

Monthly Field Activity Report

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Activity Log

Dates	Activity	Short-term Results (Outputs)	Costs PPagua	Counterpart in-kind contribution (goods/services)
May 13	Travel to Vancouver & Toronto	Reviewing background materials	\$352.40	1 day WFT in-kind from Elaine
May 14	Travel to Sao Paulo/Belo Horizonte/Tres Marias, met by John and driver		\$1,423.69 & 632,04 Reis	
May 15	Daytime meetings in Tres Marias at hotel and over lunch	Briefings with Thais, Ceica (ArteChico), John (CED) & Barbara		
May 15	Evening meeting in Beiro Rio with Smoked Fish Group & John, accompanied by Thais & Barbara	Orientation to Beiro Rio community & CED activities		
May 16	Household visits alongside Thais & Sarah	Interviews with 5 women from fishing community & distribution of cameras		
May 17	Planning meetings with Erika & Thais & preparation of 18 gender binders (each municipality & community group)	A gender policy binder for each municipality and each of six communities (lodged with female leaders)		
May 18	CIDADANIA & Diversity presentation in Beiro Rio for SG municipality reps in morning	4 female reps		
May 18	Community meeting with SG reps in Beiro Rio church (evangelical)	30+ participants from BR (mostly females); 3 focus groups on education, income generation & domestic violence		
May 19	CIDADANIA & Diversity presentation in Tres Marias municipality, plus presentations from participant groups	15+ participants from Women's Council, Senior's Committee, Agente Jovem, Bolsa Familia, Casa das Familias,		
May 20	Fish Fest in Beiro Rio held at school, attended by Mayor of SG & Ravinia of municipality	Raising self-esteem of fishing families, and exposure of watershed model to participants		In-kind contribution from the school for venue & RC church for model display
May 21	River trip from TM to islands	Interviews with six fisherwomen &	225 Reis	225 Reis in-kind contribution from

		distribution of cameras to all		Norberto
May 22	River trip from islands to Pirapora	Interviews with two fisherwomen & distribution of cameras to all	225 Reis	225 Reis in-kind contribution from Norberto
May 22	Evening meeting in Buritizeiro with Ana The, GRAAL, and 3 reps from fishing colony	Dialogue around information gathered in interviews on needs and aspirations of women fishers		
May 23	Pirapora interviews in morning	2 fisherwomen & distribution of cameras		
May 23	CIDADANIA & Diversity presentation in Pirapora municipality, and ran into Ibiai mayor at lunch	6+ female participants		
May 23	Visit to Instituto de Promocao Cultural Antonia Diniz Dumont & purchase of book & observation of embroidered quilt (riverine community map of sorts)	Scoping out venue for visual & performing artists from fishing communities	20 Reis	
May 24	CIDADANIA & Diversity presentation in Ibiai municipality, plus presentations from 3 gov. reps.	15+ participants, 10 females, 5 males		
May 24	Ibiai interviews in afternoon & receipt of booklet of drawings from Leonice on behalf of PPA	Focus group of six fisherwomen & distributed cameras to all		
May 25	Barra do Guaicui interviews	4 fisherwomen & distribution of cameras to all		
May 25	Late afternoon brainstorm session re: activity planning (with Thais & Erika) followed by dinner meeting with Ze Andrade (storing 28 cameras)	Draft activity plan from June to September 2006, and preliminary plan from November to March 2007		
May 26	Visit to music store to see traditional instruments made from environment & travel to Belo Horizonte by bus in afternoon	Final debriefing with Thais		
May 27	Travel to Sao Paulo & Toronto	Final debriefing with Erika		1 day WFT in-kind from Elaine
May 28	Travel to Vancouver & Victoria	Farewell to Erika		

Summary of Activities and Results:

Principal development results:

** Principal results or developmental change caused/stimulated/supported by activities (e.g. improved skills, enhanced knowledge, increased effectiveness, greater participation of women and youth in policy formation and decision-making) using performance measurement indicators from LFA for specific activity;*

The powerpoint presentations on *Cidadania and Diversity* stimulated dialogue around the plight of Brazilian fisherwomen who are often subject to both gender and racial discrimination.

And since poverty also falls along gender and racial lines, fisherwomen find themselves amongst the poorest in the communities along the banks of the SF. Suggestions were offered to include fisherwomen and fishermen equally on the various councils set up or being set up in the municipalities to increase their role in decision-making and policy formation, beginning with a gender policy for each.

The gender manuals lodged in each municipality (Tres Marias, Pirapora, and Ibiai) and also with a select number of female leaders from Beiro Rio and Ibiai fishing communities, are resources for future activities and potentially will enhance knowledge.

The three translated OECD gender equality tipsheets are useful tools for municipalities and NGOs when mainstreaming gender into organizational policies and procedures (effective gender strategies, gender and the environment, as well as monitoring). These have the potential of improving skills and understanding appropriate questions to ask when dealing with gender-related development issues.

The disposable camera initiative has the strong potential of enhancing the self-esteem of the fisherwomen. The resultant photo storybook, which will identify the significance of the picture content in their own words, could be useful for the fishing communities in having their unique perspective taken into consideration by the private, public and civil society sectors. A possible spin-off is that some of the photos and stories could be used in literacy classes in their own communities.

Knowledge of composting and using fish parts as fertilizer was enhanced by way of discussions.

Unexpected results:

Identification of the following opportunities for artistic expression that have the potential of raising the collective self-esteem of the fishing communities:

May 20th Fish Fest in Beiro Rio (potluck concept and potential for popular theatre/storytelling events on Nov. 21st – World Fisheries Day and March 8th – International Women’s Day) - could be replicated in 5 other PPA areas. People from around the reservoir could be invited to bridge the agriculturalist-fisher divide. Farmers are potential purchasers of fish by-products (after filleting) for fertilizer and potential users of smoker for their cheeses. The *cumprade(s) d’agua* ghost stories seem to generate the most excitement and could become the thread that binds the SF river communities together. The *carranca* wood carvings become part of the story as well.

After meeting the Pirapora municipality, we stopped into the recently opened Institute for the Promotion of Cultural (Antonia Diniz Dumont) IPCADD in Pirapora, showcasing an embroidered quilt along the lines of community mapping of SF river (linking with IDRC ArteChico initiative & potential venue for popular theatre/storytelling events on Nov. 21st and March 8th). Farmers from Buritizeiro, Pirapora and Barro do Guaiacui could be invited to facilitate linkages with the fisherfolk from the same areas.

While visiting the Ibiai municipality, it was determined that the venue would be ideal for mural paintings (4 walls in upper hall begging to be used---suggested themes with river & fish flowing through---four generations of children, youth, adults, elders). Potential unveiling ceremony and venue for popular theatre/storytelling events on Nov. 21st and March 8th). Agriculturalists from Ibiai could be invited to facilitate linkages with the fishing community.

Gender and age profile of participants:

** Gender profile of participants (using qualitative indicators if possible) and age group;*

Quantitative indicators:

26 fisherwomen ranging in age from 22 to 70 years of age, with an average age of 38.6 years.

government representatives from 4 municipalities (mainly female)

representatives of NGOs (Vida, GRAAL)

representatives of fishing colonies (mainly male)

Qualitative indicators:

All 26 women were delighted to participate in the fisherwomen's photo storybook initiative and eager to learn to use a camera.

All 4 municipalities primed to include gender and racial diversity in their programming, and possibly on their thematic councils.

Relationship of results to PPA objectives:

Relationship of these results to the objectives of Projeto Peixes Pessoas e Agua and terms of reference for the consultant;

The mission's overall objective was to propose appropriate gender-sensitive indicators for monitoring the well-being of fisherwomen and fishermen & fishing families, as well as the fish environment.

Challenges faced and lessons learned:

** Problems or difficulties encountered and lessons learned;*

During interviews, sometimes the husbands, sons or neighbours would interfere with the fisherwomen's ability to freely answer questions.

Activity planning and recommendations:

Existing plans and suggestions for follow-up activities.

Gender strategies:

Get 2 fisherwomen on municipal councils, especially the Women's Council, and seek out 2 gender-sensitive fishermen as well.

Facilitate the creation of a fisherwomen's association, for social and educational purposes, that unites women from the six communities along the SF river.

Work alongside local fishing colonies to target fisherwomen for training in deboning and filleting, as well as smoking, drying and fish fertilizer.

With the colony leaders, identify and assist fisherwomen 55 and over in need of retirement planning and securing government benefits.

Run anger management courses for fishermen, as well as substance abuse counseling.

Promote the establishment of a Neighbourhood Watch program and/or a Women's Police Unit to deal with violence against women.

Ensure there is a Safe House in each community where women and children can go for assistance in case of emergencies.

Diversity strategies:

Secure 2 spots for fishers (male and female) on all other municipal councils for gender balance.

Promote the establishment of an office/secretariat for diversity issues and collect & disseminate disaggregated data based on gender, race and age.

Create a Task Force on Fisher Families in each municipality to review discrimination issues (gender, race and age mainly) and to coordinate assistance that cuts across programs.

Communication strategies:

Municipal councils to form libraries with access to information for the public---materials specific to gender et al.

Establish intra and inter-institutional network to make the most of what is available in the community.

Develop a directory as a tool for public awareness-raising about government, private sector and civil society resources for fishing communities.

Recommended gender workplan:

July:

Week 1 – Thais (& Sarah?) river trip to pick-up 26 cameras (develop in Pirapora) and then drop off one set with women while obtaining stories of each photo & getting signed release forms (Ibiai, Barro do Guacui, Pirapora, island and river people, Beiro Rio).

Week 2 – Finish outstanding reports. Organize photos and stories, group into themes, and explore publishers such as IEF.

Week 3 – Explore establishment of NGO and draft potential by-laws. Make link with Penedo group at the mouth of the SF.

Week 4 – ArteChico assistance if required.

August:

Week 1 – Planning 4 Action Planning Workshops and making logistical arrangements.

Week 2 – To SG with bus load of women from Beiro Rio to raise their issues with Mayor & Councils

Week 3 – Ibiai workshop on Mon/Tues; Wed off; Pirapora workshop on Thurs./Fri.

Week 4 – Tres Marias workshop on M/T; Wed. off; SG workshop (R/F)

Week 5 – Complete monthly field activity report including workshops, as well as expense reports.

September:

Week 1 – Publish photo-storybook and investigate printing costs of cartoon booklets.

Week 2 – Facilitate action plans developed in August with municipalities, promoting Nov. 21st Fish Fests every year in all communities with story-tellers & popular theatre by groups, and similar events around March 8th each year.

Week 3 – Distribute photo-storybook and brainstorm content of booklets.

Week 4 – Complete monthly field activity reports and expense reports.

November (beginning of off-season for fishers):

Week 1 – Tres Marias Event

Week 2 – Beiro Rio/SG Event

Week 3 – World Fisheries Day Events (Nov. 21st in all 6 communities) – Potluck Fish Fests (with children's games, e.g. fishing for prizes, and contests, e.g. fish eating or fishing derby)

Pirapora Event – Nov. 25 – Anti-Violence Against Women Day

Week 4 – Ibiai Event at Club Sociale – Fisherwomen's Conference (with Penedo reps)

January (school holiday):

Week 1 – Fisherwomen Training #1: Deboning, Filleting/Smoking/Salting Fish for 2 women from each of 6 communities = 12 trainers of trainers

Week 2 – Fisherwomen Training #2: Community Gardening, Composting, and Fish Fertilizers (for a second set of 12 ToTs)

Week 3 – Fisherwomen Training #3: Handicrafts, Embroidery, Sewing, Carving, Weaving, Making Hammocks & Musical Instruments from local natural resources (for a third set of 12)

Week 4 – Fisherwomen Training #4: Traditional Ecological Knowledge (for food and medicine) and Environmental Monitoring (for water, air and soil pollution)

February (Carnival):

Weeks 1 & 2: Lessons Learned Workshops in the PPA Region (videotape story of PPA through peoples' eyes.

Week 3: Lessons Learned Workshop at the National Level

Week 4: Consolidate Lessons Learned and Edit for reports

March:

Week 1: Celebrate International Women's Day on March 8th in each of six communities

Week 2: Develop new proposal for 2-year gender program

Week 3: Present new proposal to CIDA

Week 4: Wind-up activities and farewells

Specific Field Activity/Event Report

Name: _____ Institution: _____

Activity/Event: _____ Dates: _____

Location: _____

Date of Report: _____

Participant's Role in Activity/Event: _____

Event Summary:

- Please use sufficient detail so that people who have not participated in the activity/event can understand:
- Attach appendices of additional information deemed useful such as agendas, programs, presentations, photos, etc.

Report on Event Participation:

- Quantitative and qualitative data, if possible attach participant/contact list or participant evaluations of activity
- Characterization of participation and participants, including disaggregated data by gender and age group (e.g. youth, adult, elder).

Specific contribution given in the name of Projeto PPAgua:

What was especially significant in relation to Projeto PPAgua or its partners?

What was especially significant to you personally? Did it create any change in your own understanding, knowledge, skills or opinion, effectiveness, etc? If so, in what ways?

Self-assessment re: quantitative and qualitative performance measurement indicators for short-term results (from LFA):

Evaluative comments about workshop structure, delivery (e.g. strengths, weaknesses, areas for improvement):

Existing plans/suggestions for follow-up:

Expenditures by PPAgua:

Counterpart contributions (in-kind goods or services):