

Frequently Asked Question: CAMPFIRE

What is CAMPFIRE?

CAMPFIRE (Communal Areas Management Programme for Indigenous Resources) is a programme that focuses on the management of wildlife and the wildlife habitat for the benefit of the communities living in those areas.

It can be looked at as an initiative for communities to invest in environmental conservation if they can exploit these resources on a sustainable basis for their own benefit. This is an incentive for locals to use their natural resources sparingly in order to ensure their own sustainability in the economic sphere

What are the objectives of this program

The programme is based on creating appropriate institutions under which resources can be legitimately managed and exploited by the resident communities. Profits from the enterprise may be used for communal benefits or distributed to individual households at the discretion of the community. Using natural resources to create a sustainable income for the locals in order to incentivize them to protect the ecological system. It was also meant to improve laws on land ownership within communities so as to ensure that local mainly benefit from their own land.

WHO ARE THE STAKEHOLDER THAT BENEFIT

- You, the local communities and indigenous people.
- Governments, including government agencies
- Non-governmental organizations (NGOs) and civil society
- The private sector and
- Multilateral organizations

What are the benefits of this initiative?

- Generation of revenue for local use and development of your community
- Provides wildlife habitat and shade to streams.
- Provides hunting, fishing, hiking, biking and bird watching.
- Provides economic opportunity and incentives.
- Provides platform for community members to contribute to decision affecting their resources

- Infrastructural development within the areas where wildlife.

What are the objectives of CAMPFIRE?

- Preserve and protect the natural resources from depletion
- Give control of wildlife management to rural communities, so that they would invest in environmental conservation and in turn, villagers exploited the resources on a sustainable basis for their benefit.
- Ensure that the profits from the project were used for communal benefit or distributed to individual households at the discretion of the community.

Where will the benefits from CAMPFIRE go?

The benefits will be channeled back to the communities for infrastructural development such as clinics, schools, grinding meals, boreholes and roads. Communities that have benefitted from this initiative are Masoka and Dube village.

What are the challenges being face in management of the ecological systems

Financial support, governmental policies to improve policies on wildlife management and the effective contribution of community members towards this initiative.

What is needed to protect natural resources?

- Appropriate systems in ensuring the return are distributed properly amongst community members
- Decentralization of responsibility from the government to include the community members
- Partnership from community member with the implementers in order to get more benefits from the programme

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