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CIVIL SOCIETY ENGAGEMENT IN NILE COOPERATION  
AND DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME



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# ACRONYMS AND ABBREVIATIONS

BNDF	Burundi National Discourse Forum
DFID	United Kingdom, Department for International Development
DRC	Democratic Republic of Congo
ENSAP	Eastern Nile Subsidiary Programme
ENTRO	Eastern Nile Technical Regional Office
EgNDF	Egypt National Discourse Forum
ErNDF	Eritrea National Discourse Forum
EthNDF	Ethiopia National Discourse Forum
KNDF	Kenya National Discourse Forum
MOU	Memorandum of Understanding
NBD	Nile Basin Discourse
NBI	Nile Basin Initiative
NELCOM	Nile Equatorial Lakes Council of Ministers
NELSAP	Nile Equatorial Lakes Subsidiary Action Program
NELTAC	Nile Equatorial Lakes Technical Advisory Committee
NDFs	National Discourse Forums
NGO	Non- Governmental Organisation
NileCOM	Council of Ministers of Water Affairs of the Nile Basin States
NPA	National Programme Assistant
NPC	National Programme Coordinator
PAIA	Programme Activity Implementation Agreement
RNDF	Rwanda National Discourse Forum
SNDF	Sudan National Discourse Forum
UNDF	Uganda National Discourse Forum
US \$	United States Dollars

## MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRPERSON

The past year marked the start of a very important programme for NBD: The Civil Society engagement in Nile Cooperation and Development Programme. This programme can be summed up in the NBD advocacy message: Empowerment through Participation.

Enhancing participation of civil society organizations in Nile Basin Programmes and Processes to foster Nile Cooperation has been at the core of our work for the last one year. As NBD created and enlarged the space for dialogue and raised awareness on the Nile Basin Initiative (NBI) programmes at the subsidiary action program (SAP) level, it became apparent to all of us that the Nile River will always be central to the development of the Nile basin countries. As NBD discussed ways of resolving the food, energy, health and economic challenges – the Nile River was the nexus and Nile cooperation was the key to unlock the door to the benefits of Nile basin cooperation. This involved reaching the high level key decision makers including Nile Basin presidents and urging them to make tough decisions to foster Nile Cooperation so that everyone in the basin can enjoy the benefits of Cooperation.

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this year. Through our diverse awareness raising activities and the multi-stakeholder fora, NBD encouraged dialogue and provided technical expertise to NBI and the NBI governments to support the sustainable management and development of the Nile Basin resources. The NBD network was deeply engaging in social change activities: advocacy, facilitation, capacity development and knowledge sharing.

As you read through NBD outcomes and activities for the past one year, what becomes very clear is: fostering Nile Cooperation through advocacy is a step-by-step, long-term process. There are no easy wins, but NBD will continue to work hard to support this process in close partnership with all our partners.

I am continually amazed by what NBD is achieving, working with relatively small monetary investments. I strongly believe that it is the other investments – the time, skills and energy of so many individuals in our regional network – freely given – that make this possible, and make me so proud of every achievement.

NBD will continue to work on implementing the Civil Society engagement in Nile Cooperation and Development Programme in 2011 and 2012, putting greater emphasis on ensuring programme impact and ensuring sustainability of its interventions. The programme is central to NBD's mandate and helps NBD to better support its activities at the regional, sub-regional and national level.



**Dr. Emad Adly**  
Chairperson,  
Nile Basin Discourse

# OVERVIEW FROM THE REGIONAL MANAGER


Since joining NBD in October 2010, I have encountered tremendous vitality, ingenuity and resilience across the Nile Basin region, which has been built up over time within this unique network of civil society organizations. This NBD annual report reflects the remarkable outcomes achieved in the ten Nile Basin countries. Through over 750 NBD members, and by building upon trusted relationships and solid evidence based arguments, NBD has contributed to pushing Nile Cooperation issues higher up in the national and regional political agenda.

In the first year of implementing the Civil Society engagement in Nile Cooperation and Development Programme, NBD focused on consolidating processes within the network and ensuring a sound basis for delivering on each of the two strategic programme outputs. Also during the year NBD advocated for Nile Cooperation for enhanced benefits and reduced costs, a community friendly benefit sharing model for the NEL and EN Interconnection programmes, regional outlook in the formulation of a model resettlement and compensation framework under the Regional Rusumo Interconnection Programme and greater gender integration with more focus on the livelihood component in the EN Integrated Watershed Management Programme. Through our advocacy efforts, bridges were built and links were strengthened amongst the NB governments, NBI, NBD and the communities. Building and maintaining active relationships with strategic allies is essential in delivering the many diverse aspects of the advocacy programme, while focusing on NBD core mission.

Over the past 12 months, NBD registered remarkable progress and success on the set programme goals;

- 17 National Multi stakeholder forums have been conducted by NDFs operating in the 10 countries involving 1081 participants
- Baseline survey conducted in 8 countries is steadily informing focus on results
- Staff training and advocacy strategy development has been completed
- A regional Multi-stakeholder forum was held to dialogue on ways of strengthening cooperation on shared water resources of the Nile.
- 2 Sub – regional forums for the NEL and EN sub-regions respectively have been successfully held
- Awareness on Nile cooperation benefits and costs through members has reached 4,122 people across the basin.
- Several publications, re-designing and launch of the NBD website with updated information has attracted more targets, and Visible participation in Nile Day celebrations both at regional and National level has increased NBD visibility.

A new fundraising strategy is being implemented to ensure a stable and sustainable funding base in the changing global environment. At the same time internal fiduciary mechanisms have been re-looked to ensure ongoing transparency and accountability. On the NBD network front, there has been strong growth, with over 150 new members joining NBD from all the ten NB countries. This dynamic and vibrant network of CSOs presents new opportunities for transformation and innovation to help meet future challenges. This annual report presents just some of the highlights, successful outcomes and lessons that have been learnt during this fruitful year.



**Ms. Abby Onencan**  
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## Institutional Highlights

### All key staff positions have been filled to implement the programme

All key staff positions were initially filled by October 2010. However as implementation progresses, we have had some staff turnovers resulting in no staff for some positions. Currently, NBD has 29 staff and 1 vacant position to be filled.

### Staff induction and planning meeting

The induction meeting was held from 5th June to the 9th of June 2010 at the Imperial Botanical Beach hotel in Entebbe Uganda. Participants were Secretariat and National staff already on board including; the Programme development, M&E Officer also acting as the regional Manager, Finance and Administration Manager, Advocacy Officer – EN Region, Communications Officer, Finance Officer, Programme Administrator, National Coordinators and National Assistants from 8 countries because DRC and Tanzania had not completed the recruitment exercise. The induction was facilitated and led by the Programme Companion Mr. Rod MacLeod.

#### **The staff recommended 2 focus issues indicated below for the 1st year to the Board.**

- Awareness and advocacy for policy, legal and institutional arrangements for Nile cooperation.
- Awareness and advocacy for proper and adequate compensation for local populations to be affected by identified investments.

### Board Induction and Meetings

The Board induction was undertaken to help the newly elected NBD board. After the induction the NBD board understood: good governance principles and how they relate to NBD, their roles and responsibilities in the governance of NBD and how they relate to management staff



in running the organization, the DFID programme and their role, the best practices in human resource management and how the human resource manual should be put into practice, the approved systems of financial management, levels of responsibility, liability of Board Members, financial control and how it should be put into practice and they discussed in detail how NBD can identify a Niche and focused outcomes over the next 1 year to 3 years and how it will get there.

During the Board induction, the NBD Board agreed on the terms of reference and the composition of the Finance, Audit and Administration Sub-Committee, the Constitutional Review Task Force and the Program and Resource Mobilization Sub-Committee. The NBD board also identified the following priorities that they planned to look at in the near future: Effectiveness of the NBD Secretariat, Resource mobilisation/partnerships sustainability, Reporting system from the national offices to the NBD secretariat, modalities of involving communities/awareness of grassroots people, key policies that need to be developed, the functionality of NBD Board and Secretariat and the NBD strategic plan which needs to be revised and also incorporate the NDF strategic plans.

The NBD Board has held 3 board meeting to review progress, agree on strategies and approve plans.

The 1st Board meeting was held on 10th and 11th June 2010 during which the Board approved the annual plan and budget, created a subcommittee to conclude recruitments, planned and scheduled the General Assembly, issued a position statement on CFA and meet the programme staff on Board.

The 2nd Board meeting was held on 15th October 2010 to resolve pending issues on staff recruitment at national level develop a road map for constitutional review, review and finalise the management report to the General Assembly and finalise the draft agenda for the General assembly. The 3rd meeting was held on 21st January 2010 at which the Board reviewed progress, reviewed the monitoring and evaluation plans as well as the advocacy plan and adopted the Annual review plan subject to agreement with DFID. The adopted for use and application the communication Matrix, Resource Mobilization Strategy, Resource Mobilization Policy, Volunteer Policy and Volunteer Management Guidelines.



## NBD General Assembly

NBD successfully held their General Assembly to elect a new Board, renew leadership commitments, and endorse the funded programme and budget. After the General assembly the newly elected Board held a meeting on 16th October to discuss transitional issues that would enable the new Board operate smoothly and effectively.

# Programme Background

## 1.1 Introduction

The Nile Basin resources are so vital to basic livelihoods and human development of the Nile Basin people. To effectively advocate for issues relating to Nile Cooperation, there is need for NBD to improve its understanding of the resources available, the distribution of the resources and the current limitations to the better management of the Nile resources. Small and large scale agricultural activities that are sustainable, fishery activities whether commercial or artisanal, livestock keeping and range management, industrial growth, hydro-power development and biodiversity all depend on the Nile basin resources and the better management of these resources.

Given the many watersheds shared by the 11 Nile Basin countries and the potential for discord over water management in them, there is need and an opportunity to avoid conflict by cooperating in the trans-boundary Nile basin resources. The 11 Nile Basin Countries recognize and build on water as a binding factor between otherwise hostile states; and learn from successful trans-boundary cooperation efforts and agreements amongst other African states. This programme views sharing water among the riparian countries not as a cause of conflict but as a catalyst for cooperation. Common interests of the Nile Basin like water quality, supply, flood control, effects of climate change etc. are potential arenas in which to build institutional capacity through collaboration amongst Nile Basin states. NBD is committed in this programme to enhance





joint efforts with other partners and specifically NBI in data collection, understanding impacts and improving socio-economic models that can bring actors together and thus foster cooperation. Through this programme, NBD seeks to work towards the creation of a Nile Basin where resources are equitably and sustainably developed and managed, benefiting all its inhabitants.

To enable NBD to achieve its vision, it is currently implementing a new programme titled Civil Society Engagement in Nile Cooperation and Development, which commenced in May 2010. The programme is financed by the UK Department for International Development (DFID) with an Accountable Grant Agreement for £2.8 million over 2 years.

### Programme goal

A Nile Basin, where resources are equitably and sustainably developed and managed, benefiting all its inhabitants.

### Programme purpose

To promote and add value to Nile cooperation and development processes that will ultimately reduce poverty in the region

### Programme Outputs

To achieve this purpose, the programme aims to bring about changes at two interlinked ways; firstly by promoting and supporting the overall process of Nile cooperation and secondly to influence positively the programmes and investments arising through the process of Nile Cooperation facilitated by the NBI.

## 1.2 Progress Assessment

Overall the programme had progressed reasonably well after a slow start. From the review, the programme is expected to largely achieve its output to raise awareness of the benefits of Nile cooperation while at least partially achieving its output of informing NBI policy, planning, design



and implementation of programmes. There are recent encouraging signs of improved performance and with the proper implementation of the proposed recommendations the purpose can be largely achieved.

### Programme Purpose

**To promote and add value to Nile cooperation and development processes that will ultimately reduce poverty in the region.**

The programme has been largely successful in promoting Nile cooperation by raising awareness among civil society organizations and the media. The activities of running national and sub-regional forums combined with dissemination of written materials have been effective. Given the long lead time required and the entrenched views in the region, it is unlikely that in the short term this work will be able to sway public opinion to influence the broader cooperation policies such as the CFA. However, it was noted that there is a greater opportunity to attempt this in Egypt after the recent revolution. The programme was beginning to add value to specific Nile development processes most notably in the power generation and interconnection programmes. The NBD is reaching out to affected communities and bringing their concerns directly to NBI officials and other programme implementers and government departments.

**Indicator 1: Regionally agreed civil society position statements articulated and adopted at least partially by Nile Basin Initiative (NBI) and other bodies**

To the date of the annual review, two regional and two sub-regional agreed civil society position statements have been articulated. The regional statements are broad positions about the value of cooperation across the basin and are probably most useful as tools to inform civil society about the benefits and historical importance of the last decade's



cooperation efforts culminating in the NBI. The two sub-regional statements together with the broad advocacy strategies developed have laid out some clear campaigns focused primarily on addressing local concerns and mitigating the potential adverse impacts and reinforcing the positive impacts of NBI power generation and power interconnection programmes.

NBI programme managers in both sub-basins have partially 'adopted' these position statements reporting that the NBD is bringing relevant concerns to their attention which they are beginning to address. These concerns relate primarily to concrete implementation issues which could adversely affect the quality of the programmes such as inadequate application of resettlement and compensation policies. The NBI staff appreciated hearing of these community impact issues at this early stage of implementation. They indicated that this would assist them to avoid the problems suffered by previous large-scale programmes (e.g. Bujagali dam programme).

**Indicator 2: Regular and effective public consultations and participation in Nile policy, planning and strategy developments and processes**

The NBD has engaged regionally on the broad issue of encouraging basin governments to continue to cooperate on water resource management and development on the Nile rather than undertake unilateral development. In Egypt, it was noted that NBD is influencing the new government post-revolution to re-engage in the cooperation process. The new Minister of Water attended an NBD forum and subsequently held public consultations on the future of Nile cooperation to which the NBD was invited. The NBD also attended civil society delegations first to Uganda and then to Ethiopia that met with President Museveni and Prime Minister Zenawi to discuss the position of Egyptian civil society on Nile cooperation.

Forums were held earlier in the year in all basin countries during which the CFA was discussed. Civil society groups in each country tended to support their government's position with a resultant marked difference between upstream and downstream country positions regarding the CFA. It was noted that it is important to promote a more nuanced view that can help to bridge differences in the longer term. The NBD is engaging on two programmes in each of the EN and NEL sub-regions. This engagement has led to some concrete actions in the NEL sub-region by NBD members who have reached out to affected communities and brought their concerns to the NBI, programme implementers and government officials.



## Programme Output 1

### **Increased awareness of the benefits of Nile cooperation.**

#### **Indicator 1.1: % of key stakeholders demonstrating awareness and understanding of key Nile cooperation issues.**

Milestone 2010: 10% increase above baseline

Milestone 2011: 25% increase above baseline

88% of 101 respondents in a recent survey polling members of the NBD indicated that they either agreed or strongly agreed with the statement that the “NBD has raised my awareness of important issues of Nile cooperation”. The chief tools used for awareness raising also received positive reviews in this survey. 98% of respondents either agreed or strongly agreed that “I learned important new information about Nile cooperation issues” through the forums. Fact sheets, newsletters and the NBD website all received similar endorsement with more than 90% considering these communication products valuable for their understanding of Nile issues.

#### **Indicator 1.2: Media informed and is reporting on national debates on Nile issues.**

Milestone 2010: National Forums held in at least 5 countries with press releases and media coverage.

Milestone 2011: National Forums held in all countries with press releases and media coverage. 16 National Forums have been held with at least one in each country and a total attendance of 1200 participants. Two sub-regional forums and one regional forum had another 220 participants. All forums had press releases and media coverage with a total of more than 80 articles appearing in national level newspapers, more than 130 radio interviews and 30 television interviews with NBD staff and board. Forums are attracting prominent speakers, panelists and attendees including



basin government Ministers of Water (e.g. Egypt, Ethiopia and Rwanda), NBI TAC members, Ambassadors, international scholars (e.g. Terje Tvedt), business leaders and civil society leaders. This high level participation has helped raise the profile of these events and consequently the potential to more broadly raise awareness.

## Programme Output 2

**Better informed NBI policy, planning, design and implementation of programmes.**

**Indicator 2.1: Number of position statements articulated and advocacy strategies implemented.**

Milestone 2010: 3 articulated and advocated.

Milestone 2011: 3 articulated and advocated.

8 statements have so far been articulated and advocated. Influencing strategies are in





development in each sub-region targeting issues with respect to impacts of power production and interconnection and regionally regarding issues with respect to the CFA, benefits of cooperation on the Nile and the threats of unilateral development.

**Indicator 2.2: Quality of NBD representation of civil society on Nile issues.**

Milestone 2010: At least 50% satisfaction.

Milestone 2011: At least 60% satisfaction.

72% of 105 member organization respondents to a recent survey indicated that they either agreed or strongly agreed with the statement that they were “fully satisfied with the quality of NBD’s representation of civil society’s views to the NBI and basin governments.” Furthermore, 86% felt that “the NBD does a good job of bringing the voice of civil society to key decision-makers about critical development issues in the basin.”

**Indicator 2.3: Gender perspectives on resource use implications identified and fed into advocacy messages, strategies and recommendations.**

Milestone 2010: 3 articulated and advocated.

Milestone 2011: 3 articulated and advocated.

1 of the position statement presented to the Nile-COM and released to the press on Nile Day advocates for the integration of gender perspectives into Nile development processes. One field investigation was undertaken to understand the impacts of the Ethiopia watershed management from a gender perspective.

## Key Recommendations

The following recommendations are organized into the following categories:

- Awareness-raising Component
- Advocacy Component
- Gender
- Sustainability
- Programme Management
- Financial Management

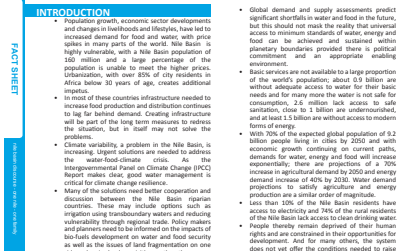
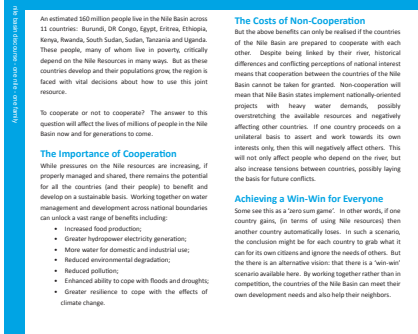
It was recommended that NBD should develop an action plan based on these recommendations with clear timelines for completion and clearly defined staff responsibilities.



## Awareness-raising Component

- Create a web-based member database (by June 2011). Create web-based member database to facilitate contact with and between NBD members. This is a simple but crucial task to facilitate communication with the broad membership. If this cannot be done 'in-house' it is recommended to use funds under Activity 1.6 Network Development to complete this as soon as possible.
- Enhance web-based member communication and library services (by September 2011). Explore web-based tools including list-serves, facebook, youtube, blogs and chat forums to foster greater contact between NBD members across the basin. Improve existing web-based library to provide members with greater access to public documents from government and NBI as well as papers, fact sheets and other information products generated by members and partners.
- Create standardized message about Nile Cooperation (by June 2011). Create a clear, standardized presentation (translated into all national languages) about Nile cooperation (including the history of Nile cooperation, explanation of the NBI (its core functions and activities) and the benefits of Nile cooperation. This would be a centrepiece for all future forums and help to standardize this core message.
- Create standardized message about NBD (by June 2011). Create a clear, standardized presentation (translated into all national languages) about Nile Basin Discourse focusing on its advocacy and awareness campaigns and its services to members. This would be updated regularly and distributed to all NDFs for presentation at all future forums.
- Create relevant fact sheets that support and raise awareness about advocacy campaigns (by July 2011). Develop fact sheets that help raise awareness particularly in the key, selected advocacy campaign themes such as: the benefits and impacts of power interconnection programmes, compensation, rural electrification, impact of

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delaying or not implementing power generation and interconnection programmes and Nile cooperation and water resource management. Consider drawing upon the technical capacity and knowledge of GWP to assist in the development of the fact sheets related to WRM.

- Build a media network (by September 2011). Champions of Nile cooperation should be identified among the media in each basin country and stronger relations should be cultivated regionally with this network. This network could be utilized to present more detailed and complex messages from the advocacy campaigns and about regional developments in Nile cooperation. Special consideration should be given to determine whether the media network should be created by reactivating the pre-existing 'Nile Media Network' first formed under the NBI's CBSI programme.

## Advocacy Component

- Make better use of existing skill base of membership to improve advocacy campaigns (by July 2011). Make better use of NBD members by finding 'champions' of particular issues who have skills that can be utilized on the advocacy campaigns. Sub-grants could be made to NBD members to conduct critical tasks to advance the advocacy program including conducting public consultations among impacted communities. Such potential tasks should be carefully conceptualized with clear outputs so that the results can be effectively used in the campaign. This should not be seen as general grant mechanism for NBD members which would be unrealistic and outside the scope of this programme.
- Explicitly clarify influencing strategies in advocacy campaigns (by July 2011). Finalize the advocacy 'influencing strategies' including clear targeting of specific audiences (eg ministerial, technical, media, community etc). Less emphasis should be placed on influencing 'policy' and instead directed to influencing the weaknesses in the implementation of often good but poorly implemented policies (eg the current compensation issues in Uganda related to expropriation of land for the power





interconnection programme.) Ensure that partners (GWP, NBI etc) and key NDF members are involved in the finalization of the strategies and in drafting clear action plans to move the strategies forward.

- Utilize extensive reach of membership to function as an ‘early warning system’ for community discontent with ongoing development programs (by July 2011). The NBD should more systematically leverage their large membership to function as an ‘early warning system’ to raise community concerns to the implementers of power generation and interconnection programs so that they can be aware of and better mitigate negative community impacts. This might be achieved by creating a sub-group of NDF members in each country who are actively working with the affected communities and draft a strategy by which issues or grievances can be aggregated at the NDF level.
- Make the most of the nascent greater openness in Egypt to influence public opinion and key decision-makers (by September 2011). Leverage the opportunity created by greater openness in Egyptian society as a result the Egyptian revolution to influence decision-makers as well as public opinion regarding the importance of Nile cooperation. Specifically, a clear fact sheet should be drafted in Arabic about the



history of Nile cooperation, the potential benefits to cooperation, the risks of non-cooperation, the current status of the NBI and the CFA and potential policy options for Egypt. Additionally, greater resources might be applied to media campaigns and forums at this critical time in Egypt's history.

## Gender

- Create a gender network linking members across the basin (by August 2011). Create a basin-wide gender network by linking NBD members who work on gender issues (can leverage GWP's gender program and NBI's pre-existing gender network). Perhaps a sub-regional forum or a regional forum could invite members from this network once it is active.
- Leverage skills and experience of existing NBD members that work on gender issues (by August 2011). These organizations can help to inform position statements and advocacy messages by bringing knowledge and experience of gender perspectives in the basin.





## Conclusion

- The overall strategy of the programme remains sound and no changes to the logframe are required.
- Awareness-raising among civil society actors appears to remain a valuable function as major development programs are moving forward in the Nile Basin, an area that has traditionally had little involvement of civil society in such processes.
- The NBD's approach to raising awareness appears to satisfy the needs of their extensive network of member organizations as indicated by the recent survey.
- Leveraging their extensive network and reaching out to affected communities to function as an 'early warning system' for programme implementers may well prove to be a very valuable support to affected communities while supporting implementers to more properly mitigate the impacts of their programmes.
- The context of the programme has changed with the imminent secession of South Sudan and the recent revolution in Egypt. These changes are likely to enhance rather than impair the programme results. There are no significant changes required for the assumptions and risks of this programme.





## Statement of Cash Receipts And Disbursements

Actual, 2010  
US\$

### Cash Receipts

Donor funding	1,015,647
Other Income	456
Foreign exchange gains	475
	<b><u>1,016,578</u></b>

### Disbursements

Personnel costs	125,740
Office Rent and utilities	66,484
Governance	102,530
Communications	12,360
Travel	21,266
Equipment	14,720
Maintenance	4,649
Other core costs	3,639
Personnel for programme activities	281,268
Multi-stakeholders forums	59,966
Awareness raising and advocacy materials	3,767
Media engagement	238
Web based information centre	1,280
Awareness of Nile Cooperation and dialogue	4,950
Network development	1,000
Conduct advocacy campaign on Nile cooperation	6,620
Conduct influencing strategy in structural adjustment	
Programmes (SAPs)	1,724
Represent NBD Membership	3,208
Technical input	55,062
Bank charges	4,515
Management fees	4,243
	779,229

### Surplus for the year

**237,349**



## Statement of Fund Balance

31 December, 2010  
US\$

At Start of period	-
Surplus for the period	237,349
At end of period	<b><u>237,349</u></b>
<b>Represented by:</b>	
Current Assets	
Cash at bank and in hand	335,811
Receivables	7,665
	<b><u>345,476</u></b>
<b>Current liabilities</b>	
Payables	106,127
	<b><u>237,349</u></b>



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