

INFORMATION NOTE ON Gum Arabic/Aloe/Honey – A project for the development of sustainable environment in Karamoja region.

- 1. The Project:** Gum Arabic/aloe/Honey
- 2. Implementing Entity:** MTIC with other Partners constituting of districts in Karamoja region
- 3. Duration:** 3 Years.
- 4. Total Cost:** \$2-3 million
- 5. EIF Funding Sought: Total:** \$2-3 million
- 6. Other Sources of Funding:** in kind by GoU.
- 7. Objective of the Project:** To address the socio-ecological concerns of the Karamoja region using trade as a medium
- 8. Specific Objectives:**
 - I. To increase vegetation cover with selected species
 - II. To sustainably promote the production of the three value chains thus aloe, honey and gum Arabic
 - III. To increase household incomes through trade
 - IV. To establish and strengthen groups

The project targets to work with local cooperative-style groups in the area to promote the involvement of local people at household level to engage in the sustainable exploitation of forest resources in the Karamoja dry lands so as to reverse the land degradation of the region and get the products into the trading chain. The project will involve activities such as planting of acacia trees (the source of gum Arabic), aloe and other tree species that will provide fuel for both processing of aloe and to the community as wood fuel, training in the management of the three value chains and wild species of the aloe and acacia, production techniques, provision of seed money for production and marketing; provision of trade information and facilitating access to markets. In addition, the project envisions supporting the establishment of processing facilities linked to the three value chains

TRACE COMMENTS

TRACE SECRETARIATE believes the proposal is in line with the EIF and GoU objectives and although its only honey linked directly in the DTIS, there is overwhelming evidence about the effects of economic activity on the environment resulting into desertification. This proposals looks into addressing such effects and reversing the environmental degradation

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