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 ПРОГРАММА ОРГАНИЗАЦИИ ОБЪЕДИНЕННЫХ НАЦИЙ ПО ОКРУЖАЮЩЕЙ СРЕДЕ

Activity Delivery Report

1.1. Project title:	ICA – DEPI-ROLAC for Implementation of the REDD+ National Joint Programme of Paraguay
1.2. Project number:	ICA/2011/DEPI/CCATEB-UN-REDD/022
1.3. Responsible division in UNEP:	DEPI-ROLAC
1.4. Project starting date:	01-01-2012
1.5. Project completion date:	31-01-2016
1.6. Reporting period:	1 st January – 30 th June 2015

2.1 Output/activity delivery status¹

	Activities / Outputs	Status	Comments
1.	Legal and regulatory issues are incorporated into the design and implementation of policies for REDD+	<p>A new set of legal and regulatory issues are being analyzed as a product of the evolution of the program and the emergence of the need to develop a proposal to give legal backing to the implementation of REDD +. This included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Legal definitions of key concepts for the REDD + program including (a) environmental assets (carbon, water, biodiversity, land use, etc.); (B) providers and beneficiaries of environmental services; (C) baseline, leakage, reversals and buffering; (D) standards and (national and international) methodologies; among others. (ii) institutional framework and regulatory institutions (iii) Definition of legal framework for instruments: Monitoring, Accounting, Registration and Information (iv) Definition of legal framework for the governance and conflict resolution instruments (v) Definition of legal framework for social and environmental safeguards (vi) Developing legal instruments for land regulation. (vii) legal instruments to manage the economic and financial resources, including fundraising (viii) legal instruments related to sharing benefits 	Work progressed on schedule and the results will be expected by September.
2.	Scenario analysis including multiple benefits and costs of REDD+ in deforestation hot spots and other areas as required.	<p>The production of Scenario analysis including multiple benefits and costs has been completed. In February 2015 these products were socialized with multiple stakeholders during a workshop in Asuncion. A publication about multiple benefits was produced. A publication about opportunity costs is in process.</p> <p>Following the success of the work on multiple benefits, UNEP/WCMC received an additional request for five new layers of information. These are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Biological Corridors, considering the expansion of protected areas and possible corridors between protected 	None.

¹ List outputs and activities delivered or under preparation i) since the submission of the last progress report, ii) for the last six months or iii) since the commencement of the project, in case of a new project.

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		<p>areas.</p> <p>(ii) Wind erosion. Importance of forests to control wind erosion (forests and wind speed).</p> <p>(iii) Water flow regulation, flood.</p> <p>(iv) Soil erosion. Loss of agricultural soil from runoff.</p> <p>(v) Local climate. Impact on nearby crops as a result of micro-climate and impact on agricultural production as a result of changes in regional temperatures and precipitation.</p> <p>This new layers will be ready to Q4 2015 and will be included in a re-printed of original document about Multiple Benefits.</p> <p>UNEP continued its support on cost analysis during this semester with a focus on the implementation of the law on environmental compensation. The results of this work are expected in Q3 2015.</p>	
4.	Other support activities	<p>UNEP has signed a new agreement in March with FAPI, the indigenous coordinating entity in Paraguay, to provide financial support for its active participation in REDD+ activities. We expect to continue this collaboration through 2015.</p> <p>Analysis of Financing Options for UN-REDD program is planned for Q3 and Q4.</p>	None
5	Information System on Safeguards (response to recommendation of mid-term evaluation)	UNEP provided support in the application of the CAST and Bert tools related to the implementation of safeguards	None

General Comment: The NJP had a midterm evaluation last year that produced a number of recommendations. However, it took 8 months for the management responses to be approved by the Steering Committee (Government, UN Resident Coordinator and Representative of Indigenous People). While there is a favourable institutional and political environment to advance REDD+, it is not certain whether the NJP will be able to complete activities by December 2015. It is likely that another extension may be required.

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