capacity Building				
19	Dam Safety Training Centre Study: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Update and finalization of training needs assessment. 	3	Ongoing, currently at the final report preparation stage.	April 2024	April 2024
20	Dam Safety Training Centre Study: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Design and outline of Dam Safety Training Curriculum 	3	Started. At initial Stage.	New Activity (not in the previous agreed action plan)	April 2024

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21	Dam Safety Training Centre Study: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Design and outline of framework to engage prospective strategic partners. 	3	Started. At initial Stage.	New Activity (not in the previous agreed action plan)	April 2024
22	Dam Safety Training Centre Study: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stakeholders' consultation and review workshop-2 	3	Not started	New Activity (not in the previous agreed action plan)	August 2024
23	Dam Safety Training Centre Study: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consultation workshop with strategic partners to review curriculum and framework to engage partners and outline of modules. 	3	Not started.	New Activity (not in the previous agreed action plan)	July 2024
24	Dam Safety Training Centre Study: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Procurement of four individual dam safety experts (structural/concrete dam expert/geotechnical and instrumentation expert/hydrologist and seismic expert to develop detail training modules and to give pilot training 	3	Not started	New Activity	August 2024
25	Dam Safety Training Centre: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Detail design of training Modules. 	3	Not started.	New Activity (not in the previous agreed action plan)	August 2024
26	Dam Safety Training Centre: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Design and Outline of Institutional Framework 	3	Under review and need assessment work.	New Activity (not in the previous agreed action plan)	September 2024
27	Basin wide Reference Dam Safety Regulatory Framework and Implementation Strategy to Support Member States in Developing their own National Framework. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reference Regulatory Framework 	3	The draft final report of the development of the dam safety Regulatory Framework and institutional assessment was completed. 1 st draft basin-wide reference regulatory were submitted.	June 2023	May 2024.

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28	Basin wide Reference Dam Safety Regulatory Framework and Implementation Strategy to Support Member States in Developing their own National Framework. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reference Guidelines 	3	Ongoing. Draft Guideline at the final stage.	June 2023	June 2024
29	Basin wide Reference Dam Safety Regulatory Framework and Implementation Strategy to Support Member States in Developing their own National Framework. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Implementation strategy 	3	Initial Implementation Strategy Outlined.	June 2023	August 2024
	Platform for Cooperation				
30	Running the 8 th NCCR batch of the internship	1	Ongoing since 1 st of March 2024	New Activity (not in the previous agreed action plan)	May 2024
31	Field Visit and Training for 8 th NCCR Internship Batch	1	CN Prepared.	New Activity (not in the previous agreed action plan)	May 2024
32	Advertise, Evaluate, Award, and Contract the 9 th NCCR Internship Batch of interns (3 interns)	1	Not Started	New Activity (not in the previous agreed action plan)	June 2024
33	Running the 9 th NCCR batch of the internship	1	Not Started	New Activity (not in the previous agreed action plan)	September 2024
34	Produce ENTRO Communication Materials (flyers, brochures, etc.).	1	Regularly activity	Regular Activity	September 2024
35	Country Specific Benefits of Cooperation Booklets (ENTRO); Publishing and disseminating to stakeholders.	1	At Content gathering stage.	Regular Activity	July 2024.
36	Communicating benefits of Nile cooperation and risks of non-cooperation (ENTRO) (Nile flow and Banner).	1	Regularly Activity.	Regular Activity	August 2024.

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37	Publish Annual Corporate Reports	1	Regularly Activity.	Regular Activity	September 2024
38	Gender mainstreaming training	1	Not started	New activity (2nd round of training). (not in the previous agreed action plan)	September 2024
39	Media training	1	Not started	New Activity (3 rd round of training). (not in the previous agreed action plan)	September 2024
40	NBI participation in National Water Week (NWW)	1	Not started	Regularly to be done	September 2024
	Information and Data Services				
41	Procurement of 3 rd Round of IT equipment	4	3 rd round of IT equipment at bid document preparation stage.	New Activity	July 2024
42	Extension of Cloud Infrastructure service licenses	4	July-September service license payment effected. The payment is by rotation with the NBI Centres.	Regularly to be done	Next payment by ENTRO will be April - June 2024 to be paid in July 2024
43	IT team Training	4	Under preparation	Ongoing	June 2024
44	IT inhouse Capacity Building for Technical Staff	4	Not Started. Planned.	Ongoing	August 2024
45	Mike Operations and other Software and License Renewal	4	Mike Operation (MO) works properly and to be updated when the MO Software getting updates.	Regularly Activity	Regularly to be done.
46	Improvement of the IKP/IKP website components.	4	At improvement stage with other Centers.	Regularly to be done	Regularly to be done.

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47	Water Resources Planning Tools and Models development; Packaging of data and information; Service for Irrigation, climate, water use, etc. development (Firm consultant).	4	At Financial Opening Stage.	Ongoing Activity	Consultant will be on board in the April 2024.
48	Consultation (Inception) workshops at regional level on WRP models and tools development.	4	Not started.	Ongoing Activity	June 2024.
49	Finalizing the TOR for the development of Water-Smart irrigation Implementation.	4	TOR preparation at final stage.	Ongoing Activity	April 2024.
50	Procurement of consulting Firm for Water-Smart Irrigation Implementation.	4	At TOR preparation stage.	Ongoing Activity	June 2024.
51	Mobilizing of Consulting Firm for Water-Smart Irrigation Implementation.	4	CN preparation completed. TOR preparation at final Stage.	Ongoing Activity	July 2024.
52	Regional stakeholders Consultation (Inception) meetings on Smart Irrigation Assessment.	4	No started	Ongoing Activity	January 2025

Financial Management Activities (ENTRO)

Annex 2: Agreed Action Plan (April 2024-September 2024)

SN	Activity	Status as of March 31, 2024	Original Completion Date	Target Completion date
1	Submit initial IFR to request initial advance of six-month requirement based on approved work plan and budget.	IFRs report submission is an ongoing activity and last cleared were for April – June 2023. The Jul-Sept 2023 submission date will be 45 days after the end of quarter.	Ongoing and regularly to be done	January – March 2024, April – June 2024 and July – Sept 2024. Deadline for submission 45 days after quarter end.
2	External Audit for FY Jul 2023 to June 2024	To start preparation and engagement with external auditor to carry the audit for FY Jul 23 – June 24 and the deadline for submission December 31, 2024	Ongoing and Regular Activity. Will be started in September 2024.	December 31, 2024.
3	Resources person to support ENTRO for IPSAS 1 st adoption	To hire resource person to for 5 days to support the arrangements to generate and prepare 1 st of IPSAS financial statements.	Ongoing	September 2024
4	IPSAS Training for IPSAS Team	IPSAS continuation capacity building for IPSAS team finance and audit,	Ongoing	August 2024
4	IFMIS Consultant to provide an advanced training on the Nav tools and functions	On the job training for procurement team, HR, Administration, IT and PCs for online approvals and planning.	Ongoing	May 2024

Annex 1: Status of Action Plan

Issues	Agreed Actions	By Whom	Due Date	Current Status
Covenants	Quarterly IFRs: Submit IFR for quarter ended on September 30, 2023 on or before the due date of the financing agreement by addressing issues of earlier IFR review (June 30, 2023);	ENTRO	Nov. 15, 2023	The last submission was Oct-Dec 2023 and its cleared Feb 02, 2024. The coming will be Jan-March 2024

Annex 2: Agreed Action Plan (April 2024-September 2024)

Issues	Agreed Actions	By Whom	Due Date	Current Status
	<p>External Audit:</p> <p>(a) Ensure that Website of ENTRO is active or disclose NCCR audit report on website of the NBI & notify Bank;</p> <p>(b) Submit audit report for year ended June 30, 2023</p>	ENTRO	<p>a) Annually</p> <p>b) December 31, 2023</p>	<p>a) Ongoing</p> <p>b) External Audit Report Submitted before the deadline Dec 31, 2023 and cleared by Governance December 23, 2023, as well as the Bank on 31st January 2024.</p>
Budget	<p>Ensure that project budget is endorsed by the governance body, ENCOM in the next meeting</p>	ENTRO	December 2023	<p>The AWPB for the year Jul 2023 to June 30, 2024, initial approval given in Jul 2023 as meeting is difficult due to War in Sudan and the final was approved by ENTRO governance in its physical meeting no.37 on 21 & 22 December 2023.</p>
WA Application	<p>Ensure that WA uploaded to seek advance of USD 1,310,942 as per approval of cash forecast of IFR of the quarter ended June 30, 2023 is completed on client connection in consultation with the Bank disbursement unit.</p>	ENTRO	November 15, 2023	<p>Done and advance has been receive by ENTRO</p>
Budget Utilization	<p>a) Improve implementation or budget utilization</p> <p>b) Provide explanation for variances of over or under 10%</p>	ENTRO	a) Ongoing during	<p>a) It was improved in the overall and currently all contractual issues maintained and signed.</p>

Annex 2: Agreed Action Plan (April 2024-September 2024)

Issues	Agreed Actions	By Whom	Due Date	Current Status
	c)		implementation b) Quarterly on IFRs	b) All funds allocated under commitments except for smart irrigation and few IT items.

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Procurement (ENTRO)

SN	Activity	Status as of March 31, 2024	Original Completion Date	Target Completion date
1	Recruitment of Consulting Firm for Water Smart Irrigation.	Not started.	Ongoing Activity	June 2024
2	Use KPI-based procurement performance measurement and monitoring system.	Regularly to be done	Regular Activity	Prepared. Regularly to be updated. September 2024.
5	Internal audit should carry out procurement audits and the World Bank will conduct regular post-review.	The 3 rd quarter of 23/24 audit Started. 4 th Quarter of 2023/2024 and 1 st Quarter Of 2024/2025 will be completed.	Regular Activity	August 15, 2024, the 4 th Quarter of 2023/2024 Audit will be Completed. 1st Quarter of 2024/2025 Audit would be started.
6	Upload post-review data in STEP as soon as procurement transaction takes place.	It is done as planned	Regular Activity	Regularly to be done.
7	Recruitment of Firm level Consultant for Water Resources Planning Tools and Models development	At Financial Proposal Opening Stage.	Ongoing	April 2024
8	Procurement of Remaining IT equipment	Not started	Ongoing, 3 rd round of Procurement	July 2024

M&E (ENTRO)

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SN	Activity	Status as of March 31, 2024	Original Completion Date	Target Completion Date
1	Develop joint reporting system to report NCCR results in the IKP.	IKP components are under updating under the Coordination of Nile Sec. It is expected that M&E Components of IKP will be functional soon after the completion of update. M&E team will use the updated M&E component of IKP for joint reporting.	Ongoing	May 2024.
2	Participate in M&E coordination meeting	M&E Coordination meeting was conducted in February 2023 in Kenya. It is planned to participate in the future planned M&E Coordination Meeting.	Regular Activity	May 2024
3	Conduct evaluation survey of NCCR events	Survey conducted for events organized so far	Regular Activity	To be conducted when NCCR events organized
4	Capacity building training on the Result based M & E system (RBM&E)	Not Started	New Activity	July 2024

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Component 4. Water Quality in the Lake Victoria Sub-basin (Lead: LVBC)

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SN	Activity	Thematic area	Status as of March 31, 2024	Original Completion Date	Target completion date
1	Procurement of IT equipment and furniture.	5	In progress	April 30,2024	May 31,2024
2	Reviewing of the LVBC action plan for Gender mainstreaming strategy	5	Planned	May 30, 2024	June 30, 2024
3	Consultancy services to conduct the external audit for the Policy harmonization sub-component for LVBC	5	planned	November 30, 2024	December 30, 2024
4	Finalisation of the approval process for draft final harmonized policy on WQM and draft final WQM Strategy & Action	5	Planned	September 30, 2024	November 30,2024
5	Work session to prepare Policy brief note for WQM policy and strategy.	5	planned	September 30,2024	November 30,2024

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Component 5: Enhancing stakeholder engagement in the Nile Basin (Lead: NBD)

SN	Activity	Thematic Area	Status as of March 2024	Activity Type	Originally agreed Completion Date	Target Completion date
1	Participating at the (i) development of the flood management strategies and (ii) Flood Mitigation Plan for the flood prone communities.	2	Awaiting the Strategy and Plan from ENTRO/NELSAP	Incomplete activity from previous action plan	In line with ENTRO/NELSAP timeline.	In line with ENTRO/NELSAP timeline
2	Planning and mobilizing identified Riverine flood prone communities in the identified countries for upcoming meetings.	2	NBD submitted concept note & budget	Incomplete activity from previous action plan	February 2024	June 2024
3	Planning and organizing meetings of identified Riverine flood prone communities to create awareness.	2	NBD submitted concept note & budget	Incomplete activity from previous action plan	February 2024	June 2024
4	Planning, mobilizing, and conducting basin-wide drought prone grassroots communities to enable ENTRO collect primary data and interact with grassroots communities.	2	Not yet done	Incomplete activity from previous action plan	In line with ENTRO timeline	October 2024

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5	NBD to participate in Technical Working Group workshops to disseminate FFEWS and field visits to identify investment options	2	A dissemination workshop completed	Emerging from MTR discussions	In line with NELSAP timeline	July 2024
6	NBD to mobilize grassroots communities in Water Quality Hotspot areas to enable NELSAP collect data from the field. NBD to participate in the Regional Workshops on Water Quality.	4	Field visit for Rwanda completed	Emerging from MTR discussions	December 2023	June 2024
7	NBD participates to leverage on Council of Ministers and Technical Advisory Committee platforms, Nile Day and decision-making by the Nile-COMs and Nile-TACs for 2023/2024	1	Completed for 2023	Incomplete activity from previous action plan	February 2024	August 2024
8	NBD participating and providing expertise in NCCR Project-related steering committee meetings.	1	Completed for 2023	Incomplete activity from previous action plan	February 2024	June 2024
9	Up scaling the pilot Internship programme into the 10 Nile Basin Countries.	1	ToRs developed; CVs collected	Emerging from the MTR discussions	April 2024	August 2024
10	Preparation for the New Project			Emerging		June 2024

Procurement (NBD)

SN	Activity	Status as of March 2024	Activity type	Originally agreed Completion Date	Target Completion date
1	10 National Technical Support Experts for the 10 National Discourse Forum	Not yet done	Incomplete activity from previous action plan	March 2024	June 2024

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2	Recruitment of Communication Officer	Not yet done	Emerging from MTR discussion	March 2024	July 2024
3	Recruitment of Regional Manager	Completed	Emerging from MTR discussion	February 2024	Completed
4	External Auditor	Procurement completed	New activity	April 2024	May 2024

M&E (NBD)

SN	Activity	Status as of March 2024	Activity type	Originally agreed Completion date	Target Completion date
1	IR Indicator 3. Number of fit-for-purpose networks created or Strengthened (3 Grassroots Women Networks in the cluster 2 countries created)	Completed		Completed	Completed
2	IR Indicator 6. Number of community level stakeholders consulted for usability of flood warning notifications. (Number of women, number of FCV)	323 community level stakeholders consulted in Ethiopia, Sudan, Tanzania, Uganda, Rwanda, Kenya, Burundi, & South Sudan for usability of flood warning notifications. -173 (54%) Women -186 from FCV (Ethiopia, Sudan, S. Sudan)	Incomplete activity from previous action plan	In line with ENTRO/NELSAP timelines	October 2024
3	Preparing quarterly, semi-annual & annual M&E reports on the two IR indicators	-6 Quarterly M&E reports completed -4 Semi-annual & 2 annual M&E reports completed. -3 Quarterly and 1 semi-annual report	Incomplete activity from previous action plan	March 2024	April 2024
4	Project completion report for NBD - led activities	Not yet started	Incomplete activity from previous action plan	November 2025	November 2025

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Gender (NBD)

SN	Activity	Status as of March 2024	Activity type	Originally agreed completion date	Target Completion date
1	Awareness raising and Leadership training (capacity building) to strengthen & sustain National Nile Women Networks	Training completed for Egypt, Kenya, Rwanda; Preparations on going for the rest	Emerging from MTR discussion	March 2024	April 2024
2	Regional Nile Women’s Network Workshop to discuss progress & sustainability of the Network, experience sharing, synergy with partners, and emerging issues on Water and Gender	Not yet started	Emerging from MTR discussion	April 2024	February 2025

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PDO Indicators by Objectives / Outcomes

To improve mechanisms for cooperation on water resources management & development in the Nile Basin				
▶ Number of joint governance decisions informed by results from project supported activities (Number, Custom)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	4.00	4.00	10.00
Date	26-Feb-2021	29-Nov-2023	24-May-2024	28-Nov-2025
Comments:	<p>The following joint decisions are approved by the Council of Ministers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NBI Capacity Building Strategy approved • NBI Gender Mainstreaming Strategy approved • Water Quality Hotspot investment prioritization methodology approved • 2 of 4 water quality hotspots selected for investment planning and prioritization (1 in Ethiopia and 1 in Tanzania) 			
▶ Percentage of users of mechanisms for cooperation on water resources management and development, who rate them as “satisfactory” or higher (Percentage, Custom)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	95.50	97.00	80.00
Date	26-Feb-2021	29-Nov-2023	24-May-2024	28-Nov-2025
Comments:	<p>This value is a <i>cumulative</i> aggregation of percent satisfaction. The sample size in the first (previous) ISR was very small – 40 people. There is some true mean that would result from measuring every possible person but through sampling a very small subset of people it is similarly likely to measure a wide range of values. Therefore in the previous ISR, a very small sampling for a satisfaction survey cannot be expected to be highly interpretable, and hence the value of 91.6 was much higher than the interim target (70). However as sampling continues during the project the central tendency will move closer and closer to the true value.</p> <p>The current value (95.5%) is an average from surveys of 712 people from 23 different convenings and trainings on the tools and services that mechanisms for cooperation through the project.</p>			

Intermediate Results Indicators by Components

Component 1: Advancing Nile Basin-Wide Cooperation				
▶ Number of people trained (Number, Custom)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	933.00	1687.00	900.00
Date	26-Feb-2021	29-Nov-2023	24-May-2024	28-Nov-2025
number of women (Number, Custom Breakdown)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	117.00	332.00	225.00

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Date	26-Feb-2021	29-Nov-2023	24-May-2024	28-Nov-2025
Number from fragile or conflict affected situations (Number, Custom Breakdown)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	387.00	992.00	225.00
Date	26-Feb-2021	29-Nov-2023	24-May-2024	28-Nov-2025
▶ Number of fit-for-purpose networks created or strengthened. (Number, Custom)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	19.00	19.00	10.00
Date	26-Feb-2021	29-Nov-2023	24-May-2024	28-Nov-2025
▶ Number of stakeholders directly supported on applications of the Nile Basin Data Analytics Services (Number, Custom)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	346.00	596.00	200.00
Date	26-Feb-2021	29-Nov-2023	24-May-2024	28-Nov-2025
▶ Number of mechanisms for cooperation improved with open platform public data products (Number, Custom)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	1.00	1.00	4.00
Date	26-Feb-2021	29-Nov-2023	24-May-2024	28-Nov-2025
Component 2: Improving Mechanisms for Cooperation in the NEL Region				
▶ Number of new or improved dam safety units (Text, Custom)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	5 dam safety units exist in Nile Basin countries	5 existing DSU's are improved (Ethiopia, Kenya, Sudan, Tanzania Uganda) 1 new DSU established (DRC)	5 existing DSU's are improved (Ethiopia, Kenya, Sudan, Tanzania Uganda) 1 new DSU established (DRC)	4 new dam safety unit are established. 5 dam safety units are improved
Date	26-Feb-2021	29-Nov-2023	24-May-2024	28-Nov-2025
▶ Mechanisms for increasing equivalence in regional dam safety management developed (Text, Custom)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	None	None	None	Mechanisms for increasing equivalence in regional dam safety management developed.

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Date	26-Feb-2021	29-Nov-2022	24-May-2023	28-Jan-2025
► Number of Water Quality Hotspots where investment prioritization is supported by stakeholder dialogue and relevant analysis (Text, Custom)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	Water Quality Hotspot investment prioritization criteria/methodology approved by COM (target 1). Two water quality hotspot selected in the eastern Nile for investment planning and prioritization (1 in Gilgel Abbay, Ethiopia and 1 in Lake Victoria, Tanzania) (target 2).	Water Quality Hotspot investment prioritization criteria/methodology approved by COM (target 1). Two water quality hotspot selected in the eastern Nile for investment planning and prioritization (1 in Gilgel Abbay, Ethiopia and 1 in Lake Victoria, Tanzania) (target 2).	4 Water Quality Hotspots for which investment prioritization is supported by stakeholder dialogue and multi-criteria analysis
Date	26-Feb-2021	29-Nov-2023	24-May-2024	28-Nov-2025
Component 3: Improving Mechanisms for Cooperation in the Eastern Nile				
► Enhanced flood and drought information available in the public domain (Text, Custom)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	none	Mapping of riverine flood prone areas in the Nile Basin completed for 1 of 9 locations (target #1) - Malakal South Sudan. Flash flood assessment done for the Nile Basin and hotspot/prone areas map and report prepared for 4 of 9 locations (ET, TZ, UG, SD) (target 2).	Mapping of riverine flood prone areas in the Nile Basin completed for 1 of 9 locations (target #1) - Malakal South Sudan. Flash flood assessment done for the Nile Basin and hotspot/prone areas map and report prepared for 4 of 9 locations (ET, TZ, UG, SD) (target 2). Mapping of riverine flood prone areas in the EN selected flood prone areas is 75% completed.	Enhanced flood and drought information available in the public domain - y/n
Date	26-Feb-2021	29-Nov-2023	24-May-2024	28-Nov-2025
► Number of institutions consulted to enhance or monitor usability of flood related information (Number, Custom)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	3.00	15.00	20.00
Date	26-Feb-2021	29-Nov-2023	24-May-2024	28-Nov-2025
► Total number of interns/Young Professional (Number, Custom)				

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	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	19.00	44.00	48.00
Date	26-Feb-2021	29-Nov-2023	24-May-2024	28-Jan-2025
number of women (Number, Custom Breakdown)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	7.00	30.00	15.00
Date	26-Feb-2021	29-Nov-2023	24-May-2024	28-Nov-2025
number from Fragile and Conflict affected Situations (Number, Custom Breakdown)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	14.00	39.00	24.00
Date	26-Feb-2021	29-Nov-2023	24-May-2024	28-Nov-2025
Component 4: Water Quality in the Lake Victoria Sub-Basin				
▶ Number of Instruments developed to guide/govern water quality investment planning in the Lake Victoria Basin/NEL region (Text, Custom)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	zero	1 WQ hotspot identified in the EN for conducting MCA.	One draft regional harmonised policy	2 instruments: (i) A draft harmonized policy on water quality management, and (ii) a Water Quality Management Strategy & Action Plan draft; all prepared in consultation with EAC Partner States and DRC.
Date	26-Feb-2021	29-Nov-2023	24-May-2024	28-Nov-2025
Component 5: Enhancing stakeholder engagement in the Nile Basin				
▶ Number of community level stakeholders consulted for usability of flood warning notifications (Number, Custom)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	390.00	959.00	750.00
Date	26-Feb-2021	29-Nov-2023	24-May-2024	28-Nov-2025
number of women (Number, Custom Breakdown)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	140.00	499.00	300.00

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Date	26-Feb-2021	29-Nov-2022	24-May-2023	28-Nov-2025
number from fragile or conflict affected situations (Number, Custom Breakdown)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	144.00	607.00	300.00
Date	26-Feb-2021	29-Nov-2022	24-May-2023	28-Nov-2025