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ACRONYMS

ACC	Agriculture Coordination Committee
AML	Arcelor Mittal Liberia
ASNAPP	Agribusiness in Sustainable African Plant Products
AYP	Advancing Youth Program
BCC	Behavior Change and Communications
BOTPAL	Botanical Products Association of Liberia
CA	Community Assembly
CDWG	Curriculum Development Working Group
CFDC	Community Forestry Development Committee
CFMA	Community Forest Management Agreement
CFO	County Forestry Officer
CI	Conservation International
CJPS	Center for Justice and Peace Studies
CM	Community Mobilizers
COA	Communications Outreach Advisor
CRL	Community Rights Law
CSO	Civil Society Organizations
dTS	Development and Training Services
EMMP	Environmental Management and Mitigation Plan
ENNR	East Nimba Nature Reserve
ETD	Environmental Threshold Decision
EPA	Environmental Protection Agency
FDA	Forestry Development Authority
FED	Food and Enterprise Development Project
FEWG	Forestry Education Working Group
FFI	Fauna and Flora International
FTI	Forestry Training Institute
GIO	Gender Integration Officer
GoL	Government of Liberia
IEE	Initial Environmental Examination
IRD	International Relief and Development
LA	Livelihoods Advisor
L/LEDA	Leader, Livelihoods and Enterprise Development Activities
L/EDOA	Leader, Educational Development and Outreach Activities
LFSP	Liberia Forest Support Program
L-MEP	Liberia Monitoring and Evaluation Program
LRCFP	Land Rights and Community Forestry Program
LTP	Liberia Teacher Training Program
MES	Monitoring and Evaluation Specialist
MoE	Ministry of Education
NAEAL	National Adult Education Association of Liberia

NBST	National Benefit Sharing Trust
NNBSG	Northern Nimba Biodiversity Stakeholders Group
NTFP	Non Timber Forest Product
ODA	Organizational Development Specialist
PES	Payment for Environmental Services
PROSPER	People, Rules and Organizations Supporting the Protection of Ecosystem Resources
USAID	United States Agency for International Development

INTRODUCTION

To build on previous investments in the forestry and agricultural sectors, particularly the Land Rights and Community Forestry Program (2007-2011) and the Liberia Forestry Support Program (2011-2012), USAID contracted Tetra Tech ARD in May 2012 to implement a new, five-year program (2012-2017) entitled People, Rules and Organizations Supporting the Protection of Ecosystem Resources (PROSPER). The overall goal of the program is to introduce, operationalize, and refine appropriate models for community management of forest resources for local self-governance and enterprise development in targeted areas of the country. The three primary objectives of the program are:

- 1) Expand educational and institutional capacity to improve environmental awareness, natural resource management, biodiversity conservation, and environmental compliance;
- 2) Improve community-based forest management leading to more sustainable practices and reduced threats to biodiversity in target areas;
- 3) Enhance community-based livelihoods derived from sustainable forest-based and agriculture-based enterprises in target areas.

This sixth quarterly report presents the activities undertaken and results obtained during the first quarter of fiscal year 2014 (FY14) which covers October 1 through December 31, 2013. Individual monthly progress reports were also prepared for USAID.

The October to December period marked the beginning of PROSPER's second year of implementation. Despite the protracted rainy season, activities continued apace. This report summarizes the accomplishments for the period measured against the Annual Work Plan.

Summary and Highlights:

Component 1 activities in this quarter focused on two major activities: documentation of the "Make Community Forestry Rights Real" campaign and documentation of deliverables. Efforts to develop and finalize the 72 environmental education lesson plans continued throughout the quarter. It is anticipated that the curriculum will be finalized and packaged in the next quarter. "Lessons Learned" workshops were held in all of the areas where the "Make Community Forest Rights Real" campaign was conducted, and involved all stakeholders who participated in the first annual outreach campaign. Tetra Tech ARD's Communications Specialist facilitated two behavior change communication capacity-building activities for the CFWG/FDA on behalf of PROSPER: a Behavior Change Communication (BCC) Workshop for the Design of the 2nd Annual Outreach Campaign on community forestry, and a film editing workshop. Fifteen members of the Community Forest Working Group (CFWG), including individuals from government, civil society organizations and PROSPER staff, participated in the workshops. Lastly, a three-day Community Forestry Curriculum and Teacher Training Review Workshop was held at the FTI in November. The faculty were also provided with a review of participatory teaching methodologies and were oriented in the use of the FTI website and database developed with the support of PROSPER.

Despite a long rainy season, Component 2 field activities continued at all field sites. Highlights in northern Nimba included: negotiations between Arcelor Mittal (AML) and the CFMB that resulted in the recognition of community ownership rights to forest resources that will be removed as a result of AML operations. Community Assembly elections and CFMB appointments proceeded, and communities were represented at the tripartite meeting on the Nimba Mountain range. In the new areas, forest management organizing committees and Community Awareness Teams were organized and mobilized to promote community forestry in the PROSPER target communities. At the national level, PROSPER developed three policy briefs and presented these to stakeholders at a one day workshop in addition to supporting several presenters at a regional Forest Governance meeting. Work with the Community Forest Working Group continued apace with planning for outreach activities in CF applicant communities outside of the PROSPER area.

Component 3 activities during the first quarter of FY14 included ongoing delivery of farmer field school sessions to 275 participants at 11 sites. *Griffonia* monitoring began, using plots established in the previous quarter. The PROSPER-supported cassava and oil palm processing groups (CPGs and CPOPs) in Northern Nimba had limited business due to the rainy season. Sector assessments for cocoa and oil palm as well as charcoal and bushmeat were completed, the results for which will be documented in the next quarter. Most importantly, during the quarter, significant discussions within the PROSPER team and between PROSPER and USAID were held concerning the overall strategy for this component, the relevance of current activities, and proposed reorientations for FY14, all of which is now reflected in the 2014 Annual Work Plan.

Deliverables Summary:

Thirteen deliverables were submitted and either approved or returned to PROSPER for revisions during the reporting period. A list of the deliverables approved during the quarter, or submitted and awaiting approval are provided in the table below (updated as of Jan 7, 2014). This information is similarly presented in the Appendices.

Deliverable	Original Due Date	Status
Sector surveys and analyses for NTFP (#2a)	November 2012	Submitted and approved in December 2013
Sector surveys and analyses for selected forestry and agricultural value chains – non-NTFP (#2b)	November 2012	Submitted in December 2013; awaiting USAID feedback
Environmental curriculum materials field tested with MOE staff, other USAID implementing partners, teachers and primary school students in schools in target areas (#3)	May 2013	Submitted in December 2013; under revision by PROSPER
Public outreach and awareness building approaches field-tested with relevant GOL agencies, target communities, and other identified stakeholders (#5)	May 2013	Submitted and approved in December 2013
Community Forestry Curriculum report on elements for inclusion in curriculum and teacher training assessment for FTI (#7)	May 2013	Submitted and Approved
FTI Community Forestry Curriculum completed (#8)	May 2014	Submitted and Approved
Series of brochures, radio programs, community theater and video products developed to educate the Liberian public in community forest development, land tenure and property rights, and environmental awareness (#11a)		Submitted in December 2013; under revision by PROSPER
Biodiversity Monitoring Handbook (#13)	July 2013	Approved in December 2013
Legal Analysis (#15a)	May 2013	Submitted to USAID for approval
Curriculum Development Working Group (CDWG) constituted (#25)	June 2012	Submitted in December and under revision by PROSPER
Year-1 Education Review Workshop (#27)	May 2013	Submitted in December and under revision by PROSPER
Report on first outreach campaign launched (#28)	November 2012	Submitted to USAID for approval
Three policy briefs developed in collaboration with Community Forestry Right Forum (#29)	May 2013	Submitted to USAID for approval

MANAGEMENT ACTIVITIES

Staffing:

Significant staffing changes were announced during the period, including the departure of both the Chief of Party and Deputy Chief of Party. Chief of Party, Steve Reid will return to the Tetra Tech ARD home office in early January and will be replaced temporarily by the current deputy Chief of Party, Vaneska Litz. Ms. Litz will be leaving the PROSPER program in early February 2014. Her replacement is currently being recruited by the Tetra Tech home office through a rigorous international search process.

With the approval of the COR, it has been agreed that the COP will lead Component 2 activities while the incoming DCOP will assume many of the administrative and management tasks formerly assumed by the COP. Accordingly, Tetra Tech has recruited, and USAID has approved, Mr. Paul Meadows to serve as Deputy Chief of Party. Mr. Meadows has more than twelve years of management experience including seven years in Liberia where he has managed complex projects for the US State Department. A strong manager and a lawyer, Mr. Meadows will also assume some of the legal and policy responsibilities currently under the responsibility of DCOP Litz. Mr. Meadows is expected to arrive in Liberia in early January 2014.

Given these changes, the Home Office Senior Technical Advisor/Manager, Mr. Jesse Buff, will work with the management team to develop a transition plan that includes his in-country support during the next quarter.

In September PROSPER identified a candidate to fill the long-vacant position of Geospatial Specialist. Mr. Macdonald Ndorbor has six years of relevant work experience as cadastral surveyor and draftsman with the Bureau of Lands, Surveys, and Cartography in the Ministry of Mines, Lands and Energy, and is currently producing community based maps using satellite imagery and GIS software for UN Habitat. Mr. Ndorbor joined the PROSPER team in mid-November.

The Assistant Office Manager, Arthur Bestman, submitted his resignation in early December to take up a political appointment in Lofa County.

No other staffing changes were made during the quarter.

Subcontract Administration:

National subcontractors:

Following the development of the FY14 annual work plan, Scopes of Work were revised for national subcontractors, NAEAL and CJPS, to reflect changes in the work plan. There were no changes in personnel by any of the national subcontractors during the reporting period.

International subcontractors:

Following the development of the FY14 work plan, scopes of work were revised for international subcontractors. The revised strategy for Components 1 and 3 had major implications for Rutgers University, ASNAPP and ACDI/VOCA. Specifically:

- Rutgers University had previously been identified to support the piloting of environmental curriculum. However, the decision to limit activities under Activity 1.1 to development of materials only resulted in reductions to Rutgers' Level of Effort (LoE). Rutgers will continue to support the development of the curriculum, which will be made available to the Ministry of Education for use in Liberian schools.
- ASNAPP had previously led the efforts to develop NTFP markets under PROSPER. A review of this strategy was undertaken in the previous quarter and resulted in a revised strategy for NTFP development that is documented in the Annual Work Plan. This revised strategy will be led by ACDI/VOCA. Accordingly, ASNAPP's role and LOE has been modified. ASNAPP will continue to monitor the sustainability of Griffonia collection.

- ACDI/VOCA's contract and scope of work was revised to respond to the changes in the Livelihoods Strategy. At the end of the quarter, negotiations were still on-going but it is anticipated that the scope of work and associated budget will be approved by Tetra Tech and ACDI/VOCA early in January. This revised scope of work will enable ACDI/VOCA to assume greater leadership of Component 3 through the direct hire and supervision of eight community mobilizers and two national-level coordinators with expertise in tree crops and agriculture market development.

CROSS-CUTTING TECHNICAL ACTIVITIES

Performance Monitoring:

The performance monitoring plan was updated using data collected in the field and confirmed using the PIRS requirements outlined for each indicator. A summary of the PMP and the status for the quarter is found in the Appendices.

Gender Integration:

PROSPER continues to implement the Gender Integration Plan under the leadership of the Gender Integration Officer (GIO) with support from dTS Gender Consultant, Smita Malpani. Revisions to the plan were made by the GIO and Gender consultant to make it more relevant to specific FY14 annual plan activities.

Throughout the quarter, several workshops were conducted in Tapitta and Saniquellie to identify women's organizations and to target women for leadership and outreach and awareness positions within the community. The methodology is being captured in modules that will be integrated into the How-to Manual (see activity 2.1 for details).

Female FDA staff were identified by the GIO and presented on their experiences to faculty and staff at FTI during the period (see activity 1.3).



Figure 1: A leadership workshop participant reviews an action plan to encourage women leaders to participate in community forestry outreach and awareness activities

COMPONENT WORK PLANS

Component 1 activities focused on two major activities: documentation of the “Make Community Forestry Rights Real” campaign; and documentation of deliverables.

COMPONENT 1: EXPANDED EDUCATIONAL AND INSTITUTIONAL CAPACITY TO IMPROVE ENVIRONMENTAL AWARENESS, NRM, BIODIVERSITY CONSERVATION AND ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE

Activity 1.1: Collaboratively support the development and/or modification of primary formal and non-formal school curricula to increase knowledge and understanding related to natural resources, their management, and the related rights and responsibilities of government and citizens

RESULTS AND DELIVERABLES FOR THE QUARTER

Potential service providers interested in using environmental curriculum and related materials identified

Contract deliverables due during the quarter: Report documenting Curriculum Development process (Deliv. 3) submitted to USAID for approval.

Key Accomplishments:

Efforts to develop and finalize the 72 environmental education lesson plans inclusive of posters and other teaching aids continued throughout the quarter under the leadership of the L/EDOA with technical support provided from Rutgers University. It is anticipated that the curriculum will be finalized and packaged in the next quarter.

Discussions were also initiated with the MoE to identify other projects or organizations working in environment and natural resources and primary education that may be able to assist the MoE to extend the use of the environmental curriculum package developed with PROSPER. EPA has funding and a mandate to provide similar curriculum development support to the MoE and may be a candidate to fulfill this role.

A report documenting the curriculum development process was submitted to USAID in fulfillment of Deliverable 3. It is anticipated that this deliverable will be finalized early in the next quarter.

Activity 1.2: Collaboratively support the development of outreach campaigns to increase public awareness of natural resource and environmental management issues

RESULTS AND DELIVERABLES FOR THE QUARTER

Lessons learned workshops for National Outreach campaign conducted at all sites

Identified themes and activities through consensus building workshop with CFWG

Provided training to CFWG members on outreach materials development and BCC tools development

Contract deliverables due during the quarter: Electronic package of outreach materials (Deliv. 11) submitted to USAID for approval; report documenting First National Outreach Campaign (Deliv.28) submitted to document deliverable; and documentation of outreach and awareness building approaches conducted in FY13 (Deliv. 5) submitted to USAID and approved.

Key Accomplishments:

“Lessons Learned” workshop were held in all of the areas where the “Make Community Forest Rights Real” campaign was conducted. The workshop involved all stakeholders (communities, CFWG, FDA and PROSPER/IP Staff) that had participated in the first annual outreach campaign. Activities designed to gauge the efficacy of the various strategies employed in the campaign were utilized. A summary of findings was documented and submitted to USAID and approved in fulfillment of Deliverable 5. The CFWG, with support from PROSPER, will use these lessons learned and best practices to plan for the second annual outreach campaign, and to develop a “First Annual Outreach Campaign: Lessons Learned and Best Practices” publication that will be forthcoming early in Year 2.

Materials developed and used for the campaign were consolidated and presented to USAID in fulfillment of Deliverable 11. Any requested revisions will be made accordingly. Similarly, a report documenting the “Make Community Forest Rights Real” campaign was submitted to USAID in fulfillment of Deliverable 28¹.

Morgan Hillenbrand, Tetra Tech ARD’s Communications Specialist, facilitated two behavior change communication capacity-building activities for the CFWG/FDA on behalf of PROSPER: a Behavior Change Communication (BCC) Workshop for the Design of the 2nd Annual Outreach Campaign on community forestry; and a film editing workshop. Fifteen members of the Community Forest Working Group (CFWG), including individuals from government, civil society organizations and PROSPER staff, participated in the workshop. A major output of the workshop included draft messages and several potential print products that could be used in the phase II of the make Community Forestry Rights Real campaign in FY14.



Figure 2: Behaviour Change communications Workshop participants discuss themes for the upcoming Annual Outreach Campaign

Four individuals from the workshop participated in the 2-day film editing training that was designed for participants to acquire the skills necessary to create low-budget films that can be played in communities (and other venues) using PROSPER’s mobile media kit.

Planned activities to identify and develop specific biodiversity awareness messages and materials were delayed because of coordination difficulties with PROSPER partner Fauna and Flora International (FFI). These activities have been prioritized for Quarter 2 of FY14 and will include an overall strategy for developing biodiversity outreach materials for northern Nimba. The availability of information on biodiversity in northern Nimba generated by AML for their Environmental Impact Assessment provides ample material, and an ideal setting to test these materials.

Activity 1.3: Develop a CF curriculum and support capacity development of FTI staff to implement

RESULTS AND DELIVERABLES FOR THE QUARTER

FTI Faculty oriented to CF curriculum, and use of the FTI website and database

FTI faculty trained in teaching methodologies

Contract deliverables due during the quarter: Community Forestry curriculum available for use at FTI (Deliverable 8) – completed ahead of deliverable due date – May 2014

Key Accomplishments:

A three-day Community Forestry Curriculum and Teacher Training Review Workshop was held at the FTI in November to review the CF curriculum with faculty in preparation for Piloting in 2014. The faculty were also provided with a review of participatory teaching methodologies and they were oriented in the use of the FTI website and database developed with the support of PROSPER.

The review of the CF curriculum focused on eight instructors who will likely teach various aspects the CF curriculum courses. Amendments to the curriculum were made following a review with the faculty that revealed areas that required further clarification. Following these revisions, the instructors endorsed each module in the CF curriculum to be uploaded in the new FTI website for use in the pilot of the CF curriculum in the 2014 FTI academic year.

¹ Deliverable 28: Launch of the First Outreach Campaign was actually delivered in May 2013. However, documentation of the launching and campaign was not submitted until this reporting period.

Based on findings of the Workshops and subsequent revisions, the CF curriculum was submitted to USAID and approved in fulfillment of Deliverable 8 in advance of schedule.

Fifteen faculty received training in teaching methodology while the orientation for instructors and students on the use of the FTI website and database attracted 21 participants, including FTI's IT Specialist, instructors and student representatives.

Activity 1.4: Work with civil society institutions and communities to support policy dialogue, develop communication and coordination strategies, and support effective stakeholder engagement in the development of NRM, land, and environmental policy

Key Accomplishments:

Under the approved FY14 Annual Work Plan, this deliverable has been combined with Activity 2.2.

Activity 1.5: Train communities receiving benefit sharing funds from commercial logging and key partners such as the National Benefit Sharing Trust Board, FDA, private sector actors, and others on more effective and environmentally sound development programs for their communities

RESULTS AND DELIVERABLES FOR THE QUARTER

There were no results to report during the quarter

Contract deliverables due during the quarter: No deliverables due for the period

This deliverable is not included in the approved FY14 Annual Work Plan.

COMPONENT 2: IMPROVED COMMUNITY-BASED FOREST MANAGEMENT LEADING TO MORE SUSTAINABLE PRACTICES AND REDUCED THREATS TO BIODIVERSITY IN TARGET AREAS

Despite the rainy season, Component 2 field activities continued at all field sites. Highlights in northern Nimba included: negotiations between Arcelor Mittal (AML) and the CFMB that resulted in the recognition of community ownership rights to forest resources that will be removed as a result of AML operations; Community Assembly elections and CFMB appointments; and community participation in the tripartite meeting on the Nimba Mountain range. In the new areas, forest management organizing committees and Community Awareness Teams were organized and mobilized to promote community forestry in the PROSPER target communities. At the national level, PROSPER developed three policy briefs and presented these to stakeholders in a one day workshop and supported several presenters at a regional Forest Governance meeting. Work with the Community Forest Working Group continued with planning for outreach activities in CF applicant communities outside of the PROSPER area.

Activity 2.1: Build community capacity for forest management

RESULTS AND DELIVERABLES FOR THE QUARTER
Supported the Gba community forest management body to negotiate for rights to forest resources with AML
Supported Community Assembly elections in northern Nimba
Provided training to CF Forest Guards in northern Nimba
Provided leadership training to potential female leaders following a gender assessment
Organized and trained Community Awareness Teams (CAT) to provide village-level awareness on CF
Supported Peace Committees to manage conflicts in PROSPER sites
Supported 3 community forest leaders to present on their experiences at a regional forest governance forum
Organized CF Organizing Committees in 5 sites.
Contract deliverables due during the quarter: No deliverables due for the period. The Community Forest Management Handbook (Deliverable 12) deliverable date was extended from May 2013 to September 2014 through the approval of the Second Annual Work Plan.

Key Accomplishments:

Northern Nimba:

Some activities in northern Nimba, such as the development of a rules and permit system, have been delayed for the next quarter because of a protracted rainy season, consideration of the annual harvest, and the need to manage other issues related to Arcelor Mittal's activities in the Gba CF (see below for details). Other activities have moved on course with the work plan.

In October, the Sanniquellie team conducted a massive awareness campaign in all northern Nimba communities regarding the re-structuring exercises of Community Assembly members as required by the Community Rights Law and its regulations. This was followed by Community Assembly elections in all of the communities in October and November. The newly constituted CAs selected a new CF Management Body (CFMB) and elected a new Executive Committee.

A refresher training for 32 community forest guards (CFG) was conducted on November 14-15, 2013. The training focused on patrolling and monitoring techniques, awareness raising with the community, and data collection methods, including GPS training.

Twenty-five women participated in a workshop in northern Nimba to encourage their involvement in community forestry. These women were also provided with targeted training in outreach and awareness using the CF posters in order to encourage their involvement in community forestry.

CFMB members represented the interests of the community in the Trans-boundary Governance Platform Meeting for Liberia, Guinea, and Cote d' Ivoire which was held in Sanniquellie-Nimba, from December 3 - 5 2013. Discussions centered around the potential coordination of trans-boundary conservation efforts and exercises to develop a shared vision and objectives for the region. To date, these discussions have primarily involved high-level politicians from the three countries. At this meeting, the CFMB members were able to express their concern about the level of engagement of local communities and received commitments from participants that communities from all three countries would be included in discussions moving forward.

AML announced plans to begin clearing a portion of the Gba Community Forest to make way for the construction of a Tailings Management Facility (TMF) that will be used in Phase II of Operations (currently slated to begin in 2015). Following meetings in November between AML, CFMB and FDA, it was agreed that the three parties would work together to ensure that the value of timber felled as a result of land clearing from AML Phase II operations would be used as the basis for compensation to the Gba community for loss of their forest resources. Subsequently, AML met independently with FDA where it was agreed that AML would clear the land and remove logs to the roadside for the communities to sell or dispose of accordingly. The FDA responded with a letter asking AML to work with local chainsaw loggers. The CF Technical Manager attended this meeting and did not advocate for the CFMB to attend the meeting or suggest that AML deal directly with the CFMB since the Gba community are now the rightful owners of the forest resources in the Gba CF. Meetings are scheduled for January to clarify roles and responsibilities. In the interim, PROSPER management facilitated meetings between AML and the Gba CFMB where it has been agreed that AML will remove the timber to a landing site (logs along the road would have been difficult to control) and the CFMB (with PROSPER support) will prepare bidding documents to sell the timber (see Success Story in Annex).

Members of the PROSPER team and CFMB attended county pillar meeting and submitted updates regarding PROSPER activities throughout the quarter.

In Monrovia, Saye Thompson, Chair of the Joint Community Forest Management Body for Bleih Community Forest, presented at the Forest Governance Forum in Monrovia. The Forum brought together nearly a100 forestry stakeholders from Liberia and the region to discuss issues related to forest governance, land management and conflict. Mr. Thompson's presentation focused on the relationship between community forest resource ownership and conflict management with mining concessions that hold subsurface rights in the community forest. Copies of this presentation are available upon request.

Tapitta:

Most activities in Tapitta are on track with the annual work plan. However, the moratorium on community forestry has slowed planning for demarcation of the community forest. The discovery of a deed (see below) and on-going conflicts between the Gio and Krahn groups have also slowed work in Tapitta. Until these issues are addressed, Community Forest Organizing Committees (CFOC) cannot be formed. In the interim, many other activities were undertaken during the reporting period.

More than 100 women participated in four workshops in the Tapitta field sites to identify potential women leaders and build participants' leadership skills and understanding of community forestry through specific training on outreach and awareness presentations related to community forestry.

Community members of the Community Awareness Teams (CAT) continued to work with community mobilizers to present information at small town meetings throughout the area on the steps to establish community forestry, threats to biodiversity, and the impacts (negative and positive) of timber harvesting with support from PROSPER Community Mobilizers.

Meetings were held in Sezuplay and Boe Quilla District with community leaders to discuss the various options available to move forward with community forestry in light of the recent discovery of a deed that covers much of the Big Gio Forest in these districts. Options were discussed and community leaders were given guidance on how to present the options to their constituents in order to make a democratic decision on how, and whether to move forward with community forestry. In follow-up, community leaders, along with PROSPER community Mobilizers and members of the Community Awareness teams (CAT) began conducting community meetings to discuss options. At the national level, PROSPER management will

engage the Land Commission to verify and authenticate the deed, and will seek their involvement in any conflict management arising from this issue. The deed, if authentic, predates the creation of the Big Gio Forest, and would negate the need for community forestry since it requires that most of the land be developed for agriculture. PROSPER will support the communities to authenticate the deed and conduct land use planning if it should prove authentic. If it is a forgery, plans for community forestry will proceed with the communities. The proposed community forest areas include many settlements, so the size of the forest may need to be limited.

Buchanan:

Community forestry organizing committees (CFOC) were constituted in Barcoline and District 4. Members received training in conflict management and leadership skills to prepare them to support the steps required to establish Community Forests in their areas. The CFOC also developed 60-day action plans to guide their work for the upcoming quarter.

Peace Committees in District 4 worked to resolve several internal community conflicts including an on-going mediation between two villages that have refused to pay the application fee for community forestry and the remaining villages in the community. The two communities holding back fees are politically aligned to Representative Siaway who has assured them that the community does not need to pay, and that a logging company will take care of any costs associated with establishing CF. The other towns do not want their CFMA managed by the legislator or by logging companies.

Community members were unable to present at county forum because these are not as well organized as in Nimba County. Moving forward, PROSPER will consider supporting the County to bring together stakeholders for these meetings which are currently not being held.

Other sites:

Victor Kelgbeh, Chair of the Numopoh Community Forest Management Body in Sinoe County, also presented at the Forest Governance Forum in Monrovia. Mr. Kelgbeh's presentation focused on the relationship between communities and agriculture concessionaires and the implications for forest management. Copies of this presentation are available upon request.

PROSPER also supported members from the Neezonie and Bloquia CFMB to attend the Forest Governance Forum in order to learn more about community forestry, and solicit support from stakeholders for community forest management.

PROSPER also supported the Numopoh CFMB in Sinoe County to present their land use issues to the CFWG. The Numopoh community falls within the Golden Veroleum (GVL) concession area, and GVL is looking for 8,000 hectares of secondary forest to convert to oil palm plantation and nursery areas. The community is concerned that this will force them to clear additional primary forest areas that will then be further converted to oil palm by GVL, leaving the community with fewer intact forest areas. They also requested assistance from the FDA and CFWG partners to better understand Social Agreements and what could be negotiated within these contracts. The original Social Agreement signed between the Numopoh Community and GVL was negotiated by the county's Development Superintendent without consultation with the community. This agreement has been cancelled and a new agreement will be negotiated in the upcoming months. To support the communities in this process, the CFMB was put in touch with three NGOs working in Sinoe County on these issues: SDI, SAMFU and Green Advocates.

The CFWG also was approached by representatives from the Bloquia and Neezonie clan groups in Grand Gedeh County regarding their FDA-approved CFMA and an agreement they had signed in 2011 with a logging company. According to the community representatives, logging activities will begin later this year.



Figure 3: Male dancers from the theatre group in District 4 practice their outreach performance

However, the community now opposes the operations because the access roads for logging have been relocated so that they do not provide community access to Zwedru. As a result of this, the community would like to cancel their agreement and is seeking advice on how to do so. In addition, the communities are not aware that the process by which the CFMA was signed does not comply with the CRL or its regulation. They have concerns that the agreement may later be found illegitimate, thus compromising any other social agreements or benefit sharing schemes that are negotiated with the logging company. The community representatives were advised to write directly to the FDA explaining the issues. PROSPER will continue to follow these issues and will support members of the CFWG to do so as well.

Activity 2.2: Strengthen capacity of FDA, EPA, and CSOs to support sustainable forest management

RESULTS AND DELIVERABLES FOR THE QUARTER

GIS training provided to FTI and FDA staff

CFWG sub-committee formed to provide outreach and awareness on CF establishment steps for targeted communities

Contract deliverables due during the quarter: No deliverables due for the period.

Key Accomplishments:

At the national level, PROSPER continued to support the work of the CFWG during the quarter. Plans were made to support outreach and awareness efforts in communities that have submitted CF applications to the FDA. The CFWG vetted 47 applications during the previous quarter and these communities will be targeted by the CFWG teams in the next quarter. It should be noted that the total of CF applications received by the FDA has increased during the quarter and now totals more than 70. In addition to this activity, PROSPER also supported CFWG members, SAMFU and SDI to visit CF sites in Sinoe and Grand Gedeh County. These visits were requested by the Numopoh and Nitrian CFMB (Sinoe County) and the Bloquia and Neezonie CFMB (Grand Gedeh County). In Sinoe, the communities were looking for support to negotiate a Social Agreement with Golden Veroleum whose concession area will affect the CF areas of these communities. In Grand Gedeh, the community has an agreement with a logging company but there is internal disagreement about the operations and whether the CFMA was developed consistent with the regulatory requirements set out in the CRL regulation. Both organizations will report back to the CFMB on their findings in the next quarter.

At the local level, PROSPER continued to support the FDA, EPA, NAEAL and CJPS in the “learning-by-doing” approach to community forestry at the field sites through engagement and participation in all field activities.

The development of the CRL regulation course has been delayed due to illness of the FDA’s CF Technical Manager during the fourth quarter. This will need to be rescheduled for the rainy season to ensure that PROSPER staff have adequate time to complete field-based activities during the short dry season.

PROSPER hired a GIS Specialist during the period. GIS Expert and home office staff, Emiko Guthe spent three weeks in Liberia providing hands-on learning to the new PROSPER GIS Specialist and staff from FDA and FTI. FTI staff was eager to receive the training and were active participants during the training. However, the FDA staff rarely attended the training despite their limited skill set. PROSPER will continue to provide training opportunities to FDA, but cannot guarantee the FDA’s participation. In order to ensure that capacity building efforts are not being duplicated, Ms. Guthe met with the EU/VPA (Voluntary Partnership Agreement) projects that are responsible for developing FDA capacity to implement the VPA. This engagement will also be critical moving forward in the development of standard operating procedures since the Legal Verification Department at FDA, supported by EU, is mandated to develop these standards.

The DCOP presented on land tenure and conflict management issues to the Land Commission during the period.

Activity 2.3: Support development of legal framework for CF and LTPR

RESULTS AND DELIVERABLES FOR THE QUARTER

Stakeholder workshop held that stimulated discussions on policy issues related to the community forestry legal framework

Assessment of legal framework and identification of issues submitted to USAID

Contract deliverables due during the quarter: Legal Analysis of the community forestry framework submitted to USAID for comments (Deliverable 15). Three Policy Briefs submitted to USAID for comments and finalization (Deliverable 29)

Key Accomplishments:

Policy Specialist, Chelsea Keyser, developed and wrote three policy briefs during the reporting period. Drafts of the briefs were presented at a stakeholder workshop in Monrovia where participants provided feedback on the content. The intent of the briefs was to stimulate discussion and debate among stakeholders. Once finalized, they will be presented to the CFWG and the donor working group for discussion. The three briefs were submitted to USAID for finalization during the period.

Environmental Law Institute (ELI)'s assessment of the community forestry legal framework was revised and finalized by PROSPER management during the quarter and submitted to USAID for review and finalization.

Activity 2.4: Increase knowledge of forest ecosystems and design appropriate interventions

RESULTS AND DELIVERABLES FOR THE QUARTER

Fact sheets developed for northern Nimba pilot

No contract deliverables due during the quarter: Biomonitoring handbook (Deliverable 13) approved by USAID

Key Accomplishments:

The biomonitoring handbook was approved by USAID during the period.

Three fact sheets have been developed and were reviewed by the Northern Nimba Biodiversity Stakeholder Group and the Wild Chimpanzee Foundation. These fact sheets will be used during the next year as one of several outreach strategies that will be developed in cooperation with FFI.

COMPONENT 3: ENHANCED COMMUNITY-BASED LIVELIHOODS DERIVED FROM SUSTAINABLE FOREST-BASED AND AGRICULTURE-BASED ENTERPRISES IN TARGET AREAS

Principal Component 3 activities during the first quarter of FY14 included ongoing delivery of farmer field school sessions to 275 participants at 11 sites in Northern Nimba (9) and Grand Bassa (2). Griffonia monitoring began using plots established in the previous quarter. The PROSPER-supported cassava and oil palm processing groups (CPGs and CPOPs) in Northern Nimba had limited business due to the rainy season. Sector assessments for cocoa and oil palm as well as charcoal and bushmeat were completed and will be documented in the next quarter. Most importantly, during the quarter, significant discussions within the PROSPER team and between PROSPER and USAID were held concerning the overall strategy for this component, the relevance of current activities, and proposed reorientations for FY14. The results of those discussions and reflections are reflected in the Annual Work Plan. ACDI/VOCA's increased role and staff will commence roll out of the new strategy in the next quarter.

Activity 3.1: Assist communities, selected resource use groups within communities, and other appropriate public and private stakeholders to develop of enterprises based on sustainable use of natural resources and payments for ecosystem services

RESULTS AND DELIVERABLES FOR THE QUARTER

Griffonia monitoring plots successfully established and operating in Northern Nimba

CPOPs and CPGs equipped, trained and able to function independently

Contract deliverables due during the quarter: Value chain analysis of selected agricultural products was submitted to USAID for review and finalization (Deliverable 2b)

Key Accomplishments:

A sector survey of selected agriculture product value chains was submitted to USAID in partial fulfillment of Deliverable 2.

Tree Crop Enterprise Activities:

Analysis of oil palm and cocoa surveys continued through the reporting period. Final reports will be completed in the next quarter.

NTPF Enterprise Activities:

NTPF activities were limited during the period. ACDI/VOCA staff was not hired during the period, however, they will be responsible for these activities moving forward.

Agricultural Enterprise Activities:

Four NAEAL field staff members were trained in a Training of Trainers (ToT) workshop in Sanniquellie on the use of the (simplified) Business Management Module for the Cassava Processing Groups (CPGs) and Commercial Palm Oil Producers (CPOPs). The training prepared NAEAL staff to train all CPOPs and GPGs in December 2013 and January 2014 in basic business principles.

Cassava tubers were processed by the CPGs during the month of November, though no production of palm oil was reported. CPG production records were collected from Kpolay CPG (57½ bags), Ganaglay CPG (new: 15 bags), Suarkarzue CPG (new: 21 bags, Sehyi Geh (new: 9 bags) and Zolowee (20 tubs).

All reported CPGs have set their milling price for cassava tubers at 50 LD per bag of peeled fresh cassava. This price setting will be used in the "Cassava Grinding as a Business" training to show the trainees the viability of their activities (or not).

The CPOP groups experienced limited activities during the period as dura palm processing does not occur during the late rainy season. Production and processing is expected to resume in the dry season.

Activity 3.2: Reduce threats to biodiversity linked to livelihood activities

RESULTS AND DELIVERABLES FOR THE QUARTER

Griffonia monitoring plots established

FFS sessions completed in northern Nimba and Grand Bassa communities

Contract deliverables due during the quarter: No contract deliverables due during the quarter

Key Accomplishments:

Farmer Field Schools:

The Farmer Field Schools (FFS) held their last meetings of the year in November. At all site visitors were invited to come see and listen to what FFS members had learned. In upper Nimba, 225 FFS members brought 229 visitors to the FFS (122 Female) at nine different FFS locations. In District 4 and Barcoline the FFS welcomed 24 community members to join the 45 FFS members who explained their efforts of the past few months. Topics explained were:

- The benefits of composting and how to make it;
- The benefits of rotating cowpeas or groundnuts following rice or cassava;
- The benefits of growing cassava on mounds or ridges; and
- Spacing and mulching plantains in three-plant clusters.

The field days were also attended by a representative of the Ministry of Agriculture (MoA) and two representatives of the USAID Food and Enterprise Development project (FED). In total 225 farmers “graduated” in the upper Nimba FFS.

Most of the FFS decided to continue farming until the cassava is ready for harvesting and cuttings can be distributed for propagation and dissemination of the improved *Caricass* varieties. The tools in use by the FFS were signed over to the individual members for use on their own farm.

Hot peppers were planted in the demonstration plots where cowpeas and groundnuts had been cultivated before to take advantage of the nitrogen fixed in the soil by these crops. Further, the soil around the transplanted hot peppers was enriched with compost. Unfortunately the hot pepper plants were attacked by grasshoppers. A locally made insecticide was applied to fight of the plague. It is expected that the peppers can be harvested in early January.

Griffonia:

Transplanting of Griffonia seedlings was completed at all sites in Nimba and Grand Bassa, during November. Griffonia propagation is part of the mitigation plan for NTFPs and part of PROSPER’s EMMP.

Griffonia monitoring plots have been established in Zortapa and Lepula (upper Nimba). Four caretakers were trained to report and protect the sites. In December, the first set of data was collected at the monitoring sites by the caretakers under supervision of ASNAPP as part of the training. The data captured included number of seeds and the total weight of the seeds collected per area. Additionally, data was collected on the time required for seed collecting in each area to determine level of effort involved in seed collection.

Bushmeat and Charcoal Surveys

Analysis of the bushmeat and charcoal surveys continued through the reporting period. Final reports will be submitted in the next quarter.

Activity 3.3: Work with stakeholders to provide feedback/share lessons learned in best practices, workable approaches, and recommended actions to improve the effectiveness of forestry and agricultural enterprises

RESULTS AND DELIVERABLES FOR THE QUARTER

Participated in Agriculture Coordination Committee Meetings on a monthly basis

Contract deliverables due during the quarter: No contract deliverables due during the quarter

PROSPER Component 3 staff participated in meetings of the Agriculture Coordination Committee (ACC), chaired by the Ministry of Agriculture. At the November meeting, pamphlets developed by PROSPER, one on compost making and one on liquid manure, were printed and distributed amongst partner organizations

and institutions that had requested them. In October 2013 electronic copies were distributed to ACC members who expressed interest after the pamphlets were shown in a presentation about PROSPER's goals and objectives, and the role of the Livelihood and Enterprise Development Component in contributing to these objectives.

Activity 3.4: Establish test plots to determine baseline greenhouse gas content (especially carbon) in a representative sample of land use areas under a variety of management regimes and monitor their changes the production cycle

RESULTS AND DELIVERABLES FOR THE QUARTER
No results to report for the quarter
Contract deliverables due during the quarter: No contract deliverables due during the quarter

There are no tasks planned for this Activity for FY14.

APPENDICES

APPENDIX 1: PROSPER STAFF LIST (DEC, 31, 2013)

Full-time Staff: Monrovia

	Last Name	First Name	Function	Subcontract Organization	Start Date
Technical					
1	Reid	Stephen	Chief of Party		14 May 2012
2	Litz	Vaneska	Deputy COP/Leader, Community Forestry/Land Tenure and Property Rights		01 June 2012
3	Cole	Eugene	Leader, Educational Development and Outreach Activities		21 Jan 2013
4	Jackson	Nobeh	Communications and Outreach Advisor		01 June 2012
5	Johnson	T. Doe	Education Advisor	NAEAL	18 June 2012
6	Koffa	Samuel	Senior Community Forestry Advisor		12 July 2012
7	Kweme	Dominic	Organizational Development Advisor	CJPS	01 June 2012
8	de Waard	Peter	Leader, Livelihoods & Enterprise Development Activities	ACDI/VOCA	18 June 2012
9	Bedell	Hodo	Livelihoods Advisor	ACDI/VOCA	01 June 2012
10	Miller	Esthella	Gender Integration Officer		01 June 2012
11	Vangehn	Darlington	Monitoring and Evaluation Specialist		01 June 2012
12	Roberts	Edward	Monitoring and Evaluation Officer		
Financial and Administrative					
13	Tarr	Vera	Office Manager		01 June 2012
14	Williams	Joshua	Finance Officer		01 June 2012
15	Mulbah	Henry	Assistant Finance Officer		01 June 2012
16	Wheigar	Sando	Procurement/Contracts Officer		02 July 2012

Support Staff					
17	Saylee	Moses	Caretaker		01 June 2012
18	Johnson	Frederick	Head Driver		01 June 2012
19	Dukuly	Abraham	Driver		01 June 2012
20	Habah	John	Driver		01 June 2012
21	Weltee	Othello	Driver		08 Oct 2012
22	Boykai	Joel	Driver		01 June 2012

Full-time Tetra Tech Staff: Sanniquellie Field Office (northern Nimba County)

	Last Name	First Name	Function	Subcontract Organization	Start Date
1	Vesselee	Martin	Forestry Officer/Head of Office		08 Oct 2012
2	Ville	James	Field Office Administrator		28 August 2012
3	Kollie	Henry	Driver		02 Jan 2013

Full-time Tetra Tech Staff: Tappita Field Office (southern Nimba County)

	Last Name	First Name	Function	Subcontract Organization	Start Date
1	Biah	D. Nuah	Forestry Officer/Head of Office		01 June 2012
2	Kikeh	Joseph	Field Office Administrator		19 Nov 2012
3	Gant	Garretson	Driver		05 Nov 2012

Full-time Tetra Tech Staff: Buchanan Field Office (Grand Bassa County)

	Last Name	First Name	Function	Subcontract Organization	Start Date
1	Gibson	Eugene	Forestry Officer/Head of Office		20 May 2013
2	Dugbeh	Sam	Field Office Administrator		03 Dec 2012
3	Manobah	Folley	Driver		16 Oct 2012

APPENDIX 2: LIST OF REPORTS SUBMITTED

	Title	Reference (Deliverable/Reporting Requirement)	Notes
	Fifth Quarterly Progress Report	RR-5	
	Monthly Progress Report, September 2013	RR-4	
	Monthly Progress Report, October 2013	RR-4	
	Monthly Progress Report, November 2013	RR-4	
	Annual Summary Report	RR-8	
	Annual Work Plan	RR-1	
	Quarterly Financial Report (Q4 FY 2013)	RR-6	
	FY14 Updated PMP	RR-3	
	Report on environmental curriculum materials field tested with MOE staff	D-3	Approved
	NTEP Value Chain Assessment	D-2A	Approved
	Selected Agriculture Value Chain Assessment	D-2B	Waiting feedback from USAID
	Report on public outreach and awareness building approaches	D-5	Approved
	Report on FTI CF curriculum elements and training need assessment	D-7	Approved
	FTI CF Curriculum	D-8	Approved

	Biodiversity Monitoring Handbook	D-13	Final version submitted & approved
	Report on creation of the Curriculum Development Working Group	D-25	Submitted to USAID
	CDWG Report on Lessons Learned	D-27	Submitted to USAID
	Report on First Outreach Campaign	D-28	Submitted to USAID
	Series of brochures, radio programs, community theater and video products developed	D-11A	Submitted to USAID
	Legal Analysis of CF Framework	D-15A	Submitted to USAID
	Three Policy Briefs	D-29A	Submitted to USAID

APPENDIX 3 – PERFORMANCE INDICATOR TRACKING

TABLE - QUARTER 1, FY-14

Performance indicators and types	Unit of Measure	Baseline Year	Baseline Value	FY 2014 Target	2014 Q1 Target	2014 Q1 Actual	2014 Q1 % Actual vs Target	FY 2014 % Actual vs Target
Intermediate Result 1: Increased educational and institutional capacity to improve environmental awareness, NRM, biodiversity conservation, and environmental compliance								
1.1 Number of institutions with increased capacity to improve environmental awareness, NRM, biodiversity conservation, and environmental compliance – <i>Custom/Outcome</i>	#	2012	0	3	0	0	0%	0%
Sub Intermediate Result 1.1: Improved capacity of MOE to deliver formal and non-formal primary and adult education curricula on natural resource management and governance								
1.1.1: Percentage of MOE primary school students in targeted areas receiving education on environment and natural resources based on strengthened curriculum – <i>Custom/Outcome</i>	%	2012	0	0	0	0	0%	0%
1.1.2: Percentage of MOE adult literacy centers in targeted areas using the environmental curriculum materials in their instruction – <i>Custom/Outcome</i>	%	2012	0	0	0	0	0%	0%
Sub Intermediate Result 1.2: Improved capacity of CSOs to design and conduct outreach campaigns to increase public awareness of natural resource and environmental management issues								
1.2.1: Number of CSO members involved in the design and conduct of outreach campaign activities that incorporate best practices – <i>Custom/Outcome</i>	#	2012	0	20	20	25	125%	125%
Sub Intermediate Result 1.3: Improved capacity of FTI to develop and deliver a community forestry curriculum								
1.3.1: Number of technical/vocational students trained in revised FTI curriculum incorporating community forestry elements – <i>Custom/Output</i>	#	2012	0	30	0	0	0%	0%
1.3.2: Number of individuals supported by program to conduct applied research at one or more of the program's pilot sites – <i>Custom/Output</i>	#	2012	0	12	0	0	0%	0%
Sub Intermediate Result 1.4: Improved capacity of civil society and community organizations to contribute to NRM, land and environmental policy development								

Performance indicators and types	Unit of Measure	Baseline Year	Baseline Value	FY 2014 Target	2014 Q1 Target	2014 Q1 Actual	2014 Q1 % Actual vs Target	FY 2014 % Actual vs Target
1.4.1: Number of policy briefings and presentations made to national leadership by forestry stakeholders regarding LTPR and forest resource protection and management – <i>Custom/Output</i>	#	0	0	8	2	7	350%	88%
1.4.2: Number of presentations at County Development Committee meetings by communities on policy-related issues – <i>Custom/Output</i>	#	0	0	16	2	3	150%	19%
Sub Intermediate Result: 1.5 : Increased capacity of Community Forestry Development Committees to develop effective, environmentally-sound development programs to use Forest Management Committee social agreement funds								
1.5.1: Number of community projects approved and funded by CFDC and NBST using the modified criteria to screen applications for environmental impacts – <i>Custom/Outcome</i>	#	0	0	0	0	0	0%	0%
Intermediate Result 2: Improved community-based forest management leading to more sustainable practices and reduced threats to biodiversity in targeted communities								
2.1: Number of hectares in areas of biological significance under improved management as a result of USG assistance – <i>FACTS/Outcome</i>	#	0	0	10,823	0	0	0%	0%
Sub Intermediate Result 2.1: Increased community capacity for forest management								
2.1.1: Number of hectares under improved natural resource management as a result of USG assistance – <i>FACTS/Outcome</i>	#	0	0	35k	0	0	0%	0%
2.1.2: Number of community members trained in the management of their community forestry areas (e.g., biomonitoring, permitting) – <i>Custom/Output</i>	#	0	0	230	80	93	116%	40%
2.1.3: Number of community members who have applied conflict management skills to manage land conflict issues – <i>Custom/Outcome</i>	#	0	0	35	2	2	100%	6%
Sub Intermediate Result 2.2: Strengthened capacity of FDA, EPA and CSOs to support sustainable forest management								
2.2.1: Number of FDA, EPA, and partner CSO staff trained in the practical steps involved in developing community forestry management bodies and plans incorporating conservation, community, and commercial values – <i>Custom/Output</i>	#	0	0	32	32	32	100%	100%
Sub Intermediate Result 2.3: : Legal framework for community forestry and LTPR improved and simplified on the basis of recommendations from stakeholder consultations								
2.3.1: Number of policies, laws, agreements, or regulations promoting sustainable natural resource management and conservation that are implemented as a result of USG assistance – <i>Custom/Outcome</i>	#	0	0	10	2	5	250%	50%

Performance indicators and types	Unit of Measure	Baseline Year	Baseline Value	FY 2014 Target	2014 Q1 Target	2014 Q1 Actual	2014 Q1 % Actual vs Target	FY 2014 % Actual vs Target
Sub Intermediate Result 2.4: Increased use of forest ecosystems data to support the design of community outreach materials and programs								
2.4.1: Number of outreach/awareness products (public reports, brochures, radio messages, documentaries, etc.) that incorporate data from monitoring of biodiversity and/or the carbon footprint of farming and forestry activities that have been disseminated – <i>Custom/Output</i>	#	0	0	8	0	0	0%	0%
Intermediate Result 3: Improved community-based livelihoods derived from sustainable forest and agricultural-based enterprises in targeted communities areas								
3.1: Number of people with increased economic benefits derived from sustainable NRM and conservation activities as a result of USG assistance – <i>FtF/Outcome</i>	#	0	0	416	72	41	57%	10%
Sub Intermediate Result 3.1: Increased number of sustainable agro/forest - based enterprises								
3.1.1: Number of new agribusiness/forestry enterprises formed to support program-assisted value chains – <i>Custom / Outcome</i>	#	0	0	6	6	6	100%	100%
Sub Intermediate Result 3.2: Reduced threats to biodiversity linked to livelihood activities								
3.2.1: Number of individuals who have received USG-supported short-term agricultural sector productivity training – <i>FACTS/Output</i>	#	0	0	400	0	0	0%	0%
3.2.2: Number of farmers and others who have applied new technologies or management practices as a result of USG assistance – <i>FtF/Outcome</i>	#	0	0	380	0	0	0%	0%
Sub Intermediate Result 3.3: Increased information available to stakeholders concerning best practices, to improve effectiveness of forestry and agricultural enterprises.								
3.3.1: Number of extension publications disseminated through the Agriculture Coordinating Committee and other national and local fora to interested stakeholders -- <i>Custom/Output</i>	#	0	0	4	0	0	0%	0%
Sub Intermediate Result 3.4: Improved data on greenhouse gas content (especially carbon) present in forest areas under different management regimes								
3.4.1: Number of test plots generating data on greenhouse gas content (especially carbon) to inform decision-makers regarding appropriate mitigation and adaptation strategies to minimize climate change – <i>Custom/Outcome</i>	#	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

APPENDIX 4 - WORKSHOPS, MEETINGS AND OTHER EVENTS ORGANIZED IN Q1 FY14

WORKSHOPS, MEETINGS, AND OTHER EVENTS ORGANIZED BY PROSPER PROGRAM FOR THE PERIOD										
OCTOBER TO DECEMBER 2013										
N	Date	Title	Objective	Location/Community	CF Site	Day s	N0 of participants			
							F	M	PROSPER Staff	Total
1	October 1, 2013	CFO Formation workshop	Formation of interim body to manage and coordinate the work of the forest until the CAs are organized	Kparblee	Kparblee Dist.	1	9	36	1	46
2	October 7, 2013	Community to community CF poster and CRL awareness exercise	Increase educational and institutional capacity to on environmental awareness, biodiversity conservation and environmental compliance	Doe-Wheon	Grand Bassa	1	7	14	0	21
3	October 8, 2013			Newcess	Barcoline	1	10	7	0	17
4	October 9, 2013			Bleewien	Barcoline	1	10	10	0	20
5	October 10, 2013			Yarweh	Barcoline	1	7	9	0	16
6	October 10, 2013			Bold Dollar	District # 4	1	10	12	0	22
7	October 10, 2013			Benzohn	District # 4	1	7	13	0	20
8	October 11, 2013			Baye Town	District # 4	1	6	13	0	19
9	October 11, 2013			Manah-dou	Barcoline	1	8	7	0	15
10	October 14, 2013			Korjuah	District # 4	1	9	11	0	20
11	October 15, 2013			Sammiah	District # 4	1	7	11	0	18
12	October 16, 2013			Dye-Play	District # 4	1	12	11	0	23
13	October 17, 2013			Masa Town	District # 4	1	9	4	0	13
14	October 18, 2013			Sanwein	Barcoline	1	10	7	0	17
15	October 21, 2013			Kay-kay	Barcoline	1	4	10	0	14
16	October 22, 2013			Waynuah	Barcoline	1	6	7	0	13
17	October 21-22, 2013	Gender Assessment ToT workshop	To enable field staff acquire knowledge of the processes involved in the presentation of the Gender assessment training	Tappita	Nimba	1	3	8	11	22
18	October 22, 2013			Doeyelay	Tappita	1	33	1	0	34

19	October 17, 2013	Community Assembly restructuring election	To enable participants to nominate two representatives to the CA	Goagoutuo	Sanniquellie	1	5	27	2	34
20	October 18, 2013			Gbelee	Sanniquellie	1	18	56	6	80
21	October 22, 2013			Nyantuo	Sanniquellie	1	18	30	4	52
22	October 23, 2013			Sehyigeh	Sanniquellie	1	9	33	3	45
23	October 23, 2013			Dulay	Sanniquellie	1	5	43	3	51
24	October 22 – 23, 2013	Review and post social-economic survey	To prepare a team of facilitators that would validate results of the community profiling exercise	Gbear, Gblor	Tappita	2	34	0	0	34
25	October 24 - 25, 2013			Sehyikimpa	Sanniquellie	2	18	0	2	20
26	October 24 – 25, 2013	Lessons Learned and Best Practices Workshop on First Annual Outreach Campaign	To gather information from Institutions (communities, CFWG, FDA and PROSPER/IP Staff) that participated in the outreach campaign on lessons learned and best practices	Buchanan	N / A	2	5	19	11	35
27	October 24-25, 2013	Gender Assessment workshop	To do assessment on women groups	Behwalay	Kparblee	2	33	0	0	33
28	October 24, 2013	Community Assembly restructuring election	To enable participants to nominate two representatives to the CA	Zorgowee	Gba	1	7	28	2	37
29	October 25, 2013			Zualay	Zor	1	3	23	0	26
30	October 25, 2013	Community Assembly restructuring election	To enable participants to nominate two representatives to the CA	Markinto	Gba	1	6	27	2	35
31				Leagbala	Gba	1	14	14	2	30
32	October 26, 2013			Vanyanpa	Gba	1	10	28	0	38
33	October 27, 2013			Cassava Farm	Gba	1	12	13	0	25
34				Yolowee	Gba	1	20	19	0	39
35	October 28, 2013			Zortapa	Zor	1	6	46	3	55
36	October 29, 2013			Gbondin	Gba	1	15	28	3	46
37				Ganaglay	Zor	1	14	31	0	45

38	October 29, 2013	Community to community CF poster and CRL awareness exercise	Increase educational and institutional capacity to on environmental awareness, biodiversity conservation and environmental compliance	Farr Town	District # 4	1	5	10	0	15
39	October 30, 2013			Kehyah	District # 4	1	2	16	0	18
40	October 30, 2013	Lessons Learned and Best Practices Workshop on First Annual Outreach Campaign	To gather information from Institutions (communities, CFWG, FDA and PROSPER/IP Staff) that participated in the outreach campaign on lessons learned and best practices	Sanniquellie	N /A	1	0	0	21	21
41	October 31 – November 1, 2013					1	17	7	0	24
42	October 30-31, 2013	Gender Assessment workshop	To do assessment on women groups	Toweh Town	Boe-Quilla	1	32	0	0	32
43	November 4, 2013	Community to community CF poster and CRL awareness exercise	Increase educational and institutional capacity to on environmental awareness, biodiversity conservation and environmental compliance	Gueh Town	District # 4	1	5	10	0	15
44	November 2, 2013	Community Assembly restructuring election	To enable participants to nominate two representatives to the CA	Kinon	Gba	1	16	31	4	51
45	November 3, 2013			Blolehwee	Gba	1	14	26	2	42
46	November 4, 2013			Zor Lepula	Zor	1	10	31	3	44
47	November 5, 2013			Kialay	Zor	1	11	30	3	44
48	November 5, 2013			Lugbeyee	Gba	1	5	32	2	39
49	November 6, 2013			Bentol	Gba	1	12	19	2	33
50				Bonlah	Gba	1	8	41	2	51
51				Karnla	Gba	1	9	19	2	30
52				Baintonwin	Gba	1	8	20	2	30
53				Geipa	Gba	1	16	34	4	54
54		November 4, 2013	Community to community CF poster and CRL awareness exercise	Increase educational and institutional capacity to on environmental awareness, biodiversity conservation and environmental compliance	Penneh Town	Barcoline	1	7	6	0
55	November 4, 2013	Lessons Learned and Best Practices Workshop on	To gather information from Institutions (communities, CFWG, FDA and PROSPER/IP Staff) that participated in the outreach campaign on lessons learned and	Tappita	N / A	0	0	0	16	16
56	November 5 – 6, 2013					2	6	19	3	28

		First Annual Outreach Campaign	best practices							
57	November 5, 2013	Conflict management and leadership refresher training and action plan for CFOC	To provide refresher training for the CFOC and Peace committee members that will enhance their skills and ability to effectively conduct their planned activities	Benzohn	District # 4	1	12	3	6	21
58	November 6, 2013			Benzohn	District # 4	1	12	4	6	22
59	November 6, 2013	Community to community CF poster and CRL awareness exercise	Increase educational and institutional capacity to on environmental awareness, biodiversity conservation and environmental compliance	Doewheon	Barcoline	1	9	4	0	13
60	November 7, 2013			Yarweh Town	Barcoline	1	9	7	0	16
61	November 7, 2013	Community Assembly restructuring election	To enable participants to nominate two representatives to the CA	New Yekepa	Gba	1	3	33	2	38
62				Gbobayee	Gba	1	6	20	1	27
63				Barpa	Gba	1	10	19	2	31
64				Zor Gorpa	Gba	1	15	15	0	30
65				Sehtontuo	Zor	1	11	30	1	42
66	November 8, 2013			Suakazue	Gba	1	11	18	2	31
67				Bassa Village	Gba	1	18	10	2	30
68				Gbarplay	Zor	1	13	33	4	50
69	November 8, 2013	Stakeholders meeting to formally introduce CFOC members in Kpogblen Clan, District 4 and Barcoline Communities, Grand Bassa County	To formally introduce the CFOC and peace committee to Grand Bassa County Authority	Benzohn	District # 4	1	30	8	4	42
70	November 9, 2013	Community Assembly	To enable participants to nominate two representatives to the CA	Kpolay	Zor	1	11	31	2	44
71	November 10, 2013			Gayeplay	Zor	1	17	20	2	39

72	November 11, 2013	restructuring election		Kentorglay	Zor	1	3	29	2	34
73	November 12, 2013			Yeaplay	Zor	1	3	31	2	36
74	November 13, 2013	Community Forestry Curriculum and Teacher Training Review Workshop – FTI	To Review CF Curriculum with faculty in preparation for Piloting in 2014	Tubmanburg	Bomi	1	2	9	3	14
75	November 14, 2013		To Review Teaching Methodologies for which the faculty received training	Tubmanburg	N / A	1	2	14	3	19
76	November 15, 2013		To Conduct orientation for Instructors and students on the use of the FTI Website and database	Tubmanburg	N / A	1	4	21	3	28
77	November 13 – 14, 2013	Conflict management and leadership refresher training and action plan for CFOC	To provide refresher training for the CFOC and Peace committee members that will enhance their skills and ability to effectively conduct their planned activities	Massa Town	Barcoline	1	10	4	0	14
78	November 15, 2013	Community to community CF poster and CRL awareness exercise	Increase educational and institutional capacity to on environmental awareness, biodiversity conservation and environmental compliance	Kono	Barcoline	1	4	6	0	10
79	November 15, 2013	Stakeholders meeting to formally introduce CFOC members in Kpogblen Clan, District 4 and Barcoline Communities, Grand Bassa County	To formally introduce the CFOC and peace committee to Grand Bassa County Authority	Barcoline	Sarwine	1	23	10	5	38
80	November 14 -15, 2013	CFG Refresher Training	To revive and upgrade the CFGs on the usage of GPS data collection and patrol methods	Sanniquellie	Zorgowee	2	1	44	0	45
81	November 18, 2013	Community Assembly restructuring election	To enable participants to nominate two representatives to the CA	Zolowee	Gba	1	8	23	5	36
82	November 19, 2013			Sehyikimpa	Sehyi	1	7	25	6	38
83	November 20, 2013			Gbapa	Gba	1	6	37	0	43

84	November 20-22, 2013	CF Status Clarification meeting	To lead the clarification process of the current status of Sehzeplay portion of the Big Gio Forest and enable them identified possible option to move forward.	Zualay	Zor	1	8	20	6	34
85				Toweh Town	Boe & Quilla	1	5	24	6	35
86				Tappita	N / A	1	3	14	7	24
87	November 26-27, 2013	First CAs General Meeting	To inaugurate the CAs, ensure that members of the CAs are able to form their Executive Committee and develop criteria for CFMBs appointment.	Gbapa	Gba	1	26	44	7	77
88				Zorgowee	Zor	1	19	30	5	54
89	November 26, 2013	Farmer Field School Field Day	To meet with Participant from the Farmer Field School and formerly informed them about the end of PROSPER support to the FFS.	Dulay	Zor	1	20	30	0	50
90	November 26, 2013			Kpolay	Zor	1	26	24	0	50
91	November 27, 2013			Zualay	Zor	1	18	31	0	49
92	November 27, 2013			Zortapa	Zor	1	18	32	0	50
93	November 27, 2013			Massa Town	Barcoline	1	18	17	3	38
94	November 28, 2013			Korjuah Town	District # 4	1	8	26	3	37
95	November 28, 2013			Gbobayee	Gba	1	25	28	0	53
96	November 28, 2013			Suakazue	Gba	1	33	17	0	50
96	November 29, 2013			Zolowee	Gba		37	13	0	50
98	December 3, 2013	Lessons Learned Process on the 1st Annual Outreach Campaign and emerging issues in community forest management in Liberia	To present highlights of the three lessons learned (LL) workshops on the 1st Annual Outreach Campaign and to discuss other matters relevant to Forest management in Liberia	Monrovia	N/A	1	2	22	9	33
99	December 5, 2013	FTI Gender Lecture session	To discuss the role of women in the forest sector of Liberia with students and faculty staff at the FTI	Bomi	Tubmanburg	1	15	50	0	65
100	December 12 – 16, 2013	CPG & CPOP Business management TOT training	The objective of this TOT workshop to drill the NAEAL staff in Sanniquellie through best record keeping, business planning, profit calculation and sound financial expenditure practices.	Sanniquellie	N / A	5	0	0	4	4
101	December 14, 2013	Communication s Training-2: Video Editing Skills Development	To finalize the MRR video script, including additional interviews and rebranding; record revised narrations	Monrovia	N / A	1	0	0	2	2
102	December 16, 2013			Monrovia	N / A	1	0	0	4	4

			To initiate the development of video editing skills for select CFWG and PROSPER personnel							
103	December 17, 2013	Consensus Building Workshop on Second Annual Outreach Campaign on Community Forestry	To build consensus on the theme, audiences, messages and tools to be used in the second annual outreach campaign	Monrovia	N / A	1	15	3	5	23
104	December 18, 2013	Communications Training for CFWG-1: Developing Progress Stories	To enhance the skills of the CFWG to capture and develop success stories, picture stories, impactful print materials	Monrovia	N / A	1	6	2	5	13
105	December 19, 2013	Communications Training-2: Video Editing Skills Development	To finalize the MRR video script, including additional interviews and rebranding; record revised narrations	Monrovia	N / A	1	0	0	4	4
106	December 20, 2013		To initiate the development of video editing skills for select CFWG and PROSPER personnel	Monrovia	N / A	1	0	0	4	4
107	December 20, 2013	Second Community Assembly (CAs) meeting	To enable the restructured CAs members review application letters received from community members applying for CFMB positions and carry out CFMB appointment	Zor	Sanniquellie	1	24	23	3	50
108	December 20, 2013			Gba	Sanniquellie	1	22	22	4	48
109	December 23, 2013	Land dispute and boundary settlement meeting	To provide that will help in resolving land conflict or dispute between and among the people of Barcoline ahead of the demarcation exercise that is anticipated earlier 2014	Massa Town	Barcoline	1	11	2	2	15
				Total		117	1229	1995	271	3495

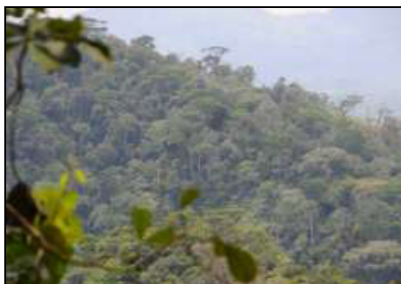
APPENDIX 5 – SNAPSHOTS



SNAPSHOT

Communities understand their resource rights

Communities negotiate benefits from mining concessionaire's clearing operations in the community's forest



The Gba Community Forest is located in the midst of the Arcelor Mittal concession area. Communities and the company are negotiating with one another for the use and access of their respective resource rights

"We understand that AML [Arcelor Mittal] has the right to clear our forests, but we also know that we own those forests and we want to be compensated for the loss of not just trees, but for the animals, medicines and other resources that will be lost..."

-Nelson Tokpah, Chair of Gba CFMB

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In 2005, Arcelor Mittal Liberia (AML) entered into an agreement with the Government of Liberia to develop the mineral resources of Nimba County. The AML concession area includes community forests that are managed by the Gba, Zor, and Sehyi communities through three Community Forest Management Agreements (CFMA) that were facilitated with USAID support in 2011. This presented an inherent contradiction, and potential conflict, between the AML concession and community rights associated with their forests areas: subsurface mineral rights were owned by AML, while the natural resources on the surface – the forest – was owned by the communities. However, instead of devolving into a conflict, the Gba Community Forest Management Board (CFMB) – which has been facilitated and supported by PROSPER – was able to articulate its rights under the Community Rights Law (CRL).

The MDA gives AML exclusive rights to exploit "iron ore and related mineral resources" through the concession which covers much of northern Nimba County, as well as allowing it to clear forestland "without payment to the government". Yet, with the signing of the CFMA with the Government of Liberia in 2011, the Gba community was conveyed ownership rights to the forest resources. When AML informed the communities that they would be clearing the forest to make way for the mining operations, the communities protested. PROSPER's long-standing work in the communities, helping them to organize their CFMB and understand their rights under the law, gave them authority to cite their rights to their forest resources under the CRL and the CMFA, and argue for just compensation. AML made numerous offers that the communities rejected as unfair compensation. Finally, the communities and AML entered into negotiations where AML agreed to log merchantable timber, thereby allowing the communities to sell it. PROSPER is currently helping communities request assistance from the government to provide proper valuation of the forest and ecosystem resources. At this time, negotiations are ongoing, and the full value of the forest has yet to be



SNAPSHOT

Making in-roads through community forestry

The Community Forest Organizing Committee of Barcoline Community organized themselves to build a road to access their communities.



A taxi travels the newly cleared road into Doe Whien Town.

"Thank God for PROSPER program that they came to this town and organized us and we are today able to build a road on our own with our hands ..."

-Adolphus Deputies, Doe-Whien Town

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USAID's People, Rules, and Organizations Supporting the Protection of Ecosystem Resources (PROSPER) program has worked since its inception to identify appropriate forest governance activities that will result in the greatest gains for communities and their forests. PROSPER has supported numerous forest governance activities, including the organization of a Community Forestry Organizing Committee (CFOC) in Doe-Whien Town whose function is to manage and sustain its community forest area.

Doe-Whien Town is located in the Barcoline Community of Grand Bassa County, and east of the port city of Buchanan. This remote community had never been visited by a vehicle. PROSPER helped the community establish a CFOC, charged with the responsibility of leading the community to the election and subsequent establishment of a Community Forestry Management Body (CFMB). To facilitate visits by PROSPER and other community forest collaborators, as well as show its newfound leadership in the community, the CFOC undertook an unprecedented project: building a two-kilometer road to link Doe-Whien with other communities, with nothing other than their hands and simple tools.

Mr. Adolphus B. Deputies, a resident of Doe-Whien town, stated "Since the formation of Liberia in 1847 and the establishment of this town in the 1930s, motor cars had never entered Doe-Whien town. We have always carried our goods to the market on your heads and sick people to the hospital in hammocks."

The initiative shown by the CFOC will allow the community to more thoroughly engage in community forestry at a national level, and has earned it respect in the community which will facilitate its future endeavours.

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