REDD+ National Strategy/Action Plan Bhutan

ASIA - PACIFIC

1. PLANNING THE NS/AP DESIGN PROCESS

Do you have a Roadmap for preparation of a NS/AP?   (No)

2. ANALYZING DRIVERS OF DD, AND OTHER ANALYTICAL WORK

Have you conducted analyses of drivers of deforestation and forest degradation?   (No)

3. SHAPING THE STRATEGIC VISION FOR REDD+

Have you identified how REDD+ fits with broader development objectives?   (Yes)

Linkages to the broader legal and planning framework:

- Development of National REDD+ strategy is one of the key outputs of the Eleventh Five Year Plan (EFYP) Programme of Bhutan (July 2013-June 2018). The main goal of EFYP is Self-reliance and Inclusive Green Socio-economic Development.
- Article five of the Constitution of the Kingdom of Bhutan states that 60% of its total area will always be maintained under forest cover for all times to come. The NFMS of REDD+ will help the department and government to monitor changes in forest cover and land uses and accordingly help in decision making and planning of various activities

Scale: National since the rules and regulations governing forest management are same, similar management regimes and also will have information generated on carbon at national level from NFI

Priority drivers: have been identified but await validation:

- Road (highways & farm roads) constructions, mining, megaprojects-hydropower, transmission lines, township expansion and leasing of land for commercial agriculture as drivers of deforestation
- Commercial logging, rural timber & firewood extraction and forest fires as drivers of degradation

4. IDENTIFICATION AND SELECTION OF PAMS

Have you designed a preliminary set of PAMs for REDD+?   (No)

5. IMPLEMENTATION FRAMEWORK FOR REDD+ IMPLEMENTATION

Have you designed an implementation framework for your NS/AP?   (No)

KEY CHALLENGES

- Lack of expertise on different aspects of REDD+ and also technical skills in generating information required for REDD+