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# Status Update: Asia-Pacific

## 13 January 2014



# 15 Partner Countries



- Slowing economic growth
- Growing inequality
- Reduction in subsidies and rising inflation
- Political instability, esp. after contested elections
- Increasing levels of corruption
- Government changes
- Investments in large-scale infrastructure projects



# National Programme status

Country	Status	Projection
Cambodia	Programme in full swing (mid-term review in mid 2013)	Administratively still very complex, activities have picked up, SSFA signed July 2013
Indonesia	Completed 31 Oct. 2012	REDD+ Task Force formed end of 2013
PNG	Programme in full swing	Slow progress, SSFA signed Sep. 2013, UNEP's work on safeguards delayed
Philippines	Completed 30 Apr. 2013	UNEP's work on framework and guidelines for safeguards completed in Apr. 2013
Solomon Islands	Progressing slowly	To be completed in Apr. 2014, request for targeted support withdrawn
Sri Lanka	NPD signed in Feb 2013	Slow progress foreseen, SSFA signed Oct. 2013
Viet Nam	Phase II NPD (US\$30 million) signed 30 Jul. 2013	See next slide



# National Programme status – Viet Nam

Issues	Status	Projection
Management Structure	Management Structure is being established at both National and sub-national levels, but not yet full functioning - recruitment being the most concerned; PIM is being developed	Recruitment for all offices is expected to complete in the first-half 2014; PIM get approved;
Administrative/ Funding	Slow progress, SSFA not yet signed; no fund transfer in 2013	SSFA to be signed & first installment is expected in early 2014; A practical approach for this large scale programme (UNEP: US\$ 4.268 mil);
UNEP focus areas	(1) Communication & awareness raising: draft ToR for compiling REDD+ communication strategy & plan	Communication strategy & plan to be ready in Q1 to facilitate the implementation
	(2) Environmental safeguards: 2 <sup>nd</sup> draft roadmap available;	Development of framework and indicators; Follow-up at both national & sub-national level
	(3) REDD+ Planning: draft concept note for supporting REDD+ planning	Integration in the REDD+ planning process at sub-national levels (collaboration with FAO & UNDP)
	(4) Regional cooperation: ?	

# Status of other partner countries

Country	Projection
Bangladesh	Roadmap prepared, NPD approved, currently revised, no UNEP involvement
Bhutan	Targeted support on safeguards completed in Apr. 2013, Gov. contacted with regard to request for 2014.
Malaysia	Potential request for targeted support to be discussed in Feb. 2014
Mongolia	Potential request for targeted support by Ministry of Environment and Green Development
Myanmar	REDD+ road map completed in Aug. 2013. Request for Programmatic support completed in Nov. 2013 (UNEP US\$775,750). Request for first tranche sent to UNRC on 02 Jan. 2014.
Nepal	Active R-PP, potential request for targeted support
Lao PDR, Pakistan	No definite plans at present



# Lessons learned

- Awareness on REDD+ remain weak throughout countries; continues to be mixed up with UN-REDD
- REDD+ strategies developed in Indonesia, Philippines and Viet Nam
- Functional and active working groups only in Viet Nam; to be set up soon in Cambodia and Sri Lanka
- Cross-ministerial coordination remains weak; weak private sector involvement
- Unfulfilled high expectations have lead to fatigue in some countries
- UN-REDD Programme is viewed in many countries as a forestry project; interest in work on multiple benefits and green economy is limited



# Regional activities

- Lessons learned brochures regularly updated
- Go-REDD+ (38 messages since Jan. 2012)
- Exchange workshops in 2013 on safeguards (UNEP) and NFMS (FAO)
- Regional analysis survey and report completed
- FPIC repository launched
- Funding challenge for future activities. Regional Coordinator's contract expired in early Jan. 2014





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**Thank You**

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