

Cambodia REDD+ Activity Cover Page

Title of Activity:

Support to demonstration activities to reduce emissions at local level.

Related activities in FCPF Workplan:

3.2 Development of sub-national capacity to manage REDD+

Objectives of Activity:

To identify effective approaches/activities to reduce emissions through field testing (demonstration activities). The aim is to identify approaches/activities which can be replicated at national level and useful for the national REDD+ strategy.

Brief Description:

National and subnational REDD+ will need to build on government institutions including the relevant line agencies but also the provincial and communal authorities will have an important role to play. Development of policies and measures will happen at national level but implementation of specific activities will have to happen at the local level. Forest monitoring and reporting on results will happen at national level but the activities to deliver the results will happen at local level. This also implies that possible incentives (benefit sharing) will function at the local level to support the specific activities.

The funding available under output 3.2 should support testing specific activities at local level, provide information on how to introduce and agree on activities, the effectiveness of the activities, the costs of activities and appropriate incentive structures. The planning of activities should keep in mind the need for introducing a similar system at a national scale.

There is a need to get answers to questions related to how will communities develop a local plan to reduce emissions from deforestation and forest degradation? who will they report to on activities undertaken and who will provide the incentives and in which format? and who will control that the activities takes place and that the agreed incentives are provided?

Reporting on each activity should include information on the activity, its effectiveness and costs as well as additional information useful for the further replication of the implementation of the activity.

Key Outputs:

The project expected outputs:

- A number of reports to inform how REDD+ activities can be implemented and supported at local level including information on how to plan relevant activities in close consultation with the community to get their acceptance?
- How can national funds (in this case FCPF) pay the communities for their work (incentives)?
- How can activities be monitored and linked to incentives (performance based payment)?
- What level of local government should be involved?
- Can this be implemented on a national scale and can it be cost efficient?

	Signature	Name and Function	Date
Developed by:		Peter Iversen, Technical Specialist	24-04-2014

Implemented by:		REDD+ Taskforce Secretariat	
Approved by:		UN-REDD Programme Director	

CONCEPT PAPER

Support to demonstration activities to reduce emissions

1. Background

The Cancun Agreements issued at the Conference of Parties (COP) 16 held in Mexico in 2010 provide strong support for policy approaches that deliver positive incentives for countries and their actors to engage in REDD+ (reducing emissions from deforestation and forest degradation in developing countries; and the role of conservation, sustainable management of forests and enhancement of forest carbon stocks in developing countries).

Cambodia is host to a number of pilot projects aiming at selling CO2 credits to the voluntary carbon market. These projects fulfill an important role building experiences for the further implementation of REDD+ at national scale but they also have a number of characteristics which makes them less useful for direct scaling up to the national level. The methodologies used for REDD+ pilots are different from UNFCCC REDD+ and the strong involvement of NGO's cannot be expected on a national scale.

FCPF has significant funding for outcome 3 available– testing activities in the field. The experiences from these activities should support the development of the national REDD+ strategy. Relevant activities will be activities which address the drivers of deforestation and forest degradation and thereby reduce emissions or enhance removals of greenhouse gasses. This could include sustainable charcoal production, forest demarcation, tree planting, patrolling, improved livelihood activities etc.

It will be very useful with further experiences on how a national REDD+ system can support various activities at local level and test how such a system will work in practice including the administrative systems necessary and the costs of implementing such a system. This will support the design of national policies and measures to address the drivers of deforestation and forest degradation and the development of an effective and appropriate benefit sharing systems which will provide incentives for the local activities.

Planning and agreeing on such activities with effective consultation will introduce Free Prior Informed Consent (FPIC) in a very practical way. The FCPF funding could be used for the performance based payment and test the reporting and the fund flow. It would be a good testing of how REDD+ can be implemented. This has to be simple and cost effective if it should be replicated on a national scale.

2. Objective

To develop experiences and information for the design of a national REDD+ strategy supporting relevant REDD+ activities implemented at local level, the planning of activities, the incentive system, the reporting, the level of involvement of local authorities and the costs of implementing and running such a system. Experiences should be useful for implementation REDD+ at national scale.

3. Expectation

Useful experiences and information generated for how to implement REDD+ at local level supported by national policies including an incentive structure.

4. Activities

-
- To be decided based on proposals received. Must deliver answers to the questions raised.

5. Outputs:

- A number of reports addressing the questions raised:
 - How can REDD+ activities be implemented and supported at local level including information on how to plan relevant activities in close consultation with the community to get their acceptance?
 - How can national funds (in this case FCPF) provide incentives to the communities for their work?
 - How can activities be monitored and linked to incentives (performance based payment)?
 - What level of local government should be involved?
 - Can this be implemented on a national scale and can it be cost efficient?

6. Roles and Responsibilities

- RTS will contact possible organizations and government institutions to develop proposals in close corporation with the RTS
- RTS will enter into contract with selected service providers including government agencies to carry out relevant demonstration activities.

7. Budget

- 2014: \$100 000
- 2015: \$2XX 000 ?
- 2016: \$2XX 000 ?

8. Time frame

Activity	Time period
• Development of concept note and announcement of activity	May-June 2014
• Development of proposals	July-October 2014