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1. Practice area: PBPS SDC	
2. Mission period (incl. of travel days): From: 04-07 November 2015	
3. Type of mission: Technical backstopping	4. Clients: UNDP CO Nepal and ForestAction (local institution providing consulting team)
5. Purpose of mission: Technical oversight	6. Documents, materials, resources - rough work plan with delivery timing - methodological framework
7. Mission members: Aki Kono, RTA	8. Costs: UN-REDD Global Programme Budget

9. Brief summary of the mission
This mission was to initiate the implementation of Targeted Support to the prioritisation of REDD+ PAMs in Nepal. The team of consultants from ForestAction has brought on-board to carry out the work, and the aim of this mission was to agree on a methodological approach, timeline of activities and deliverables. Prioritisation methods and lessons from Sri Lanka were shared and provided a basis for the design of a methodological approach for this work in Nepal.

The Government of Nepal has recently prepared its REDD+ Strategy, and this Targeted Support is to help prioritise a list of strategic actions in the Strategy through a multiple criteria analysis with inputs generated through stakeholder valuation and technical assessments. The work is set to start from late November and expected to be completed by June 2016.

10. Findings

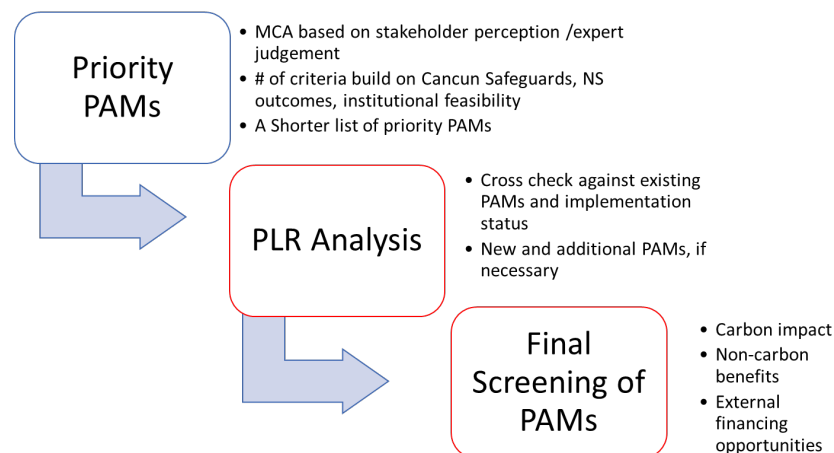
Discussion on administrative matters

- Payment schedule will be broken down into three instalments, and a portion of the first instalment will be increased slightly as the period between the first and second instalments is expected to be a long one.
- Current financial proposal should be broken down further to indicate which outputs will require X number of workshops and meetings and X number of expert days.
- Both the inception and final validation meetings will be organised and paid for by RIC and UNDP (through TS budget) to ensure strategic embedding and national ownership.

Discussion on methodology of prioritisation

- **National REDD+ Strategy provides a list of candidates PAMs, and this work will prioritise those strategic options identified in the Strategy based on a number of prioritisation criteria (potential criteria categories are as follows):**
 - REDD+ safeguards covering public, social and environmental capital protection
 - Institutional feasibility (cost, willingness to support, coordination capacity, resistance, etc.)
 - Carbon potential
 - Non-carbon benefit potential
 - External financing opportunities
- **Nepal's National REDD+ Strategy describes its strategic approaches and actions through its goal, outcome, strategy and strategic action**
 - This work will assess those approaches and actions against the drivers and underlying causes of deforestation and forest degradation to ensure clear relationality and where necessary may propose addition/removal of approaches/actions (this process may employ a problem-tree analysis method).

- The work will also define through a participatory process a clear definition of REDD+ Policies and Measures.
- Outcomes identified in the Strategy already suggest some key prioritisation criteria (base on a quick scan, they seem to match up with REDD+ safeguards and provide important national contexts).
- Prioritisation criteria identification will follow an extensive consultation process reaching out to various stakeholder/interest groups (e.g., CSO, IP, gov'n't, experts, donor, resource user) at national and sub-national levels.
- Criteria will be weighted by different stakeholder/interest groups, and to account for geographical differences, there will be a couple of local resource user groups with different sets of weight (e.g., Terai, mid-hills and high mountains).
- Scoring of PAMs against the prioritisation criteria might be done entirely or partially by experts due to stakeholder knowledge gaps in assessing policies and measures.
- Criteria identification and weighting do not require exhaustive sampling but should follow a structured approach to ensure representative sampling.
- Once the scoring has been completed, multi-criteria computation will be conducted to generate a list of PAMs in a priority order (those PAMs, presenting a higher likelihood of satisfying the prioritisation criteria, will be prioritised).
- Figure below shows the final steps after the multi-criteria analysis (MCA).



Documents/materials shared with ForestAction:

- Discussion presentation (lessons from Sri Lanka)
- MCA guidance document
- Sample statistical tables and formula tables from Sri Lanka- concordance analysis
- MCA sample from Sri Lanka
- Links to MCA software sites

Agreed timing of deliverables

1. A work plan, outlining key issues to be covered, specific methodologies, work flow, structure of deliverables (e.g., an outline of final report), output delivery timeline, consultation plans, specific roles and responsibilities of experts to make the delivery of the technical outputs listed below.
 - End-November
2. A set of candidate PAMs (based on those in the National Strategy) to be prioritized, validated by stakeholders.
 - Set of candidate PAMs with implementation status – 15 Jan
3. A set of criteria for prioritising PAMs, validated by stakeholders.
 - List of criteria - end-Feb
 - Weights of criteria - end-Feb
4. A set of prioritised PAMs with highly defensible justifications based on assessment results (e.g. vertical, horizontal

and temporal scales), validated by stakeholders.

- Validation of prioritised PAMs by stakeholders - 20 April
- Prioritised PAMs by end-April

5. A list of recommendations on how to implement prioritised PAMs through the existing policy and institutional framework, linking to the work on REDD+ fund management, with strategies for monitoring, evaluation, and reprioritisation.

- Draft submission – end-May
- Collection of stakeholder feedback – end-May to mid-June
- Validation workshop – mid-June
- Final submission with comments/recommendations addressed – end-June

11. Follow up action matrix

Action to be taken	By whom	Expected completion date
Formalisation of contract with ForestAction	Vijay Prasad Kesari, ForestAction	ASAP
Timeline of technical activities and deliverables	ForestAction, Aki Kono, Vijay Prasad Kesari	See above

12. Distribution list: UN-REDD, and the CO