

Title of Project : Building the Awareness and Support of REDD+ Among the Forest-Dependent Communities in Siem Reap province

Related Activities UN-REDD+ Work plan:

- 1. Development of individual REDD+ strategies and implementation modalities outcome 2.1.

Objectives of Activity: To build awareness on REDD+ in Siem Reap in support of its institutionalization.

Brief Description:

The project involves a community forestry area in Siam Reap and will analyse how community forestry can be involved in REDD+, this will involve analysing the pros and cons of REDD+ for the communities involved, the needs for increasing awareness of the target stakeholders, the need for possible strengthening the institutional arrangements. In achieving the goal, consultation meetings and forum to promote awareness on the benefits and local costs of REDD+ will be discussed and findings and recommendations useful for the broader implementation of REDD+ in community forestry areas in Cambodia will be developed.

The project is expected to:

- ❑ increase awareness among stakeholders and incorporation of REDD+ options in the CF Management Plans
- ❑ identify some of the challenges and constraints in implementing REDD+ ;
- ❑ motivate wider participation of some stakeholders on REDD+; and
- ❑ Improve/strengthen the implementation of REDD+ in Cambodia, particularly among the CF communities.

The primary beneficiaries of the project are the CF communities. The key outputs of the project are:

- ❑ forum conducted on REDD+ mechanism, identification of the activities that lead to reducing GHG emissions or increasing carbon sequestration, such as, but not limited to the use of improved cook stove technologies, forest restoration, agroforestry/sustainable agriculture;
- ❑ Proposal for appropriate methods to involve CF communities in REDD+ implementation which will address costs and benefits and provide suggestions for the appropriate incentive based systems for involving the CFs, including possible alternatives to REDD+ ex-post result-based payments for emissions reductions. Synthesis of lessons learned on REDD implementation that includes analysis of the constraints and challenges of implementing REDD+ in the CF areas
- ❑ draft policy notes on REDD+ implementation in the CFs

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1. Background

The Community Forestry Programme designed in the National Forest Programme aims to build on the previous National Community Forestry Programme (NCFP) in 2006 and to broaden it to cover all decentralized forest management modalities by targeting 2 million hectares for Community Forestry¹. The implementation of REDD+ in Cambodia provides an alternative source of fund for the development of community forest areas. REDD+ offers an opportunity by which the environmental services of the forest maintained by the community can be compensated. The CF areas are one of the potential sites where REDD+ can be implemented since the communities have proven to provide effective protection to the community forests and would therefore be a suitable modality of implementing REDD+ with minimal risks. The experience in Cambodia, particularly in Oddar Meanchay, indicated that result-based payments for communities can be disappointing slow to materialize and results can be vulnerable for external pressures raising the question whether ex-post result-based incentives payments is the most appropriate way to involve forest communities. There is a need to investigate whether other means of support, e.g. jobs and small scale investments can be a more interesting incentive option for CF stakeholders and for REDD+ to succeed in community forestry.

2. Goals and Objective

The overall goal of the project is to support the development of Community Forestry through alternative funding mechanism. The project will provide important lessons for how to implement REDD+ in Community Forestry areas in Cambodia.

The specific objectives of the project are:

1. To increase the awareness of the pilot site on REDD+, indicated by the following:
 - forum conducted to disseminate the information on REDD+ mechanism that include possible benefits for the community arising from REDD+ e.g. by using improved cook stove technologies, forest restoration, agroforestry/sustainable agriculture, as well as possible local jobs involved for improved forest management/protection;
 - information materials developed;
 - number of CF members participating on REDD forum;
 - an analysis of the constraints and challenges in the adoption of REDD+ in the CF areas
2. To develop an overview of local costs of implementing REDD+ and possible investments which could lead to positive results. This could include payments for patrolling the forest area, as well as small scale investments in methods which could reduce the pressure on forests.
3. To strengthen the existing legal framework on REDD+ implementation for CFs, with the following indicators:
 - Synthesis report on the lessons learned of the ongoing/implemented REDD+ project/s in Cambodia;
 - Draft policy notes on REDD+ implementation in the CFs

¹ National Forest Programme 2010-2029

3. Overview of Activities

The project will be conducted in Siem Reap. Siem Reap is among the important provinces where REDD+ need to be promoted due to its growing population and threat to the remaining forests. The specific activities include increasing awareness of the target stakeholders and strengthening the institutional arrangements and legal framework for REDD+. To achieve the goals, the project will hold consultation meetings on the benefits and workable mechanism of REDD+, particularly among the CF communities while avoiding raising unnecessary expectations.

4. Details of Activities

Objective 1: To increase the awareness of the pilot CF on REDD:

- 1. Conduct of Baseline Survey on the Awareness Level of the Stakeholders at the Village.**
Baseline survey will be conducted to determine the level of awareness of the different stakeholders and the status of the forests. These will be piloted in one CF site in Siem Reap. The respondents in each CFs will be randomly selected using the acceptable statistical sampling.
- 2. Hold Consultative Meetings to Discuss REDD Issues.** A consultative meeting will be held to discuss the issues on REDD. NGOs involved in REDD will be invited in the workshop. The meetings will be held at the village, commune and provincial levels.
- 3. Hold Consultative Meeting to Discuss Institutional Arrangements for REDD Implementation.**
A regular meeting will be facilitated to improve the institutional arrangements that will promote the discussion of REDD+ implementation. The meeting will also serve a forum to share the experiences in REDD+ implementation.

Objective 2. To investigate appropriate ways to promote CF engagement in REDD+. The investigation will involve workshops with relevant stakeholders and take existing experiences into account.

Objective 3: To strengthen Existing Legal Framework on REDD Implementation. Policy notes will be drafted to strengthen the existing legal framework of REDD implementation with a view to provide input to the broader implementation of REDD+ in Community Forestry Areas. The draft policy notes will be presented in a forum for review and finalization.

4.0 Phasing-out Activities. The phasing out activities involves the holding of workshop to present the experiences and lessons learned and the finalization of the policy notes. The terminal report will analyze the lessons learned and the gaps that should be incorporate in the NFP.

5. Expected Outputs and Outcome

Expected Outputs:

- Forum Conducted on REDD+ Issues
- Suggestions for appropriate ways to involve Community Forestry in REDD+ implementation which can involve alternatives to ex-post payments for achieved results ;
- Synthesis of Lessons Learned from Past Experiences of REDD Implementation
- Draft Policy Notes on REDD Implementation for CFs

Expected Outcomes:

- ❑ Increased Awareness Among Stakeholders on REDD
- ❑ Increased Motivation among the Communities to support REDD+

6. Roles and Responsibilities

Key Players	Roles and Responsibilities
FA National	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❑ Responsible in the overall management and implementation of the project. ❑ Provide the overall technical guidance and advice to the FA Subnational ❑ Coordinate with the UN REDD Secretariat
FA Subnational	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❑ Responsible in the implementation and actual monitoring/data gathering and working with the CFMCs
CFMC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❑ Will be responsible in the actual implementation and data gathering

7. Time frame

The activities will be implemented from 2013 to June 2014. The schedule of the activity is shown in the Gantt Chart below.

Outputs / Key Activities	2013 (Jul - Dec)		2014 (Jan - Jun)	
	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2
1.0 Start-up Activities				
<i>1.1 Hiring and Orientation of Staff (1 day)</i>	X			
<i>1.2 Project Inception Workshop (2 days)</i>	X			
2.0 Objective 1: To increase the awareness of the target stakeholders on REDD				
<i>2.1 Conduct of Baseline Survey on the Awareness Level of the Stakeholders at the Village</i>	X			
<i>2.2 Hold Consultative Meetings to Discuss REDD Issues</i>				
<i>2.2.1 Village Meetings</i>	X			
<i>2.2.2 Commune Meetings</i>	X			
<i>2.2.3 Provincial Meetings</i>	X			
<i>2.3 Hold Consultative Meetings to Discuss Institutional Arrangements for REDD Implementation</i>	X	X	X	
3.0 Objective 2: To investigate appropriate ways to promote CF participation in REDD+				
<i>3.1 Hold Consultative Meetings to Discuss the Benefit Sharing Mechanism of REDD</i>			X	
4.0 Objective 3: To Strengthen Existing Legal Framework on REDD Implementation				
<i>4.1 Workshop to Present the Experience and Lessons Learned and Strengthen Existing legal Framework on REDD Implementation</i>				X
<i>4.2 Drafting of Policy Notes and publication</i>				X
<i>4.3 Writing and Submitting the Terminal Report that Include the Lessons Learned</i>				X

8. Estimated budget

The project has a total budget of \$105,000. The schedule of the budget is shown in the Table below.

Outputs / Key Activities	Q3 (2013)		Q4 (2013)		Q1 (2014)		Q2 (2014)		Total
	Cash Advance	Direct Payment	Cash Advance	Direct Payment	Cash Advance	Direct Payment	Cash Advance	Direct Payment	
Total Budget	32,563	13,700	9,805	4,500	15,539	5,700	14,693	8,500	105,000
1.0 Start-up Activities	9,003								9,003
1.1 Hiring and Orientation of Staff	2,770								2,770
1.2 Project Inception Workshop	6,233								6,233
2.0 Objective 1: To increase the awareness of the target stakeholders on REDD	17,535		3,780		3,780				25,095
2.1 Conduct of Baseline Survey on the Awareness Level of the Stakeholders at the Village	4,960		0		0				4,960
2.2 Hold Consultative Meetings to Discuss REDD Issues and Institutional Arrangements for REDD+ Implementation									
2.2.1 Village Meetings	5,360		0		0				5,360
2.2.2 Commune Meetings	3,380		0		0				3,380
2.2.3 Provincial Meetings	3,835		0		0				3,835
2.3 Hold Consultative Meetings to Discuss Institutional Arrangements for REDD Implementation	0		3,780		3,780				7,560
3.0 Objective 2: To investigate appropriate ways to promote CF participation in REDD+					5,734				5,734
3.1 Hold Consultative Meetings with relevant stakeholders and take existing experiences into account					5,734				5,735
4.0 Objective 3: To strengthen existing legal framework on REDD+ Implementation							8,668		8,668
4.1 Workshop to Present the Experience and Lessons Learned and Strengthen Existing Legal Framework on REDD Implementation							3,668		3,668
4.2 Drafting of Policy Notes and publication							6,000		6,000
4.3 Writing and Submitting the Terminal Report that Include the Lessons Learned							3,000		3,000
5.0 Equipment		2,400							2,400
Desktop Computer		900							900
Laptop		1,400							1,400
Printer		100							100
6.0 International and National Consultants		11,300		4,500		5,700		8,500	30,000
Technical Expert (International Consultant)		6,800				1,200		4,000	
Project Coordinator (National Consultant)		3,000		3,000		3,000		3,000	12,000
7.0 Management and Operation	5,025		5,025		5,025		5,025		20,100
7.1 Supplies and Materials	800		800		800		800		3,200
7.2 Communications	225		225		225		225		900
7.3 Car Rental	2,500		2,500		2,500		2,500		10,000
7.4 Travel and field activities	2,000		2,000		2,000		2,000		8,000
8.0 Contingency	1,000		1,000		1,000		1,000		4,000