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| UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMMEBDP/EEG - MISSION REPORT SUMMARY Date: 9/7/2013 | | | UNDP_Logo-Blue w TaglineBlue-ENG.png | |
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| **Approved Mission Itinerary:**  Bangkok-Thimphu-Bangkok | | **List of Annexes**: | | |
| Inclusive Travel Dates: | | **Key counterpart(s) in each location:** | | |
| 4-8 June., 2013 |  | * RGoB: Jigme Tenzin; Sigyel Delma, WMD * CO: Karma Rapten/Tashi Dorji * FAO: Joel Scriven * Consultant: Nedrup Tshering | | |
| **Purpose/Objectives of Mission**  To assist in preparation of R-PP | | | | |
| **Context**  UN-REDD support to Bhutan has been well-coordinated across agencies, and integrated with other initiatives. A request from the RGoB for targeted support was received in May, 2012, consisting of $40k from UNDP, $40k from FAO, and $25k from UNEP. The UNDP CO is also providing funding of approximately $60k over 18 months, and funding is available from PEI for work on benefit distribution. Following a mission in April, 2013, UNDP TS funds are being used for an assessment of corruption risks, benefit distribution options, and together with UNDP TRAC funds, were re-programmed to focus on developing an R-PP by July 31st, 2013. | | | | |
| **Summary of Mission Activities/ Findings**  The national consultant has been very disappointing, and delivered only very poor and brief versions of components 1a-c and 2a-c. Joel Scriven had prepared high quality drafts of Components 3 and 4a, and I had prepared a draft of Component 4 b ahead of the mission.  Therefore, much of the time was spent re-writing Components 1a-c and 2a-d. A meeting of the National Task Force on REDD+ was also attended to brief the members on the R-PP (interestingly, the meeting was held on a day declared by the government to be a no-car day (World Environment Day), so all members of the Taskforce had to walk to the meeting).  Discussions were held with the UNDP CO on funding support to WMD and/or the DG of DoFPS to attend the PC15 meeting in Lombok.  Discussions were also held with WMD on management arrangements for REDD+ readiness, including institutional mandates and a re-alignment of the Taskforce the become a higher-level steering committee, with three Technical Working Groups developing recommendations on specific technical issues  A schedule was agreed to complete all drafting and review activities in time for submission of the R-PP so as to meet the July 31st dateline. | | | | |
| Follow up actions:  * Finalization and submission of R-PP | | | | **Distribution List:**   * Tim Clairs, UN-REDD UNDP PTA |