# Manus Village-REDD+: a learning experience in addressing key REDD+ issues



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### Village-REDD+ Concept

- An approach to forest management
  - $\checkmark\,$  Minimizes disputes and promotes equitable benefit sharing
  - $\checkmark$  By operating at appropriate social scales
  - ✓ 10-step village planning process

✓ Integrate into community development that strengthens LLG planning

- Link gap between field learning and policy
  - ✓ Inform national policy through on-the-ground data & experiences
  - ✓ Learn lessons can be scaled for other REDD+ projects
- Funding support through AusAID (2009, 2012)

#### Village-REDD+ Approaches & Objectives

- Local level (LLG/local communities) 'community readiness'
  ✓ Develop robust local institutions & mechanism for mitigation
  ✓ Pilot low-impact technical activities
- Sub-national level (Manus Province & District) 'sub-national readiness'
  ✓ Develop/support sub-national institutions & mechanisms for REDD+
- National level (OCCD) 'national readiness'
  - Contribute to REDD+ policy and development of guidelines

#### **Concept Approaches & Objectives**

• National level (OCCD)

Contribute to REDD+ policy and development of guidelines
 Undertake crosscutting activities to

- Generate economic models for scaling up Village-REDD
- Develop awareness & curriculum materials CC, REDD+, and
- Conduct gender training & capacity building



## Village-REDD+ Demonstration Site





• Project site coloured brown

### Activities

- "Luksave Wokabaut"- clan survey & seeking early feedback
- Development of information sharing & educational materials
- Land tenure, project & clan land boundary mapping
- Forest inventory test plots
- Biodiversity survey
- Paralegal training & dispute resolution system
- Government & Stakeholder partnership & collaborations



#### Issues



- Adequate information sharing & education
- Land disputes & dispute resolution
- Conflicting land uses, e.g. logging, large scale rubber
- Interim REDD+ benefits
- Carbon rights, e.g. FMAs, customary
  land
- Project data harmonized into national MRV
- FPIC principles upheld
- Enduring partnership & robust engagement necessary for successful implementation