

**UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME
BDP/EEG - MISSION REPORT SUMMARY**

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Approved Mission Itinerary:

BKK-Phnom Penh -BKK

List of Annexes:

Inclusive Travel Dates:

17-21 Feb. 2014

Key counterpart(s) in each location:

- CMB: UNDP CO (Moeko Saito-Jensen, Setsuko Yamazaki, Nap Navarro)
- CMB: Secretariat staff (Vathana Khun, Peter Iversen, Kimhy Lun, Thy Heang)

Purpose/Objectives of Mission

- To assist in preparation for further work on grievance, including UNDP's DRP
- To draft/refine FCPF SOP
- To assist in addressing problems in the BDS consultancy

Context

The FCPF project document was signed on 25 December, 2013. The Inception Workshop is scheduled to be held in March, 2014. In January, 2013, using funding from the UN-REDD Global Programme, an initial scoping mission on the design of a national grievance mechanism for REDD+ was organized. This is a required activity under the FCPF, for which a special allocation of \$200k had been approved.

As part of the "Common Approach", UNDP is also required to design and implement a system to address complaints against UNDP, to be analogous to the World Bank's accountability system. The costs of the DRP are to be borne corporately by UNDP, and this system is completely separate from a national REDD+ grievance mechanism.

The preparation of SOP was an initiative identified in the UN-REDD Programme to overcome implementation problems. In order to avoid similar problems in the FCPF project, preparation of SOP was identified as a high priority issue.

Under Output 2.3 of both the UN-REDD Programme and FCPF project, one of the activities is the development of a system for allocation of incentives under REDD+ in Cambodia. A team of one international and one national consultant was recruited to develop options. However, the performance of the international consultant was considered unsatisfactory, and a meeting was arranged with the consultant to consider remedial action, with the CO desiring to terminate his contract.

The purpose of the mission was therefore to assist in identifying further actions on the design of a national REDD+ grievance mechanism, to introduce CO senior staff to the proposed UNDP DRP, and to assist in resolving the future of the BDS consultancy.

Summary of Mission Activities/ Findings

On a national grievance mechanism, a concept note and ToR were prepared for continuing work.

Draft SOP were prepared for the FCPF, modeled on the UN-REDD SOP, but adjusted to reflect that there is only a single implementing partner under the FCPF, and only a single UN Agency involved in implementation. The draft SOP will be subject to further review before being presented to the PEB for approval.

On the DRP, based on a meeting with the CD and D/CD, it was emphasized that FCPF project funds cannot be used to develop and implement the DRP in-country. It was agreed that the CD and RC would discuss the matter further with HQ-based colleagues in the coming weeks.

On the BDS consultancy, based on a meeting with the international consultant, it was agreed that:

- The report does not meet the quality standard that UNDP is looking for despite a number of comments that UNDP and UN-REDD provided to him to improve the report (refer to the attached email correspondences)
- UNDP/RTS collectively concluded that **the contract will be terminated and payments made according to the number of days** that are allocated for the works that has been conducted.
- Elements of the poor quality is mainly due to:
 - A large amount of data used for the report were simply cut and pasted from other information sources, violating copy rights

- The lack of consistency in the report in terms of how information is presented. Thus, it is very hard to understand key messages.
- UNDP can only make payment according to the number of days specified under the contract. Deliverables produced correspond to a total of 21.5 days according to the contract, and an additional 2.5 days to attend a national workshop.

It was agreed that an additional 20 % of payment would be made and that procurement would be requested to provide an additional USD 1,200 to cover the cost of a round trip air ticket.

Follow up actions:

- Boyle: Support implementation of PEB decisions

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